



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2016

Are you living in yesterday's problems, inundated with today's problems or overwhelmed by an uncertain future? Having emerged from Hurricane Matthew with its inconveniences and damages, does your heart turn toward gratitude? Sometimes shifting our hearts towards gratitude takes a shifting of perspective, or as French theologian Maurice Blondel might say, it takes a shifting into action.

Look in this week's email for opportunities to change your perspective through learning and or action.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Playgroup**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Food Pantry**
- **First Reconciliation Preparation**
- **Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee**
- **FORMED**
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
- **Florida Catholic Newspaper**
- **Liturgical Ministries**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Elizabeth Ministry**
- **Understanding Catholicism**
- **Special Needs Ministry**
- **Fall Festival**
- **Respect Life Month**
- **Respect Life Conference**
- **Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **Hospital and Homebound Parishioners**
- **Faithful Citizenship**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

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

Tuesday, October 11

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Elizabeth Ministry Rosary, 9:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
MOMs, 10:00 am
Ignatian Prayer – Women, Noon
Catholic Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:30 pm
Understanding Catholicism, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 12

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:00 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
MOMs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 13

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

Friday, October 14

Parish Fall Festival, 6:00 pm
New Hope AA, 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 15

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

Sunday, October 16

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Family Faith, 10:45 am
Faith Formation, 10:45 am
Retrouvaille, 1:30 pm
Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 4:15 pm
Just Girls Teen Planning, 7:00 pm

Monday, October 17

Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am
Ignatian Prayer – Men, 6:30 pm
Novena 7:00 pm
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with optimism.”

- St. John Paul II

Question of the Week

“How often and in what ways do I show gratitude to God for all that God has done for me?”

Why should we be grateful?

Not much of what we have, including our bodily health and material possessions, will last forever. If we cannot keep these things permanently, why should we “show gratitude to God”?

Perhaps we might give more thought to what is permanent.

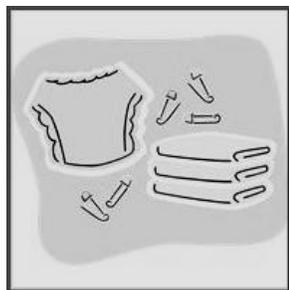
We cannot take any of our possessions with us into the next life. But the good that we do with them in this life can never be taken away. That is something for which we can be grateful

New Items:



Playgroup Not Meeting This Week

Playgroup normally meets every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the nursery of the Family Life Center. It provides parents of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers a chance to meet others in the community. For more information contact Claudia at cvzeliadt@gmail.com.



Baby Basics Saturday, October 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

If you can count to 210, Baby Basics can use your help. Two hundred and ten is the number of diapers used in three 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 is a perfect ministry for families. Please contact Peggy Canary at macanary@aol.com.



Food Pantry

Please bring your food donations to the Parish Hall before this weekend's Masses. During the week please shop for soup, canned fruit, jelly, canned pasta, canned meat, bar soap and mixed vegetables. You can also bring your food donations directly to the pantry during the week. For directions to the pantry please call (407) 628-1692.

St. Margaret Mary is part of a long-time coalition of churches and synagogues that support the pantry run by the Winter Park Christian Service Center, serving people in Maitland, Eatonville and Winter Park. Redeemer Lutheran Church on Aloma Avenue provides space for the pantry at no charge.



First Reconciliation Preparation

Tuesday, October 18th at 6:45 pm

Second Session. Registered parents and children come together to celebrate this sacrament. We offer a nursery for children ten and under. If you would like babysitting please contact Kristie Altman at Kristie@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-5171.



Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

Saturday, October 29th at 9:00 am

Dear teachers and parents, we invite your student or child to participate in our annual Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee has three levels of competition: 1) Grades 5 & 6, 2) Grades 7 & 8, and 3) Grades 9 & 10. Winners will receive prizes and move on to the District Level Competition. The signup deadline is October 24th.

The Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council Hall at 5727 Cornelia Avenue in Orlando. For registration form contact Tony Pagan, Jr. at (407) 325-0027 or apaganiryouthdirector@gmail.com. The study spelling words will be emailed to the parent's email.



FORMED

Good News! We have just renewed our annual subscription to FORMED so all parishioners have another year of free online Catholic resources! Watch an introductory video at www.formed.org or start your own subscription by entering our parish code: WHPGTK. Contact Lori if you have any questions at (407) 645-0284.



St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando turns donated furniture and appliances into items we provide to families in need through our Voucher Program. We pick up large items for free. You can schedule a pick up at 1-888-986-4483. Or visit our website at www.svdporlando.org.



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Liturgical Ministries

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

Greeters

The primary ministry of greeters is to welcome people as they gather for Mass. Greeters provide a smile and an open door, offering hospitality in the name of the Lord. Greeters are scheduled to serve once or twice a month.

Music

The Music Ministry of St. Margaret Mary plays an important role in our Church's praise. It exists to support and enhance the song of the whole assembly, as well as to provide special music for contemplation and inspiration. The backbone of the Music Ministry consists of choir members, children's choir members, cantors, small ensembles of adults, and instrumentalists.

Lectors/Readers

Lectors are lovers of the Word of God. They use oral communication skills to proclaim and share that Word with the gathered assembly. Lectors proclaim the readings approximately once a month and are expected to spend two to three hours in preparation for each reading, attend an annual meeting in the fall and participate in ongoing formation throughout the year. New lectors are selected through a process of discernment and are required to participate in a series of training meetings.

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

Previous Items:



Elizabeth Ministry Rosary Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00 am

Elizabeth Ministry is an international ministry dedicated to following the example of Elizabeth and Mary to respect 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.



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?

Questions addressing the Mass, Sacraments, prayers and, in general, "Why do Catholics do that?" will be covered in this session. If you have any questions you would like addressed, email Jeanne Smith at: jdsmith30@cfl.rr.com.



Special Needs Ministry Thursday, October 13th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Please consider joining fellow parishioners for an hour of fellowship and prayer in the Family Life Center. As a group we offer support and prayer for parents with a child or young adult with disabilities. Together we share the joys and challenges 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 or call (321) 282-8506.

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

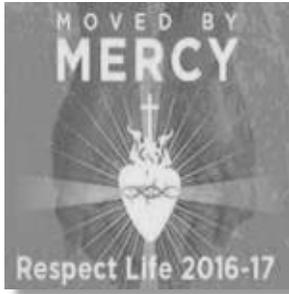
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- » Amusements and Concessions
- » Food - Fun - Entertainment - Community



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@smmknight.org.

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



October is Respect Life Month September 28th to November 6th

Please continue to pray for all unborn babies and an end to abortion. Sign up for a specific time to pray at <http://40daysunited.com> or call Ursula at (407) 293-1562.



Respect Life Conference October 14th - 15th

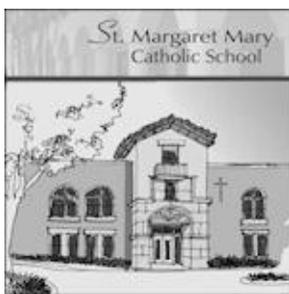
The Diocese of Orlando will host the annual statewide Respect Life Conference on October 14-15 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 5300 Old Howell Branch Road in Winter Park. The conference theme is: "Merciful Like the Father," which continues Pope Francis' Extraordinary Holy Year, the Jubilee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



Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat October 28th through 30th

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 rachelvineyardorlando@gmail.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.



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.



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 11th. 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 or www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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.