



SAINT MARGARET

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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 October 6 - October 14, 2012

Saturday	4:00 pm	Rinaldo Bucci
	5:30 pm	Charles Herring
Sunday	7:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Lt. Owen Sweeney
	9:30 am	Agnes Riesett
	10:30 am	Frank Meadowcroft
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret
	12:00 pm	Msgr. Richard E. Parks
Monday	6:30 am	Jackie Henning
	8:30 am	Margaret Adolph
Tuesday	6:30 am	Filomena Snow
	8:30 am	Louis Doroba, Sr.
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Dorothy Markiewicz
	8:30 am	Teresa C. Howlett
Thursday	6:30 am	Betty Flanagan
	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
Friday	6:30 am	Bernice Wilhelm (Sp. Int.)
	8:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
Saturday	8:30 am	Bonnie Basener
	4:00 pm	Timothy Greer
	5:30 pm	John, Margaret & Robert Wilzack
Sunday	7:30 am	Mary Ann and Achille Silvestri (50th Anniv.)
	9:00 am	Fred Alter
	9:30 am	Frank Meadowcroft
	10:30 am	Harry Lambert
	11:00 am	Theodore Zamerski, Sr.
	12:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Margaret

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 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 October 14, 2012

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Danger of riches**
Reading I Wisdom 7:7-11 Solomon and the riches of wisdom
Reading II Hebrews 4:12-13 God's living word
Gospel Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 The danger of riches—Jesus and the rich man
Key Passage Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Adult How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?
Child What favorite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

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SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of October 7, 2012 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome

We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors. Let us know how we may serve you.

Breaking News

Blessing of Pets Sunday, October 7

Join us at 1:00 pm in front of the Callahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission, 1716 Churchville Road in Bel Air as we honor Saint Francis with a blessing of animals. All are welcome. Bring your pets.

Eucharistic Adoration For Vocations

Tuesday, October 9 after the 8:30 am Mass until 6:00 pm in the chapel. All are invited to participate in the special day of prayer by spending some quiet time in adoration of the Lord.

Hooked on Prayer

Tuesday, October 9 from 9:30 to 11:00 am. This group of knitters and crocheters meets in the Adult Education Center to make prayer shawls for individuals who may be ill or in a care facility. Please join us for friendly fellowship and a chance to make a warm difference for those who are sick or in need.



Altar Flowers

Flowers this weekend were donated in memory of **Charles T. Herring** by Sheila Herring and Sons

Welcome

Lucia Victoria Teter

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



A Year of Faith

Today we heard Jesus say, "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." (Mark 10:15) We need to rely on God with child-like dependence and trust. Trust: a synonym for faith. To be Catholic and to have faith means to rely and depend on God, to obey his command and to know and trust that his love for us is beyond all measure.

Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed a Year of Faith, beginning October 11, the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He calls us to study and reflect on these documents that we may deepen our knowledge of our faith and strengthen our faith in God. The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) was opened for us at baptism. His Holiness wants us to re-open that door, walk through it and rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and his Church.

Begin your study of the Vatican II documents by joining us for the lecture "Overview of Vatican II" with Dr. Lyle K. Weiss on December 13. Then, beginning in January, throughout Harford County, there will be monthly talks on the individual documents of Vatican II.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is an amazing reference document. In 2013, Adult Faith Formation will offer an evening workshop giving an overview of

the CCC and how to use this enlightening document. It is invaluable for understanding the totality of our faith.

Another tool for learning about our faith is the Creed. Take time to pray and study it. Are you finding the new format in the Worship Aid helpful? Look for Creed study sessions during

Lent 2013 using Stephen Binz's book as a guide to revealing the profound truths found in it.

Finally, the Year of Faith calls us to renew our commitment to live as witnesses to Jesus Christ. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) We are being challenged to escape our "comfort zone" and share our faith with

others as evangelists.

Begin small. It may feel strange talking about God with others, but speaking and hearing "faith talk" at home will embolden us to use it in other places. Talking about "being blessed" instead of "being lucky" is an easy change to make. Bedtime prayers - thanking God for the blessings of the day out loud - help us begin to talk about God's impact on our daily lives. And did you know that when you say "God bless you" in response to someone's sneeze you are evangelizing?

