

MAGGIE'S CROSS



A Letter from our Rector

BY FATHER TODD R. DILL+

Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy

From the beginning, when God the Creator called His people in Israel and formed a covenant relationship with them, He commanded them to Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy. When Yahweh created the heavens and the earth, He looked at what had been formed after six days and declared that it was very good. After this creative and life-giving work, God rested on the seventh day. There seems to be something very important to God about rest. He rested Himself, and He commands His people to do likewise. I read a wonderful book years ago that suggests that this commandment is the one that contemporary society takes least seriously, and the author of the book 24/7 wrote this book to encourage all Christians to reclaim this ancient discipline in our lives.

Our weekly Sabbath is not just a day of rest and refreshment, but more

importantly, a day dedicated to the Lord. Worship is the primary action on this day, and that is why the Church sets aside Sunday as a day of worship. It serves to center our lives on Jesus every single week; to hear His Word, and to receive the Blessed Sacrament. It also gives us a chance to honor the hard work accomplished during the week by reconnecting deeply with our faith, family, and friends, so that we may always be called more closely to what is most important in our lives. I am so thankful that the good people of Saint Margaret's take seriously their call to worship, and I am so thankful to serve amongst a community so faithful in their devotion in its gathering for corporate worship.

The Church recognizes for its clergy that there are also times when it is good for them to take an extended time of rest, to separate from the parish community for a time, and return refreshed and re-energized. Therefore, as I did seven years ago, **I will enter a time of sabbatical on July 4th and return to Saint Margaret's on October 4th.** I frankly haven't planned what this time will look like for me, as I was waiting to make sure that we had a new Director of Music in place. I have called this person and will be able to share more specifics once he has informed his church community of his departure, but with this position

being settled, the Vestry and I have decided that now is the time for me to take a short break from the hecticness of parish servanthood. All this is designed to help me recharge, so that I can better be the priest you have called me to be. Also, this sabbath time is offered so that I can remember that this church will be just fine without me, and that this parish has an extraordinary clergy and lay staff that will do just fine without my presence in the building!

Our Lord Jesus, in His ministry, regularly took time to go away and pray. He prayed to His Father, and constantly sought to align Himself with His Father's will. I plan on using this time away to further my practice of pilgrimage; to spend time journeying to friends and family that I have all too often neglected over the past several years. I plan to walk some more on the Camino, and most importantly, to rest so that I may come back to you and serve you more faithfully. Saint Margaret's deserves that, and while I will miss you all deeply, know that even as I travel and will be away for this short time, I will hold you all in my prayers, as I hope you will also pray for me.

