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Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 22, 2016

Of course, Jesus knows who you are right now. After all, he created you! However, do you know Jesus? How much time do you spend getting to know him? How can you get to know him better? Look in this week's email for opportunities that bring you closer to Christ, his community and knowledge of his plan for you.

NEW ITEMS:

- Pope Francis' One-Minute Video
- SMM Caregivers Support Group
- Kingdom Builders
- Faith Formation Parent Orientation
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores Planning Meeting
- Women's Bible Study
- Retrouvaille
- The Elijah Cup
- Volunteers Needed - Donut Ministry

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- "Lord Teach Me To Pray"
- Cursillo Information Night
- Divorce Survival Guide
- "Lord Teach Me to Pray"
- Just Girls Leadership Team Orientation
- Great Generation Trip
- Relive Beatlemania
- Sacrament Preparation

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, August 22

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 23

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
SMM Caregivers Support Group, 10:00 am

Wednesday, August 24

Writing our Stories, 10:00 am
Playgroup, 10:00 am
“Lord Teach Me To Pray” 11:00 am
“Lord Teach Me To Pray” 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 25

Living Liturgy Group, 9:00 am
Centering Prayer, 10:30 am
Elevate: HS Student Leadership, 6:30 pm
Cursillo “Come and See” Wine and Cheese
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm

Friday, August 26

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Orientation for Parents of Children’s Faith Formation, 10:45 am
Divorce Survival Guide Information Meeting, 1:00 pm
Retrouvaille, 1:30 pm
Confirmation: Mandatory Student and Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

- Luke 23:43

Question of the Week

“How will my actions in the next 10 hours, 10 days, 10 years determine if Jesus knows me at the gate?”

We can hope only for what is possible. We can hope only with the gift of faith.

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

We can have faith and hope only because of God’s love.

“We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. . . In this love brought to perfection among us, that we have confidence on the day of judgment” (1 John 4:16-17).

We cannot know for certain what will happen when we arrive at “the gate.” But every day for the rest of our lives, we can prepare for what is possible by accepting and celebrating God’s gifts of faith, hope and love.

New Items:



Pope Francis' One Minute Video Pope Francis Invites Syrian Refugees to Lunch

From the Catholic News Agency's featured videos, Pope Francis has lunch with Syrian refugee families: [Click Here](#).

For coverage of current news from a Catholic perspective visit the Catholic News Agency's website at: www.catholicnewsagency.com.



SMM Caregivers Support Group Tuesday, August 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 am

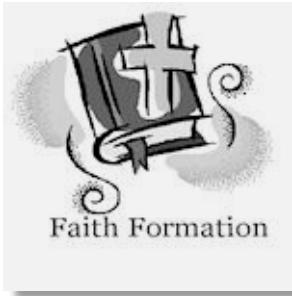
If you care for a loved one at home or in a facility, consider taking this time to share with those who are experiencing the same situations and emotions. Give yourself the gift of prayer and support by sharing with one another. We meet in the Family Life Center. For more information call Deacon Bill at (407) 647-3392 or email Rosario at Rosario@ortigao.com.



Kingdom Builders After Weekend Masses

If you missed getting a prayer card to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, married and single lives, please get one from the information cart in the courtyard after weekend Masses. You do not have to attend meetings or pay dues. We just ask for your sincere prayers.

For a copy of the Kingdom Builders prayer for vocations: [Click Here](#)



Faith Formation Parent Orientation Sunday, August 28th at 10:45 am in Parish Hall or Tuesday, August 30th at 6:45 pm in Bethany/Cana Rooms

Please come to an important Parents' Orientation Meeting. Babysitting is provided on Tuesday evening for children five years and under. Please contact Kristie at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org if you need the babysitting service on Tuesday evening or have questions. Babysitting is also available on Sunday morning, but you do not have to call to reserve a space.

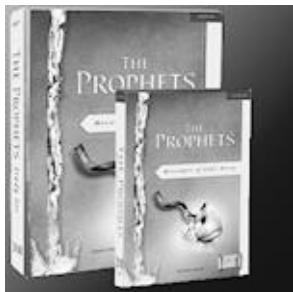


Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 1st at 8:30 am

Last year the Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores allowed us to share the blessings of food, clothing, toys and books with over 350 local families. We welcome new and returning volunteers to join in the fun and fellowship of serving others. There are many jobs to be filled, both big and small. We are especially in need of bilingual help with our Spanish-speaking families.

Our meeting will be held in the Holy Grounds Room. For more information, contact Anne Domescek at (407) 252-3926 or stores@stmargaretmary.org.



Women's Bible Study

**Begins Thursday, September 15th at 9:30 am
in the Antioch/Damascus Rooms**

The women's bible study group will offer a ten-week study on the prophets. This program is from Ascension Press and features prayer, discussion, 30-minute video lectures and reflection questions. Each week you will come to know a prophet from Scripture and learn how his message sheds light on our faith and on our lives.

Registration for the women's bible study will occur online. Instructions for registering online can be obtained by emailing Susan Turo and Kristie Altman at Kristie@stmargaretmary.org. You may also check the bulletin for online registration instructions. Members of the bible study group will also be at an information table in the courtyard after Masses on August 27-28. Thank you for your interest.



