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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 21 - September 29, 2013

Saturday	4:00 pm	John F. Fleckenstein and Mary I. Sands
	5:30 pm	George Grimmell
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
Monday	6:30 am	Frances Hopkins
	8:30 am	Daniel Sekowski
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the Family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Helen Stachowski
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Mark Petrick
	8:30 am Mission	John Biemer
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Edward Stachowski
Friday	6:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	8:30 am	Patricia Warwick
Saturday	8:30 am	Margaret Scarella
	4:00 pm	George Zorbach
	5:30 pm	Consuelo Perez
Sunday	7:30 am	James Glorioso
	9:00 am	Peter and Shirley Moran
	10:30 am	David Wenner
	12:00 pm	Winaferd Small
	9:30 am Mission	William Benedetto
	11:00 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners

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 29, 2013

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Key Passage: There was a rich man and at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. (Luke 16:19-21)

Adult: What are the "rewards" of caring for the needs of the poor?
Child: What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

The rich and the poor
Third woe
The good fight of faith
The rich man and Lazarus

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SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of September 22, 2013 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome To Saint Margaret!

We are so glad you are able to join us today to celebrate Mass. Have a wonderful week and remember – the most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling; and even more beautiful is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Breaking News

Cooperative Food Ministry

Monday, September 23, Saint Margaret will be serving dinner to the homeless and needy at Calvary Baptist Church. If you would like to donate a dessert or any extra garden vegetables that you may have, please drop them off at the parish office by 3:00 pm on Monday, September 23. Thank you for your generosity.



40th ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and God Bless
Barb and Mike VanRuiten
September 22

Welcome

Harrison Reclus Watson



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

Open Your Hearts to Life

This October the Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe Respect Life Month, an annual tradition now in its 40th year. The chosen theme for 2013 is "Open Your Hearts to Life." Many times, and in many places, Pope Francis has encouraged Catholic Christians to embrace and respect the dignity of every human person.

Cardinal DiNardo, Chairman of the Respect Life Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, recently stated that the unborn child, the aging parent who some call a "burden" on our medical system, the person with a disability, those struggling with poverty, addiction or imprisonment – each today is at risk of being dismissed as a "life unworthy of life."

Jesus tells us that he "came that all might have life and have it to the fullest." (John 10:10). By following Jesus' commandment of unselfish love, our lives can be richly fulfilling, and marked by joy and peace. Next week, The Mother Teresa Human Life Commission will make available to all Saint Margaret parishioners a booklet entitled "The Rosary for Human Life." It is written with specific intentions for the disenfranchised in our community.

Our hope is that you will dedicate yourself to the Rosary for Human Life during Respect Life Month. An individual or a family could set a goal of taking five minutes each week day to pray one decade of the rosary. May this coming month provide each of us with encouragement for prayer and reflection, helping us to open our hearts more fully to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are struggling.



Saint Margaret Parish Fall Festival



September 27, 28 and 29
Elementary School Campus

Festival Hours

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

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

Demonstrators at Saint Margaret

For some time now, on Sunday mornings, a small group of people have stood on one of the public sidewalks around Saint Margaret Church property. They have been holding large posters with images that are offensive to many of us and perhaps disturbing to children. I want you to know that this group in no way represents Saint Margaret or the Archdiocese of Baltimore. They are here without any authorization or approval. We have learned that their actions are within their constitutional and legal rights. I regret any inconvenience or upset that this has caused. I recommend that we, as a parish, continue to pray for and promote respect for human life in positive ways.

Father Mike

Embracing Our Mission – Campaign News

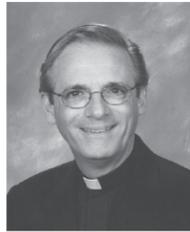
Because we have exceeded the goal assigned for the capital campaign by the Archdiocese, every gift or pledge now made can be given as a restricted donation exclusively for the Saint Margaret church project. Yellow Capital Campaign envelopes are included in your packet of envelopes each month and are also available at the doors of the church and Callahan Center. To date, we have pledges of \$3.6 million. For questions, please call Karen Saccenti, 410-879-2670, ext. 112 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org.