Your priest,

-Fr. Todd+

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Thoughts from Rev. Sarah

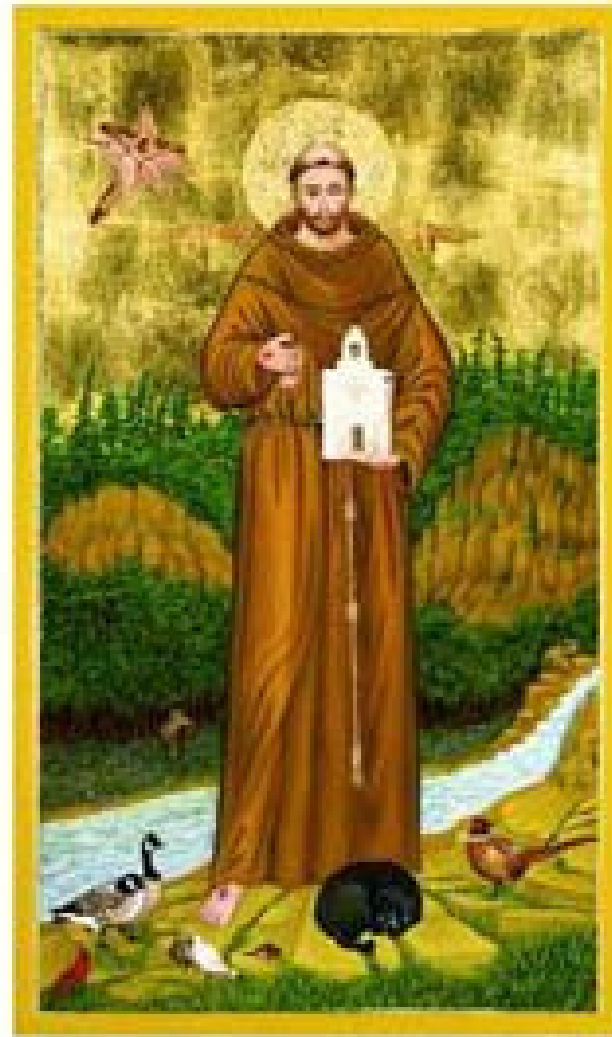
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It's the day after the day after. Tuesday was filled with projects, appointments and an evening road trip to visit my parents. It was about 10:00 PM when I got to the news of the Uvalde catastrophe, slaughter, waste, heartbreak. Grief has come to that community. It is now in homes and offices, churches and hearts. It won't heal over the lifetime of the survivors, the citizens and all those who love them. That night, I reworked the lessons for the Wednesday morning healing service. Remembering the life of an ancient saint didn't seem on point somehow. The next morning, Fr. Todd shared the letter and prayer from the Bishop of West Texas. It was poignant, true and Gospel. The Rt. Rev. David Reed told his people, "We must pray. Ignore the cynics and pray with all your heart. Let your cries reach to the heavens. Let your anger and despair be your prayer. And listen to God answering in return. Look for God's tears revealed and listen for his perfect and righteous anger. Give yourself over to opportunities to join in the Spirit's work of binding up and healing."

So today, it's the day after the day after and it's time to submit some words for the June newsletter and like so many, so many others, I am too weary and too sad to say anything with passionate certainty. But what I do believe and where I'm placing my trust is that answers, truth and good come from God. God can hold my rage and tears. God can heal and revive. God can and does use us as agents to work out his providence, his better plan for our fallen world. I'm achingly and boldly asking God to do all that. Hold my emotions, heal and revive the people of Uvalde, show me what the Trinity would have me do as an instrument of peace. I'll pray. I'll listen. I'll act as I discern God directs. Perhaps this is God's call to you as well.

Peace in our hearts, peace in our time,



PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT
OF YOUR PEACE;
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

O DIVINE MASTER,
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE;
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND;
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE;
IT IS IN PARDONING
THAT WE ARE PARDONED;
AND IT IS IN DYING
THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.

Rev. Sarah



Father Jay's journal

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I recently had a ball with the Men's Group teaching about the first coming of the Christ and fulfillment of prophecy in that event. ***I have been asked to address the topic of prophecy concerning the Second Coming of Christ, and I thought that I would do so in this forum.*** As an aside, I was converted in 1975 by folks who were very, very intensely interested in this topic and were sure they had it all figured out. It was during the time of the popularity of Hal Lindsey's "The Late Great Planet Earth." And by and large these folks were wrong in the things they were so sure about in the coming of Christ. So, I am a bit gun-shy on this topic.

The first thing that must be pointed out is that the Episcopal Church has taken no position on this topic except in what we say in the Nicene Creed every Sunday, "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end." That is all we are required to believe as Episcopalians. We can speculate all that we want about this great event, but all we can insist of each other is that we affirm what the Creed says.

I take my cue from Jesus' teaching on the day of the Ascension captured by Acts 1:6-12:

6 When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going[a] to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 [b]He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. 8 [c]But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. 10 While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

Jesus here tells his disciples that this information about his coming and his re-establishment of the kingdom of David in Jerusalem is not theirs to know. They are, rather than speculating about that event, to bear witness to the whole world of the glorious Good News of Christ. This, however, has not stopped Christians throughout the ages from speculating about the Second Coming. In the years 1000 and 1200 C.E. there was great expectation and Angst about Jesus' coming. During World War II there was great speculation that either Hitler or Mussolini were the antichrist. And the list goes on. And they have all been wrong in their speculations.

