



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2015

Recently one of our homilists spoke of the small compromises we make which in time lead us blindly in sin. Similarly, those times we compromise our priorities lead us to a blindness of our priorities. We may think our priorities are in order, but when we examine where our time, focus and money goes, we may find our priorities have in fact strayed. Time, focus and money are the acid tests for priorities. Make an accounting, see where your priorities stand.

Then take a look at this week's e-mail and see if there is something in it which you can make a priority!

NEW ITEMS:

- **Cancer Support Group**
- **New Craft Group**
- **Support for Parents of Children with Disabilities**
- **Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores**
- **Caregivers Support Group**
- **Incense during Advent**
- **Women's Advent Breakfast**
- **Family Promise/ IHN**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Theology on Tap – The Holy Relics**
- **Why Not You?**
- **Behind Vatican Walls**
- **Just Girls**
- **Caroling for Haiti**
- **Advent Wreath Lighting**
- **SMM Church Bell**
- **Great Generations Cruise**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- [Mass & Devotion Times - Click Here](#)
- [Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, November 16

To the Heart of Discipleship, 8:45 am

Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am

Novena, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 17

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Elizabeth Ministry Rosary, 9:30 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Sewing Ministry, 1:00 pm
Theology on Tap, 5:30 pm
Why Not You?, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 18

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Writing our Stories, 10:00 am
Behind the Vatican Walls, 1:30 pm
Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00 pm
Just Girls, 4:00 pm
Edge Middle School, 6:30 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 19

Living Liturgy Group, 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer Group, 11:30 am
Adoration, 7:00 pm

Friday, November 20

Spiritual Reading Group, 10:00 am
New Craft Group/Teens & Seniors, 11:00 am

Sunday, November 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am

Monday, November 23

Heart of Discipleship, 10:00 am
Novena, 7:30 pm

Question of the Week

Do you experience in your life the first fruits of the kingdom of God?

From the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation, the idea of first fruits is found throughout the Bible.

In Genesis, Abel's offering from his flock pleases God. Cain's offering does not. We are left wondering why.

Perhaps the story of the encounter between Jesus and a scribe offers us a possible explanation. In the story, Jesus tells the scribe that he is "not far from the kingdom of God." Jesus applauds him for understanding that to love God "with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifice" (12:33).

In the Bible, offering our first fruits often conveys the idea of offering the best we have. Perhaps there should be no limit. Perhaps we should include all that we are and everything we have. Perhaps experiencing the kingdom of God is best accomplished with all our heart, all our understanding, and all our strength.

New Items:



Cancer Support Ministry Monday, November 16th at 10:00 am

Cancer Support Ministry will meet on Monday November 16th at 10:00am to 11:30am in the Family Life Center. We welcome all cancer patients and survivors. Come join us in our faith, love, laughter and tears, as we share our stories of healing and hope. For information call Deacon Bill at 407 647-3392 or email bill@stmargaretmary.org



NEW Craft Group for teens- seniors

All are invited to come and help make Christmas crafts for nursing home and other parish groups. Friday November 20, 11-3pm. Contact Eileen at eileenandgabriel@earthlink.net



Support and Prayer for Parents with a child or young adult with disabilities

Please consider joining fellow parishioners, Mary Senne and Trina Cassidy, for an hour of fellowship and prayer. As a group, we hope to encourage one another as we share the joys and challenges that we experience as we are called by God to this extraordinary ministry. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 19, 1:00-2:30 pm** in the Family Life Center. For more info or to RSVP please contact Trina at tcassidy@cfl.rr.com or call 321 282 8506.



Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores

St. Margaret Mary and All Saints Episcopal Invite You to Share Your Blessings This Year Through Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores.

Thanksgiving: Food will be collected the weekend of Nov. 21/22.
Christmas: New toys will be collected the weekend of Dec. 5/6.

[Click here](#) to see our donation request list

[Click here](#) to see our suggested toy list for 9-12 year olds

[Click here](#) to see our volunteer opportunities list



Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, November 24th from 10:00 to 11:30 am

The St. Margaret Mary Caregivers Support group will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 24th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Family Life Center. If you care for a loved one at home or in a facility, consider taking this time to share with those who are experiencing the same situations and emotions. Give yourself the gift of prayer and support by sharing with one another. For more information call Deacon Bill at 407 647-3392 or email Rosario at Rosario@ortigao.com



Incense at Advent

“Let my prayer arise before you like incense...”

Please be aware that incense will be used at some of our upcoming Masses next weekend as we celebrate Christ the King. For those of you who have allergies or a sensitivity to incense, you may want to consider participating at the 8:00 Sunday Mass, when incense will NOT be used.

Incense will also be used during Sundays of Advent (November 28-29, and the first three Sundays of December) and at the following Christmas Masses: 9:00pm, 11:00 pm on Christmas Eve, and 9:30am and 11:00am on Christmas Day.



