Directory of Ministries and Services

St. Margaret Parish
Bel Air, Maryland

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ.

St. Margaret Church

St. Mary Magdalen Mission
St. Margaret Parish ~ Bel Air, Maryland

St. Margaret Church and Chapel 141 N. Hickory Avenue
Bel Air, Maryland 21014
Parish Office/Administration 410-838-6969, 410-879-2670
Elementary School 410-879-1114, 410-838-8713

St. Mary Magdalen Mission 1716 Churchville Road
Bel Air, Maryland 21015
Callahan Center 410-838-6969
Middle School/Education Center 410-877-9660, 410-420-9320

Daily Mass ~ St. Margaret Chapel
Monday through Friday 6:30 am and 8:30 am and Saturday 8:30 am

Weekend Masses
Saturday at St. Margaret Church 4:00 pm
Sunday at St. Margaret Church 8:00 am, 10:00* am, Noon
Sunday at St. Mary Magdalen Mission 9:00* am and 11:00* am
* Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation
St. Margaret Church ~ Saturdays: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Feasts and Holidays
Check our weekly bulletin or the website at www.stmargaret.org.

Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays at St. Margaret Chapel ~ 9:00 am to 7:00 pm followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7:00 pm.
Dear friends in Christ,

The people of St. Margaret and I would like to extend to you a cordial invitation to participate in our parish life and encourage you to join us for worship. Whether you are a new neighbor or a long-time resident, we would like to get to know you and assist you in any way we can.

This directory contains many ministries and services offered to our parishioners and the surrounding community. Take a few minutes to read it over. If something interests you, please let us know. Be sure to check our website for the most current events and activities.

There is a lot happening at St. Margaret, and we would like you to be a part of it. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father always be yours.

In the Lord,

Rev. Msgr. Kevin T. Schenning
Pastor
MISSION STATEMENT

St. Margaret Parish of Bel Air, Maryland is a multigenerational Roman Catholic community centered in the Eucharist and committed to learning, loving and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We minister to each other and our neighbors, locally and globally by:

- praying and celebrating the Sacraments
- growing and mentoring in faith
- fostering relationships that create belonging
- serving with compassion and advocating for justice

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body sharing in responsibility for the pastoral care of the Parish in collaboration with the pastor and staff. The Pastoral Council consists of parishioners elected at large for three-year terms.

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HISTORY OF ST. MARGARET PARISH
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ST. MARY MAGDALEN MISSION

November 19, 1900, Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick, the first pastor of St. Margaret Parish, purchased three acres of land in Bel Air, Maryland for the sum of $3000, using money which was bequeathed to him by his mother, Anna Margaret (Hild) Frederick. Five years later, this land became the location of St. Margaret church.

- Following are some facts and significant events in the history of St. Margaret Catholic Parish, and the development of St. Mary Magdalen Mission as a mission of St. Margaret.

- Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick was ordained a priest, December 18, 1874.

- On May 1, 1905 the cornerstone was laid and volunteers helped build the church. The Church was named in honor of Fr. Frederick's mother's patron saint, St. Margaret, a 3rd Century martyr. Mass was first celebrated on October 1, 1905. This was the first known celebration of a Catholic Mass in Bel Air. The original church, presently our Adult Education Center, was used for Eucharistic celebration until 1969 when the new church was finished.

- A Mass of dedication was celebrated on April 20, 1969, by His Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan to consecrate the present house of worship for the Church of St. Margaret.

- The altar is a five ton piece of marble carved in the shape of a table. Within the altar is the relic of Pignatianus, a holy Roman martyr of the third century. The tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament is located in the Chapel at the rear of the Church.

- The original church was remodeled to provide offices for the staff of St. Margaret until 1995 when the new two story building was completed. The new building now provides staff offices on the second floor and Pre-school facilities on the first floor.

- The original church, now the Adult Education Center, was dedicated on May 13, 1995 by William Cardinal Keeler.
On May 13, 1995, ground was broken for the new St. Mary Magdalen Mission Center on Churchville Road, which is the mission of St. Margaret. It was dedicated on April 12, 1997 by William Cardinal Keeler. A single multi-purpose building seats 600 for Mass and 300 for parish banquets. The complex also includes an Education Center/St. Margaret Middle School which was completed in the Spring of 2001.

On September 20, 2001 the St. Mary Magdalen Education Center was dedicated by Bishop William C. Newman, Eastern Vicar of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Education Center consists of nine classrooms, a library/multimedia center and a gymnasium. The building houses St. Margaret Middle School (grades 6-8) during the day and Faith Formation and Continuing Education classes at other times.