It seems to me that we have a choice to make. And that is whether we will spend what precious time we have on earth speculating about the Second Coming or witnessing to the First Coming. I prefer to do the later.

Footnotes

1. 1:6 The question of the disciples implies that in believing Jesus to be the Christ (see note on Lk 2:11) they had expected him to be a political leader who would restore self-rule to Israel during his historical ministry. When this had not taken place, they ask if it is to take place at this time, the period of the church.
2. 1:7 This verse echoes the tradition that the precise time of the parousia is not revealed to human beings; cf. Mk 13:32; 1 Thes 5:1-3.
3. 1:8 Just as Jerusalem was the city of destiny in the Gospel of Luke (the place where salvation was accomplished), so here at the beginning of Acts, Jerusalem occupies a central position. It is the starting point for the mission of the Christian disciples to "the ends of the earth," the place where the apostles were situated and the doctrinal focal point in the early days of the community (Acts 15:2, 6). The ends of the earth: for Luke, this means Rome.

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By Ludwig Wallner

Eucharistic Vestments Part 3 of 3

For the past two months we have focused on the vestments worn by the priest during the celebration of the Mass. In the first month we named each vestment and its use. Last month we discussed the historical beginning of each vestment and its use.

This month we shall look at the spiritual meaning of each vestment.

As a side note: During the middle ages there were two popular interpretations for the vestments worn.

1. The first and most recognized was that the vestments were symbols of Jesus' Passion.

- The **amice** reminds us of the blindfold as He was beaten, the **Alb** was the garment worn as He was mocked and beaten
- and the **cincture** reminds us of the ropes which held Him during the scourging.
- The **stole** reminds us of the cross. Finally the seamless garment which the soldiers rolled dice for is represented by the **chasuble**

2. The second interpretation was that the vestments had their origins in Roman military garments and as such the priest was viewed as the soldier of Christ doing battle against sin and Satan.

Let's take a look at what scripture has to say about the vestments: The amice was the first vestment to be put on and it is worn by the priest to remind him/her of St. Paul's admonition in Epiphany 6:17, "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, the Word of God". In modern times, this vestment is usually not worn as it is incorporated within the Alb.

Next the Alb is worn. This vestment is referenced in the Book of Revelation 7:14. "These are the ones . . . they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb". **The Alb reminds the priest of his baptism when he was clothed in white to signify his freedom from sin, purity of new life and Christian dignity.** Spiritually the cincture reminds the priest of the scripture reference 1 Peter 1:13-15 "So gird the loins of your understanding, live soberly; set all your hope on the gift to be conferred on you when Jesus Christ appears. As obedient sons, do not yield to the desires that once shaped you in ignorance. Rather become holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, after the likeness of the Holy One who called you".

The stole reminds the priest of two things:

1. authority and dignity as a priest
2. secondly it reminds him of his duty to preach the Word of God with courage and conviction. *This is based on the scriptural verse in Hebrews 4:12, "Indeed God's Word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword".*

Finally, the priest is ready to complete the vesting process by putting on the chasuble. This final vestment reminds the priest of the clarity of Christ, "Overall these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect" Colossians 3:14.



We have looked at the names, function, history and scriptural meaning of each of the vestments worn by the priest as he celebrates the Mass. May this journey allow each of us to meditate upon the symbolism and history of the vestments as they add to the beauty and purpose of the Mass.