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 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 every day 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.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
Inserted in today's bulletin is our annual report. This covers the ministry or fiscal year that began on July

1, 2012 and ended on June 30, 2013. I feel very proud of who we are and what we do here at Saint Margaret Parish and I want to highlight just a few things from this past year.

Some Ministry Data

Registered Families	4,460
Baptisms	124
First Reconciliations	190
First Communions	207
Confirmations	165
Marriages	13
Initiated through RCIA	22
Funerals	114
Students in School	692
Students in Elementary and Middle School Faith Formation	745
Students in High School Faith Formation	223
Adults in 32 Faith Groups	400
Approved Volunteers	1,509
Pounds of Food given to Food Bank	32,303
People served through food given	3,589

Some Ministry Highlights

- 11 youth participated in the Archdiocesan-wide Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference.
- 4 youth participated in Cornerstone – weeklong Archdiocesan Leadership Conference for 9th and 10th graders.
- 30 middle and high school youth spent a week in the summer Services Camp, working and visiting Beans and Bread, Our Daily Bread, and First fruits Farm
- Began College/Young Adult Ministry

- Initiated Family Nights in faith formation – food, formation, fun. Held in newly renovated hall. Well attended. Good response.

- Expansion of nursery service to Saturday 4:00 pm Mass. Continued nursery service at 9:00, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:00 am Masses.

- Summer Bible Camp very successful. 215 children attending with 83 adults and youth as staff and assistants.

- Middle School Faith Formation emphasized age-appropriate and interactive curriculum, Bible and Scripture Skills, and service experiences.

- Held “Teaching Mass” for students and parents in Middle School Faith Formation. Also a presentation on “Cyber Bullying” by local law enforcement officer.

- Initiated Good Shepherd Scholarship for youth to create a service activity to address Catholic Social Teaching.

- Saint Margaret School installed smart boards, mimeo boards, ipads, and permanent and mobile computer labs.

- Completed total repair and renovation of hall/gym in elementary education building.

- Offered copies of book *Why Stay Catholic* to all those attending Easter Masses. Over 1,000 copies taken.

Many good things happen here. Maybe a better way of saying this is that you who are Saint Margaret Parish do many good things. I thank you for your alive faith and active participation.

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

Does your spouse accuse you of being irresponsible? Sometimes you might just have different personality styles, but sometimes it may carry a tad of truth. Even if it hurts, don't ignore the criticism, but try to see what truth might be behind the charge. Take one step toward self-improvement. © Susan Vogt

Community Notes

“Dress Your Glow” Fashion Show

Sunday, September 22 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm the Arena Club in Bel Air. The Dress Your Glow Campaign is a non-profit movement that has collected over 800 formal dresses to give to young women in the community. The fashion show will showcase many of the dresses which will be available to try on and take home that day. Dresses are free. Admission is \$5 donation to In The Glow. Event will feature guest speakers, fitness demonstrations, vendors, refreshments and more. For more information email betheglow@gmail.com

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. The cost is \$55. For more information or to register, call 410-442-3120.

Financial Freedom For the Separated and Divorced

Wednesdays, September 25 - November 20 7:00 - 9:00 pm Mountain Center ~ Parlor at Mountain Christian Church, Joppa MD. Cost: \$40 Phil Kotschenreuther of Faith Based Financial Management is the facilitator. Topics include, legal facts, financial pitfalls to avoid, income tax issues related to separation and divorce, biblical financial principles of money management, giving, short-range planning, ways to control spending and preparing a workable monthly budget. If you have any questions, contact Mary Bach at 410-877-1824, ext. 131.

Outreach Notes

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Outreach Coordinator
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Health Ministry

Saturday, September 28,

Healthy Harford Day – 8:00 - 11:00 am, adjacent to the Bel Air Farmer's Market. A fun event for the entire family! Come out and enjoy free fitness classes, cooking demonstrations and kids' activities!

