



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

First Sunday of Lent

February 15, 2016

What have you changed recently? Maybe the air conditioning filters, the oil in your car, the air freshener, your laundry detergent. What have you changed about yourself recently? Same answers? Maybe your schedule, your hair color, your diet. Really, what real change have you made that will bring you to be the greatest you which God imagined at your creation?

Big things? Not much at all? Look in this week's e-mail for opportunities that draw you closer to being the best you God imagined at your creation.

NEW ITEMS:

- Bereavement Support Group
- Life Plus for Fourth Graders & Parents
- "Rediscover Jesus" Book Study
- First Communion Preparation Session
- "The Power of Forgiveness" Movie
- 2016 Parish Lenten Almsgiving Project
- The Great Generation

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- 33 Days to Morning Glory
- Single Mingle Group
- Stations of the Cross
- Blood Drive
- Bridging the Color Divide
- St. Margaret Mary Golf Classic
- SMM Grant Opportunities
- Marriage Conference
- Free Income Tax Preparation
- Vocation Essay Contest

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, February 15

Heart of Discipleship 8:45 am
Blessed are You Who Mourn, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 16

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Life Plus for Fourth Graders, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, February 17

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Writing our Stories, 10:00 am
Edge Middle School, 6:30 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
"Rediscover Jesus" Book Study, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 18

Living Liturgy 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:30 am
Single Mingle, 5:00 pm
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 19

High School Girls Game Night
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 20

Baby Basics, 1:00 pm

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent
Bloodmobile, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm
Faith Formation for Children, 10:45 am
Family Faith, 10:45 am
Retrovaille, 1:30 pm
Bridging the Color Divide, 3:00 pm
Just Girls Teen Leaders, 7:00 pm
Life Teen High School, 7:15 pm

Monday, February 22

Heart of Discipleship 8:45 am
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

"When you're finished changing, you're finished."

- Benjamin Franklin

Question of the Week

“As Lent begins, what in my heart needs changing?”

Change never stops. Neither does time. Try freezing a moment of music, and the music goes away.

Change and time are the heartbeat of life on earth.

St. Paul wasn't complaining when he said, “At present we see indistinctly as in a mirror” (1 Corinthians 13:12). As long as Paul lived on earth there would be more to learn. Only in heaven, where there is no time, could he hope to say, “I shall know fully.”

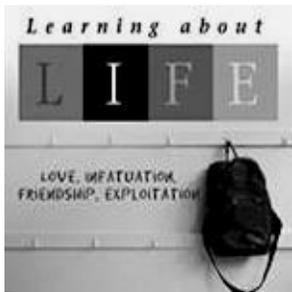
As long as you live, God never stops telling you new things. Perhaps your heart should change a little every time he does.

New Items:



Bereavement Support Group Every Monday, February 15th through March 21st Starting at 7:00 pm

“Blessed Are You Who Morn For You Shall Be Comforted” is a six-week faith-based bereavement support group. The group will meet in the Family Life Center with Sally Kopke, M.S. For registration please call Deacon Bill Timmes at: (407) 647-3392 or email bill@stmargaretmary.org.



Life Plus for Fourth Graders & Parents Tuesday, February 16th from 6:45 to 7:45 pm

Learning about L.I.F.E. (Love, Infatuation, Friendship and Exploitation) is designed to help parents talk to their children about relationships, sexuality, chasitivity and abuse. The L.I.F.E. sessions are designed to cover these sensitive topics in an engaging, interactive manner, using language and activities that are appropriate to this age group. One parent or guardian must accompany the child. The session is in the Bethany/Cana Rooms. For questions please contact Kristie Altman at (407)

647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org.



“Rediscover Jesus” Book Study

February 17th & 24th and March 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Join Fr. Walsh and Sr. Rosemary who will facilitate a three-week book study of “Rediscover Jesus” during Lent. Want to talk about this book and share your insights? Want to hear what others have to say? Most importantly, do you want to discuss Jesus and his rediscovered place in your life? Mark your calendars!



First Communion Preparation Session

Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:45 pm

After prayer in the church, children will go to the school for their sessions. Parents will go to the Parish Hall for a session with Carol Stanton on Liturgy of the Word. Babysitting is provided for children 5 years and under. Please contact Kristie at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org if you need babysitting. You must give us your name and the child’s name and age.



“The Power of Forgiveness” Movie

Monday, February 29th at 7:00 pm

“Life is an adventure in forgiveness,” writer and editor Norman Cousins once stated. It is a key spiritual practice in all the world’s religions, our chief means of letting go of resentments and the first crucial step in reconciling ourselves with our neighbors. This 78-minute film won Best Documentary at Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival. Movie by Martin Doblmeier.



2016 Parish Lenten Almsgiving Project

“Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency”

- *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*

Through this year’s Lenten alms project, you are helping the local organization IDignity give people an easy way to replace identification documents they may have lost or may never have had; documents that allow them to participate fully in today’s society; documents such as birth certificates, Social Security cards and Florida ID cards. For more details or to arrange a tour, please visit www.idignity.org.



