



# Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 9, 2017

It can be hard to find comments credible when a person uses grand words too frequently. However, do plain words describe an encounter with God? Are encounters with God only available at Church? Only available during life changing events? Only available for a select few?

Opening our eyes to the beauty of every moment of life, the complex, majestic, dirty, clumsy, beautiful life encounters, we can see God's glorious plan for us and all creation. Look in this week's email for opportunities to develop your awareness of God's glory in simple every day encounters.

## NEW ITEMS:

- **Prayer: Our Deepest Longing**
- **New Faces at St. Margaret Mary**
- **Inquiry into the Catholic Faith**
- **Elizabeth Ministry**
- **Beloved**
- **Life Plus for Third Graders**
- **Cancer Support Group**
- **New Altar Server Training**
- **SMM Great Generation**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Playgroup**

## PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **First Holy Communion Preparation**
- **Retrouvaille**
- **Parish Mission**
- **Mass for the Consecrated**
- **New Divorce Support Group**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**
- **Young Adult Retreat**
- **Adult Confirmation**
- **Hearts for Hope Luncheon**
- **"Lord Teach Me to Pray"**
- **M.O.M.S. Database**
- **Parish Census**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

### **Monday, January 9**

Novena, 7:00 pm

Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm

Inquiry into the Faith, 7:00 pm

RCIA, 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, January 10**

Elizabeth Ministry Rosary, 9:00 am

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

Fusion Class, 3:00 pm

Sacrament Catechists Mtg, 7:00 pm

Welcome Team Mtg, 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, January 11**

Just Girls, 4:00 pm

Haiti Faith Sharing Committee, 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council, 7:00 pm

SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, January 12**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

Centering Prayer, 10:00 am

Abiding Presence Team Mtg, 7:00 pm

Adoration, 7:30 pm

### **Friday, January 13**

New Hope, 6:00 pm

Beloved, 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, January 14**

Novena, 10:00 am

### **Sunday, January 15**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation Classes, 9:45 am

Life Plus, 9:45 am

### **Monday, January 16**

Cancer Support Group 10:00 am

New Altar Sever Training, 6:30 pm

Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm

RCIA, 7:00 pm

Novena, 7:00 pm

## Quote of the Week

"If religion were a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die."

- Peter, Paul and Mary, *All My Trials*

## Question of the Week

"Wise men and women still search for him. Where do you find God in your daily life?"

In the Gospel of Luke when the shepherd discovered that one of his sheep was missing he became frantic. He left the other "ninety-nine in the desert" to search for the one.

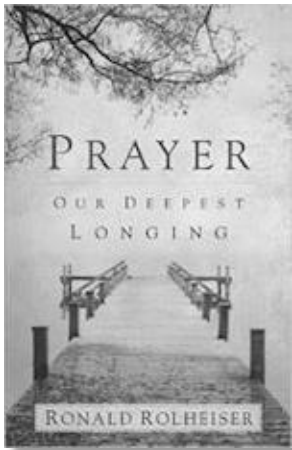
Perhaps God does more searching for his children than his children do for him.

He never gets distracted. He never looks away. He never stops hoping that his children will hear his voice.

You don't have to be rich. You don't have to be wise. You just have to pay attention.

He will find you.

## New Items:



### **Prayer: Our Deepest Longing**

By Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

#### **Chapter Five - Growing to Maturity in Prayer**

*"Fortunately we are not without hope and consolation. We believe in the ultimate redeeming power of love, and in the power of a love beyond our own that can do that redeeming."*

There are some attention-getting sections in chapter five of Father Rolheiser's book that include subjects like: Facing Our Demons - The Dangers of Despair - Overcoming Anger - and even, Wrestling with God.

Over the course of the first five chapters, Father Rolheiser makes it clear that prayer is a serious business. Not because theologians and saintly people are the only people who can pray, but because everyone really needs prayer. People really need the hope and consolation that comes from prayer.

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## New Faces at St. Margaret Mary



### Father James Tharakan

We warmly welcome Fr. James Tharakan, CMI (Congregation of Mary Immaculate) as our new Pastoral Associate. Fr. James comes to us from his home state of Kerala, India. He is from a large family and is the youngest of eight siblings - six brothers and one sister. Fr. Tharakan was a teacher on the collegiate level and was actively involved in youth ministry as the Director of Youth Department in the Diocese of Jagdalpur in India.