*Be active during this Year of Faith!
Embrace your faith! Share your faith!*

95th Anniversary of Fatima

The Legion of Mary invites all to recite the rosary following the 8:30 am Mass on **Saturday, October 13**. If weather permits, the rosary will be prayed outside the chapel at the Mary statue.





Miraculous Medal Novena
 Tuesday evenings, through **October 30** from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Saint Margaret chapel.

Year of Faith

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith for the Catholic Church. The Year of Faith begins October 11, 2012 and continues through November of 2013. Archbishop Lori will celebrate an opening Mass for the Year of Faith on **Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 pm** at Saint Mark Church in Catonsville. All Catholics of the Archdiocese, including all parishioners of Saint Margaret, are invited to participate in this Mass.

Also, there will be a Mass on **Sunday, October 14** at noon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This Mass is being sponsored by the ad hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Lori will be participating and invites all of us also to consider attending.

**From Archbishop William E. Lori
 2012 Elections**

DREAM Act

Maryland's immigrant students whose families pay Maryland taxes should pay in-state tuition at Maryland's public colleges. It's a simple matter of fairness – vote for the DREAM Act which will be Question 4 on November 6.

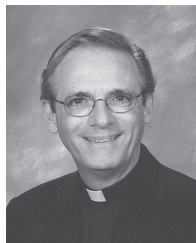
The Marriage Act

We do not need to redefine marriage in order to give benefits to other couples. Under Maryland law, significant benefits already are granted to domestic partners, such as hospital visitation, health care/medical decision making, end-of-life decisions, nursing home room sharing, funeral arrangements, exemption from state inheritance taxes, exemption from recordation taxes and many more. Don't Redefine Marriage. Vote against Question 6 on Election Day.

Do You Use EFT?

If you find Electronic Fund Transfer to be a convenient way to make your donations to the parish, please consider recommending this to others. Forms are on our website, www.stmargaret.org or call the parish office, 410-879-2670 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org for more information.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
About ten days ago, we mailed to every parish household a copy of the Saint Margaret Parish Annual Report. This

covers the ministry (and fiscal) year that began July 1, 2011 and ended June 30, 2012. The Annual Report first highlighted some of the ministry highlights of the past year. Looking at all of this makes me very proud of who we are and what we do as a Catholic community of faith. The Annual Report also gave a financial summary of the past year and a snapshot of the current year's budget.

We ended fiscal year 2012 in balance at \$3,159,307. This means that income covered all expenses including an allocation for capital reserve in lieu of depreciation. This financial performance is due to your generosity and I thank you. Our current year's budget is also balanced at \$2,969,693. We built the budget carefully and cautiously and assumed the same offertory income level as we actually received in the year that ended on June 30.

One week ago we sent a second mailing to all parishioners requesting your financial commitment to Saint Margaret for the current ministry year. Our financial giving is an expression of our faith in the Lord Jesus and our commitment to the spiritual mission of the parish. Please read my letter in this spirit. Then, please complete the commitment card that is enclosed and return it to the parish.

The parish Finance and Development Committees and I realize that we are still in challenging economic times. I think that some of you will not be able to contribute as much as you have in the past. Some will be able to maintain your current level of giving but not increase it. Given that, I ask those of you who can do so to increase

your giving by 3% or even more if that is appropriate for your circumstances. If those of us who can do this respond in this way, we will be able to meet our budget for the year and maintain all of our services and programs at their current level.

In my letter, I asked that you make some time for the following before making your financial commitment:

- **Prayer.** Pray about your financial giving. See the use of your money and your giving to your parish as part of your relationship with God. I think this is crucial. Our contribution of money is a spiritual matter, an expression of what is within us and of our faith.
- **Priority.** Make God a priority. All of us must have priorities in life. Few of us can do everything or buy everything we want. We must decide what comes first, in other words, what things are most important. I encourage you to make God and God's work a priority.
- **Proportion.** Give in proportion to what you have received, in proportion to what God has given you. The commitment card that I mailed helps us to look at this question of proportion in relation to a percentage of our income. That is a good way to calculate the amount of giving appropriate for us.

Thank you. I thank you for your faith and your trusting financial support. I again promise you that we will be good stewards of your gifts to the parish and will prudently use the money that you contribute. Finally, as I said in last week's column, I want to be transparent about our finances. If what has been presented leaves you with any question, please contact the Business Manager, Mary Ellen Bates (410-838-6969 or MEBates@stmargaret.org). I assure you that your concerns will be respected and we will do everything possible to give you a satisfactory response. Again, thank you.

