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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

Weekend: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions September 14 - September 22, 2013

Saturday	4:00 pm	Elizabeth Skowronski
	5:30 pm	John, Margaret and Robert Wilzack
Sunday	7:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Aida Schmidt
	10:30 am	Special intention for parishioners
	12:00 pm	Joselito Ocampo
	9:30 am Mission	Lillian and Chester Cwynar
	11:00 am Mission	Dorothy Trinite
Monday	6:30 am	Michael Severe
	8:30 am	Jeff Gruzewski
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the Family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Joseph V. Keenan, Sr.
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Jennie Zukauskas
	8:30 am Mission	Katie Whitcombe (sp. int.)
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Linda Kratz
Friday	6:30 am	Loretta Sreuzinski
	8:30 am	Joseph Alevato, Sr.
Saturday	8:30 am	Edward Wroblewski
	4:00 pm	John F. Fleckenstein and Mary I. Sands
	5:30 pm	George Grimmel
Sunday	7:30 am	Lillian Shiroky
	9:00 am	Peter and Shirley Moran
	10:30 am	Mary Scoppa
	12:00 pm	Special intention for parishioners
	9:30 am Mission	Thomas Snee
	11:00 am Mission	Dan Murray

The Parish Office hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Nursery Service Available



For children up to 3 years of age, nursery service is available in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses and during the 4:00 pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. This service is available at Saint Mary Magdalen during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass. This is a free service.

Readings for September 22, 2013

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Amos 8:4-7

Reading II 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Key Passage: Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Adult: Can cheating and deception ever be justified?

Child: If someone treats you unfairly, do you have the right to do the same to them?

The value of honesty

Against greed

Conduct of men and women

The dishonest steward

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SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of September 15, 2013 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome To Saint Margaret!

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our services. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome.

Breaking News

**50th
ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations and God Bless
Charles and Laurena Maxa
September 7

**Welcome
John David Saxon**



who was baptized last weekend into the Saint Margaret parish community. May he continue to receive God's blessings and grace.

Finding Your Niche

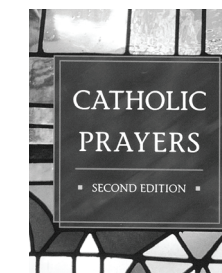
"Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation." ~ Aristotle

Did you know Saint Margaret has over 1400 volunteers who give their time and talent sharing in the ministry work of our parish? The call to ministry is often based on the individual's awareness of their giftedness, the desire to share that gift and the yearning to belong to something bigger than themselves. For some people, the call to become involved in ministry comes from prompting and encouragement by family members and friends who identify in you an area of giftedness. Either way this call is the Holy Spirit working in your life to help you fully embrace the love Christ has for you and those you serve.

successful in your endeavors. Spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord to discern where you best fit in to parish life – there's always room for you!

Watch the mail...

Saint Margaret has mailed to every parish household a copy of the book, **Catholic Prayers**.



In our parish Directory of Ministries and Services we have over 100 different ways these ministers of action assist our parishioners and our friends in the surrounding community. Many of these ministries were started by individuals who recognized an area of need or had a specific talent they wanted to utilize. We are always open to new ideas for ministries and will work hard to make you

We hope you find this book to be a treasure as it contains many wonderful prayers in our Catholic tradition. Feel free to use this book as an evangelization tool and give a copy to friends or family members whom you think would like to receive it. Additional copies may be found on the pamphlet rack and in the parish office.

Saint Margaret Parish Fall Festival ~ September 27, 28, and 29

Rides, games, food, music, family, friends and fun!

Festival Hours

Friday ~ 4:30 - 10:30 pm
Saturday ~ Noon - 10:00 pm
Sunday ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Yard sale drop-off times:

Monday ~ 9/23 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Tuesday ~ 9/24 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday ~ 9/25 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Thursday ~ 9/26 3:30 - 8:00 pm



Would you be willing to volunteer? Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, staffing booths for 2 hour shifts, kitchen, runners, yard sale help, etc. Please consider sharing some of your time in order to make our annual event successful! If you are interested in helping out, contact Cindi Stewart at smsfallfestival@yahoo.com or 410-420-8864.

