



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2016

This past Sunday's readings at Mass remind us to be aware of those around us. Take time to notice, despite our own hectic pace and then meet a need directly by engaging the person in need. Does that sound like good advice for building a strong society on the foundation of Jesus Christ – Kingdom living?

Look in this week's email for opportunities that help you slow down, see the needs immediately around you, then more opportunities to meet those needs in a personally engaged way. It's in here!

NEW ITEMS:

- **Forty Days for Life**
- **Food Campaign**
- **Pet Blessing**
- **Family Promise Training**
- **Communal Anointing of the Sick**
- **Understanding Catholicism**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Youth Ministry - AMPLIFY**
- **The Blue Mass**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Rosary Sale**
- **Bereavement Support Group**
- **Sacrament Preparation**
- **Respect Life Conference**
- **Fall Festival**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **Hospital and Homebound Parishioners**
- **Kairos Prison Ministry**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, September 26

Novena 7:00 pm
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
EMHC Procedure Training, 7:00 pm
MOMS, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 27

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Caregivers Support Group, 10:00 am
Ministry of Moms Sharing, 10:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Catholic Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
Sacrament Catechists Mtg, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 28

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
Chicken Soup 20th Anniversary, 5:30 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 29

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm

Friday, September 30

Coming Alive in Prayer , 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 1

Coming Alive in Prayer, 8:30 am
Stores Sign Up, 9:00 am
Baby Basics, 1:30 pm
Rosary Sale, after Mass

Sunday, October 2

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary Sale, after Masses
Family Faith, 10:45 am
Faith Formation, 10:45 am
Blessing of Pets, 1:15 pm
Retrouvaille, 1:30 pm
Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm

Monday, October 3

Novena 7:00 pm
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
Food Pantry Training, 7:00 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
MOMS, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

"It's a silent witness to the Lord when people go into shopping malls, and everyone is bustling, and you see that Chick-fil-A is closed."

- S. Truett Cathy, Founder of Chick-fil-A

Question of the Week

"Who is Lazarus in my life? What do I do when I encounter him/her?"

Even though he never says a word in the Gospels, everyone has heard about Lazarus.

When Jesus visits Lazarus' home, it was his sisters Martha and Mary who do all the talking (Romano Guardini, *The Lord*, pp. 223-4).

Even when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Gospels fail to record anything Lazarus says about the experience.

In spite of Lazarus' quiet demeanor, the chief priests still plot to kill him right along with Jesus (John 12:10).

Lazarus did not seek the limelight. Nevertheless, his silent witness testifies to the purpose of Jesus' mission on earth. Perhaps we all have encountered people like Lazarus in our lives.

New Items:



Forty Days For Life September 28th to November 6th

40 Days for Life is a non-political, international effort to end abortion through prayer, fasting, community outreach and 40 days of peaceful vigils. In our community there will be numerous opportunities to participate, and times to sign up to take part in prayer vigils. To visit the website for more information: [Click Here](#). For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#).



Farmworker Food Campaign

September is National Hunger Action month. Please join the Labor Justice Subcommittee of the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force in our Out of Our Bounty Harvest Food Campaign. Bags of food will be delivered by parishioners to the Farmworker Association of Florida.

This week please shop for: 1) dry or canned black or pinto beans, 2) yellow or white rice, 3) large can of chicken, 4) cans of fruit, 5) cans of corn, 6) cans of diced tomatoes, 7) cooking oil, 8) boxes of macaroni and cheese, 9) desert mix (flan, brownies, cookie mix). Please drop these items off in the Parish Hall before Mass.



Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 2nd after the 12:00 pm Mass

Please bring your pets to the courtyard for the Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Leashes or cages are requested for the safety of our furry, feathered or scaled loved one.



Family Promise Training

Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm

A minimum of 100 parishioners are needed to offer hospitality to three to four homeless families who will be staying at our parish from November 13 to 19th. We want to welcome you to this important ministry. You may choose to set up or take down rooms, do laundry, cook dinner, or stay with our guests overnight. To register for training in this ministry please contact Eyme@stmargaretmary.org.



Communal Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 9th at the Noon Mass

Through prayer and the anointing of the body with oil of the sick, any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill, facing surgery or suffering the effects of old age may receive this healing sacrament. If you know someone who would like to be anointed, please invite him or her to this Mass. Registration will be in the Church Narthex before Mass begins.

