



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 21, 2016

It is Holy Week now. The Sacred Triduum is only days away. What significance do you attach to Holy Week? Do you experience the variety of emotions emerging from Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper celebration, to his wrongful condemnation, to his crucifixion, to his glorious resurrection? Or is Holy Week just a mile marker between the New Year and summer?

As this sacred roller coaster of emotion unfolds during Holy Week, a good entry point would be in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Accept Christ's loving embrace, as he invites you to a deeper understanding of his sacrifice for you.

Print out page 4 of the print friendly version of this email and post it on the refrigerator as your guide for the opportunities to fully involve yourself in this week's celebrations. The full print friendly version will be available soon at the link at the bottom of left column. For just the Holy Week schedule, [click here](#).

NEW ITEMS:

- Holy Week Schedule
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Lenten Almsgiving Can Return
- Pre-Easter Egg Hunt
- Silent Auction, Tea and Bake Sale
- "Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Video Series
- Diocese of Orlando Vocation Workshop
- Theology on Tap
- First Holy Communion Preparation
- Ushers and Greeters Needed
- Playgroup
- Vacation Bible Camp

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- Matthew Kelly Coming to St. Patrick's in Mount Dora
- Divorce Survival Guide
- Life in the Eucharist
- Peace Picnic
- RiseUp Men's Conference
- Wendy's Boycott

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, March 21

Reconciliation, 8:30 am
Cancer Support Group 10:00 am
Reconciliation, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 22

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Reconciliation, 8:30 am
Living Stations of the Cross, 9:00 am
Caregiver's Support Group, 10:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Reconciliation, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 23

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00 pm
Adult Scripture Group, 7:00 pm
33 Days to Morning Glory, 7:00 pm

Sacred Triduum

Thursday, March 24

Morning Prayer 8:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 25

Morning Prayer, 8:00 am
Stations of the Cross, 12:00 Noon
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 pm
Prayer around the Cross, 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 26

Morning Prayer, 8:00 am
Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday
Easter Sunrise Mass, Central Park, 6:30 am
Easter Masses, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Monday, March 28

Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“The just shall flourish like the palm tree.”

- Psalm 92:13

Question of the Week

“What significance do I attach to the palm branch I take home today?”

Why did Jesus want to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey while a large number of people cheered?

Wanting to receive praise and adulation seems somewhat out of character for Jesus in light of the words said about him in Palm Sunday's second reading: “Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” (Philippians 2:6-7).

The question becomes even more perplexing since Jesus knew he was making himself into a target. His death would be only a few days away.

Perhaps, part of the answer may be that Jesus' “triumphal entry into Jerusalem” began the culmination of his life's journey. He was about to fulfill his mission.

For all of us, discerning our purpose in life can give us a better sense of direction and mission. Perhaps reflecting on why we take a palm branch home may help us better understand part of that purpose

New Items:



Plan now for the observation of the most sacred week of our Liturgical Calendar

Chrism Mass

Wednesday, March 23rd - 6:30 pm at St. James Cathedral

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 24th - 8:00 am, Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper (with Adoration until 11:00 pm)
(There will be no 8:00 am or 5:30 pm Mass)

Good Friday

Friday, March 25th - 8:00 am, Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 7:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 9:00 pm, Prayer Around the Cross through the Eyes of Mary

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 26th - 8:00 am, Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 8:00 pm, Easter Vigil Mass (with Service of Light and Baptism)

Easter Sunday

Sunday March 27th - 6:30 am, Sunrise Mass in Central Park (bring a lawn chair)
- 8:00 am and 9:30 am and 12 Noon (Mass)



As Easter approaches, prepare the way of the Lord with the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Penance

Monday, March 21st - 8:30 to 9:30 am and 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the chapel
Tuesday, March 22nd - 8:30 to 9:30 am and 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the chapel
Wednesday, March 23rd - 8:30 to 9:30 am in the chapel



Lenten Almsgiving Can

Please remember to return your Lenten almsgiving can to the church on Holy Thursday. Your contributions go to helping people replace identification documents they may have lost or may never have had.



Pre-Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26th

The Knights of Columbus Council #2112 is sponsoring a Pre-Easter Egg Hunt at Good Shepherd Church located at 5900 Oleander Drive in Orlando. The egg hunt time schedule will be conducted by age group. Walk-up registration at 9:00 am. Bring a basket or plastic bag.



Downton Abbey Tea, Silent Auction & Bake Sale Saturday, April 2nd from 2:00 to 4:30 pm

Come as your favorite character or come as yourself. The TV series may be over, but we can still enjoy a cup of tea with our friends. Doors of the Parish Hall will open at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For information about purchasing tickets please call Lynne Kline at (407) 496-6260 or ckline@cfl.rr.com. Tickets will not be on sale at the church office. To volunteer or contribute baked goods email annemcquiggan@comcast.net.



New Video Series Beginning Wednesday, April 6th through June 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The "Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a new video series about divine mercy and St. John Paul II featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. With his characteristic skill and lucid style, Fr. Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustins, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty.

This ten-session journey will be facilitated by Lynette Bryant and be presented in the Damascus Room of our Family Life Center.

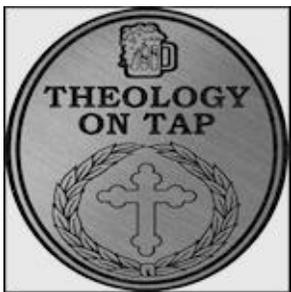


Diocese of Orlando Vocation Workshop

Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bishop John Noonan invites you to the 8th Annual Diocese of Orlando Vocation Workshop to be held in our Family Life Center. The schedule includes Mass with Bishop Noonan and in-depth discussions on how parishes and schools can effectively promote vocations. All are invited to come and learn innovative practices that can help plant seeds into the hearts of young people to discover God's call in their lives.