A detailed history of St. Margaret Catholic Parish may be found in the 2005 Commemorative Centennial Book celebrating 100 years of Catholic ministry in Bel Air. This book is available in the Parish Office. A copy may be found at the Harford County Historical Society located on Main Street in Bel Air, Maryland.

PASTORS

1905 - Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick
1918 - Rev. Henry B. Sanderson
1924 - Rev. John E. Eckenrode
1937 - Rev. Walter L. Read
1945 - Rev. John Twamley
1946 - Rev. Joseph McCourt
1958 - Rev. Terence J. Evans
1970 - Rev. Alphonse G. Rose
1976 - Rev. James B. Carey
1986 - Rev. Francis X. Callahan
2006 - Msgr. G. Michael Schleupner
2016 - Msgr. Kevin T. Schenning
PARISH EVENTS

Hospitality Sundays
Second Sunday of each month at the church and mission. After the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses at the church and after the 11:00 am Mass at the mission.
Kathy Reilly  410-838-6969, ext. 100

600 Club
Only 600 tickets sold for $100 each. Raffle is held in May of each year. Final winner receives $10,000.
Mary Ann Hultquist   mhultquist@stmargaret.org.

Youth Ministry Vera Bradley Bingo
Every September in the parish hall.

St. Margaret Parish Fall Festival
A parish event held the fourth weekend in September that features: Pit beef and ham, amusements rides and games. Jen Stuart at jenstu73@yahoo.com

Blessing of Pets
In the tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi is held annually in October.

Family Events   Parish Hall on St. Margaret Campus
Advent Family Night   5:00 pm
Easter Egg Hunt   10:00 am   in the Elementary school gym/parish hall

Fr. Kevin’s FUNraiser Dinners
Turkey Dinner in February and Pork dinner in November.

Parish CASH Bingo
Spring Bingo in March and Royal Flush Bingo in November in the parish hall.

Parish Crab Feast
Traditionally held in October in the parish hall.

St. Patrick’s Dinner Dance
Traditionally held in March in the parish hall.

Burning of Palms and Mardi Gras Pancake Supper Parishioners and families are invited to attend our version of Fat Tuesday to celebrate the beginning of Lent in the Parish Hall on St. Margaret Campus. Hosted by Scout Troop 564.

CHECK PARISH WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS   www.stmargaret.org
Faith Formation refers to the various ministries within St. Margaret Parish providing guidance and education in the following areas:

- Faith Formation
- Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School
- Young Adult Ministry
- Sacramental Preparation
- Adult Faith Formation
- St. Margaret Catholic School

...and whose mission is to...

- proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ
- foster relationships that create belonging
- motivate the faithful to serve with compassion and advocate for justice
- foster the lifelong faith formation of every parishioner
- lead to worship
- enhance prayer and the celebration of the sacraments
Faith Formation

In **Pre 3 – Kindergarten** Sunday Faith Formation classes, children in Pre 3 thru kindergarten increase their awareness of God through active learning sessions that include prayer, stories, songs, crafts and Scripture. Classes meet from 9:45 – 11:00 am each Sunday from early October until Easter time.
Lisa Hack 410-838-6969, ext. 102 or lhack@stmargaret.org

In **Elementary Faith Formation** (First through grade five) children learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Catechists implement faith sharing through prayer and Scripture stories and children learn Catholic tradition and doctrine. Wednesday sessions are held one hour each week from mid-September until Easter time at 5:00 - 6:00 pm and 6:45 - 7:45 pm.
Lisa Hack 410-838-6969, ext. 102 or lhack@stmargaret.org

**Middle School Faith Formation**
This program targets students in grades 6 through 8. Classes for 6-8 grades have a combination of in-person classes on Wednesday nights along with online cyber classes. Students learn about our faith through an age-relevant curriculum. Our program strives to help students understand the richness of our faith, explore a closer relationship with God, and build a foundation of morality that will help to guide them during their adolescence and beyond. Kristin Rupprecht 410-838-6969 ext. 166 krupprecht@stmargaret.org