Father Mike

May our loving God instill in each of us a gentle spirit of stewardship in which we give back to God the best of what He has given us.



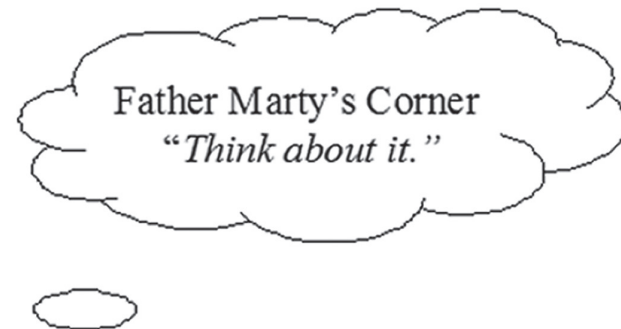
Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We are gathering non-perishable items to fill the baskets. Along with gift certificates for turkeys and perishable items, we need instant potatoes, peas, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn, pie filling, sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, mac & cheese, and jelly, pasta and sauce.

Adopt-A-Family

If you would like to adopt a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas, please call Janet Gentry at 410-838-0186.

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Keep The Faith

Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust?

Not necessarily! Did you know that there are hundreds of corpses of saints and holy people that have not decomposed – even though some are centuries old? This isn't some Halloween myth – it's true, and it's a powerful demonstration of God's grace and power.

Come learn about these "incorruptible" at our next Keeping the Faith meeting, Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the Adult Education Center. We'll discuss what qualifies as an incorruptible body, what doctors and scientists have to say about them and what God wants to teach us by giving them to his Church.

Keeping the Faith meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Adult Education Center (original church). We travel in-depth into Catholic topics that you may have missed and help you to understand and be able to explain them. New members are always welcome, so if you're interested, give Marie Dekowski a call at 410-879-2670, ext. 126 or e-mail her at mdekowski@stmargaret.org.

Fall "Jammin Java" Coffeehouse At Saint Margaret

Friday, October 19, 7:30 – 10:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. Call Ken Spoerl, 410-836-7401, for more information.

Come and See Vocation Weekend

October 19 – 21 at the Bon Secours Provincial House (near Baltimore, MD. For more information, please call 877-742-0277 or visit www.BonSecoursVocations.org.

Lunchtime Bingo

Wednesday, October 10 at Saint Mark Parish, 2407 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston. Early bird games start at 11:00 am followed by regular bingo. Lunch and the basic bingo package is \$14. Extra cards available. Progressive jackpot. Menu includes turkey with dressing, vegetable, dessert and coffee and tea.

Family Bingo

Friday, October 12 at St. Ignatius Parish Center, 533 E. Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$12 and includes 20 games and specials. Great food and fund for all. Proceeds to benefit St. Ignatius Building fund. For more information, please call Cetta at 410-879-0959 or 410-838-0780.

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast

Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause! Support the Saint Margaret School Creative Arts Club

Sunday, October 14, 8:00 – 10:00 am at Applebee's, 1225 Churchville Road, Bel Air.

Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

Wednesday, October 17. Bus leaves St. Stephen Church at 8:30 am and returns 5:30 pm. Celebrate Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica. Lunch at the Cozy Restaurant and then go to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes where we will say the rosary and have time to tour the gardens before boarding the bus to return to St. Stephens. The cost is \$40 per person and includes your lunch and the bus. For reservations call Carol Votta at 410-592-8695.

Calvert Hall Open House

Sunday, October 28 from noon – 4:00 pm. The day will include presentations, performances, and exhibitions. It's a great day for the entire family. Please call Chris at 410-825-4266, ext. 126 for more information.

Dinner and Dance

Sunday, October 28, the Catholic Ladies Service Organization, 23 Newport Drive in Forest Hill will celebrate fall with a sour beef, sauerkraut and sausage, baked chicken dinner and more while dancing to the tunes of KnightsNoise DJ all for \$25. For information and reservations call Sharon 410-879-7633. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

St. Ignatius, Hickory is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Friday, November 9. The bus will leave St. Ignatius parking lot at 7:30 am and return at 9:30 pm. The cost of \$110 per person includes transportation, gratuities, and admission to the show. Dinner will be available at Mastori's Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ on the way home. Lunch and dinner are at each passenger's expense. Please call Carol Lehr at 410-838-9185 to reserve your seat.