Retrouvaille **Beginning September 23-25**

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring. If you have grown cold and distant. Even if you are divorced or separated; or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help. It has helped thousands. Our next program begins September 23-25. For more information call (353) 274-4614. Not counseling or group therapy. All calls and names are held in strictest confidence. Please check our website at: www.Retrouvaille.org.



The Elijah Cup for Vocations

What can we do to support our priests and religious? What can we do to foster vocations among our young people? All families, no matter the number of family members, with or without children, are encouraged to use the Elijah Cup as a focal point for prayer.

Traveling with the cup in a wooden case are: the DVD, *The Fishers of Men*; the book, *What Do Priests Do? What Do Nuns Do?*; prayers for vocations; and a journal which contains a prayer ritual and in which people record their thoughts about their prayer time.

You may take the cup home for a week, receiving it at the end of a Sunday Mass, and returning it by the next Sunday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Please indicate the date and time of the Mass you will attend.



Volunteers Needed - Donut Ministry

Looking for a way to help in your church? Think "Yummy Donuts!" We are in need of four volunteers to serve donuts and break down every third Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. This is a great way to help and meet people . If this is something you would like to do, please contact Colleen Nuñez at (407) 647-2579.

Previous Items:



"Lord Teach Me to Pray"

Introductory Sessions on Wednesday, August 24th
morning: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
or evening: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Do you want to deepen your prayer life? "Lord Teach Me to Pray" (LTMTP) is a prayer series rooted in Ignatian spirituality and designed to help women and men learn a new form of prayer. It was developed to meet the on-going desire for

spiritual growth for people as they respond to the call to holiness and a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ.

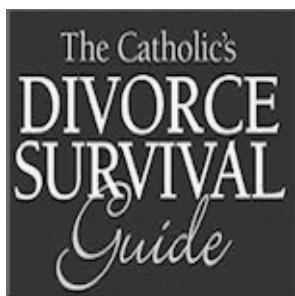
This 12-week series beginning in September introduces Ignatian prayer and spirituality in the way that St. Ignatius himself introduced people: i.e., by structuring their initial prayer experience around the Christian Virtues. It is conducted in a small group experience with two trained facilitators. Join us for an introductory session where we shall watch a video explaining this prayer experience in the Bethany/Cana Rooms.



Cursillo Information Night

Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 pm

Cursillo is a program that encourages Catholics to “bloom where we are planted” and bring the fruits of our faith into the ordinary moments of our everyday lives. The Cursillo journey begins with a three-day weekend experience which invites Catholics to personally connect with God’s unlimited love. To learn more about our Wine and Cheese information night please contact Andrea Cavalere at: (407) 998-5678 or andrea@stmargaretmary.org.



Divorce Survival Guide Information Meeting

Sunday, August 28th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

You are invited to a brunch and hear how folks find peace, power and passion after divorce. The Divorce Survival Guide is a 12-week DVD based program that will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm starting on September 6th in our Family Life Center. Come and see if this is what you need to find healing and support no matter how long ago your divorce occurred. Please RSVP to lori@stmargaretmary.org or call the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284.



Just Girls Leadership Team Orientation

Wednesday, August 31st from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Just Girls is a mother-daughter program on the virtues of modesty and purity for third and fourth-grade girls. We meet one Wednesday a month beginning on September 21st from 4:00 to 5:45 pm. The program has a \$30 fee and is limited to 20 participants. For more information contact the Family Life Office at: (407) 645-0284. To register online: [Click Here](#)

We need girls in grades eight through twelve to serve on our leadership team. A team leadership orientation session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00 pm. You can contact the Family Life Office or register online by [Clicking Here](#).



Great Generation Trip to Shrine

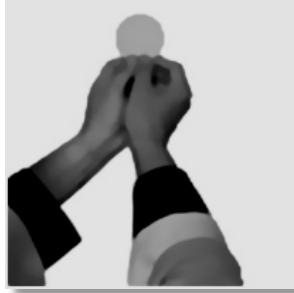
Thursday, September 1st

Celebrate the Year of Mercy by joining us on a bus trip to the Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine. We shall be stopping for lunch. This trip is open to all. For information call Mariam Timmes at: (407) 644-6208.



Relive Beatlemania at St. Margaret Mary **Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th at 7:00 pm**

The Fun 4 Beatles Tribute show is coming to our Parish Center featuring members of Disney's world famous The British Invasion and the touring cast of Beatlemania. General admission tickets are \$35.00. Front seats are: \$40.00. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Fatima School in Jacmel, Haiti. To reserve your tickets contact: Annemcquiggan@comcast.net. For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#)



Sacrament Preparation **Beginning on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:45 pm**

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begins on October 4th in the church. Parents and children attend together. Families of second graders currently enrolled in the grade school and second graders who were enrolled in the Faith Formation program last school year will receive registration packets in the mail in August. If your child is new to the Faith Formation program or was not enrolled last year, please contact Kristie Altman at: (407) 647-5171 or: Kristie@stmargaretmary.org so we can add your name to our mailing list.

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.