**Home Study Faith Formation**
This program provides materials and support to parents who choose to guide their children through the faith formation process at home. Elementary families (K-5) will meet six times throughout the year as well as work through the provided curriculum at home. Middle school families (6-8) will also meet throughout the year and complete the provided curriculum at home. Completed workbooks are collected at the end of the year. Elementary Home Study: Lisa Hack 410-838-6969, ext. 102 lhack@stmargaret.org Middle School Home Study: Kristin Rupprecht 410-838-6969 ext. 166 krupprecht@stmargaret.org
Vacation Bible Camp
This is an annual summer program lasting one week that nurtures a child’s relationship with God in a relaxed atmosphere through music, crafts, recreation and Bible stories. Students move from station to station where music, craft, recreation and snack coordinators direct the activities. Vacation Bible Camp is in session from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm for one week at the end of June.
Lisa Hack 410-838-6969, ext. 102 or lhack@stmargaret.org
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Welcome Home

Our doors are always open. Have you been away from the Church? Considering a return to practice your faith? Let us help you find your way home. Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969, ext. 126 or msullivan@stmargaret.org

Small Christian Communities

Small Christian Communities, or faith sharing groups, are an important element to discovering yourself and your faith. You are encouraged to join a group of fellow parishioners to grow together and support one another in your faith journeys. Several of our groups are listed below.

If you are interested in joining creating or learning how to facilitate a Small Faith Sharing Group, please contact Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969 ext. 126 or mksullivan@stmargaret.org

Bible Study

Encountering God in sacred scripture is a powerful way to deepen one’s relationship with God and each other. The parish has several groups that seek to deepen their faith through learning about, praying with and sharing through Bible study.

*Little Rock Scripture Study Series* meets on Wednesday evenings from September through May.
Jack Dempsey 410-803-2111

*The Ladies’ Bible Study Group* meets twice a month on Wednesday mornings.
Dee Testa jftesta@comcast.net

*Walking With Purpose Women’s Bible Study* meets at various times throughout the week.
Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969 ext. 126 or mksullivan@stmargaret.org
Catholic Men’s Fellowship
It is through small group gatherings that men help and encourage each other to work to increase their spirituality, faith and knowledge of Church teachings through evangelization and discipleship. Meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center.
Jack Dempsey 410-803-2111

Centering Prayer Group
Centering prayer is a prayer of quiet that helps us to open ourselves to God’s presence and receive the gift of God’s abiding love and its fruits: greater inner stability, hope, peace and happiness. The group meets twice a month to share, learn, support one another and pray together. Gene Popiolek 443-567-6214

Exodus 90
This group is comprised of men, who belong to the international fraternity known as Exodus 90. The group takes its name from the program that leverages the pillars of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity to help men to grow closer to God through an intense 90-day spiritual exercise. Men from St. Margaret embark on this 90-day journey once a year (to coincide with Lent) to jump-start their spirits on their pilgrimage through life. Lead coordinator is Brian Olsen.

Friends of St. Peregrine
Are you facing a daunting life challenge or caring for someone who is? Join our Friends of St. Peregrine faith sharing group who through prayer and conversation seek the hopeful faith of Christ in the midst of life’s serious challenges and struggles. Mike Von Lange mvonla5@yahoo.com or Lisa McGann lpmcgann442@yahoo.com

Mothers’ Group
Are you looking for faith-filled friendship with other moms? Our Mothers’ group meets on Monday mornings from October through May to reflect on and share various topics of faith and family life. Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969 ext. 126 or mksullivan@stmargaret.org

P3
This group is comprised of young adults, who seek to grow closer to Christ in
the Eucharist and their peers through time in prayer, in penance, and in the pub. Adults between the ages of 21 and 35 gather twice a month in the chapel for Adoration (P1 – prayer). During this time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered (P2 – penance). After Benediction, fellowship ensues at a local restaurant (P3 – pub). Lead coordinator is Fr. Matt.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**
The RCIA is a journey toward full communion in the Roman Catholic Church. It is designed for adults who are either unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who are interested in becoming Catholic. RCIA is also for people who are already baptized Catholic, but have not received the remainder of their Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and Confirmation). The RCIA program involves many members of our parish community. Through the RCIA the parish community ministers to those seeking to learn about Catholicism and become Catholic. Consider being part of the RCIA team if you are a confirmed Catholic who feels called to share your faith as either a sponsor or catechist, or if you would like to be part of the RCIA hospitality team. Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969, ext. 126 or mksullivan@stmargaret.org

**Serving as a Catechist**
Do you feel called to learn more about the Catholic faith and share it with others? Consider becoming a catechist. Catechists journey with and prepare people to receive the sacraments.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Michelle Sullivan at or 410-838-6969 or mksullivan@stmargaret.org

**Sponsor Couple for Marriage Preparation**
When engaged couples come to the parish to celebrate the sacrament of holy matrimony, we connect them with a couple in our parish to mentor them as they plan for married life. Sponsor couples share their experience of marriage and help the engaged couple to discuss important aspects for healthy relationships such as communication, finances, faith, family, living habits, and personal time. If you would like to learn more about serving in this enriching ministry, including the training process, please contact Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969, ext. 126 or mksullivan@stmargaret.org
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The **Infant Baptism Program** provides support to parents in understanding their important role in educating their children in our Catholic faith tradition. Monthly, a one-hour interactive session is presented to new parents on the history of Baptism, the role and selection of Godparents, the Church’s role and the nature of this joyous celebration.