Every year the Festival is supported by the generosity of many local businesses and individuals. These donations assist in offsetting the many expenses connected with the operation of the Fall Festival. If you would like to be a sponsor or are able to donate items to our candy, snack and gift certificate wheel, please contact Tracy Geier at tracygeier@verizon.net or 410-838-0193 or drop them off at the elementary school or parish office.

Parking Problems and Violations

Please do not park on the yellow curbs or in the Police Station parking lot. Parking in these areas makes it very difficult for emergency vehicles to

Parking

enter or exit the area. Tickets will be issued and cars may be towed. Park in the legal curb areas and surrounding parking lots. Please be considerate of the handicapped parking area (handicapped only), yellow curbs and entrance and exit signs on our main campus parking lot everyday of the week, not just Sundays.

As a reminder, let's show courtesy to our neighbors at HARCO and not park in their ATM or drive through areas when we have Masses.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Miraculous Medal Novena will be held this year on **nine consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the chapel. The Novena will begin **September 10 and end November 5**. The service will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and novena prayers, scripture reading, homily and Benediction. Please come and bring your cares and concerns to the Blessed Mother.

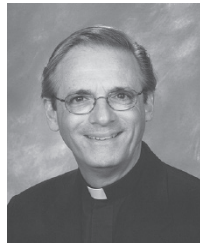


Blessing of Animals Sunday ~ October 6

Join us at 1:00 pm in front of the Calahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen, 1716 Churchville Road in Bel Air as we honor St. Francis with a blessing of animals.

Bring your pets. All are invited.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
My topic today is the major project being planned for Saint Margaret church.

I sent a letter to all of you about this at the very end of July. Now I want to focus on this again and give you a few additional details.

You remember that two years ago, we conducted a capital campaign. We and all parishes in the Archdiocese were asked to participate in a \$100 million campaign to help to address the capital needs of the Archdiocese. We here at Saint Margaret had also been studying our own buildings and had identified some significant capital needs. Therefore, we made a decision to run our own campaign in conjunction with the Archdiocesan campaign. We did this so as to focus the solicitation of our parishioners in one effort.

Through your generosity, we met our Archdiocesan goal and were also able to raise some additional contributions and pledges for our capital needs. These are sufficient to enable us to address the most pressing needs on our church building in 2014. These needs are the **repair/replacement of the roof and of the heating and air conditioning system.**

The architectural firm working with us on the church project has given us an updated estimate of slightly over \$1 million for the above two major repairs. Our Facilities Committee has carefully reviewed this latest estimate and, in general, finds it to be well developed and sound.

Our Finance Committee has also carefully considered the church project. They decided that at this point, it would be prudent to allow an expenditure of \$1 million. The Finance Committee judged that we should not

exceed that amount because we will have to service a loan. In other words, the proceeds from the capital campaign are flowing over a five-year timeframe and will, therefore, only partially be in hand in 2014 when we undertake the above repairs. Fortunately, we will be within the budget set by the Finance Committee when we undertake the two most pressing needs of our church building in 2014.

There are three final points that I want to note here.

First, we still intend to do the entire church project as planned and communicated over the past two years. The rest of the repair needs (such as doors), the renovation needs (such as restrooms), and the liturgical enhancements (such as the sanctuary background) are still in the plans. We will get to these in future phases as money is available.

Second, we must proceed with the roof and heating and air conditioning projects as soon as possible. We cannot wait until there is enough money to do everything on the church at one time. We are already "living on borrowed time" with both our roof and mechanical system.

Third, the plan is to do the roof and heating and air conditioning repairs next summer. This means that the church building will probably be closed from early June through late August, 2014. Our weekend Masses will be in the newly renovated and air conditioned hall, part of the elementary education building. That space will function very well for this purpose.

My aim is to keep you fully informed on all of this. Please connect with me if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. Again, thank you for your spiritual and financial support which makes it possible for us to do what now must be done to the church.

Fr. Mike

Bulletin Due Date and New Address

Information is due by 10:00 am on Monday for the following Sunday. If Monday is a holiday, items should be submitted the previous Friday. Please include name and contact information and fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail bulletinsaintmargaret@gmail.com.