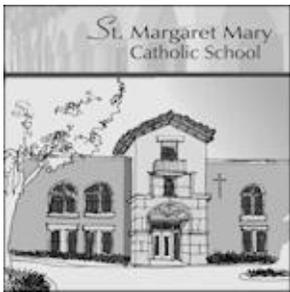


Understanding Catholicism for Families of Blended Faith Traditions

Tuesday, October 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Are you from another faith tradition and have married a Catholic? Are you raising your children Catholic even though you are not Catholic? Are you a grandparent, godparent, other relative or special friend who wants to participate in your child's faith development?

You are invited to attend a panel discussion that focuses on questions you have about raising Catholic children when Catholicism is not your own faith tradition. The discussion will be held on the second floor of our Family Life Center. For questions you may have prior to the discussion you can email Jeanne Smith at jdsmith30@cfl.rr.com.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Open House

Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend this information session held in our Parish Hall to learn more about our parish school. At SMM Catholic School we proclaim the Gospel through word, worship and service. We value each child as a unique creation of God while promoting academic excellence. We also provide the spiritual foundation for a lifelong commitment to our Catholic faith. Babysitting is available by calling (407) 644-7537.



Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community.

Altar Servers enhance the quality of liturgical celebrations by assisting the priest and leading liturgical processions. They are scheduled to serve at Mass once or twice a month. Boys and girls in 5th grade and higher are eligible to serve. So are adults. Training is offered in January, and registration begins in December.

Altar Linen Helpers take home and launder the linens used at Mass including purificators, corporals and other linens. Altar linen helpers are scheduled to launder linens once a month.

For further information please contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy at lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726 or Curtis Wallace, Director of Music at curtis@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 628-2346.

Previous Items:



Youth Ministry - AMPLIFY (High School)

Wednesday, September 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Karaoke/Lip Sync Battle Night! Come show what you've got, or just watch the show! Great prizes for the top performers! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/amplifykaraoke>.



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.



Baby Basics

Saturday, October 1st 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. 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's the perfect ministry for families. To volunteer please contact Peggy Canary at macanary@aol.com.



October: Month of the Rosary

To foster this beautiful devotion, rosaries will be on sale on October 1st and 2nd after all the Masses. The rosary is a powerful prayer for the needs of our world and to honor Our Blessed Mother. It is a good time to recommit to praying the rosary.



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.



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.



Respect Life Conference

October 14th - 15th

The Diocese of Orlando will host the annual statewide Respect Life Conference on October 14-15 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 5300 Old Howell Branch Road in Winter Park. The conference theme is: "Merciful Like the Father," which continues Pope Francis' Extraordinary Holy Year, the Jubilee of Mercy.

The speakers include Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* on Friday evening at 6:00 pm. Saturday topics include: Death Penalty, Human Trafficking, Living in Solidarity, as well as end of life and beginning of life issues. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Noonan. For more information or to register, go to www.orlandodiocese.org/yom-events or call (407) 658-1818 ext 1084.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Fall Festival



SMM Fall Festival

Friday, October 14th
From 6:00 to 10:00 pm

- » 4 Rivers Smokehouse
- » Amusements and Concessions
- » Food - Fun - Entertainment - Community

Sponsorships available. Proceeds from the Fall Festival benefit the 8th grade SMMCS class trip and the Haiti Ministry. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your church and connect with other parishioners who want to make this year's Fall Festival a rousing success. If you would like to volunteer to help with planning or sponsor the festival, please contact us at: (407) 644-7537 or info@smmknights.org.



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.



Hospital and Homebound Parishioners

In this Year of Mercy let us remember those who are in hospitals, nursing homes or homebound. They are unable to attend Mass here at our church. However, through your love and compassion they are able to stay connected to our parish. If you feel God's call to minister to those who seek only your presence, please contact Deacon Bill Timmes at bill@stmargaretmary.org to discuss how you might be able to share your gifts with those in need.



Kairos Prison Ministry

For 40 years the Kairos prison ministry has taken the message of Christ's unconditional love and healing to men and women behind bars. Parishioners are now being called upon to support a three-day Kairos retreat in November. Prayers, financial support and donations of cookies are a few of the ways you can help. Also, openings remain for men to serve on the team that will be going into the Florida Department of Corrections CFRC prison near Orlando. To find out more, contact Sheridan Becht at jsbecht@msn.com.

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.