For more information, go to <http://www.healthharford.org/healthy-harford-day-2013>. For other health and wellness questions, contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org or leaving a message at 410-838-6969.



First Friday Seniors

Friday, October 4. You are invited to pray the rosary at 10:45 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow, hosted by the SMS Service Club. John Carroll and Bel Air High School students will entertain us with songs from popular musicals. Your caller will be contacting you shortly. 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.

Bereavement Seminar

Starting October 3 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm each Thursday. 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 will be meeting in the Madonna Room. Book fee is \$15. To register, or for more information, call Beth at 410-420-0133 or Debbie at 410-879-1926.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday evenings, through November 5 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in Saint Margaret Chapel. The service will include Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and Novena prayers, scripture reading, homily and Benediction. Please also join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm in the chapel.

“Striking Out Homelessness”

Saturday, October 26

Our annual fundraising bowl-a-thon to benefit the Welcome One Emergency Shelter and Havens of Hope Housing Program will be held from 3:30 to 7:00 pm at Forest Hills Lanes. Your \$20 registration fee includes three 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.



Substance Abuse Ministry The Anonymous People

HEALING RECOVERY PREVENTION PEACE **Thursday, September 26** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. A Feature Documentary film about the 23/5 million Americans living in long term recovery and the emerging movement that will transform how alcoholism and addiction are viewed in our communities. This movie will be shown in the Chesapeake Theater at Harford Community College. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$25 at the door. All proceeds will benefit Mann House and Homecoming Project here in Bel Air. 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

Corner

A look at the Creed
I believe in God

“For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.”
Wisdom 13:5

“Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.”
Romans 1: 20

How can we look around us and not believe in God? How can we experience the amazing rhythms of the ocean? Or be awe-struck by the grandeur of the mountains and glaciers? Or marvel at a tiny creature scurrying about in the desert - and not believe?

What stops you in your tracks and causes you to gasp, “Oh-My-God!” The sun breaking through the clouds after a violent storm? A clearly defined rainbow set in the skies? The myriad of stars in the heavens on a cloudless night?

We can know God through observing the power, beauty and order of the world. This sacramental view of the world insists that nature is not God, but that the natural world points us to His existence. Thus, our statement “I believe in God” **must** impact our stance toward *everything* that exists. It is our affirmation that the world is a marvelous gift from God.

Flying Geese Quilt Guild Bingo

Saturday, September 28, at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission. Doors open 6:00 pm, games begin at 7:00 pm. Prizes are quilted items and crafts. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. See www.fggq.com or call 410-877-1901.

Play It Forward Extravaganza

Thursday, October 10, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Saint Margaret Parish Hall (gym). Enjoy dinner, music and game time fun at this **free** family event.

Spend an evening with people of all different abilities. Contact Jane O'Hara.



Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski

Adult Faith Formation

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NEW! Saint Margaret Singles Group.

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. Please contact Marie Dekowski.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

On **Tuesday and Wednesday evenings** two Adult Faith Formation programs will be repeated. They will be held at the Saint Mary Magdalen Campus in the Education building from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. They are:

Catholicism Series by Most Rev. Robert Barron ~ Room 102

Oremus: Let Us Pray ~ Room 201

DATES: October 1 or 2; October 8 or 9; November 5 or 6; November 12 or 13; November 19 or 20; January 7 or 8; January 14 or 15; January 28 or 29, February 4 or 5; February 18 or 19

Please contact Marie Dekowski if interested.

Married Couples Retreat

Saturday, October 19, from 1:00 – 6:30 pm with Mass and blessing of spouses. Our topic, “Living Your Marriage in the Light of Faith” will be presented by Fr. Jerry Francik. The day includes inspiring messages, witness stories, music and refreshments. Learn new ways to pray together...and more often!

Overwhelmed?