The Great Generation

Solace and Inspiration at San Pedro Center
March 18th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Father A. Giles Schnell, TOR will offer a visual peek at the allegory of Virtues and Vices as can be seen above the altar (tomb and resting place of St. Francis of Assisi) of the lower basilica. The cost of \$25 includes continental breakfast and lunch. The day concludes with Mass at 1:00 pm. You must register before March 8th with Mitzie Janszen at (407) 252-5397

Previous Items:



33 Days to Morning Glory

Starting Wednesday February 17th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Join us for a six-week retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Gain new insights into Marian Consecration, learn how key saints and blessed lived it out, and how you can live it out as well.

Damascus Room, Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm: February 17th and 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Contact Stephen for more information and to sign up at stephen@stmargaretmary.org. [Click Here](#) for a retreat flier.



Single Mingle Group

Thursday, February 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

The Welcome Team has formed a new social group called Single Mingle for singles over 40, over 50 and over 60. The group will meet monthly at golf courses, restaurants and other events in settings conducive to laughter, good conversation and mutual interest. The first meeting will be at Mitchell's Restaurant. For questions and reservations please email Karen at kjd779@yahoo.com. Please come and join the fun and meet some new people in a casual setting.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday Night ,7:00 to 7:45 pm

A great opportunity for all to renew their devotion to the prayers of Jesus' love for us. This is an intergenerational prayer time, so all ages are encouraged to participate.

Children fifth grade and older and adults are invited to volunteer in this prayer time by reading scripture and reflections and by carrying candles in the procession around the stations. Please call the Family Office to arrange a week to volunteer your whole family at (407) 645-0284.



Blood Drive

Sunday, February 21 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Jump on the Big Red Bus and give the gift of life. Please bring a photo ID

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.



Community Discussion on Bridging the Color Divide

Sunday, February 21st from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Don't miss this great event! You are invited to bring your personal stories and experiences of the Color Divide in your daily lives to the discussion. Then take the opportunity to share with one another the impact of this divide in a respectful, inspiring atmosphere of prayer and listening and hope. Parishioners, neighbors and friends are invited.

The discussion will be held at the Winter Park Community Center, 721 W. New England Avenue. Please let us know that you are coming by calling (407) 628-1324 or by email at: maryann@stmargaretmary.org. Sponsored by St. Margaret Mary.



St. Margaret Mary Golf Classic

Saturday, February 27th starts at 8:00 am

Father Walsh invites you to a day of fellowship on the golf course to benefit St. Margaret Mary Catholic School. Breakfast and lunch at The Porch are included. (Lunch will immediately follow the tournament). For more information, or to become a sponsor please email at: golf-info@smmknight.org. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Registration is due by February 12th. For a hard copy registration: [Click Here](#). To register online: [Click Here](#)



SMM Grant Opportunities

Deadline March 1st at the Parish Office

The deadline (March 1) for grant applications will be here before you know it. If you or your favorite non-profit organization is working to enhance the dignity and quality of life of people in need, you may apply for a grant from \$500 to \$5,000.

Applications are available via the parish web site. Go to www.stmargaretmary.org then click on **Ministries** at the top. Click on **Advocacy and Justice** and then **Grant**

Application. Hard copies are also available at the parish office. This popular program funds twice a year in the spring and the fall. For more information call Mary Ann (407) 628-1324.



Marriage Conference

Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm

The Diocese of Orlando will offer a marriage conference to be held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. For more information and to register go to www.togetherinholiness.org.



Free Income Tax Preparation

March 13th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

(By Appointment Only)

Lower income parishioners are invited to take advantage of this free income tax preparation service by calling (407) 671-4696 to make an appointment. Please be sure to mention that you are a parishioner when calling. Tax returns will be prepared at American Tax & Business Shoppe, LLC, 6924 Aloma Avenue (Aloma Business Center - between Forsyth and Goldenrod Roads) in Winter Park.

Service is for simple tax returns including Electronic Filing but not Schedules C,D, and E. This free service follows the parameters for the IRS AARP and VITA programs is offered by parishioners Don Christie, EA,CSA, American Tax & Business Shoppe, LLC; Karen Christie, RTRP, American Tax & Business Shoppe, LLC; and Roland Lawrence RTRP, Lawrence's Tax Service.



Vocation Essay Contest

"Who Will Care for God's People? Why Not You?" The contest is open to students in college, high school, and eighth through fifth grades. Entries must be typed and be 200-225 words. Entries must include the participant's name, address, email address, school grade and telephone number. Prizes ranging from \$100 to \$25 will be awarded in four age categories.

Email entries should be sent to kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Hard copy entries may be mailed or dropped off at the Family Life Center 526 N.Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789. For a flyer: [Click Here](#). Contest closes on March 7th.

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.