Kathy Reilly 410-838-6969, ext. 100 or kreilly@stmargaret.org

**Baptismal Garment Sewing**
During the Rite of Infant Baptism a white garment is placed on the baby to symbolize they are clothed in a new life – the life of Christ. It is a tradition in our parish that these garments be made by parishioners. There are two ways you can help. We need individuals who are willing to cut them out from a pattern and individuals who are willing to do the sewing OR you can join our sewing team that meets quarterly for fellowship, lunch and of course, sewing. Kathy Reilly 410-838-6969, ext. 100 or kreilly@stmargaret.org

**First Reconciliation Program**
Parents, supported by the parish, are the catechist (teachers) of their children as they prepare them for this sacrament of healing. They will receive various materials to assist them in this important role. Parent seminars are held in the Fall as well as a Mock Reconciliation when the children watch the sacrament role-played and visit the reconciliation rooms. The sacrament is received during Advent. Joan Motsay Brown 410-838-6969, ext. 127 or jmbrown@stmargaret.org

**First Eucharist Program**
Similar to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, parents will catechize (teach) their children about the sacrament of Eucharist. They are supported with various materials and seminars which will help them prepare their children to receive Christ for the first time. Parent seminars are held early in the calendar year followed by a half day retreat for the children before they receive their sacrament in May. Joan Motsay Brown 410-838-6969, ext. 127 or jmbrown@stmargaret.org
Adult Confirmation Program
The program is for adults who have been baptized, have received the sacrament of Eucharist and now desire to be confirmed. Trained catechists help prepare those seeking confirmation. Opportunities for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation occur several times throughout the year here at our parish and at Archdiocesan celebrations.
Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969, ext. 126 or msullivan@stmargaret.org

Youth Confirmation Program
Fosters the total personal and spiritual growth of our youth and assists them in an awakening and ownership of their Catholic faith. Our Confirmation program is open to students in the 9th grade. The program begins in the late spring of the 8th grade with an initial parent/candidate meeting and runs throughout the 9th grade year. Preparation includes a parent meeting, a sponsor/candidate day of reflection, an overnight retreat, classes and a service and reflection component. In order to qualify for enrollment in the program, students must have attended either Catholic school or Faith Formation in 8th grade. Kristin Rupprecht 410-838-6969, ext. 166 or krupprecht@stmargaret.org

Holy Orders is a sacrament celebrated with men who feel called by God to service in the Church as priests or permanent deacons. All those who would like to explore the possibility of serving God and the Church as an ordained minister should contact the parish office and request to speak with one of our priests or permanent deacons. Parish office 410-838-6969. Men who are interested in the priesthood may also contact the Archdiocese Vocations Office 410-547-5426.

Sacrament of Marriage
St. Margaret Parish family rejoices with you in celebrating your love for one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. We make every effort to meet your needs as an engaged couple and to help you prepare for your sacred vows. To schedule your nuptials at St. Margaret or St. Mary Magdalen or to contact a priest or deacon regarding your wedding, please call the parish office at 410-838-6969.
Marriage Preparation Program.
Fully trained Sponsor Couples assist engaged couples in discovering those areas of strength and uniqueness in their relationship upon which they can build a lasting, loving marriage. The engaged couple meets in the home of their Sponsor Couple approximately four times.
Michelle Sullivan 410-838-6969, ext. 126 or msullivan@stmargaret.org

Anointing of the Sick is for anyone facing a serious illness who would like to pray for God’s healing presence in their lives. All who are preparing for surgery, those with major changes in their health, and those who have just learned about a major health issue can come to seek this sacrament. The sacrament is celebrated after every Mass on the first weekend of each month or with individual priests by appointment.
Youth Ministry

Middle and High School Youth Ministry
Service, social and spiritual opportunities are available on an ongoing basis high school youth. Social activities include movie nights, outdoor games, dodge ball, ice cream socials, crazy games and much more! Service opportunities are held both on-campus and off-campus throughout Harford and Baltimore County. Opportunities for spiritual growth are available through small faith sharing groups, prayer services and other activities. Middle school students are invited to join us for our annual snow tubing trip and other trips as they arise. Watch the bulletin and our parish website for information on all youth ministry events.

