



# Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2016

In his letter to the Romans, Chapter 7 verse, 15, Paul the Apostle writes to the Church of Rome, "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." In this scripture Paul simply identifies the universal duplicity in each of us. Each of us has a presence of good and a presence of brokenness.

Understanding the nature of our weaknesses and failures, while at the same rejecting their results and working toward constant self-improvement is the nature of the Christian journey of constant conversion. It is no task to be taken lightly, or to be passed off as optional.

Look in this week's email for opportunities that draw you closer to the most perfect you that God had imagined when you were created.

## **NEW ITEMS:**

- **With All Your Heart**
- **Pastoral Council**
- **Haiti Education Working Group**
- **Beloved**
- **Interfaith Prayer Gathering**
- **Tailgate Date Night**
- **Interfaith Hospitality Network**
- **Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Liturgical Ministries**

## **PREVIOUS ITEMS:**

- **Joan of Arc Presentation**
- **Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat**
- **Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**
- **Blood Drive**
- **Bishop Moore Open House**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **Homeless Heart Concert**
- **FORMED**
- **Ministry of Mothers Sharing**
- **Playgroup**

- **Respect Life Month**
- **Faithful Citizenship**

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

### **Monday, October 24**

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

### **Tuesday, October 25**

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

### **Wednesday, October 26**

Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am  
 Ignatian Prayer – Women, Noon  
 Reconciliation Make-up, 4:00 pm  
 Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:00 pm  
 SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, October 27**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am  
 Centering Prayer, 10:00 am  
 Play Group, 10:00 am  
 Ignatian Prayer – Women, 6:30 pm  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm  
 Baptism Class, 7:00 pm

### **Friday, October 28**

New Hope, 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, October 29**

Lector Presentation, 9:00 am

### **Sunday, October 30**

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Faith Formation, 10:45 am  
 Mercy Breakfast for Divorce Ministry, 1:00 pm  
 Retrouvaille, 1:30 pm  
 Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm  
 Ignatian Prayer – Women, 4:15 pm

### **Monday, October 31**

Ignatian Prayer – Men, 6:30 pm  
 Novena 7:00 pm  
 Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm

## Quote of the Week

“Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?”

- Luke 12:57

## Question of the Week

“There is a Pharisee and a tax collector struggling in each of us. How do you reconcile the two?”

What would have happened if the Pharisees, chief priests and tax collectors had embraced Jesus as the Messiah? Would our world be a different place today?

What would life be like if Adam and Eve had not disobeyed God in the garden? Would their descendants living today get along with each other and have enough to eat?

Every decision or judgment we make changes our world in some way for good or for not so good. Sometimes we may be tempted to wish that God would create a perfect world by making all our decisions for us. But that is not how he works.

If we sometimes become depressed by all the bad choices we make, we might find comfort in remembering that there is one tax collector who got it right. His name was Matthew the Apostle.

## New Items:



### **With All Your Heart at St. Margaret Mary Parish**

*With All Your Heart* is a year-long program designed to help our St. Margaret Mary parish move forward as a community of disciples who follow Jesus Christ according to his Great Commandment of Love. *With All Your Heart* presents four seasons during the coming year that will become a part of the rhythm of our life as a faith community. We shall invite all parishioners to pray, serve, share and witness wholeheartedly so that others may also come to live in and for Jesus.

For a descriptive flyer [Click Here](#)

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## The St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council

Our parish's Pastoral Council consists of members elected at-large by the parish as well as volunteer members who serve as representatives from the major parish committees. Together with our pastor, the Council makes decisions on issues that are important to the life of our parish community. We welcome your feedback at:

[PastoralCouncil@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@stmargaretmary.org) or you may reach out to any of the members listed below.

### Elected Members:

Karen Falbo - Chair  
Jason Pickering - Vice Chair  
Kate Canfield - Secretary  
Dave Engasser  
Sarah Hanafin  
J.R. Thorsen

### Committee Representatives:

Jeanne Smith - Faith Formation  
Renaee Bennett - Liturgy  
John Hoyt - Pastoral Care  
Anita Vassos - SMM School  
Meghan Collins - Social Justice  
Bill Daly - Stewardship of Treasure



## Haiti Education Working Group

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

We are seeking new members. Our Haiti mission Education Working Group is beginning anew and we want your input and involvement. Parishioners interested in working together in our education mission with our partner parish are invited to attend a meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upper Room. Please come to hear about current progress and to share your ideas.

The work of our Haiti Mission is even more critical now as the community works to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Matthew. We are currently working on relief efforts (please donate at the parish office or online by [clicking here](#)), but also need to continue planning for longer term projects. The construction of the new school facility is even more important after the destruction of the storm. Please contact Meghan Collins at [meghancollinscm@gmail.com](mailto:meghancollinscm@gmail.com) or (407) 265-0357 for more information.