The keynote speaker is Father Tim Daly who will deliver a powerful message on the theme: "Dare to Invite." Lunch is included. RSVP by March 23rd to Darcey Dinh at ddinh@orlandodiocese.org or (407) 246-4875.



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, April 12th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Men Answering the Call invites all men of the parish to attend the next Theology on Tap event. Our special guest is Fr. Anthony Aarons, TOR who will speak about the Jubilee Year of Mercy and his role as one of the 125 Missionaries of Mercy recently selected by Pope Francis. Location: Cocina 214 located at 151 E. Welbourne Avenue in Winter Park. Please RSVP to Dick Baensch at baensch@earthlink.net. For a copy of the event flyer [Click Here](#).



First Holy Communion Preparation

Tuesday, April 12th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

Parents and children should meet in the church for our last session. Babysitting is available for children five years old and under. Please contact Kristie at (407) 647-5171 or kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Please provide the name and age of your child.



USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and Greeters Needed

We are in great need of parishioners to serve as ushers and greeters, particularly at the 12 Noon and 6:00 pm Masses. Women, men and youth are needed to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, welcoming and assisting all who come to worship. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy at: lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726.



Playgroup

Every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am

This is not a drop off but a great way for moms or dads or caretakers with babies or toddlers to meet other parishioners and play in a safe, playful environment. Held in the nursery in our Family Life Center. Contact Melissa for more information at Mchand01@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible Camp

Don't miss the fun and excitement. Come to Cave Quest during the week of June 20-24, 9:00 am to noon daily. Registration will be the weekend of April 16-17 in the courtyard after all Masses. Children ages 4-years-old preschool through sixth grade are invited to attend. The fee is \$30 per child.

Crew leaders in seventh grade and above are needed. Adult leaders are needed. Training will be offered Sunday, June 12th at 10:45 am. Anyone over fifteen years of age must be fingerprinted. Please check the church website for information on safe environment and fingerprinting. Please allow at least three weeks for this process

Previous Items:



Matthew Kelly Coming to St. Pat's in Mount Dora

Saturday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm

We have read his books, *Rediscovering Catholicism* and *Rediscover Jesus*. Now, come to see him live. The Passion and Purpose event led by Matthew Kelly invites us all to identify God's voice in our lives and the specific purpose for which we were created. Matthew inspires attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of our lives including prayer and spirituality, work, dating and marriage, personal finances, health and wellbeing, parenting, and community involvement.

Every event attendee will receive an event bag which contains a book, CD, journal, pen and several other great resources. Tickets are \$39.00 and can be purchased online at: <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Passion-and-Purpose-Mount-Dora-FL-p/pppm040216.htm> of the St. Patrick's Church office (352) 383-8556.



Divorce Survival Guide

Starting Tuesday April 5th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. With the help of counselors, theologians and priests you can go from pain and loneliness to hope and healing. Practical advice meets pastoral care, with the help of experts and others, who have suffered through divorce. As they witness to their pain and to the redemptive power of Christ, you will laugh, cry and identify with their journey from heartache to healing.

\$20.00 registration fee includes book and snacks. Scholarships are available. For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#). For a registration form: [Click Here](#). For additional information contact: Lori Reinneck, Director of Family Life Ministries at (407) 645-0284 or lori@stmargaretmary.org.



Life in the Eucharist

April 8th & 9th

The heart of every parish is found in its coming together to celebrate the Eucharist. In recent times Catholics have witnessed an unprecedented reform of our entire sacramental system. The renewal of the liturgy invites Catholics to enjoy full, conscious and active participation in the rites of their church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

Come and explore five rich themes of the Mystery of the Eucharist: Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and Mission.

Friday, April 8th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (Light snacks served)

Saturday, April 9th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mass (Continental breakfast and lunch served)

This program is provided at no cost. Babysitting is available upon request (ages 0-4 years). For more information or to register contact Andrea Cavallere (407) 998-5678 or Andrea@stmargaretmary.org.



Peace Picnic

Saturday, April 23rd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

For people of all faith traditions to meet, connect and celebrate core principles of love and acceptance that define our shared belief in the Divine Creator. Please bring a covered dish to share. For a day of peace and fun-filled activities please join us at Lake Mills Park, 1301 Tropical Avenue in Chuluota in Pavilion #2. For details contact Jean Bagga at: baggamom@gmail.com. Sponsored by Friends in Faith.



RiseUp Men's Conference **Saturday, April 23rd**

All men are invited to the RiseUp Men's Conference at Holy Family Catholic Church at 5125 S. Apopka Vineland Road in Orlando.

This will be an opportunity for men to gather together with other men and hear how God calls us to live out our faith in our daily lives. There will be three dynamic speakers, lunch and opportunities for confession and adoration, all for a suggested donation of only \$20.00. For information and to register, visit www.orlandodiocese.org/riseup. For questions: orlandocatholicmen@gmail.com.



Wendy's Boycott

Join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' boycott by going to <http://ciw-online.org/workersvoice/>. Read the reasons for the boycott, then take the pledge. Wendy's has refused to join the Fair Food Program and has stopped buying tomatoes from Florida altogether. Wendy's new supplier code of conduct has no effective mechanisms for worker participation or enforcement.

Wendy's continues to provide a market for less reputable growers, thus gaining a cost advantage over McDonald's, Yum Brands, Subway, and Burger King who all are part of the Fair Food Program.

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.