Food Pantry



Needs

Lord, open my eyes to those who are hurting and in need of food.

Remember the power of **1**
1 person, **1** food item, **1** Mass

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Parish Notes ...



Marriage Moments

Are you a perfectionist? It's natural to want to do a good job but don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. If your spouse advises you to "Lighten up" it might be good counsel. Marriage and parenting are tough jobs. © Susan Vogt

Community Notes

Ask the Doctor

Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm, at 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, the Catholic Ladies Service Org. of the Bel Air K of C will host Dr. Mark Clough of Towson Orthopedics Assoc. with a presentation about hip and knee pain and replacements. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Call Pat, 410-879-5872 for information.

Lunchtime Bingo

Wednesday, September 18 at Saint Mark's Catholic Church in Fallston. Early bird games start at 11:00 am followed by regular bingo. Lunch and the basic package is \$14. Extra cards available. Progressive jackpot.

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 pm at Bon Secours Retreat Center. Dr. James Richardson is offering an informational session exploring the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other causes of dementia.

Flying Geese Quilt Guild Bingo

Saturday, September 28, at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission - 1716 Churchville Road. Doors open 6:00 pm, games begin at 7:00 pm. Prizes are quilted items and crafts. Food, drinks and raffles are available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. See www.fggg.com or call 410-877-1901.

Hope In Handbags Silent Purse Auction

Thursday, September 19 - 21 benefits Harford Family House. Donate new or gently used handbags. For drop-off locations, go to www.hopeinhandbags.com.

Outreach Notes

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Health Ministry



The Health Ministry Team would be interested in hearing from you regarding the types of health information, conditions, or services you would like to learn more about. Contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org or leave a message by calling 410-838-6969. We hope to hear from you!

Anna's House

Charm City Raffle - September 18

\$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20
First prize: Four Orioles tickets ~ Orioles vs Boston Red Sox, two Ravens tickets, a bushel of crabs and two National Aquarium tickets. **Second prize:** Tory Burch handbag, two wine glasses and \$50 gift to Scotto's, Liberatore's and Enotria. Purchase tickets by September 17. Tickets are available in the parish office.

Substance Abuse Ministry

The Anonymous People A feature documentary film about the 23.5 million Americans living in long-term recovery, and the emerging public recovery movement that will transform how alcoholism and drug addiction are viewed in our communities. Sponsored by Father Martin's Ashley and the Harford County Health Department, it will be shown on **Thursday, September 26** in the Chesapeake Theatre at Harford Community College. Reception at 5:00 pm, film at 6:00 pm and a Panel Discussion from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$25 at the door.

To purchase tickets, go to <http://apharford.eventbrite.com>.

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance issues, please come to one of the weekly meetings on our campus.

Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous
Fridays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturdays, 7:30 pm - Women for Sobriety
Sundays, 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
Sundays, 8:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Uncovering the Blessings of the Long Goodbye—A Retreat Day for Caregivers

Saturday October 5 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at Bon Secours Retreat Center. This retreat will be tailored to uplift participants who are actively involved in taking care of loved ones. Topics to be explored include compassion, burn-out, self-care, prayer and meditation. The cost is \$55. For more information or to register, call 410-442-3120.

Chesapeake Cancer Alliance Decorators' Show House

September 15 - 22 at Rockfield Manor, 501 Churchville Road in Bel Air. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$20. Enjoy local decorators and landscape designers, craft and garden boutiques and a café.

Bereavement Seminar

St. Ignatius, Hickory, Ministry of Consolation will offer a 10-week seminar-type session for those who are bereaved, using the book, **Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart** by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. We'll begin meeting in the Madonna Room **starting on October 3 from 2:00-3:30 pm each Thursday**. Book fee is \$15.00. To register, or for more information, call Beth at 410-420-0133 or Debbie at the Parish Office, 410-879-1926.

First Friday Seniors

Senior luncheons return on **Friday, October 4**. All members will receive a welcome letter. You are invited to pray the rosary at 10:45 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow. John Carroll and Bel Air High School students will entertain us with songs from popular musicals. If you wish to get a flu shot, ask for one when you make your reservation. They are free with your Medicare card. We eagerly look forward to meeting members both old and new.



