



# Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2016

It can be easy to say, "I'm just doing what I'm supposed to do." However, doing what we are supposed to do isn't always so easy. Our faith challenges us to do some very easy things and some very challenging things to manifest our belief in Jesus. What are the easy things your faith calls you to do? Are you doing them? What are the difficult things your faith calls you to do? Are you doing them? Sometimes the first steps to regularly doing what we are supposed to do is just noticing.

Look in this week's email for notices that give you the opportunities to do what you are "supposed" to do.

## **NEW ITEMS:**

- **Fall Festival**
- **Respect Life Month**
- **Church Construction Activities**
- **Ministry to the Homeless**
- **First Friday Adoration**
- **Beloved**
- **Youth Ministry Sale**
- **Elizabeth Ministry**
- **Faithful Citizenship**
- **Special Needs Ministry**
- **Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Food for Farmworkers**
- **Liturgical Ministries**

## **PREVIOUS ITEMS:**

- **Family Promise Training**
- **Bereavement Support Group**
- **Sacrament Preparation**
- **Communal Anointing of the Sick**
- **Understanding Catholicism**
- **Respect Life Conference**
- **Rosary Sale**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **Hospital and Homebound Parishioners**
- **Kairos Prison Ministry**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

### **Monday, October 3**

KUDU Meeting, 6:00 pm  
Ignatian Prayer – Men, 6:30 pm  
Novena 7:00 pm  
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm  
Family Promise Training, 7:00 pm  
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm  
MOMS, 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, October 4**

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am  
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am  
Catholic Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm  
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:30 pm  
First Reconciliation Prep, 6:45 pm

### **Wednesday, October 5**

Cooking for Homeless, 8:30 am  
Playgroup, 10:00 am  
Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am  
Ignatian Prayer – Women, Noon  
Make Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 PM  
Serve the Homeless, 5:30 pm  
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:00 pm  
Lector Presentation, 7:00 pm  
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, October 6**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am  
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am  
Chicken Soup Ministry, 1:00 pm  
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:30 pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm

### **Friday, October 7**

First Friday Adoration, 8:30 am – Noon Sat.  
Beloved, 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, October 8**

First Friday Adoration, until Noon Sat.  
Novena, 9:45 am

### **Sunday, October 9**

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

### **Monday, October 10**

Ignatian Prayer – Men, 6:30 pm  
Confirmation Elective, 6:30 pm  
Novena 7:00 pm  
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm  
Food Pantry Training, 7:00 pm  
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm

## *Quote of the Week*

“Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## *Question of the Week*

“When we do good for someone else, how hard is it for us to realize we are only doing what the Lord commands us to do?”

It is really very easy to “do good for someone else” every day.

Recently, the validity of the saying, “Smile and the world smiles with you,” has been scientifically demonstrated by neuroscientists. Their findings suggest that “mirroring” of facial expressions is quite common.

However, no advanced degree in neuroscience is necessary in order to recognize that a smile can change how people feel.

You can “do good for someone else” by donating money or by volunteering your time. Both are very good to do.

You can also make a positive difference in people’s lives with a smile. And you can do it dozens of times every day.

## New Items:

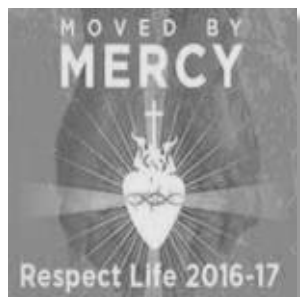


**SMM Fall Festival  
Online Purchases  
NOW AVAILABLE  
Friday, October 14th  
From 6:00 to 10:00 pm**

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

Sponsorships available. Proceeds from the Fall Festival benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> 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@smmknight.org](mailto:info@smmknight.org).

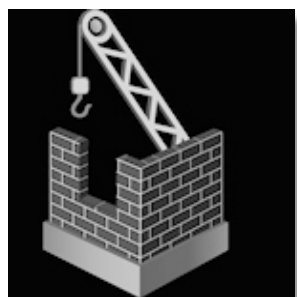
[Click here for more information.](#) [Click here to purchase dinner tickets and activity wristbands.](#)



### **October is Respect Life Month September 28<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Please pray for the unborn. If you haven't already signed up for 1 hour or more of prayer time between 7:00 am to 7:30 pm, Sunday through Saturday, please do so today. Go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/altamonte-springs/> to register and pick your hour(s)

*"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me."* - Matthew 25:40



### **Church Construction Activities Beginning the Week of October 3rd**

Contractors will be mobilizing the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup> to make structural improvements to the bell tower in anticipation of installing two newly donated bells later in the month. In addition, steel bollards are being installed by the sidewalk entrance to the church at the corner of Park and Canton to preclude a vehicle from accidentally entering the plaza area.

The roofing contractor will mobilize the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> to begin replacing the roof. Areas to be avoided during the construction will be clearly marked.



## **First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless** **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> to lend a hand and give hope and sustenance to the Lazarus at our gate. Contact Colleen Nuñez at: [colleen@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:colleen@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 647-2579.

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## **First Friday Adoration** **Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> after 8:00 am Mass through Saturday Noon**

Come spend some precious alone time with our Lord or bring your children, friend or spouse and spend a few minutes in quiet prayer.

