



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 <i>Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm</i>
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 26 - November 3, 2013

Saturday	4:00 pm	James and Mary L. Sands
	5:30 pm	Bernard Pleiss
Sunday	7:30 am	James Glorioso
	9:00 am	Ross Harvison (sp. int.)
	10:30 am	William A. Benedetto
	12:00 pm	Special intention for parishioners
	9:30 am Mission	Mary and Bill Ward
	11:00 am Mission	Charles E. Delss, Sr.
Monday	6:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
	8:30 am	Joseph Kist, Sr.
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Joseph Kist, Jr.
Wednesday	6:30 am	Gennaro Buontempo
	8:30 am	Helen Sirota
Thursday	6:30 am	Jeanne Ann Nusca
	8:30 am	Patricia Belcastro
Friday	6:30 am	Joe Schulte
All Saints Day	8:30 am	Bernard Pleiss
	8:30 am Mission	Rosalie Ferraro
	12:15 pm	Robert Keller
	7:30 pm	Martin J. Fischer, Sr
Saturday	8:30 am	Alma McMahan
All Souls Day	10:00 am	Deceased parishioners and family members
	4:00 pm	Sandy and Joseph Keenan
	5:30 pm	Mary Colleen Rossi
Sunday	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	9:00 am	Elizabeth and Charles Ferraro
	10:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Paul E. Lynch, Sr.
	9:30 am Mission	Mary Colleen Rossi
	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 three 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 Saturdays. 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 November 3, 2013

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	Welcoming the sinner
Reading I: Wisdom 11:22—12:1	Digression on God's mercy
Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2	Exhortation to faithfulness
Gospel: Luke 19:1—10	Zacchaeus the tax collector
Key Passage: And Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." (Luke 19:9—10)	
Adult: During the next week, what could you do to welcome someone who usually feels excluded?	
Child: Is there a child in your class or neighborhood who is left out of games and activities? What can you do?	

Visit our website at www.stmargaret.org



SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of October 27, 2013 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome to Saint Margaret Parish
Our priests and staff welcome you to Saint Margaret Parish. We hope you feel welcome and will participate in the many activities here, whether you are a regular parishioner or just visiting. Please visit our parish web-site at www.stmargaret.org

Breaking News

Town Hall Meeting on Parish Finances

Sunday, October 27

12:15 pm at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Please join us for a brief presentation, to be followed by an open forum for questions and answers. Presenters are:

- Rev. Msgr. G. Michael Schlepner, Pastor
- Bob Bugle, Chairperson
Parish Finance Committee
- Mary Ellen Bates, Business Manager

Light fare will be provided.

Masses for All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 1

Church: 6:30 and 8:30 am

12:15 and 7:30 pm

Mission: 8:30 am



All Souls Day Mass

Saturday, November 2

10:00 am in the Church

All Souls envelopes to remember your loved ones are available in the back of the Church and Mission.

Welcome

Hunter Lawrence Barry
Allie Paige Richardson



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

Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day



We celebrate Halloween on the evening before All Saints Day. The word itself is a shortened form of All Hallows Eve, which literally means the eve of All Saints. From the earliest days of the Feast of All Saints (mid-700's A.D.), Catholics observed October 31 as the vigil of this November 1 celebration. This feast commemorates the lives of Christians who lived exemplary lives of faith.

In the United States, the secular celebration of Halloween combines the diverse holidays and cultural practices of the immigrants who settled here. *Where does the practice of handing out treats come from?* The old English custom of "souling," or "souling", originated in

pre-Reformation days, when singers went about on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, November 1 and 2 to beg for cakes in remembrance of the dead. In return the "soulers," as the singers were called, would sing songs and pray for those loved ones who have died. The cakes, usually were shaped like a doughnut to represent our eternal life with God. For additional information on this topic the Catholic Update entitled, "Halloween: A Season of Saints" can be found in the pamphlet racks in the back of the Church.



