



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2016

It is often said that our world today seeks too much immediate gratification. Maybe so, especially if we find ourselves only looking for the next reward or thrill. Maybe a more long term goal would be joy... sincere radiant joy. The joy which comes from a satisfaction deep in our souls. How do you get such a thing?

Look in this week's email for opportunities to cultivate in yourself the kind of Joy of the Gospel that Pope Francis has been calling us to share with the world.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Thomas Merton Study Group**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- **Second Greatest Story Ever Told**
- **Symbolon**
- **Vigil to Dry Tears**
- **Boy Scout Food Drive**
- **Mass Projectionists Wanted**
- **New Bells for Our Church**
- **Memorial Gifts**
- **"Victorious Christ" Crucifix**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Pentecost Multi-lingual Intercessions**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **Caregiver Support Group**
- **Edge Youth Group**
- **Family Promise is Coming**
- **Great Generation Outing**
- **Youth Mission Trips**
- **Steubenville Orlando Conference**
- **Ushers and Greeters Needed**
- **Vacation Bible Camp**
- **Weekend Mass Parking**
- **Coffee and Donuts Volunteers**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, April 25

Heart of Discipleship, 8:45 am
Spiritual Reading Group, 1:00 pm
RCIA Inquiry, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 26

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Caregiver's Support, 10:00 am
Divorce Survival Guide, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 27

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Writing our Stories, 10:00 am
Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00 pm
Edge Middle School, 6:30 pm
Second Greatest Story, 7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28

Centering Prayer, 11:30 am
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, April 29

Spiritual Reading Group, 10:00 am

Saturday, April 30

First Communion Rehearsal, 8:30 am
First Communion Mass, 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Communion Mass, 9:30 am
First Communion Mass, Noon

Monday, May 2

Heart of Discipleship, 8:45 am
Spiritual Reading Group, 1:00 pm
RCIA Inquiry, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

- 2 Corinthians 13:12

Question of the Week

“What happens in my relationships when I love as Jesus has loved?”

Joy.

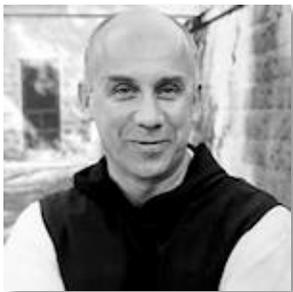
He waited a long time to shake the hands of his friends. To share a meal with his neighbors. To kiss the cheek of his mother.

He waited centuries to physically touch the people whom he had put on this earth.

These must have been moments of joy for Jesus.

We don't have to wait centuries to touch others and experience the joy. We can do it every day.

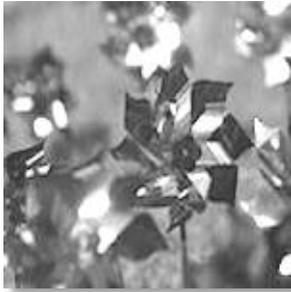
New Items:



Thomas Merton Study Group

First or Second Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

At San Pedro Spiritual Center we are currently reading “New Seeds of Contemplation”. If you enjoy good conversation and would like company on your faith journey, this may be the group for you. To learn more contact Katherine Grimm at: (407) 927-8683 or grimmk@aol.com.



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Call the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284 if you have concerns about a child's welfare or want to improve relationships within your family. For a child abuse fact sheet contact the National Child Traumatic Stress Network established by Congress in 2000 at www.nctsn.org

Combining knowledge of child development, expertise in the full range of child traumatic experiences, and dedication to evidence-based practices, the NCTSN changes the course of children's lives by changing the course of their care.



Second Greatest Story Ever Told Every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The "Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10-session film journey featuring the renowned Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. With his characteristic skill and lucid style, Fr. Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximillian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty. Meeting in the Damascus Room. Facilitator: Lynette Bryant.



Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained Available on Our Parish FORMED Account

"Symbolon is like a visual catechism." Symbolon is available for free through our parish FORMED account. The parish codes are still available by calling the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284.

For more information about Symbolon visit their website at: www.symboloncatholic.org.



Vigil to Dry Tears Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm

The Vigil to Dry Tears is a prayer service for those who are suffering and in need of consoling. It will be conducted at Sts. Peter and Paul Church at 5300 Old Howell Branch Road in Winter Park. For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#).



Boy Scout Food Drive

Prior to all Masses on the Weekend of May 14/15

St. Margaret Mary's Boy Scout Troop 62 is holding its 6th annual food drive to "Stock the Shelves" of the Winter Park and Apopka Farmworker's food pantries. We hope to collect over three tons of food. One in four of Central Florida's children currently live in poverty and face hunger daily.

Please bring non-perishable food items prior to any Mass on the weekend of May 14/15. All items will be collected outside the Church. For more information contact Jane Maihan at (407) 620-9478 or jmaihan@cfl.rr.com.



Mass Projectionists Wanted

Are you a detail-oriented person who is comfortable with using technology? If so, we would like to talk with you. A few additional projectionists - the people who run the slides at Mass - are needed. To find out more, send an email to Mark in the Music Office at mark@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 998-5679.



