



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

The Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2015

Over the past several weeks, our readings have focused on our preparedness for the end of times, as happens at the end of each of our three cycles of liturgical readings. This final week of the liturgical cycle we have considered the kingship of Jesus Christ over the entire universe.

Both topics focus us on seeking the truth. Are you actively seeking the truth? Or, might you have fallen into a cycle of finding just enough truth to get by? Our passion for learning as much of the truth as possible may be one of the measures we can use to assess the real commitment we have made to Jesus Christ.

Look for something in this week's e-mail that expands your awareness of the truth, or that intensifies your passion for seeking the truth.

NEW ITEMS:

- Celebrating Advent at Home
- Haiti Alternate Gift Program
- Thanksgiving Blessings
- Beloved
- Christmas Store
- Blood Drive
- Immaculate Conception
- Taize Prayer

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- Caroling for Haiti
- Women's Advent Breakfast
- Advent Wreath Lighting
- SMM Church Bell
- Family Promise/ IHN
- Incense during Advent

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, November 23

Thanksgiving Store Today

To the Heart of Discipleship, 8:45 am

Novena, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 24

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am

Lord Have Mercy Book Discussion, 10:00 am

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

Sewing Ministry, 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 25

Playgroup, 10:00 am

Writing our Stories, 10:00 am

Behind the Vatican Walls, 1:30 pm

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 27

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Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Monday, November 30

Heart of Discipleship, 10:00 am

Novena, 7:30 pm

Question of the Week

The truth stares Pilate in the face, but he does not recognize it. When have I ignored God's truth in favor of my own?

"What is truth?"

One of the most profound questions found anywhere in the Bible was asked by a man caught in a maelstrom of hatred and insanity.

His name was Pontius Pilate.

The Gospel of Luke says Pilate had wanted to see Jesus for a long time. And the first thing he did was to ask Jesus questions - life and death questions.

Perhaps Pilate really wanted help in finding truth, but the screams of the crowd overwhelmed his desire to understand.

Truth needs quiet moments with God. It also needs loving and caring friends who sincerely seek truth along with you.

New Items:



Advent at Home

Advent begins on the 4th Sunday before Christmas, November 29th, and ends at sunset on Christmas Eve.

Gather family and friends in your home each of the 4 weeks of Advent for a simple dinner and time of sharing and reflection.

Contact the Family Life Office to order your "Home Advent Kit" which includes an Advent wreath, Advent prayers, suggestions for reflection & discussion to help all experience this season of hope and joy in a new way this year. For a flier to share with a friend [Click Here](#)



Haiti Alternate Gift Program

Give a Meaningful Gift this Christmas! Beginning next weekend you can once again give a meaningful gift at Christmas through the Haiti Alternate Gift Program. Send the animal card of your choice to friends and family via our parish web site at: <http://stmargaretmary.org/haiti-christmas-livestock-program/>

These cards are available at varying prices on line, at the parish office during the week, and after weekend Masses in December. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Blessings

The students and staff of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you for your consistent support of our parish school. God bless you!



Beloved

Next Session: Friday, December 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The session is titled: "Building A Thriving Marriage." Here is a preview of what we will discuss: What would happen to your marriage if you became more aware of yourselves, did the work of marriage, made a point of being together more, pursued virtue more passionately, and learned to be more patient with each other? How good could you be together? What might be some of the results?

All couples, engaged and married are invited to this exciting session. RSVP by Tuesday, December 1st to lori@stmargaretmary.org.



Christmas Store

St. Margaret Mary and All Saints Episcopal Thank You for Sharing Your Blessings This Year Through Our Thanksgiving Store and invite you to do so at Our Christmas Store. New toys will be collected the weekend of Dec. 5/6.

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

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

Thank you for your many years of great generosity in support of this meaningful ministry.



Blood Drive

Sunday, December 6th from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Jump on the Big Red Bus and give the gift of life. One donation can save up to three lives. Please bring photo ID.

Why give blood?

There is no substitute for human blood. When you donate blood, you are making an immediate contribution to the health and welfare of your community. Blood is needed by patients facing planned and unplanned medical procedures, trauma victims, cancer patients and premature babies. Your donation will help an ill or injured patient within a few days. The turn-around is that fast. The need is constant.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass, Monday, December 7th, 5:30 pm (followed by Taize Prayer).

Masses, Tuesday, December 8th, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm



Taize Prayer

Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Church

Immerse yourself in this opportunity to connect with God through prayer and song in a unique environment of soft candle light and traditional icons.

Previous Items:



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.



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.



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.



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!



Incense at Advent

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

Please be aware that incense will be used during the 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.

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.

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.