High school hangout nights are held every Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:30 pm at the FiRE House on Wright Street. All high school students are invited.

Kristin Rupprecht 410-838-6969, ext. 166 or krupprecht@stmargaret.org

College Ministry
Social, service and spiritual opportunities for college students. College ministry meets on Wednesdays over the summer and Christmas break. Kristin Ruppercht 410-838-6969, ext. 166 or krupprecht@stmargaret.org
St. Margaret School was established in 1911 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Over the years, as the Bel Air area has grown, the school has grown too, adapting to the times with lay faculty and administration, but remaining true to its mission of Catholic faith-based education.

- St. Margaret Elementary school is located on the St. Margaret Campus on Hickory Avenue in downtown Bel Air.
- St. Margaret Middle School is located at the St. Mary Magdalen Mission Campus, 1716 Churchville Road in Bel Air

MISSION STATEMENT
St. Margaret School is committed to providing each child with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith, academics and citizenship. We accomplish this through a challenging disciplined environment focused on nurturing individual development and characterized by Catholic beliefs and values, academic excellence, parental involvement and community service. Our purpose is to inspire self-reliance, instill a positive sense of self-worth, and prepare each child to face new challenges and appreciate the joys of life.

Visit us online at www.smsch.org
For enrollment and campus tours, please contact the Admissions Director at 410-879-1113 ext. 159
St. Margaret School Today:

- Coed, Catholic day school
- Certified, degreed teachers
- Elementary and middle school campuses in Bel Air, MD
- Average class size: 24
- Preschool Prep: Parent-child 2 year old program
- Three year-old pre-K classes through Grade 8
- Full day Pre K4 year old and full day Kindergarten
- State of Maryland licensed extended day care programs available at each campus
- Nine out of 10 students stay at St. Margaret for all eight years
- 100% accepted to high school of choice

Building a School for the Future:

- Outreach programs
- Routinely upgraded computers
- Smartboards, Mimio boards, iPads, Chrome books and 3D printers
- Secure, web-based communications
- Newly renovated gymnasium
- Creative Arts club
- Lego Robotics Club
- Athletics
- Chorus
- Band
- Fine arts
- Academic clubs
- Full-time nurse
- Instructional Aides Pre K3 through Grade 2
- Resource K through Grade 8
- Financial aid
  …and much more
ANNUAL SCHOOL EVENTS
Contact school office 410-879-1113

Fall Festival is a parish event held at St. Margaret on Hickory Avenue in September and features: pit beef and ham, amusement rides and games.

Annual Father/Daughter Dance

Annual Mother/Son Outing

Basket Bingo will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Margaret School on Hickory Avenue in January.

Spaghetti Dinner will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Margaret on Hickory Avenue in March. Join us for dinner, dessert, music! Fun for the entire family!

School Book Fair
This Elementary School fair is held in the Parish Hall at St. Margaret School on Hickory Avenue in mid-March.
OUTREACH

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry † Give drink to the thirsty † Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless † Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned † Bury the dead

Our parish mission statement calls us to minister to each other and our neighbors. We have a lot to offer to those who are interested. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information:

Director of Outreach
Nina Heck at 410-838-6969, ext. 174 or email ninah@stmargaret.org

All volunteers are required to complete Virtus Training which is an online training, prior to actively volunteering. Please email or contact Nina. (see also page 28)
Bereavement Ministry

Funeral Sacristans
Our team supports families during the funeral Mass. Team members greet family members, set up and serve at the funeral Mass. Individuals are on call one week a month.

Funeral Reception Ministry
Provides hosting and set-up of hospitality after the funeral in the Adult Education Center.

Ministry of Consolation
This ministry provides spiritual and moral support for those who have suffered a loss. The group reaches out to the family members through cards and calls following the funeral services. They also plan the annual All Souls Mass and a reception afterward.

Funeral Liturgy Planning
Priests and deacons meet with families to complete the Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word to include selected readings and hymns, Liturgy of the Eucharist and individuals who will be involved. This preparation assures families that all aspects of the service will be handled with honor, dignity and meets the wishes of the deceased and their family. This will be offered at Church or the funeral home. Contact the parish office 410-838-6969.

