



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2016

“Lord, give me more faith.” How often have you made that request? Faith is more than a set of beliefs. It is manifest in the every action of living. However big or small, it is part of the ideal toward which you are directing your life.

Look in this week’s email for opportunities to grow in faith through learning and action – a faith which is growing as a larger part of the ideal toward which you are directing your life.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Just Girls**
- **New Church Bells**
- **Ministry of Mothers Sharing**
- **Playgroup**
- **Joan of Arc Presentation**
- **Bishop Moore Open House**
- **Blood Drive**
- **Liturgical Ministries**
- **Homeless Heart Concert**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **First Reconciliation Preparation**
- **Respect Life Month**
- **Rachel’s Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat**
- **Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **Hospital and Homebound Parishioners**
- **FORMED**
- **Faithful Citizenship**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
Ignatian Prayer – Women, Noon
Just Girls, 4:00 pm
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:00 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 20

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Men's Columbus Day Dinner, 6:00 pm
Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm

Friday, October 21

New Hope, 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 22

Sunday, October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 24

Ignatian Prayer – Men, 6:30 pm
Novena 7:00 pm
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
MOMs, 7:00 pm
St. Joan of Arc Presentation, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that are not seen.”

- Hebrews 11:1

Question of the Week

“If persistence is a characteristic of faith, how have I shown this characteristic in my prayer life and actions?”

If there is a tree directly in your path, you know for certain that you should walk around it. No faith is required to make that decision.

Faith, however, is required to believe that God made the tree.

Faith is not a product of sensory data or unassailable scientific proofs. It does not appear in front of us with the kind of certainty that stares us in the face, forcing us to accept its reality.

However, there is something certain about faith: it is a gift from God which he freely offers to everyone without reservation.

Less certain is what we do with that gift. Perhaps that is why persistence in prayer and action is necessary, even when the proof does not always stare us in the face.

New Items:



Just Girls

Wednesday, October 19th from 4:00 to 4:50 pm

Next Session: Dignity. Meeting in the Antioch & Damascus rooms.



New Church Bells

Two new bells donated through the generosity of Aimee and Michael Kakos arrived this past week and were blessed at the Sunday 12:00 noon Mass. Following the custom of dedicating bells to saints, they are dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel and St. Agnes of Rome. The original bell is dedicated to St. Margaret Mary. The bronze bells were cast at the two-century-old Paccard Foundry in Annecy, France and will be installed in our bell tower on Thursday, October 20th.



Ministry of Mothers Sharing

Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Upper Room

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to noon in the Antioch Room



Playgroup

Now on Thursdays from 10:00 am to noon

This is not a drop-off but a great way for moms or dads or caretakers with babies or toddlers to meet other parishioners and play in a safe, playful environment. For more information contact Claudia at cvzeliadt@gmail.com



St. Joan of Arc Presentation

Mystic Savior, Founder of Modern France
Monday, October 24, 7:00 pm

Don't Miss this Special Presentation:

Presenter: Randall B. Robertson, Founding Director, GladdeningLight

A teenage illiterate peasant is privy to visions and voices in a country garden that implore her to rally the Armagnac people, overthrow British tyranny in battle and crown Charles VII king of all France....

Journey into the medieval mind of Joan, the prescient feminine hero who unites disparate factions toward victory and a coronation that would culminate in betrayal, and in the end destroy her for—of all things—the ecclesial crime of “wearing men’s clothing.”

Our look at Joan as a supremely tragic figure in history will lead to GladdeningLight's November 18 & 19 performances of Voices of Light, The Passion of Joan of Arc, with the Bach Festival Society Choir & Orchestra at Knowles Memorial Chapel.



Bishop Moore Open House

Sunday, November 6th from 12:30 to 3:00 pm

We cordially invite you and your family to our upcoming Open House to discover all that Bishop Moore Catholic High School has to offer. This event is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with our faculty, administrators, guidance and admissions counselors, athletic coaches, as well as many of our current Bishop Moore students. The entire campus including classrooms will be open for touring. In addition, hot dogs, chips and sodas will be provided.



Blood Drive

Sunday, November 6th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Jump on the Big Red Bus and give the gift of life. One donation can save up to three lives. Please bring a photo ID.

Blood is needed by patients facing planned and unplanned medical procedures, trauma victims, cancer patients and premature babies. Your donation will help an ill or injured patient within a few days.



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.

Sacristans

Sacristans assist with the immediate preparation for Mass by preparing the bread and wine, lighting the candles and setting out the proper books and vessels. After Mass, sacristans return the vessels and books to their proper places. Sacristans usually serve between one and three times a month.

Ushers

Ushers help to maintain a prayerful atmosphere during Mass. Some of their responsibilities include: helping people find seats when the church is crowded, taking up the collection, helping with the communion procession and handing out bulletins. Ushers can serve once a week, once a month or whatever frequency they prefer.

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 or Curtis Wallace, Director of Music: (407) 628-2346 curtis@stmargaretmary.org



6th Annual Homeless Heart Concert
Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm
At St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

It's become a highly anticipated event - now in its 6th year. The Homeless Heart Christmas concerts raise funds to support family stability programs. This year we are proud to host, performing together for the FIRST TIME Maureen McGovern, Florence LaRue of the Fifth Dimension and Freda Payne. Tickets are \$35 for general admission, \$55 for preferred section. Sponsorships are available by contacting Chris Gardner at (321) 228-7825 or chrisg@condevfl.com. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or online at www.HomelessHeart.org.

Previous Items:



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.

We protect:

- Rainforest
- Whales
- Trees
- Bald Eagles
- Unborn Babies

 *Choose Life*

October is Respect Life Month

Please continue to pray for all unborn babies and an end to abortion.



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

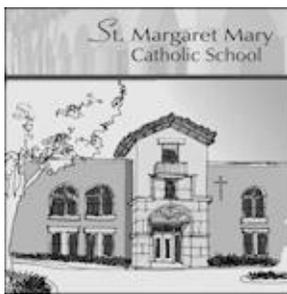
If you have been affected by abortion and need healing, community and the love of God, hope and forgiveness is a phone call away. Rachel's Vineyard, held at San Pedro Center, offers a safe, non-judgemental environment where healing can begin. More information is available by calling Jessie or Kate at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



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 sign-up 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 apaganjryouthdirector@gmail.com. The study spelling words will be emailed to the parent's email.



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.



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.



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.