For all you techies, you may want to visit Busted Halo's website and check out Father James Martin's humorous explanation of All Hallows Eve ([www. http://bustedhalo.com/video/the-saints-on-halloween](http://www.bustedhalo.com/video/the-saints-on-halloween).)



Come grow with us!

If you are a new parishioner, someone worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, we welcome you! Come and enjoy a part of parish life. Frather Doug, ministry leaders, school representatives and other parish families will be on hand to talk with you and answer questions about our programs, activities and volunteer opportunities. As one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our parish has much to offer and many ways to become involved and share your special gifts. as we all continue to grow in our Catholic faith.

We look forward to meeting you and invite you to enjoy a wonderful Italian dinner and fellowship.

We invite you and your family to a
New Parishioner Greet and Meet Open House
Saturday, November 2
5:00 to 7:30 pm
in the Adult Education Center
RSVP to the parish office
410-838-6969

Welcome from Saint Margaret School

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests who are celebrating Mass with us today. Saint Margaret School has been the center for Catholic education in Bel Air for more than 100 years. We offer outstanding programs for students in preschool through 8th grade. Please visit the school's website www.smsch.org to learn about our curriculum and activities and call the school office, 410-879-1113 to arrange a personal tour.



Our Faith In Action

Your faithful generosity supports our parish outreach and ministry to people in our community and beyond. To all of our parishioners who have already completed their commitment card, thank you. If you have not already done so, please return your card this week. Cards are available at the doors of the Church and Mission.

 **Employment Opportunity**
Saint Margaret School Extended Day Care has employment opportunities in our after-school program. Please contact Allyson Hill at ahill@smsch.org or 410-879-1113.

Fall "Jammin' Java" Coffeehouse at Saint Margaret

Friday, November 1 from 7:30 – 10:30 pm Adult Education Center (historic church). Come on out for a free night of hot java and cool tunes. For more information, contact Ken Spoerl at 443-275-3137.



 **Saturday Evening Nursery**
Nursery service is available every Saturday during the 4:00 pm Mass for children up to three years of age. The nursery is in the preschool building which is right next to the church.

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 bulletin-saintmargaret@gmail.com.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
In recent months, Pope Francis has spoken to the bishops of Latin America and has also given two extensive interviews.

Giving rather open-ended interviews, to my knowledge, like these to journalists, has seldom, if ever, been done by a Pope. I think Pope Francis has said some significant things in the above settings and I want to give you some of the flavor of his statements and thinking.

Pope Francis spoke to the Council of Bishops Conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean on July 28. He spoke of some temptations confronting the Church, and one that he mentioned is "clericalism."

"Clericalism is also a temptation..." Pope Francis assumes an understanding of the meaning of clericalism. If I may interject here, I would define clericalism as an attitude or practice which holds priests and bishops as above and beyond the rest of the Church to the point of disrespecting and diminishing the faith, role, and talent of the lay men and women. Pope Francis says: "The spread of Bible study groups, of ecclesial basic communities and of pastoral councils is in fact helping to overcome clericalism and to increase lay responsibility." This seems to be a significant concern to the Holy Father. On other occasions, he has put down clerical careerism, that is, clergy seeking higher positions of authority rather than being focused on service and meeting the people of God where they are.

Pope Francis granted a lengthy interview to Father Antonio Spadaro, S.J., editor of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, the Italian Jesuit journal. This interview was done jointly for a number of Jesuit journals around the world, including *America* magazine here in the United States. The entire interview is available on America's website. Here are a few excerpts.