Widow and Widower
This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month for lunch and activities. Lead coordinator is Carol Hoffman.

Homeless / Poor
St. Margaret works in a variety of ways to assist the homeless and poor in our area.

Cooperative Food Ministry
Five area churches feed the needy and the homeless in our area at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 206 Courtland Place. Every Monday night a different church arrives at 3:30 pm to prepare and serve 50-75 people dinner at 6:00 pm. We currently have two teams with lead coordinators, Janet Gentry and Steve Hunter.
Cottage Thrift Shop
A joint ministry of St. Margaret Parish and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Volunteers collect, sort and assist in the shop, which provides clothing and miscellaneous articles to needy clients at a modest cost, or as a donation. Lead coordinator is Pat Stasiak.

FCCAU Welcome One Shelter
Provides year round transitional housing to homeless individuals. St. Margaret Parish volunteers on the 29th of each month. Volunteers help cook and serve a hot meal. Lead coordinator is Darlene Eickhoff.

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna
This group works with the non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose mission to eliminate sub-standard housing for economically disadvantaged families living in Harford County. St. Margaret partners with Habitat for Humanity to offer an annual panel build in the fall for anyone over the age of 16 who wants to participate. Lead coordinator is Betty Hunter.

Thanksgiving/Christmas “Spirit of Giving” Program
- **Thanksgiving /Christmas food baskets** – Food is collected from parishioners beginning in October and then separated out to fill requests from the disadvantaged of Harford County. Teams work with separating the food, assembling the baskets and handing out the boxed items as well as delivering.
- **Christmas Giving Project** – Parishioners are asked to adopt a family or take tags from our Christmas trees and drop off items for this team to then assemble the orders that are phoned in from those in need. This requires many teams including taking telephone calls, sorting, wrapping and grouping packages, pickup and delivery the day of.

Lead coordinator is Nina Heck at ninah@stmargaret.org

JAM—Sandwich Ministry
St. Margaret works with two other area churches to provide lunch on Sundays to area homeless who are not in the Welcome One Shelter. Lead coordinator is Barb Rohde.
Ministry of St. Lawrence
This ministry assists monetarily or by referral those individuals or families who are in need of basic living expenses. Needs included are food, rent, utilities, and eviction and outcomes are based on an understanding of the persons budget, current income and ability to meet obligations going forward. Lead coordinator is Nina Heck, ninah@stmargaret.org.

Our Daily Bread Casseroles
Beef stew casseroles are made by our parishioners in their homes, frozen and then dropped off to the St. Margaret parish office or school kitchen. Casserole pans and recipes can be found at the doors of the church and Callahan Center (recipe may also be found on the parish homepage website: www.stmargaret.org) Parish Office 410-838-6969

Our Daily Bread Lunch Servers
This group meets at 7:45 am in the church parking lot to carpool to Our Daily Bread in Baltimore twice a month. Currently they are covering the 1st Friday of each month and the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our Daily Bread serves lunch daily to approximately 400-700 individuals who are homeless or hungry in Baltimore City. Lead coordinator is Gary Rohde.

Our Family Table
This group gathers one evening per month to prepare meals for the homeless at the Welcome One Shelter in Belcamp. All are welcome to join us in feeding and serving our brothers and sisters. Contact ninah@stmargaret.org.

Franciscan Center - A ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi
This center is located in Baltimore and offers emergency relief for individuals and families in need of food and/or clothing. Our parish will respond by collecting clothing for men, women, children and babies. Volunteers to transport the items will be needed. Lead coordinator is Nina Heck.

Christopher’s Place Employment Academy
This organization provides a shelter for homeless men and recovery support along with education and training to become successful. We accept all business attire for men. Suits, shirts, shoes, ties and belts.
Prison Ministry

Team members visit Sunday evenings and lead Communion services to the imprisoned. Provides spiritual and personal support and encouragement to inmates at the Harford County Detention Center.
Deacon Jim DeCapite at jdecapite@stmargaret.org

Rosary Ministry/Project Rosary
This ministry meets on the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Adult Education Center and makes rosaries for inmates in the Harford County Detention Center and other groups as requested. Novices of all ages are welcome to come! This is a very informal, flexible ministry – individuals may come the Fridays that work best with their schedule or all Fridays. This group participates with Faith Fest on years when Faith Fest is being held. Lead coordinator is Diane Faber.

Respect Life

Respect Life Ministry
This group will provide information to the Parish on events and news related to Respect Life issues. Lead coordinator is Craig Martin.