Corner

Last week's article addressed a bit of why we sing at Mass, a subject that's very tough to cover in a 200-word article for sure! But how about what we sing; maybe somewhat easier.

We can group our singing at Mass into about 6 types of song. The first type is **Dialogues and Litanies**. If the priest decides to sing "The Lord be with you" rather than speak it, we would of course sing "And with your spirit". This is an example of a sung dialogue. Next are **Presidential Prayers and Readings**. The Collect (explained to us two weeks ago in our liturgical moment), Prayer over the Offerings, even the entire Eucharistic Prayer and the readings themselves can be sung; these are examples of this type of song. Next are **Acclamations** such as the Holy Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, and the Gospel Acclamation. A fourth type of song is **Psalmody** which by its lyrical and poetic nature should always be sung; here, our cantor usually sings the psalm in a responsorial setting. Next are **Hymns** that are most commonly used as an opening or closing to Mass. Lastly, there are **Liturgical Songs** that are most commonly used at communion because of their refrain/verse structure but can be sung at other places during the Mass as well. More music topics will be covered in future articles.

Music Note:

Handbell Choir starts Mon, September 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church. Please contact Pete Anderson at 410-879-2670, ext.136.

KTF is Back!

After a summer break, the **Keeping the Faith** group is getting ready to start up again, and we want you to join us! It's going to be another great year of diving deep into what the Catholic Church teaches and why.

Keeping the Faith meets every **first and third Thursday** of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the AEC. However, our first meeting will be **September 19**. Since we need to know how many books to order, if you plan to join us, please RSVP to Marie Dekowski at (410) 879-2670 or e-mail her at mdekowski@stmargaret.org.



Adult Faith Notes

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Adult Faith Formation
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"Striking our Homelessness"

Our annual fundraising bowl-a-thon to benefit the Welcome One Emergency Shelter and Havens of Hope Housing Program will be held on **Saturday, October 26**, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm at Forest Hills Lanes. Your \$20 registration fee includes 3 games and shoe rental. Each bowler is encouraged to obtain pledges, those collecting \$100 or more will receive a free event t-shirt. A variety of trophies will be awarded. For additional information on registering you, your family or group, please contact Marie Dekowski.

**National Catholic Singles Conference**

September 27-29, held at the DoubleTree Hotel Philadelphia-Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic international speakers (Fr. Thomas Loya, Damon Owens, Emily Stimpson, Daniel Mattson and Lisa Duffy), music, social events, Mass with Bishop Fitzgerald and more. Registration: \$169 / Full-time students: \$149. (Limited partial scholarships are available for those in financial need.) For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com or call 830-714-4677. There will be members from Saint Margaret Parish attending the conference. Please contact Patti at 410-937-8357 for more information.

NEW! Saint Margaret Singles Group.

If you are single and interested please join us on **Thursday, October 17**, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Adult Education Center Library for coffee and dessert to discuss what you would like from a singles group. Some ideas include small faith sharing group, social activities, volunteering, etc... We would like this group to reflect the needs of our singles (never married, divorced, or widowed) at Saint Margaret. Marie Dekowski 410.879.2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org

Little Rock Scripture Study

The Book of Daniel will be the topic of discussion for the next scripture study beginning **Wednesday, September 18**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Ministry

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Youth and Young Adult Minister
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**High School Youth Ministry
FiRE House**

**High School Hangout Nights
Tuesdays** from 7:30 -9:30 pm
Come join us - movies, games, fun!
**High School Drop-In
Thursdays** from 3:00-4:30 pm

College and Young Adult Ministry

Join us **Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at FiRE House (329 Wright Street)! Social, spiritual and service events. Bring a friend!

**Save the Date: Mazequest Trip
Friday, October 4, 6:00 - 10:00 pm.**

Open to all middle and high school students.

Day to Serve**2nd Annual 5K/3K Fun Run**

Saturday, September 21 at Cromwell Valley State Park to benefit the Maryland Food Bank. Same-day registration is \$25. Please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/daytoserve> for more information.