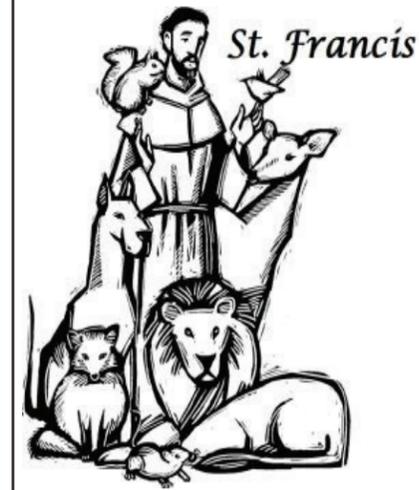
When asked "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" the Pope responded "I am a sinner." He went on to talk to talk about the painting "The Calling of Saint Matthew" by Caravaggio. He sees himself in Matthew's awareness of his own imperfections and sinfulness and in Matthew's feeling of unworthiness to accept Jesus' calling. I find it very refreshing to hear the Pope's sense of his own humanity and imperfection and even of how he has grown and changed over the years, as we will see in a future column.

Then Pope Francis says: "I was always struck by a saying that describes the vision of Ignatius: 'not to be limited by the greatest and yet to be contained in the tiniest – this is the divine.'... That means being able to do the little things of every day with a big heart open to God and to others. That means being able to appreciate the small things inside larger horizons, those of the kingdom of God."

Pope Francis continues on with this idea: "According to Saint Ignatius, great principles must be embodied in the circumstances of place, time and people. In his own way, John XXIII adopted this attitude with the government of the church, when he repeated the motto, 'See everything; turn a blind eye to much; correct a little.' John XXIII saw all things, the maximum dimension, but he chose to correct a few, the minimum dimension. You can have large projects and implement them by means of a few of the smallest things. Or you can use weak means that are more effective than strong ones..." I see great wisdom in the Holy Father's knowing that you often start big things with little steps and in his accepting that we live in a human, imperfect world. For me, he brings alive again the humanity, wisdom and holiness of John XXIII.

I will continue with more thoughts of Pope Francis in my column for November 10. The peace of the Lord be with you!

Father Mike



October 4 was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On October 6, our parish celebrated his feast day with the Blessing of the Animals at Saint Mary Magdalen. Today, we are ending the month of October with a short reflection to take with you throughout the coming year.

St. Francis of Assisi astounded and inspired the Church and much of the world by taking the Gospel literally - not in a fundamental sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did. The heart of Franciscan spirituality is the living of the Gospel life as summed up in the charity of Jesus.

Francis has captured the heart and imagination of Catholics, Protestants and non-Christians alike by his love of God and all humankind as well as all of God's creatures and the whole of creation. He directs us firmly to the Truth of God. His spirituality has brought, and still brings to millions of people face-to-face with the great truth that "All things come from God, and of his own do we give him".

Edited from [Saint of the Day](#) and [Praying with St. Francis](#)

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Parish Notes ...



Marriage Moments

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray.” (Luke 18: 10) Which of you is the better prayer? Be careful about claiming to be better or worse than your spouse lest it be pride or false humility. To play it safe, say a quiet prayer for the good of your beloved right now.

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Free Diabetes Health Fair

Monday October 28 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm sponsored by the Diabetes Center at Upper Chesapeake Health. There will be vendors from pharmaceutical and medical supply companies and other medical specialties, as well as breakout education sessions and door prizes. The Fair will be held in the Chesapeake Conference Rooms at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. No registration, all are welcome! Call 443-643-3201 with questions.

Basket Bingo

Saturday, November 9, Saint Margaret Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 44 of Bel Air. To purchase tickets, contact Karen Smith at 410-638-9856 or smith1711@verizon.net.

Holy Rollers Williamsburg Trip

Wednesday, December 11, we are on the move again to Williamsburg, VA. The price of the ticket is \$60/person and includes admission into Colonial Williamsburg. Contact Terry Castagnera at castagnera@verizon.net or call 410-879-6241 for further details.

Birthright

Are you hurting from an abortion? Are you afraid that people would not understand? That they would judge you? Some have said that abortion is the one sin that God cannot forgive. They are wrong. There is no sin that God cannot forgive. If you are struggling from a past abortion, give Birthright a call. Birthright will offer you support, compassion, and a bridge to healing. All our services are confidential, free, and without judgment. Birthright 410-838-0443.