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## **Beloved: "Does Marriage Matter?"** **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

All couples engaged and married are invited to this new session from the Augustine Institute. Happy hour at 7:00 pm followed by the program at 7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. \$5 per couple. Babysitting is available for children ages 10 and under with reservation. RSVP online at: [www.stmargaretmary.org](http://www.stmargaretmary.org).

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## **Catholic Tees and Books for Sale** **This Weekend in Courtyard**

To benefit our Youth Ministry Rome pilgrimage. High school students will be in the courtyard selling a wide selection of Catholic t-shirts and books, along with some yummy baked goods. Come show your support for our youth and pick up some awesome Catholic gear!

If you are interested in donating to our pilgrimage fund or would like to donate baked goods for the sale, please contact Hunter Spycaboer, Director of Youth Ministry at: [Hunter@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Hunter@stmargaretmary.org).

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## Elizabeth Ministry Rosary

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

All ladies are invited to pray the rosary in the Upper Room. Elizabeth Ministry is an international ministry dedicated to following the example of Elizabeth and Mary to respect all life, cherish children, encourage families, enrich marriages and build community. If you have a special intention for a mother in need, please let us know at [lori@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:lori@stmargaretmary.org).

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## Faithful Citizenship

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes to help build a better world"

In Florida, the voter registration deadline is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Excellent resources to help voters form their consciences before casting their ballots or to answer questions about the Church's role in political life are available at the Florida

Conference of Catholic Bishops' website; [www.flaccb.org](http://www.flaccb.org) or [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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## Special Needs Ministry

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

We offer support and prayer for parents with a child or young adult with special needs. Please consider joining fellow parishioners for fellowship and prayer. As a group, we hope to encourage one another as we share the joys and challenges that we experience as we are called by God to this extraordinary ministry. For more information or to RSVP please contact Trina at [tcassidy@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tcassidy@cfl.rr.com) or call (321) 282-8506.

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## Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat

October 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have been affected by abortion and need healing, community and the love of God, hope and forgiveness is a phone call away. Rachel's Vineyard, held at San Pedro Center, offers a safe, non-judgemental environment where healing can begin. More information is available by calling Jessie or Kate at (407) 504-0677 or by emailing [rachelsvineyardorlando@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardorlando@gmail.com).

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## Baby Basics

Did you know that just one pack of 70, size-5 diapers is enough for one toddler for two weeks? Fifteen of our babies wear size-5 diapers, so the next time you are shopping why not pick up a pack for Baby Basics? With a simple pack of diapers you are giving hope to low income working families in our neighborhood. Please mark the diapers for Baby Basics and leave them at the front office anytime. Thank you.

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## Food for Farmworkers

This week please shop for instant milk, coffee, dry cereal, oatmeal and bottles of juice, as well as any of the buy-one-get-one specials. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass this weekend. Parishioners deliver the collected food to the Farmworker Association and HOPE Community Center in Apopka.

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## 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.

**Art & Environment.** This committee prepares the church for the various liturgical seasons of the year and maintains the plants used in the church. Committee members can exercise their artistic skills or help with such practical things as ironing, polishing and helping in what ever other ways are needed. Help is needed especially for Christmas, Easter and the beginning of each liturgical season.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembly at all parish Masses. Prospective EMHCs are recommended to the diocese by the pastor and must be in conformity with Church and diocesan guidelines. New EMHCs receive training at the parish after attending the mandatory diocesan workshop and are scheduled to serve one to three times a month depending on preference and need. EMHCs are expected to participate in ongoing formation and in other parish ministries.

For further information on Liturgical Ministries at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, please contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy at [lisa@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:lisa@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 647-0726 or Curtis Wallace, Director of Music at [curtis@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:curtis@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 628-2346.

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## Previous Items:



### **Family Promise Training** Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Eyme@stmargaretmary.org).

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### **Blessed Are You Who Morn** Beginning on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Bill@stmargaretmary.org).

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### **Sacrament Preparation** Beginning on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begins on October 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org) so we can add your name to our mailing list.

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### **Communal Anointing of the Sick** Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Understanding Catholicism for Families of Blended Faith Traditions

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jdsmith30@cfl.rr.com).

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## Respect Life Conference

October 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.orlandodiocese.org/yom-events) or call (407) 658-1818 ext 1084.

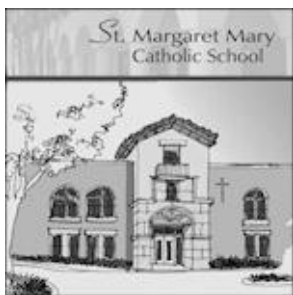
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## October: Month of the Rosary

To foster this beautiful devotion, rosaries will be on sale on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Open House

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## Register for Pumpkin Run Saturday, November 12th

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Run is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. To register visit our website at [www.pumpkin5krun.com](http://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](mailto:hargrave_t@bellsouth.net) or Jay Sujansky at [jaylinda1@mac.com](mailto:jaylinda1@mac.com). Thank you for your support of our Haiti Ministry.

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## 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](mailto:bill@stmargaretmary.org) to discuss how you might be able to share your gifts with those in need.

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## 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](mailto:jsbecht@msn.com).

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## 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.