Bull and Oyster Roast

November 11, 1:00 – 5:00 pm at Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood. Advanced ticket sales only: \$35 per person, \$30 for veterans, \$20 for active military. Tables of 8 are available. For tickets, please call Bob Hickey at 410-274-7699 or e-mail rfoxhickey@yahoo.com.



Parish Notes . . .



Marriage Moments

October is Respect Life Month. Sometimes spouses can be so busy taking care of children and trying to save the world that they get lazy about giving each other respect. Speak respectfully to your spouse and about your beloved today. This can include courteous actions, honoring your spouse's time, and giving preference to his/her needs. © Susan Vogt

Widows and Widowers

Meet for lunch at Broom's Bloom at 12:30 on **Tuesday, October 9**. Call Carol, 443-567-5232 with your reservation. New members are welcomed. You will get a great lunch and meet some new friends.

Speaker Series for Caregivers

Meet Peter Rabins, M.D., the author of "The 36-Hour Day" at the Fallston Activity Center on **October 18** from 7:00-8:30 pm. Dr. Rabins will present a guide to caring for people with Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss in later life.

Ministry of Consolation

Tuesday, October 9 at 1:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. *Call a close friend who may have become distanced from you since the death of a loved one and express how much you need him or her right now. Suggest specific ways to help.*

Vocation Retreat

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul are offering a weekend retreat, **October 26 - 28**. Single Catholic women ages 18-35 interested in a vocation as a sister are invited to attend this retreat in Emmitsburg, MD. Contact Sr. Denise LaRock, D.C. at 410-646-2074 or devoc@doc.org.

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Outreach Notes

For more information, contact Jane O'Hara at 410-838-6969/410-879-2670, ext. 143, e-mail johara@stmargaret.org.

Rosary for Life

Have you been looking for a way to serve others but have felt that you are too short on time to make any long-term commitment? Please consider offering 15 minutes of your time to pray for our neighbors in need. Each Tuesday in October we will meet in the chapel at 12:15 and at 5:30 pm to pray the rosary for the fragile around us – the homeless, imprisoned, medically fragile, unborn and addicted. You do not need to know how to say the rosary to participate – booklets are provided as a guide. All are welcome to join in this powerful exercise of prayer which feeds both our own souls as well as those in less fortunate circumstances. Remember that Jesus tells us that "*for where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.*" Matthew 18:20

SARC Annual Candlelight Vigil

October 16 at 6:00 pm at the Bel Air Reckord Armory, 37 N. Main Street. The Vigil commemorates National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a time to remember victims of domestic violence who have lost their lives, to celebrate survivors, to raise awareness of this issue and to re-energize those who work tirelessly to end the violence.

Special Olympic Scarf Project 2013

Maryland has set its quota at 400 scarves. The colors are Red Heart SS Light Periwinkle (0347) and Soft White (0316). We appreciate the 70 scarves last year which were donated from this parish. If you would like to help again, please turn in all scarves to the Outreach Office by November 15. Many thanks for your support of our Special Olympians!

JAM Ministry

Each month our parish delivers 55 lunches to individuals living in the woods and abandoned sites. If your family would like to support this effort by providing the lunches for these individuals, please contact the Outreach Office. Lunch bags typically include bottled water, a salty snack, a sweet snack and applesauce. We have a team which make the sandwiches, and these additional items would be a great help.

Home Communion to the Sick

Please help us update our records. If you take Communion to a friend or loved one, please contact Jane O'Hara in the Outreach Office and leave your name and the name of the individual you are serving. If you know of someone who would like to begin receiving Communion at home, please also leave that information.

Doing Good Locally


Habitat for Humanity is planning **Faithworks VI** - the construction of a new home at 775 Battle Avenue in Aberdeen in partnership with area churches, including Saint Margaret. In addition to our support through time, talents and donations, please keep this organization, its staff and volunteers in your prayers. To be a part of **Faithworks VI** and the upcoming build days, please contact Kathy Pettus at kathy-pettus618@gmail.com or 732-616-4109.