Outreach Notes

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Outreach Coordinator
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Health Ministry

On All Saints Day, keep your favorite saint or patron saint in mind by looking for ways you can imitate them at least once during the day. This can be done through word or action.

You may be surprised how good you'll feel – even if your action involves a bit of a sacrifice on your part. For more ways to connect body, mind and spirit, contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org or leaving a message at 410-838-6969.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday evenings, **through November 5** from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in Saint Margaret Chapel. Please also join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday in the Chapel from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

First Friday Members

Plan to join us for the rosary and holy Mass followed by our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon on the **2nd Friday, November 8th**. Be sure that you've made a reservation with your caller no later than November 2nd. Let's count our blessings and remember the needy families of Harford County by bringing your donations of dry and canned goods to the gym. John Carroll's Performing Arts students will perform excerpts from the Broadway hit musical, "Godspell". A wonderful treat is in store for us all!



Substance Abuse Ministry

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



Thanksgiving Food Baskets



We are now gathering non-perishable items to fill the baskets, along with gift certificates for turkeys and perishable food items from local grocery stores, Target or Walmart. Please drop certificates in the collection basket or poor box and bring items needed to Mass on the weekend or the parish office.

These are the items needed:

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| Instant potatoes | Corn | Cranberry sauce | Peas |
| Peanut butter | Jelly | Mac and cheese | Soups |
| Canned tuna fish | Cereal | Stuffing | Cake mix |
| Pasta sauce | Pasta | Canned fruit | Green beans |
| Pie filling and crust | Sweet potatoes | | |

Adopt-A-Family

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



Adopt-A-Family

Corner

Liturgy



Presenting the Gifts

Having just consumed the Word of God, we prepare to consume Christ in the Eucharist by offering ourselves, along with gifts of bread and wine, to be transformed by God.

Early Christians each brought some bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made with our monetary contributions and our gifts of food. Our financial gift is a tangible sign of the sacrifice we make for Christ. It allows the church to do the work of Christ.

But our gift is more than dollars and cents. It is the many ways throughout the week that we have struggled to act like Christ, working to avoid evil and striving to do good. It is this that we bring to the altar, along with our financial gifts, as we participate in the Sacrifice of Christ. This work of our hands, this giving of ourselves is symbolized by the bread and wine brought to the priest at the offertory by *representatives of the people*.

We encourage you to take on this role. Volunteer yourself and your family or heartily say, "yes" when asked by an usher. We urge you to "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1)

Training for Eucharistic Ministers

A training session for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Saint Margaret Church or Saint Mary Magdalen Mission will be held on **Tuesday, October 29** 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church. If you plan to attend, or if you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Silvestri, at axsilvestri@verizon.net or 410-838-6261.

Adopt-A-Garden

Individuals, friends, and families are needed to care for gardens by planting flowers and sprucing them up periodically. Gardens need tending at both the Saint Margaret and Saint Mary Magdalen campuses.



Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski
Adult Faith Formation
410-879-2670, ext. 126
mdekowski@stmargaret.org

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 am to noon in the Adult Education Center. Throughout history, Christian contemplatives have sought and struggled to know the embrace of Divine Love. Upon discovering it, they were filled with an intense intimacy with God and great strength, with peace and with wholeness. This introduction will examine how Centering Prayer can open us to this gift and its fruits...and explain how it can lead to greater inner stability, hope, peace and happiness...a gift that awaits us all. To register please contact Marie Dekowski at 410.879.2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org



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: 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.

Full Belly 5K Run/ 1 Mile Fun Run

Proceeds will go to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. **Saturday, November 23** at 8:00 am. Starting at the Liriodendron and Broadway in Bel Air. \$20 for 5K run \$15 for children if you register before November 1. After November 1 - \$25/\$20 Price includes t-shirt.

Register at www.eliteraces.com or click the link on our parish web-site www.stmargaret.org. For more information please call Marie Dekowski.



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!

Prayers Requested

Please continue to keep our Confirmation students in your prayers as they participate in their retreats during the month of October.