Youth Spotlight

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*Congratulations
grads!*

*EYC finished up a wonderful year with
our final meeting of the schoolyear on*

May 1st and our annual beach retreat May 13th-15th. We started the year outside at our brand-new picnic tables courtesy of a rise in covid cases due to the delta variant and finished the year back inside the church in the youth room. Our oversized sofas were greatly missed by our students, and we were thrilled to finally invite the 6th and 7th graders to experience the youth room!

We had a phenomenal EYC year with lots of learning, laughter, spiritual growth, and hopefully some new friendships. From discussions on Jesus' first miracle and the calling of the disciples to a lively debate about the parable of the lost son and activities ranging from decorating cookies with our prayers, making our own Paschal Candles, and baking pretzels we covered a lot of ground, and each student was challenged to think about their own relationship with God.

Sunday nights over the summer won't be the same without our weekly gatherings but we hope you have a fun, restful summer and we'll see you on August 28th for our fall kick off!

ARDREY KELL HIGH SCHOOL

- Andrew Sentlinger, Virginia Tech

BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

- Danica Plihik, NC State

CARMEL CHRISTIAN:

- Charlie Scott, UNC- Charlotte
- Zack Pharr, University of Tennessee

CATA:

- Nathan Judy, Pace University
- Buggs Nelson, SCAD Savannah College of Art & Design

CHARLOTTE LATIN:

- Sam Strawderman, Appalachian State

COVENANT DAY:

- Ben Bednar, University of Georgia

EAST MECK:

- Luka Stojkovich, Sewanee

NCSSM NC School of Science & Math

- Lauren Sweeney, UNC- Chapel Hill

NC CYBER ACADEMY:

- Colin Laughlin, Auburn

MARVIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL:

- Emily Betts, Alabama
- Annie Cameron, NC State
- Landon Murphy, UNC-Charlotte
- Meghan Murphy, University of Vermont
- Olivia Jenkins, Samford
- Nikolas Ochsner, UNC- Charlotte
- Jake Young, UNC- Chapel Hill

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL:

- Lydia Lucas, Clemson

UNION ACADEMY:

- Noah Sells, Alabama



Youth Spotlight con't

Over the summer there will be periodic activities for the youth of St. Margaret's: volunteer opportunities, grabbing food together, Carowinds, and more. Keep an eye on the bulletin, weekly parish e-mail announcements, and social media channels as information will be communicated through those outlets. Unless otherwise stated, rising 6th graders are welcome to join for all summer events. You can also sign up for EYC text updates by texting "stm youth1" to 43506 and reply "yes" to opt in.



Join us this summer for any of the below activities!

**St. Margaret's Vacation Bible School (rising 6th-graduated):
Mon-Thurs, June 27-30.**

Teen volunteers are invited to serve at our VBS from 8:40am-12:15pm. Youth assist in a variety of roles such as crew leader, snack prep, games, music, and more. No cost. If your student would like to volunteer, email Catherine Chintala at childrensministry@saintmargarets.net.



Episcopal Outreach Camp: (current 6th-8th graders): Sun- Wed, July 17- 20: Episcopal Outreach Camp is a local, overnight outreach camp open to current 6th-8th graders and will be held at Christ Church Episcopal in Charlotte. This camp is planned and hosted by Episcopal Youth Ministers in the Charlotte area. Youth from area Episcopal Churches will gather for a few days of service, fellowship and worship. Youth spend time doing a variety of service projects around Charlotte and the surrounding areas while also having social time in the evenings (uptown scavenger hunt, out for ice cream, etc.).

Cost is \$100. Visit: <https://stm.breezechms.com/form/EOC2022> for more information and to register and pay online. Questions? Contact Elizabeth.

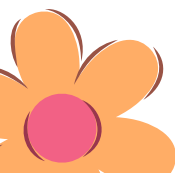
Nothing but the Stitches: The art of creating provides an opportunity to spend time with God and practice mindfulness. StM has a knitting ministry that gives handmade items to persons experiencing any number of life changes or challenges. These projects are held with a sense of specialness, intention, and deliberate thoughts of others.