HEALING RECOVERY PREVENTION PEACE Substance Abuse Ministry

If you or someone you love is struggling with substance issues, please consider coming to one of our weekly meetings on the Saint Margaret 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

Health Ministry

The flu vaccine protects against the strains that are expected to be most prevalent each year. Outbreaks can start in October and not peak until January or February. The CDC recommends getting the vaccine if you are between 6 months and 18 years, pregnant, have a chronic health condition, are over 65, or live with or care for those at risk. If you have any questions, contact us at saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org or call 410-838-6969, ext. 141.

TOPS Meeting

Meets Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Adult Education Center.

YES!

In 1 Corinthians 10, St. Paul guided the early church with pastoral and theological terminology still in use today and familiar to us all. In those verses he described the Eucharist as our “spiritual food” and “spiritual drink,” “the cup of blessing that we bless,” “the bread that we break,” “sharing in the blood of Christ,” “sharing in the body of Christ,” “the cup of the Lord,” and “the table of the Lord.” Just as the ancient Israelites consumed “spiritual food and drink” in the desert, we are given to eat the spiritual nourishment of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist.

However, receiving Christ’s Body and Blood at the *table of the Lord* is only a starting point for us. God invites us to ever-increasing fidelity when, by coming to the Eucharistic feast, we become one body in him. By sharing in this feast we are united with Christ, and, as a result, united to one another as his Church. This intimate union requires us to rely on God’s grace and His call to total loyalty and complete devotion.

Our “Amen” to the words “The Body of Christ” and “Amen” to the “The Blood of Christ” is our resounding **Yes!** to Christ. We are saying **Yes!** to being transformed so as to be more like Christ. We are saying **Yes!** to living our lives so as to be Christ’s living body to one another.

New Altar Server Training

This training for students who are in the 5th grade or above consists of three sessions and the Installation Mass. There will be two dates available from which to choose.

Session 1 Tuesday, Oct. 9: 6:30 – 8:00 or Sunday, Oct. 14: 4:00 – 5:30

Session 2 Tuesday, Oct. 16: 6:30 – 8:00 or Sunday, Oct. 21: 4:00 – 5:30

Session 3 Tuesday, Oct. 23: 6:30 – 8:00 or Sunday, October 28: 4:00 – 5:30

The Installation dates are November 3 at the 5:30 pm Mass or November 11 at the noon Mass. Please contact Maureen Yantz, 410-638-1828 or mmyantz@gmail.com.

Due Dates for Bulletin Items

Items are due by 10:00 am on Monday. Please fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail ksac-centi@stmargaret.org.

Adult Faith Formation

Marie Dekowski
410-879-2670 ext. 126
mdekowski@stmargaret.org



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

As part of the Catholic Church’s universal celebration of The Year of Faith, we are happy to offer a series of lectures and discussions that promise to meet both your intellectual needs to learn more about your Catholic faith and your spiritual desires to be in closer relationship with God. Our topics for October are:

Faith in a Secular Culture

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. Rev. Robert F. Leavitt, S.S., Saint Mary’s Seminary and University.

Faith Forum - “Why Stay Catholic?”

Sunday, October 21, 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. Msgr. Michael Schlepner, pastor.

Love Thinks

Parents, are you wondering how you can give your teens the skills they need to balance both their heads and hearts in building healthy relationships? Certified trainers in the Love Thinks world-renowned skills training workshop will help you do just that! This workshop will take place on **Saturday, October 20,** from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. The cost of \$49 includes the workbook and lunch. To register or for more information, please contact Marie Dekowski.

Training of Eucharistic Ministers

Two training dates are planned for persons who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Saint Margaret Church/Saint Mary Magdalen Mission. ~ Wednesday, Oct. 24, or ~ Tuesday, Oct. 30 6:30 - 7:30 pm Both sessions will be in the church. If interested, please contact Mary Ann Silvestri, 410-838-6261 or axsilvestri@verizon.net.

Low Gluten Hosts Available

If you suffer from Celiac Disease and can tolerate low gluten, we have **low-gluten** hosts available for those who are unable to receive the regular wheat host. Please call the parish office to make the necessary arrangements..

Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht
Youth and Young Adult Minister
410-879-2670, ext 166
krupprecht@stmargaret.org

High School Youth Ministry (HSYM)FiRE House



Study Drop-Ins

Mondays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

New this year: “Faith on Fire”

Finished Confirmation but still looking for opportunities to grow in your faith? Want to share your faith with your peers? Faith on Fire is a new program for 11th and 12th graders. We meet each Monday at FiRE House, 5:00 - 6:30 pm and dinner is included! Apply scripture to your life, learn more about your faith, talk with others your age about life as a Catholic 11th or 12th grader. Come join us!

High School Hangout Nights!

Every Tuesday, 7:00 - 9:30 pm.
Come join us - movies, games, fun!

Community News

Register Now to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in Maryland’s general election is Tuesday, October 16. Visit www.elections.state.md.us or www.mdathcon.org/register tovot, or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.

Facilities Projects Update
Hall/gym renovation:

The contractor has made progress on the installation of windows and kitchen equipment. A fence has been installed around the outside electrical service area. Our project continues on schedule, with substantial completion expected toward the end of October.

For security, all construction workers are required to wear badges when school is in session. Entrance to the gym and kitchen is limited to authorized personnel.

Please contact Mary Ellen Bates at 410-838-6969 x 115 with any questions.



Education Notes ...

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Keri Geibler, kgeibler@stmargaret.org
Amanda Haberman
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Middle and High School
CeeCee Meholic
cmeholic@stmargaret.org

Classes This Week ...

Don’t miss out on all the fun! Register today. It’s not too late!

Sunday Classes:

October 7 and 14 at 9:00 or 10:30 am

Elementary Wednesday Classes

October 10 at 4:45 and 6:45 pm

Middle/High School Programs

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm

Saint Margaret School

Madeleine Hobik – Principal
Elementary Campus 410-879-1113
Middle School Campus 410-877-9660
Principal: mhobik@smsch.org
Assistant Principals: ashanahan@smsch.org
and pfederowicz@smsch.org
Admissions: cpleiss@smsch.org

Oct. 8: Band

Oct. 9: Hot lunch;
H.S.A. Board Mtg, 4:30 pm

Oct. 10: 8:30 am Mass; Dining Out:
Looney’s 4:00 - 10:00 pm

Oct. 11: Hot lunch

Oct. 12: Field trip, Grade 5 to College of
Notre Dame 7:30 am - 1:45 pm.

Employment Opportunity:
Saint Margaret After School Program

Two part-time positions available at the Elementary School (ages 3 - 11). Monday through Friday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm. Please submit resume to Patty Smithson at Saint Margaret School, 205 Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014 or e-mail psmithson@smsch.org.



Kindergarten Catechist Needed!

The Sunday Faith Formation Program is in need of a Kindergarten catechist during the 10:30 Mass. Please contact Amanda.

Catholic Social Teaching Projects This Week

This week during classes, our 7th grade students will be making rosaries for the Saint Margaret Prison Ministry and our 9th grade students will be making prayer cards to be given out at the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Thank you!

First Reconciliation Reminder!

If you have a child in second grade or above who is eligible and would like to receive this Sacrament, you need to attend one of the parent meetings that will be held as follows:

Monday, October 15 at 6:30 pm in the chapel or

Wednesday, October 17 at 1:30 pm, 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm in the church.

Escape2Catholicism

Starts This Week! Parents of middle/high school Faith Formation students are invited to the first showing in our “*Escape2Catholicism*” series.

Come to Room 102 in the Education Center at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 2** or **Wednesday, October 3** and begin this inspirational faith journey while your student is in class. Episode 1 is entitled “*Amazed & Afraid*.” Our moderators this week will be Dennis Whittington on Tuesday. Father John will be joining us on Wednesday for a brief discussion after the video. Coffee and cookies will be served. Open to all, so bring a friend.

Escrip Program for Education
Safeway & Klein’s Shoprite

You must register your Safeway and ShopRite card every year. You may register online by going to www.escrip.com. Our school ID number is 6571053. You will need your Safeway and ShopRite card number. Also, forms will be sent home this month to complete and we will do the registration for you. You can return your form through your homeroom teacher.

Labels for Education and
Box Tops for Education

Simply cut and send in your UPC labels or Box Tops coupons from kitchen food products such as Campbell’s and Pepperidge Farm. Please visit their websites for a list of products: www.labelsforeducation.com and www.boxtops4education.com. These products are found in every aisle of the supermarket. Campbell labels and Box Top Coupons can be sent in through your homeroom teacher or dropped off at the school office.