Fine Arts Workshop

Saturday, November 9 at The Catholic High School of Baltimore. This workshop is an all-day performance clinic taught by our visual and performing arts faculty. Middle school girls (7th and 8th grades) can sign-up to participate in choir, symphonic band, visual art, or theater, and perform at the end of the day in the Catholic High Fall Concert. Contact Ryan Ferguson, rferguson@thecatholichighschool.org

High School Open House

Archbishop Curley High School. Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10 from 10:00 am until noon.



Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Saint Margaret Parish in partnership with New Hope Baptist Church and surrounding community. **Thursday, November 28.** Noon - 3:00 pm Saint Margaret Parish Hall, 141 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air. Free event open to all individuals and families. Carry-out meals available. Transportation available if arrangements are made two days before. Contact: Marie Dekowski (410)879-2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org



Education Notes . . .

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Classes This Week...

Sunday Classes:
October 27 and November 3

Elementary Wednesday Classes:
October 30

Middle/High School Programs:
**Tuesday, October 29 and
Wednesday, October 30**

Did You Miss the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting?

If you did, please view the PowerPoint titled "First Reconciliation Parent Meeting"



Catholic Social Teaching

The Middle and High School Faith Formation students are currently learning about the principles of Catholic social teaching and completing service projects that uphold these principles. Recently, the 6th grade students assembled 40 "Personal Care Packs" for the residents of the Welcome One Emergency Shelter in Belcamp. Each student also created an inspirational card to go in each pack. Students in 8th grade assembled 55 bagged lunches to donate to The JAM. The JAM is the Jim Antal Ministry,

which distributes bagged lunches on Sundays to the homeless who are not currently being served by a shelter. These students also created cards of hope and inspiration to include in each bag. This coming week the 7th grade students will make rosaries to be distributed to a mission in Belize, and the 9th grade students will make favors for the First Friday Senior Lunch in November. Thanks to all!

Mark Your Calendars! Full Belly 5K & 1 Mile Fun Walk

Join us **Saturday, November 23** at 8:00 am at the Liriodendron Lot by the Ma & Pa Trail off Broadway for the first ever Saint Margaret Parish Full Belly 5K & 1 Mile Fun Walk. All event proceeds will benefit our Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Post-Race Fun with food, face-painting, vendors! Visit www.eliteraces.com for more information or contact Keri Geibler at kgeibler@stmargaret.org



Scripture of the month: Mark 16:15 "Go into the world and share the Good News."

Saint Margaret School

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Admissions: Cecilia Pleiss ~ cpleiss@smsch.org



Important Dates For October/November

- Oct. 28 Band
- Field trip, Gr. 7 Genesee Valley
- Oct. 29 Hot lunch; Gr. 8 Shadow Day
- Oct. 30 No 8:30 am Mass for students
Pre4 Halloween 10:15AM
- Oct. 31 Early Dismissal
Pre3/4 Halloween 10:15 am
- Nov. 1 8:30 am Mass for students
- Nov. 2 SMS Barnes & Noble Book Fair

News From the Admissions Office

SMS Open House is **Thursday, November 7.** Spread the word! Open House will be held on both campuses on November 7 from

8:30 am to 1:00 pm. This Open House is geared to prospective families. Tours will be available and volunteers ready to answer questions. To volunteer your help with Open House on either campus, contact Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org. Applications are still being accepted for the 2013-2014 school year.

Knott Scholarship Funds

Knott Scholarship Funds announce the availability of four-year, full-tuition scholarships for the 2014/2015 academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8, living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard counties may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic parish elementary

school or a Catholic high school within these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained from www.knottscholar.org. For additional information, please call 410-779-1225.

Barnes & Noble SMS Book Fair

Saturday, November 2, Noon to 4 pm Barnes & Noble Bel Air Performance from SMS Chorus, guest storytellers, face painting, crafts, raffles, gator mascot and more! This event was a big hit last year! We had fun while raising money for our school. Please join us again this year! (Out-of-uniforms passes given to students who attend.)