All students, current 6th-12th grade, are invited to join us in June for a youth knitting class to learn how to knit. Classes will be on Tuesdays in June from 1:00-3:00pm at the church (June 7, 14, 21, and 28). Students will be paired with a member of Knots of Love and will learn from the beginning! More info and sign up:

<https://stm.breezechms.com/form/eyckol>.

Knitting invites a person to notice nothing but the stitches. This isn't a race to finish anything, rather a chance to slow down and enjoy the process of creating.

Please note: Our teens are headed to Jacksonville, FL for a mission trip June 19th-25th. Please keep the following team members in your prayers: Marilyn, Rosemary, Nathan, Dylan, Meghan, Briley, Landen, Mark and Elizabeth.





Where are you Flat Maggie?



Parishioners meet in downtown Waxhaw



EYC Beach Retreat



Fellowship Night in Waxhaw



Children's Ministry

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Happy Summer!

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I can't believe that the school year is over! Our thoughts are turning to vacations, days by the pool, and making friends at summer camp. As we look forward to taking a break from our daily routine, and maybe venturing somewhere new, don't forget to take a little time for God! I recently read an article on one of my favorite websites, Building Faith, linked here called ***Oh, The Places You'll Go: Inspiration & Prayers for Summer Travels.*** I encourage you to take a few minutes and read it; I really liked it and I think you will too! It's all about finding God while you're on vacation and taking inspiration from the Bible. Many of the most well-known Bible stories take place by the lake, on a mountain, or by a river...sounds like places we may find ourselves on summer vacation! I love the idea of reading a short Bible story and saying a prayer while being surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.

If you love the idea too, give it a try! **Send me a pic and let me know how your summer is going. Better yet, include Flat Maggie! This beloved StM tradition is back!** Pick up a laminated Flat Maggie at the welcome center and be sure to bring her along on all of your summer travels. Send us your pictures, and we will post them to the Saint Margaret's website so we can all stay in touch over the summer!

And take a close look at this newsletter....hiding amongst the pictures and articles is the world's tiniest Flat Maggie! Send me an email if you find her!

I pray that you and your family have a healthy, happy, restful summer break!

*Blessings,
Catherine*



VBS is June 27-30th from 9am-noon. Kids will learn that Jesus' power pulls us through! Students 4 years of age (as of 6/27/2022) through rising 5th grade will join us for this fun week of fellowship, music, games, crafts, and activities!

We still need volunteers to help make this event a success!

Not available all four mornings? That's okay – we have volunteer spots even if you can only commit a day or two! Middle and high school volunteers are welcome too!

Please contact Catherine if you are interested in volunteering: childrensministry@saintmargarets.net



Outreach & Parish Connection

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OUTREACH

A big thank you to all who helped with the Shelter meal and Community Kitchen Fellowship (CKF) events in May! Over 20 StM volunteers cooked, baked, served and delivered for these 2 ministries.

Our next Community Kitchen Fellowship ministry date is Saturday, June 18th. If you've never joined us for one of these events, come see what it's all about! We need more volunteers to help us cook, assemble the meals and deliver them in the Waxhaw area. If you can help on June 18th, please sign up here to **DELIVER**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba7283-delivery> and sign up here to **COOK** or **BAKE**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba7283-cooking>
Questions, contact Traci Scott at connection@saintmargarets.net

Fixing it for Christ is back and needs our support



Since 2007, the Fixing It For Christ ministry has been making homes safer and more comfortable for those that cannot afford to do so. It is a true grassroots organization started at Waxhaw UMC, but it has grown to include many churches, businesses and organizations, including St. Margaret's. Throughout the summer, teams of volunteers will be working to improve roughly 20 local homes for the elderly, veterans and families with children. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Traci Scott at connection@saintmargarets.net. Financial contributions will allow us to help even more local neighbors in need. Visit www.FixingItForChrist.com (donation link at the bottom).