Women's Advent Breakfast

Friday, Dec. 11, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.- Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: **Amanda Livermore**

Amanda is the Director of Mission Effectiveness for Bishop Moore Catholic High School. In this role, she is able to celebrate and strengthen the Catholic Identity of Bishop Moore through ministry with students, parents, teachers, and service within the community. Over the last ten years, she has worked for the Diocese of Orlando in Youth and Young Adult Ministry as well as Missions. She received her Masters in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University with a focus on Spirituality. These experiences help shape her own vocation as wife and mother of two children, Isabel and Sammy.

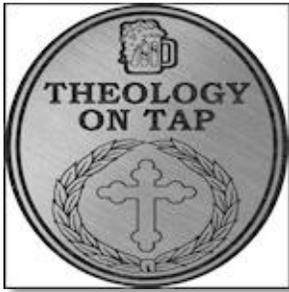


Family Promise/IHN is coming!!

Check your calendar today!

December 20-27 four homeless families with children will be staying on the second floor of our Family Life Building. If you would like to help by staying with the families while they are here, by setting up or taking down their living spaces, or by doing laundry, please contact Georgia Langdon, 407-628-0283 or langdongal@aol.com. If you would like to help by cooking dinner, please contact Melissa Bunkers, melissawbunkers@gmail.com or 407-484-5116. Thank you!

Previous Items:



Theology of Tap - The Holy Relics

Tuesday, November 17th

You have heard about the Shroud of Turin. Ever wonder what it was about that cloth that when Peter and John saw it in the tomb "they believed"? Did you know there is another cloth mentioned in that Gospel? Where is that? Ever wonder where the veil of Veronica is which is not in the Gospels but is remembered every time we do the stations of the cross? What about these relics of the true cross and the nails of the crucifixion? What about that sign they put over the head of Jesus on the cross that said "King of the Jews"? Where is the cup from the last supper? Come hear what the church has been revering for 2000 years and connect some of the dots from the readings you hear during Holy Week.

Deacon Jerry Hempstead will be speaking to the men of the parish on relics of the Catholic Church and share his extensive research and discoveries of why these ancient objects are used for veneration throughout Church history.

Date: Tuesday, November 17th

Time: 5:30pm Men's Fellowship, Cocktails and Dinner, 6:30 Presentation

Location: Restaurant - Cocina 214 - (151 E. Welbourne Ave, Winter Park... just off Park Ave.)

RSVP: <http://stmargaretmary.org/ministries/men-answering-the-call/>

Registration Contact: Dick baensch@earthlink.net

Sponsored by Men Answering the Call - Men's Ministry of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church



Why Not You?

Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 pm

Inspiring answers to God's invitation to the priesthood, religious life and marriage. For parents and children 12 years and older and all adults. In the St. Margaret Mary Family Center.

Featuring: Father Ben Berinti, Director of Catholic Campus Ministries at UCF, Sister Gini West, Religious of St. Margaret Mary parish. Andy Sojourner Vice Principal of St. Andrew's Catholic School. Lisa Sojourner, Campus Ministry Counselor at Bishop Moore High School.



Behind Vatican Walls

Wednesday, November 18th from 1:30 to 2:45 pm

The recent U.S. visit of Pope Francis has focused the world's attention on the papacy and the Holy See. To dispel some of the mystery of the Vatican, Jerry Schiffhorst, UCF professor and parishioner, looks at some of the amazing history of the world's oldest continuing institution and tiniest country. In the Bethany/Cana rooms of the Family Life Center.



Just Girls

This month's meeting is on "Modesty" Wednesday, November 18, 4-5:45pm in the Antioch & Damascus room of the Family Life Center. All girls must have a mother or grandmother attend the program with them.

All Teen Leaders must attend the planning session NEXT Sunday November 15, 7-8:45pm in the Family Life Center.



Caroling for Haiti

Saturday, December 5th

Having a Christmas party? Invite the 6:00 pm Mass Choir and friends to stop by and lead your guests in singing Christmas carols for about 20 minutes. All we ask is for a donation for Haiti. Call today. Best times get booked quickly. Contact Andrea Cavallere at: andrea@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 739-3698.



Advent Wreath Lighting

Would you like to assist in the liturgies during Advent by lighting a candle of the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass?

Please contact Lisa Weis at lisa@stmargaretmary.org or 407-647-3392 ext. 266 with your name, phone number, email and preferred Mass time. The four weekends of Advent are: November 28/29, December 5/6, December 12/13, and December 19/20.



St. Margaret Mary Church Bell

Rung as a call to prayer before all Masses, the new bell will officially ring before all Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28 & 29, 2015.



Great Generations Cruise down the Mississippi **February 21-29, 2016**

To cruise down the Mississippi with over thirty of your fellow parishioners and their friends is the treat waiting for you!! Yes, you, too, can be a part of a delightful voyage on the *American Queen* that has so many attributes...the proximity of flights, round trip to New Orleans, an overnight stay at a hotel in New Orleans before boarding our ship, and a marvelous itinerary. Call Mitzi Janszen (407) 951-5024 or Miriam Timmes (407) 644-6208 to reserve your stateroom now.

Parish Vision Statement

Called into relationship by the Holy Spirit and
Centered in the Eucharist
St. Margaret Mary Parish is a welcoming community,
Sent by Christ to serve.