



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2016

How many steps are in the program in which you are currently subscribed? A child's Christmas animation gives us a thought to ponder. In Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, the Winter Warlock is encouraged to "just put one foot in front of the other". The next step then would seem like it is always the most important.

Look in this week's email for opportunities to take the next step in your discipleship of, with and for Jesus.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Food for Farmworkers**
- **Night of Praise**
- **Theology on Tap**
- **SMM Children's Choir**
- **Ministry of Mothers Sharing**
- **Baby Basics**
- **"Lord Teach Me To Pray"**
- **Just Girls**
- **New Parishioner Mingle**
- **The Blue Mass**
- **Bereavement Support Group**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Playgroup**
- **Catholic Divorce Survival Guide**
- **Ministry to the Homeless**
- **Youth Ministry Kickoff Nights**
- **Relive Beatlemania**
- **Divine Mercy Film**
- **Women's Bible Study**
- **Coming Alive in Prayer**
- **Retrouvaille**
- **Sacrament Preparation**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **Kingdom Builders**
- **The Elijah Cup**
- **Volunteers Needed - Donut Ministry**
- **Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Mass 9:00 am

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 6

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

Catholic Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 7

Cooking for the Homeless, 8:30 am

Playgroup, 10:00 am

Making Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 pm

Deliver Food for the Homeless, 5:30 pm

Amplify, High School, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 8

Centering Prayer, 10:00 am

Revive, 6th Grade, 6:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm

Special Needs Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm

Friday, September 9

Beatlemania , 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 10

Novena, 9:45 am

Beatlemania , 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 11

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retrouvaille, 1:30 pm

Confirmation Adoration, 7:00 pm

Monday, September 12

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm

Divine Mercy Film, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Jesus Christ.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship*

Question of the Week

“The next step for me to move from half-hearted to genuine discipleship is. . . “

In her book *Forming Intentional Disciples* Sherry Weddell refers to a recent Pew research study that reports, “Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a *personal* God.”

It is hard to be a committed disciple of an “Impersonal force” or a distant deity who is “somewhere out there.”

It is also hard to be a committed disciple when so many things in life demand our immediate attention just to get through the day.

Perhaps being a committed disciple should start with knowing the person to whom we are committed. Perhaps a genuine disciple should also know in what way discipleship is part of his or her personal identity.

To find out more about Sherry Weddell and the Catherine of Siena Institute which she co-directs: [Click Here](#)

New Items:



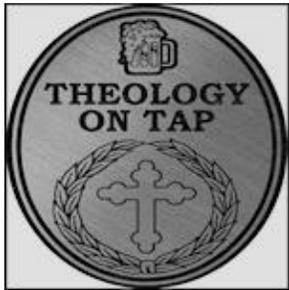
Food for Farmworkers All Masses this Weekend

This week please shop for rice (5 pound bags are great but smaller bags are good as well), pinto beans, dried beans, Maseca brand corn masa mix and cornmeal as well as any buy-get-one-free specials. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass. Parishioners deliver the collected food to the Farmworker Association and the HOPE Community Center in Apopka.



Night of Praise, Worship & Adoration Sunday, September 11th at 7:00 pm (after 6:00 pm Mass)

All parishioners are invited to join the HEART youth ministry in the church for a night of inspiration, praise and worship, reflection and adoration. Come to be refreshed, renewed, and inspired.



Theology on Tap Tuesday, September 13th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Join men of the parish as we enjoy each other's fellowship and grow deeper in the understanding of our faith. Deacon Jerry Hempstead will dive into the miracles of the Eucharist at Cocina 214 on 151 E. Welbourne Avenue in Winter Park. Please bring cash to cover the cost of personal food and drinks. Limited seating.

Please RSVP to MATC@stmargaretmary.org.

Visit our website at: www.stmargaretmary.org/ministries/men-answering-the-call/



SMM Children's Choir

Children in Grades 2 - 8 are welcome to share your gifts of song, make new friends, and serve your parish through ministry. No prior choir experience is necessary. The choir rehearses two Tuesdays prior to Sunday Mass and sings once a month at Mass.

First Rehearsals: Tuesday, September 13th and 20th
6:05 to 6:45 pm in the church choir room (behind the chapel)

First Choir Mass: Sunday, September 25th at 9:30 am Mass (Vocal warm-up 30 minutes prior to Mass)
Questions? Contact Cheryl Pelzer, Children's Choir Director at: jpelzer@cfl.rr.com.



Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)

**Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm beginning on September 19^h
or Tuesdays from 10:00 am to Noon beginning on September 20th**

Goals of MOMS:

- To gather women together for spiritual support
- To offer a group experience of learning, praying, and ministering to each other
- To introduce women to opportunities for personal and spiritual growth in a faith sharing group
- To increase communication skills and the use of prayer rituals in the home
- To help women connect with, support, and affirm other women

Each group is limited to 12 ladies and you must choose one group. Both groups offer childcare for children under age 5. \$30.00 registration fee. For registration forms and schedules check the parish information cart or parish website by [Clicking Here](#)



Baby Basics Volunteers

Saturday, September 17th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

If you can count to 140 Baby Basics can use your help. One-hundred and forty is the number of diapers used in two weeks by the littlest babies, those wearing Newborn and size one. We can use your help on the first and third Saturdays of the month to count diapers, assist families to their cars, move diapers to storage, and take inventory. It is a perfect ministry for families. To volunteer please contact Peggy Canary at macanary@aol.com.



“Lord Teach Me To Pray”

Beginning the Week of September 18th

“Lord Teach Me To Pray” is a small group Ignatian prayer experience developed to meet the desire for on-going spiritual growth and a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. In facilitated faith sharing prayer communities the Lord Himself teaches us to pray.

The prayer groups are forming and specific dates and times will be available soon. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact Peggy Hayes at: phayesltmtp@gmail.com.



Just Girls

Beginning Wednesday, September 21st from 4:00 to 5:45 pm

Third and fourth grade girls interested in this year's program should register now. Our first session will be held in the Family Life Center and is a Hair Clip Party focusing on Friendship. For more information on this mother-daughter program highlighting the virtues of modesty and purity, contact the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284.

Click [here for a flier](#). Click [here for the schedule](#). Click [here for a registration form](#).



New Parishioner Mingle

Saturday, September 24th at 6:15 pm after the 5:00 pm Mass

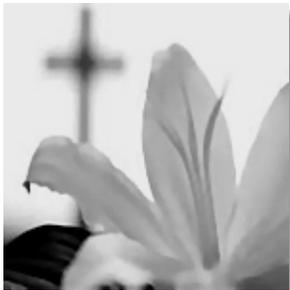
Come join us for a casual wine and cheese mingle. Singles, couples and families are welcome. Long-time and new parishioners are invited. Join us in the Parish Hall and meet some of the people who call our parish their home. Learn more about the great work accomplished by our faith community. To RSVP [Click Here](#).



The Blue Mass

Thursday, September 29th at 12:10 pm

On the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, come pray with us for the safety of our dedicated first responders who put their lives in harm's way for our protection. The Blue Mass will be held at St. James Cathedral at 215 N. Orange Avenue in downtown Orlando. A reception will follow in the Parish Center adjacent to St. James. Limited free parking will be available on the corner of North Orange Avenue and West Robinson Street.



Blessed Are You Who Morn

Beginning on Monday, October 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

A six-week, faith-based bereavement support group, meeting on Mondays, will be facilitated by Sally Kopke, MS (VITAS Healthcare). Topics will include: Believing it happened, Feeling the reality, Living without them, Building a different life, Examining my faith, and Honoring and remembering.

For an informational flier: [Click Here](#). For registration call Bill Timmes at (407) 647-3392 or email Bill@stmargaretmary.org.

Previous Items:



Playgroup

Every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am

Playgroup is not a drop off, but a great way for moms, dads or caretakers with babies or toddlers to meet other parishioners and play in a safe playful environment. Playgroup meets every Wednesday in the nursery in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Claudia at cvzeliadt@gmail.com.



Catholic Divorce Survival Guide

Starts Tuesday, September 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

If you are experiencing a separation or divorce, consider our next support group meeting on Tuesday night in the Family Life Center. This is a 12-week, DVD based, peer-led group using the *Catholic Divorce Survival Guide* series from nationally acclaimed author Rose Sweet. The registration fee is \$30.00. Click [here for a registration form](#). Click [here for a schedule](#). Call the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284 for more information.