Two New Bells for Our Church

June 23rd has been set aside as the casting date for two new bells that are being donated to SMM parish. The casting will take place at the 220 year old Paccard Foundry in Annecy, France, a beautiful town not far from the Geneva airport.

Several parishioners have indicated an interest in witnessing the event. If you would like to attend you can contact Michael Kakos at michael@kakos.info for additional information.



Gifts to the Church

Few gifts make as much of a statement as those given to memorialize or honor someone or to celebrate a special event. Not only does our parish benefit from the generosity of those who give, but special people are recognized and remembered for years to come. Opportunities to make such a special gift include: vestments for daily and weekend Masses, liturgical books, as well as liturgical vessels and furnishings.

For more information, please contact Lisa Weis, director of liturgy at lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726.



“Victorious Christ” Crucifix

You can own a replica of the Albin-Polasek “Victorious Christ” crucifix that hangs in our Chapel. These beautiful art pieces are \$100.00. They make fine gifts for First Communion, weddings, birthdays, Mother’s Day or Father’s Day. They can be purchased through the Parish Office during the week.

Previous Items:



Pentecost Multi-lingual Intercessions

Do you speak a language other than English? Would you like to assist with reading the intercessions in different languages on Pentecost Sunday? If so, we could use your help.

Please contact Lisa Weis, liturgy director, at lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726. You will be given a petition to translate into your own language and have the opportunity to read the intercession at the Mass(es) of your choice on Pentecost

weekend, May 14/15. Thank you.



Learn More about Human Trafficking

Monday, April 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This timely presentation on human trafficking is designed for adults, especially parents and grandparents. Human trafficking has become pervasive in Florida in the past decade. This presentation will focus on the children, youth and young adults from the US and other countries who are trafficked for sexual exploitation. You will be provided with information to increase awareness of possible victims as well as contact information for agencies who can further assess the situation and provide

assistance. Meeting in the Bethany and Cana Rooms.



Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, April 26th from 10:00 to 11:30 am

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



EDGE Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday, April 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Sixth Grade

Come learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our next session entitled: "Washed Clean."



Family Promise is Coming

Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, May 8th

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 Judy Allen at (407) 644-8855 or judyallen244@gmail.com.



SMM Great Generation

Saturday, May 14th at 2:00 pm

SMM Great Generation invites you to see the musical "Singing in the Rain" at the Mediterranean revival style, Winter Garden Theatre. Prior to the show we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at the Farm-Fresh Al Fresco Restaurant. The trip price of \$79.00 includes ticket, lunch, transportation and gratuities. The reservation and payment deadline is April 8th. For meal choices and more information call John Rickelman at (407) 677-7802 or Miriam Timmes (407) 644-6208.



Youth Mission Trips

June 12 - 18 in Cincinnati, Ohio

July 10 - 16 in Charleston, South Carolina

Attention all 8th through 12th grade students! We still have spots open for our summer mission trips. Come join us in Cincinnati or Charleston for an unforgettable experience. The cost of each mission trip is \$450.00 plus an additional charge for free day activities. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is needed for each spot to be secured. Chaperones attend the mission trip at no cost. Scholarships, partial and full, are available upon consultation with the Youth Director at: hunter@stmargaretmary.org.

To sign up contact Hunter at: hunter@stmargaretmary.org or Sandi at: sandi@stmargaretmary.org. If you are interested in serving as a chaperone please contact the Youth Office as soon as possible at: hunter@stmargaretmary.org.



Steubenville Orlando Youth Conference

July 22 - 24

For all current high school students. The speakers include Chris Padgett, Matt Fradd, Ike Ndolo and more. The cost of \$250 includes all meals, conference fees and lodging at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. To sign up contact Hunter at: hunter@stmargaretmary.org or Sandi at: sandi@stmargaretmary.org. For more information check out <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth>



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.



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 April 17th 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 entering seventh grade this fall and youth in grades above this are needed. Adult leaders are always needed. You may volunteer for one or more days. 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. Come, follow the light of Jesus!

[Check here for a Cave Quest Registration form.](#)



Weekend Mass Parking

Please remember that St. Margaret Mary has been granted permission that allows parishioners to use the parking lots at two neighboring buildings as extra parking space for 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and all Sunday Masses. We thank CenturyLink for their neighborly generosity!

[Click here for a map to this conveniently located parking.](#)



Coffee and Donut Volunteer Opportunities

We are often asked where our delicious donuts come from every week. While it would be accurate to say from Donut King in Clermont, it is more accurate to say from the generosity of parishioners who take the time to set up, serve, and clean up the courtyard after the socializing is done. You may be able to help out just once a month. We are currently looking to fill a "donut hole" in our schedule for the third Sunday of each month after the 9:30 am Mass. This is a perfect ministry for those who have limited time, but still want to help our community.

For more information, please contact Coleen Nuñez at colleen@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-2579.

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.