Birthright Pregnancy Resource Center
Practical help to anyone facing a crisis pregnancy with ongoing support, education, referrals and material assistance in a friendly atmosphere.
www.birthrightharfordcounty.org

March for Life
St. Margaret participates in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. each January. Deacon Jim DeCapite  jdecapite@stmargaret.org

Play It Forward
This group socializes and plays simple games with members of the Mid-Atlantic Day Options and the Harford Center. Gatherings take place on the first Thursday of each month from 10:30 to noon at the Callahan Center at St. Mary Magdalen Mission. Volunteers interact with individuals with ‘differing’ abilities. Lead coordinator is Lisa McGann.
Senior Citizens

First Friday Senior Citizens
Group provides lunch, entertainment and fellowship following Mass on the first Friday of the month at the Callahan Center at St. Mary Magdalen Mission (October, November, December, March, April and May)
Lead coordinators are Mary Jane Zarachowicz and LuAnne Belmonte.

Sick and Home-bound

Eucharistic Ministry

Home Eucharist: Available to home-bound Catholics who wish to receive Communion at home.
Nina Heck 410-838-6969, ext. 174 or ninah@stmargaret.org

Nursing Home: Communion services are held at Avondell Independent Living and also Bel Air Health and Rehab on Monday afternoons and Brightview Assisted Living on Wednesday afternoons.
Nina Heck 410-838-6969, ext. 174 or ninah@stmargaret.org

Hooked on Prayer
This group is made up of women who come together to knit or crochet shawls for persons in need. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education Center Library. If you do not knit or crochet, but would like to learn, instructions are provided – the stitch used to make a shawl is simple and can be picked up easily.

Legion of Mary
This very dedicated group provides spiritual growth for members and outreach to the sick, homebound, nursing homes and hospitals. Our Lady of the Snows Praesidium meets every Friday from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Adult Education Center. Lead coordinator is Anita Lennon.

Health Ministry
The mission of this ministry is to promote the health of the St. Margaret Parish congregation by actively encouraging, supporting and developing a sense of well-being of the body, mind and spirit through education, partnering, networking, advocacy and referral. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the St. Lawrence Outreach House.
Lead coordinator is Mary Ann Williams.
Prayer Tree
Approximately 150 parishioners pray for the needs of the parish and individuals. Requests are distributed by e-mail to the Prayer Tree members. To request prayers or to become a member, contact the parish office at 410-838-6969.

Thoughtful Wishes
A group which makes cards for the sick and shut-ins at various nursing homes in the community. Lead coordinator is Karen Barnaba.

Substance Abuse

Addiction Support Groups
They work to support and encourage those dealing with substance abuse. All information shared is kept strictly confidential. This group is responsible for coordinating Recovery Month in September of each year.

Meet in the St. Lawrence Outreach House
  Families Anonymous  ~  Mondays 7:00 pm

Meet in the Lower Meeting Room of the Elementary School
  Alcoholics Anonymous  ~  Fridays 7:00 pm
  Women for Sobriety  ~  Saturdays 7:30 pm
  Narcotics Anonymous  ~  Sundays 6:00 pm
      Thursdays  6:30 pm - Men only meeting
LITURGY

Liturgical Ministries

Lectors  Jackie Scher  410-937-1885
        Mark Mueller  443-286-9063

Ushers   Ken Spoerl   443-275-3137

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
        Ellen Pfau   410-245-3030

Altar Servers  Maureen Yantz 410-937-0592

Church Decorating Committee
Includes attention to Liturgical seasonal decorations in the entire worship space, highlighting the means of the season using real and authentic materials reflecting God’s beauty in creation. Parish office 410-838-6969

Altar Guild
Cares for the worship space, altar linens and vessels. Volunteering for this ministry requires two hours every three weeks. Anne Heidenreich 443-787-4543

Children’s Lectionary
Offers elementary school-age children the opportunity to break open the Sunday liturgy readings and gospel at an age appropriate level with their peers.
Frann Geraghty 410-838-2472 or
Joan Motsay Brown at 410-838-6969, ext. 127

Pamphlet Rack in the back of church is a source for spiritual materials and Parish information.
Maureen Yantz 410-937-0592
MUSIC

Director of Music
Br. Kevin McGoff, OFM   kmcgoff@stmargaret.org

Assistant Director of Music
Jeffrey Winfield   jefwinfield@comcast.net

Music office: 410-838-6969 Ext. 136

St. Margaret Music Ministry offers opportunities for adults, children and teens to enhance the worship life of the parish through volunteer service. A basic gift for music (singing, playing an instrument) and a generous spirit are all that is required. We seek committed individuals who can be present for rehearsals and scheduled Masses throughout the music ministry season (September – early June).