## Beloved: "Does Marriage Matter?"

Friday, November 4<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 in the Sacred Heart Hall. These programs have been enjoyed by a growing number of parishioners. If you have not been to a Beloved program, we invite you to find out why so many couples find it so beneficial.

Happy hour at 7:00 pm followed by the program at 7:30. Babysitting is available for children ages 10 and under with a reservation. RSVP online at [www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved](http://www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved). The cost is \$5.00 per couple.



## Interfaith Prayer Gathering

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Please join parishioners and members of the wider community at the Friends of Faith prayer gathering at St. Margaret Mary Church in the Cana and Bethany rooms. Friends in Faith is a lay-organized gathering of people from various faith traditions meeting to celebrate common values, pray together, and enjoy connecting with one another.

Meetings are monthly and you are invited to attend whenever you are able. Refreshments are provided and children and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. Please invite a friend from another parish or another faith tradition. For more information please contact Meghan Collins [Meghancollinscm@gmail.com](mailto:Meghancollinscm@gmail.com) or (407) 265-0357.

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## Tailgate Date Night

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Put it on your calendar! Bring your "teammate" for a date! Games and college football on multiple Big Screens. Tailgate fare. Childcare. Look for more information and registration in next week's email.

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## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Four homeless families with children will be staying on the second floor of our Family Life Building. If you would like to help by staying with the families while they are here, by setting up or taking down their living spaces, or by doing laundry, please contact Judy Allen [Judyallen244@gmail.com](mailto:Judyallen244@gmail.com) or (407) 644-8855. If you would like to help by cooking dinner, please contact Melissa Bunkers [melissawbunkers@gmail.com](mailto:melissawbunkers@gmail.com) or (407) 484-5116.

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## Thanksgiving and Christmas Stores

If you and your family need assistance for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Stores operated by St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and All Saints Episcopal Church are here to help. Food, toys, clothing, etc. can be purchased for a family for a small price. To sign up, please contact Ann Domescek at [stores@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:stores@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 252-3926.

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## **Food Pantry**

Catholic Charities Semoran Food Pantry. Next weekend please bring canned goods including: meat, soups, veggies, fruits, pasta (whole wheat), rice, beans, dry cereal, shelf stable milk and peanut butter. Items that are easy for children to open are preferred, and no glass items, please. Deliver these items before Mass in the shopping carts located in the Parish Hall.

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## **Baby Basics**

Sometimes parishioners ask if Baby Basics accepts partial packs of diapers. We answer with a resounding “yes.” We have babies of all sizes. The next time you are shopping why not pick up a pack of diapers 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 or on the cart in the Parish Hall nearest the office. Thank you.

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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.

### **Plant Ministry**

Do you have a green thumb, like working with plants? We are in need of volunteers to help care for the plants that enhance our worship space. With a time commitment of only once or twice a month, this is a wonderful volunteer opportunity even for those with busy schedules. For further information on our plant ministry or any of our Liturgical Ministries at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, please contact: Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy (407) 647-0726 [lisa@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:lisa@stmargaretmary.org).

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## Previous Items:



### **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.



### **Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat** October 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>

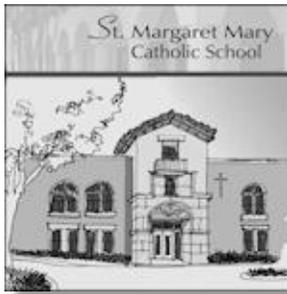
If you have been affected by abortion and need healing, community and the love of God, hope and forgiveness is a phone call away. Rachel's Vineyard, held at San Pedro Center, offers a safe, non-judgemental environment where healing can begin. More information is available by calling Jessie or Kate at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



### **Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee** Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 [apaganjr youthdirector@gmail.com](mailto:apaganjr youthdirector@gmail.com). The study spelling words will be emailed to the parent's email.



## **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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## **Blood Drive**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Bishop Moore Open House**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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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## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Heart Concert

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
At St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

It's become a highly anticipated event - now in its 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chrisg@condevfl.com). Tickets are available in the Parish Office or online at [www.HomelessHeart.org](http://www.HomelessHeart.org).



## 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](http://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.



## 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

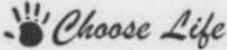


## Playgroup

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](mailto:cvzeliadt@gmail.com)

### **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.

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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.”

Early voting begins in all Florida counties on October 29th.. County [Supervisors of Elections](#) may offer additional early voting dates as early as 15 days before the election. 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). Voter guides are also available in the narthex of the church.

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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.