**Overwhelmed?**

Single Moms Care & Support Group will begin meeting on Tuesday, **September 24 through November 5** from 6:00 to 7:15 pm at Saint Margaret Parish Adult Education Center at 141 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

**single
moms
care & support**

What to expect: a warm meal, hanging out and being real, fellowship, praying for each other, love and acceptance, "No judgment zone!" and childcare. Your children will be cared for by certified childcare providers who will serve them a meal and engage them in age appropriate activities. So if you are a single mom – divorced, never-married, widowed, grand-single-parenting – come, join us! We are open to all denominations. In order to properly prepare for you and your children, please register by contacting Marie Dekowski 410.879.2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@gmail.com. There is no cost for this program.



Education Notes ...

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Preschool and Elementary

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Lisa Shall, lshall@stmargaret.org

Middle and High School

CeeCee Meholic

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**Faith Formation Programs Begin This Week**

Middle and High School classes start on Tuesday, September 17 or Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm. Our Wednesday, elementary classes start on September 18 at either 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm, and our Sunday classes start on October 6. Registration forms for all programs are available on our website. Go to www.stmargaret.org and click on the "Ministries" tab. From there, click on either "Children" or "Youth/Teens" for all the information you will need.



Children's Stewardship of Time My good deed this week was: *I vacuumed my room and made my own breakfast.* Children's envelopes are available near the doors of the church, the Callahan Center and in the parish office.

Saint Margaret School

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Important Dates for September

Sept. 17 Galeone Individual Pictures
Sept. 18 Mass; Galeone Individual Pictures
Sept. 19 PreK, K, EDC CLOSED
Early Dismissal; ES Grandparents Day
Yankee Candle fundraiser ends
Sept. 20 EDC and SCHOOL CLOSED;
Professional Development Day
Parent Access opens
Sept. 27 SCHOOL and EDC CLOSED



Grandparents Day

Don't Miss These Meetings!



† **Parent Meeting for Wednesday Elementary** Faith Formation is **Wednesday, September 18** in the Church at either 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm, depending on your child's session

† **Parent Meeting for Middle & High School** Faith Formation is either **Tuesday, September 17** or **Wednesday, September 18**, depending on your student's session, in the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm

† **Parent Meeting for Home Study** Students (K-9) is **Monday, September 30** in the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm

† **Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation** is **Monday, October 7** in the chapel at 6:30 pm or on **Wednesday, October 9** in the church at 1:30 pm, 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm

Essay Contest for Students in Grades 6-12

Our new Holy Father, Pope Francis has inspired us, through words and deeds, to follow Jesus in serving the poor. Write an essay explaining what it means to serve the poor and how you see it happening, or not happening, in our world. Give examples from your own life or the lives of people you know or have heard about. Examples must be true.

- Deadline: November 15, 2013 (Entries must be postmarked no later than this date).
- Entries must be written in English.
- Essays should be between 500-750 words-spelling and grammar count.
- For more information visit: www.maryknollsociety.org/essay. You may submit essays online.

News from the Admissions Office

Spaces still are available in some grades for School Year 2013-2014. Please pass the word to friends and family and call or e-mail Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org for more specific information. Visit our School Website at www.smsch.org. Parents and students are our best referrals!!!!

**Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser
August 26 to September 19**

The first major fundraiser of the year is sponsored by our teachers. Profits are used to pay for all teacher supplies, copy paper, duplicator maintenance and supplies, media equipment such as CD players and overhead projectors, and furniture. Please help us out!

ES Grandparents Day Program

On **Thursday, September 19**, SMS will hold its annual Grandparents Day program at the ES campus for students in grades 1-5. Please note that Grandparents Day is on Thursday NOT Friday this year.

Groupings follow student last names.

A-L students will be called to the church for the first rotation. Younger M-Z students will already be paired with older siblings in the classrooms. Please make sure the Grandparents know the location of the oldest child's classroom. Teachers and staff will be available as hall monitors to assist and direct grandparents.

10:30 -11:10 am Group A-L Prayer service in Church/Group M-Z Classroom visit
11:10 (approximately) Switch groups
11:20 am-12:00 pm Group A-L Classroom visit/Group M-Z Prayer service in Church