St. Margaret Choir: Open to adults aged 18 and older. Members possess a basic singing ability and sing at 10:00 am Sunday Mass 3 - 4 Sundays per month. (contact: Br. Kevin McGoff, OFM)

St. Mary Magdalen Liturgical Ensemble: Membership consists chiefly of young musicians preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Other singers and instrumentalists are also welcome. The ensemble plays and sings regularly at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. (contact: Jeffrey Winfield)

Coming in September 2020

St. Margaret Kids’ Chorale: A choir for kids in the 3rd grade and higher. Members should be able to read words and possess a basic ability to sing. A family that supports their young singer is essential. Members are prepared to attend weekly rehearsals and sing at Sunday Mass one Sunday per month. (contact: Br. Kevin McGoff, OFM)

Coming for Christmas 2020

St. Margaret Bell Choir: A choir of bell ringers for adults aged 18 and older. Members should possess the ability to read music at the intermediate level. (contact: Br. Kevin McGoff, OFM)
DEVELOPMENT

STEWARDSHIP ~ Our Faith In Action
This ministry is an invitation to share the gifts that God has given us through prayer, service and sharing.

COMMUNICATIONS
The parish is always looking for writers, photographers and artists to contribute to the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in writing an article for the bulletin, or taking photos at a parish event, please call:
Kathy Reilly 410-838-6969, ext. 200.
Submit bulletin information to bulletinsaintmargaret@gmail.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Public Relations - coordinates parish communications with staff, parishioners, other parishes, outside groups and media.
Kathy Reilly 410-838-6969, ext. 100
ADMINISTRATION

**Finance Committee** reviews and provides oversight for the parish financial accounting and budget processes. The committee meets five times a year.

**Facilities Committee** develops policies and procedures for the use of facilities at St. Margaret and St. Mary Magdalen. The committee plans and supervises building and renovation projects, and meets five times a year.

Steve Hunter 410-838-9029

**Parish Office Clerical Support** provides volunteer assistance to the Parish staff to carry out a variety of projects.

**Safety and Security Ministry**
This ministry is comprised of parishioners in the law enforcement, military or emergency services fields. Our mission is to create an alert and aware environment that may be able to prevent an emergency from occurring and to provide assistance until professional responders arrive, should one occur.

Contact Betty Mooney 410-838-6969
VIRTUS FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

St. Margaret Parish is committed to providing our children and youth with safe environments characterized by healthy relationships.

All volunteers at St. Margaret Parish must register with Virtusonline.org. The Archdiocese has implemented an online training and screening system for those that volunteer in our parish community.

All volunteers must be registered in the online compliance system in order for our parish to be in compliance with Archdiocesan youth protection requirements for volunteers, employees, minors, and clergy.

If you are a volunteer at St. Margaret Parish, please contact Karen Saccenti in the parish office, 410-879-2670 ext. 112 or ksaccenti@stmargaret.org for assistance.

Thank you for serving as a volunteer at St. Margaret Parish and for complying with the Archdiocese requirements.
PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastor: Msgr. Kevin Schenning
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Associate Pastor: Rev. Nicodemus Konza
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Deacon: Patrick Goles
Deacon: Bruce Hultquist
Deacon: Rob McCord
Deacon: Victor Petrosino
Deacon: Martin Wolf
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Faith Formation Administrative Assistant: Maureen Yantz
Faith Formation Coordinator/Pre-school and elementary: Lisa Hack
Faith Formation Coordinator/Grades 6-9: Kristin Rupprecht
Facilities Manager: Sandy Laird
Music Director: Bro. Kevin McGoff, OFM
Assistant Music Director: Jeff Winfield
Director of Outreach Ministries: Nina Heck
Public Relations Associate: Kathleen Reilly
Receptionist: Robin Benjes
Sacramental Preparation Coordinator: Joan Motsay Brown
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Cluster Leader  Christine Buontempo 410-808-8960

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal, service organization dedicated to supporting the Catholic Church and its principles. It is the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church. It consists of more than 15,000 councils and over 1.8 million members throughout the world. Today, more than ever, the world needs a few more Knights to carry on this necessary work. Catholic men at least 18 years of age may join us in providing charitable giving of time and talent to St. Margaret parish and the greater Bel Air community.