Tuesdays, **September 24 through November 5** from 6:00 to 7:15

pm at Saint Margaret Parish Adult Education Center. Come for a warm meal, hanging out and being real, fellowship, praying for each other, love and acceptance and a “no-judgment zone!” Childcare available. If you are a single mom – divorced, never-married, widowed, grand-single-parenting – come, join us! We are open to all denominations. Please register by contacting Marie Dekowski

single
moms
care & support

For more information please contact Marie Dekowski

Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht

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!

Confirmation ~ Sponsor/Candidate Evening of Reflection

Just a reminder to all Confirmation candidates about the Sponsor/Candidate Evening of Reflection on Sunday, September 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Callahan Center.

MaizeQuest Trip

Friday, October 4, from 6:00 - 10:00 pm, we will be going to MaizeQuest in New Park, PA. This trip is open to all middle and high school students. Cost is \$20. To register, please complete and return a permission form and \$20 to the parish office. Hurry, space is limited! Forms are available in the parish office. STAND certified chaperones are needed.

Blessing of Animals
Sunday ~ October 6

Join us at 1:00 pm in front of the Callahan 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.



Education Notes ...

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Preschool and Elementary

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Middle and High School

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This Week...
Classes Start

Elementary Wednesday Classes: **Sept. 25**

Note: Sunday classes start on **October 6**

Middle/High School Programs:

Tuesday, **September 24**

Wednesday, **September 25**

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.

Saint Margaret School

Madeleine Hobik – Principal

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SEPTEMBER

Important Dates for September

Sept. 25 8:30 am Mass

Sept. 26 EDC closes at 3:00 pm

Sept. 27 School and EDC closed

Fall Festival

4:30 -10:30 pm; Faculty Retreat

Sept. 28 Fall Festival Noon - 10:00 pm

Sept. 29 Fall Festival 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

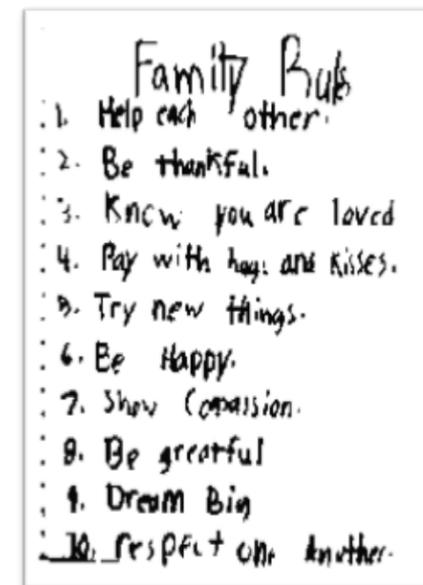
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

If you are planning to have your child receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this fall, you will need to attend a parent meeting. These meetings will be held on Monday, **October 7** in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. or on Wednesday, **October 9** in the church at 1:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m.



As we kick off another year in Faith Formation, it's important to recognize our families who choose the Home Study option! We have over 100 students in this program from kindergarten all the way through 9th grade. Students work through the same curriculum as students who attend class, but do so under the supervision of their parents. See the next column for a sample of one of our student's work.

When asked to write a list of family rules to help everyone live together in peace, love and unity, Ben Roland (Grade 2, last year) was inspired by a plaque in his kitchen and shared these “Family Rules.”



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News From the Admissions Office

Spaces still are available in some grades for this school year. Please pass the word to friends and family and call or email Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org for more specific information or visit our school website. Parents and students are our best referrals!!!!

Green School Status

Congratulations to Saint Margaret School for earning Green School status in 2013.

Please help us to continue to maintain our Green School status by participating in **Waste Free Wednesdays which began September 18!** America has become a disposable society. This is very evident in the way packing our children's lunches has changed in the past 20 years. Today, the average school lunch generates a staggering 67 pounds of waste. Translated to an average school, that's 18,760 pounds of waste per year. We are trying to make a change for the better here at Saint Margaret.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Use reusable containers for sandwiches, chips, yogurt and fruit.
- Pack non-disposable silverware and napkins that will be returned and washed.
- Use a lunchbox instead of a disposable bag.
- Pack a reusable water bottle for beverages.