Volunteers are needed to deliver the flower arrangements from our weekend worship services to White Oak Nursing Home in Waxhaw.

We have a rotating schedule and could use some extra drivers. You would pick up the flowers from

St. Margaret's on Monday morning and deliver them to White Oak anytime after 9:30am. Flexible scheduling.

Contact Traci Scott for more information:

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Welcome new members

Leta Stewart

Jack & Kathy Benjamin

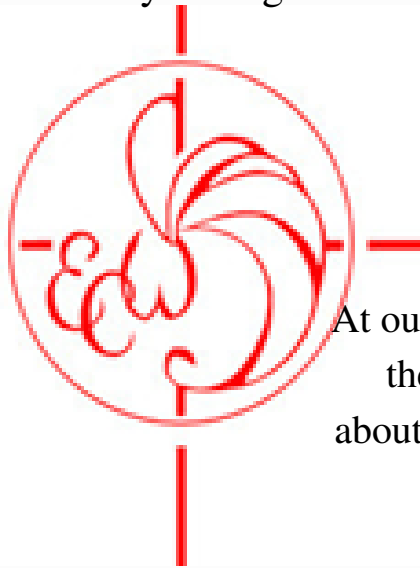
John Windle

Eloise Lee

Join our Media Ministry!

We're looking for a few volunteers who are comfortable with learning how to video the sermons during our worship services. We'll teach you how to record on our iPad and you have the flexibility of doing it at either Sunday service. With enough volunteers, you'll only have to help once every 4-6 weeks.

Contact Joanie Cameron at parishadmin@saintmargarets.net for more details. This would be great for our tech-y teenagers too!



ECW

At our May **Episcopal Church Women's (ECW)** meeting, the Director of the ***Council on Aging in Union County***, Andrew Friend, spoke with us about all of the amazing services they provide. Caregiver support, in-home services and a respite daycare program are just a few examples of the services they provide Union County residents at no charge.

The ECW was able to make a generous donation to support their efforts to hire more staff for their in-home services.

Please read more about them here: <https://coaunion.org/>

Our clergy started a monthly Eucharistic service for our parishioners at Windsor Run.

The first one was in May and future ones will be on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00am in the Theatre. We look forward to sharing this special time with the Windsor residents!





Our church office is open M-Th from 9:00-4:00
& 9:00-12:00 noon on Friday.

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Kathyann Dugan
Hugh Laughlin
Simon Haaroff
Paula Holbein
Colin Miles
Charlie Winsman
David Feldser, *Treasurer*



June Calendar

- **Saturday Worship: Rite II, 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday Worship: Rite II, 8:45 am** *LIVESTREAMED on our YouTube channel*
- **Sunday Worship: Rite II, 11:00 am**

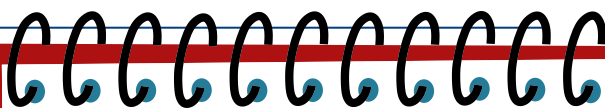


[CLICK HERE for our YouTube channel](#)



calendar notes:

6/4	Usher Ministry Coffee Meeting, 9 am
6/5	Pentecost Sunday
6/7	Youth/Knots of Love Knitting class, 1 pm
6/19	EYC Mission Trip to Jacksonville, FL
6/21	Vestry Business Meeting
6/27& 30	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
6/26	Bishop Anne Vistation & Confirmation Day Reception to follow 11:00 service in the Parish Hall



Dear St Margaret's friends,

Thank you for all your warmth, kindness, and appreciation over the past six years.

Thank you for your kind words and friendly chats. Thank you for introducing yourselves or just saying hi, for sharing your thoughts or a smile, singing hymns, singing in choir, playing instruments, or just taking the time to listen.

Thank you for sharing your kids with me. I have loved working with them and watching them grow. My time here will always have a special place in my heart.

Sincerely,
Mara