First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless

Wednesday, September 7th in the Parish Hall Kitchen

Cooking begins at: 8:30 am
Sandwich making at: 2:30 pm
Delivery and serving dinner at: 5:30 pm

This month more than ever cooks, sandwich makers, drivers and servers are needed to provide dinner for people staying at the Coalition for the Homeless.

Come on September 7th to lend a hand and give hope and sustenance to the Lazarus at our gate. Contact Colleen Nuñez at: colleen@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-2579.



Youth Ministry Kickoff Nights

Amplify- High School

Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm

Join us as we kick off the fall semester with a Color War! Wear white and prepare to leave in all colors! Come prepared for good food, good times, and a lot of color! Also get a chance to check out the newly redesigned youth room!

Revive - Sixth Grade

Thursday, September 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join us for a Superhero themed night to start the semester! Come dressed as your favorite superhero for a night of games and fun. Also, lots of pizza!

Revive - 7th and 8th Grades

Thursday, September 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm



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](#)



Divine Mercy Film Screening at St. Margaret Mary

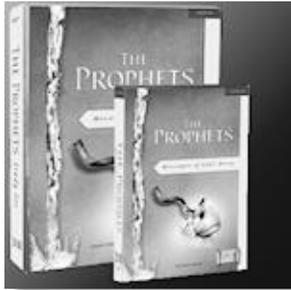
Monday, September 12th at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 13th at 11:00 am

Friday, September 16th at 7:00 pm

The documentary *The Original Image of Divine Mercy: the Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece* will be shown in the Bethany/Cana Rooms. It features Jim Gaffigan, actor and musician Harry Connick, Jr., George Weigel, and Bishop Robert Barron. Although there are Divine Mercy images used around the world, apparently only one was made in the lifetime of St. Faustina, on whose mystical visions the image is based.

The painting was forced into hiding during the violently anti-Catholic Soviet occupation of Vilnius, Lithuania. Two nuns accepted the mission of transporting the miraculous painting across the dangerous border to Belarus. Only recently in 2005, after 75 years of wandering, the painting was placed in a permanent home in a beautiful shrine in Vilnius. To view a movie trailer about the documentary: [Click Here](#)



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 occurs online. If you would like to join this study, please email Susan Turo and Kristie Altman at Kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Instructions for registration will be given to you, or you may check the bulletin for more information



"Coming Alive in Prayer" **Coming in September**

There will be two speaking engagements by Jim and Meg Beckman presenters of *FORMED* and *Beloved* from the Archdiocese of Denver.

Friday, September 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
For all parents, spiritual parents and caregivers
Sponsored by the SMM Marriage Ministry Team

Saturday, September 24th from 8:30 to 11:00 am

For all involved in parish leadership and all challenged by the new evangelization
Sponsored by the SMM Office of Liturgy

[Click here for more information](#)



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.



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.



Register for Pumpkin Run

Saturday, November 12th

The 7th Annual Pumpkin Run is scheduled for November 12th. To register visit our website at www.pumpkin5krun.com. St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and St. Stephens Catholic Community are also looking for sponsors at all levels. For more information contact Tom Hargrave at hargrave_t@bellsouth.net or Jay Sujansky at jaylinda1@mac.com. Thank you for your support of our Haiti Ministry.



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](#)



The Elijah Cup for Vocations

All need to pray for the support and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. One way to foster vocations is to use the Elijah Cup as a focal point at daily prayer. Anyone interested in praying for an increase in vocations is welcome to take the cup home for a week. This includes families with or without children, young adults, empty nesters and singles.

Accompanying the cup are books, a DVD, and prayers to help make the experience meaningful. A journal to record your thoughts is also included.

If you would like your family to have this sacred experience, please call Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or email Kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Please indicate which Mass you will attend and the weekend you would like to have the cup. Father will call your family to the sanctuary to receive the cup after Communion. Please return the cup and case the following Saturday to the Parish Office between 8:00 am and Noon. You may also pray for vocations by picking up a Kingdom Builders prayer card from the information cart.



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.



Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed

Can you cook? Drive? Do you enjoy sharing your faith? Love to plan events? Thrive in building relationships? Do you want to see the youth of our parish growing closer to Christ?

If you answered "yes" to ANY of these questions, the St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry can use your help! We are currently looking for adult volunteers to serve as cooks, drivers, chaperones, catechists, and much more! Job descriptions are

available at: bit.ly/smmyserve.

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.