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### Deacon Scott Lindeman

We also welcome Deacon Scott Lindeman who joins our staff as the Director of Social Justice and Christian Service. He is married to Donna, and they have four children. They are parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul where Scott serves as Deacon. He is looking forward to his ministry at St. Margaret Mary and to serving the people of our parish and community.

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### Inquiry into the Catholic Faith Begins Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith, or know someone who is, the Inquiry phase of RCIA begins. Please contact Sr. Rosemary at: [srrosemary@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:srrosemary@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 644-6812 for more information and to register.

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### Elizabeth Ministry Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

All ladies are invited to pray the Rosary in the Upper Room. The 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@stmaragertmary.org](mailto:lori@stmaragertmary.org).

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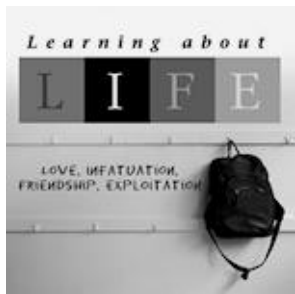
## **Beloved: "Love Revealed"**

**Friday, January 13, 7-9pm, Sacred Heart Hall.**

All couples engaged and married are invited to this new session from the Augustine Institute. In this video segment, we're going to look at how your wedding vows connect you to Christ and give a divine purpose to your marriage. Happy Hour at 7pm followed by program at 7:30. \$5 per couple. Babysitting available for children ages 10 and under with reservation by Wednesday, January 11.

RSVP online at [www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved](http://www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved)

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## **Life Plus for Third Graders**

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am**

This class is designed to promote the dignity of the human person through safe environment awareness, chastity and virtues education. Please bring your children to the third grade classrooms. Children must attend this session or have an opt-out form on file with the Office of Faith Formation for Children. Parents are welcome to attend, but it is not mandatory. This includes third graders who are enrolled in both Faith Formation and Family Faith classes. Please contact Kristie

Altman at (407) 647-5171 or [Kristie@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org) for more details.

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## **Cancer Support Ministry**

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 am**

We welcome all cancer patients and survivors. Come join us in the Family Life Center in our faith, love, laughter and tears as we share our stories of healing and hope. For information email Deacon Bill at: [bill@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:bill@stmargaretmary.org) or call (407) 647-3392.

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## **New Altar Server Training**

**Starting Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

Are you interested in becoming an altar server? If you are baptized, have celebrated your first communion, and are in fifth grade or higher, you are invited to consider this important liturgical ministry. Training will continue for five weeks on Monday evenings. Every new server must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the first session. Additional training dates are: January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

To register go to <http://stmargaretmary.org/altar-server-training-registration/>. For additional information contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy at [Lisa@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Lisa@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 647-0726.

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## **SMM Great Generation**

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

The topic of the presentation by parishioner, Jan Clanton is: "Art Today: Where Has Beauty Gone?" The question of beauty has always been part of a dialogue on fine art, but where has it gone in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Rules have changed. How are we to respond? New directions are needed. This presentation will examine contemporary art and find ways to better understand it and the artist's intent. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Miriam Timmes at (407) 644-6208. This presentation is open to all.

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## **Food Pantry**

This week please shop for jelly, soup, pancake mix and syrup, bottle water and any buy-one-get-one special. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass or bring them directly to the Pantry during the week. Please call (407) 628-1692 for directions.

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## **Playgroup**

**Every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Nursery**

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

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## **Previous Items:**



## **First Holy Communion Preparation**

**for Registered Children**

**Tuesday, January 17, 6:45 -8 pm, Church**

Children and at least one parent will meet in the church for prayer. Following the prayer service, adults will go to the Parish Hall for a presentation by Lynda Monckton, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Orlando. If you need babysitting for siblings 10 years and under, you must contact Kristie Altman at 407-647-5171 or [Kristie@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org)

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## **Retrouvaille** **Beginning Friday, January 20th**

Sometimes things can go very wrong in a marriage. Retrouvaille is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties. It is also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again. For more information and registration call (352) 274-4614. All calls and names are held in strictest confidence. We invite you to visit our website at: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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## **St. Margaret Mary Parish Mission** **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

This year our parish mission will be conducted by Father Anthony Aarons, T.O.R. Father Aarons is the pastor of St. Patrick's in Mount Dora and is well known for conducting retreats and providing spiritual direction for lay people and clergy. He was appointed by Bishop Noonan to be the "Missionary of Mercy" for our Diocese during the Year of Mercy.

Fr. Aarons' presentations will occur after the 8:00 am Mass and at 7:00 pm each day. For Fr. Aaron's biography: [Click Here](#)

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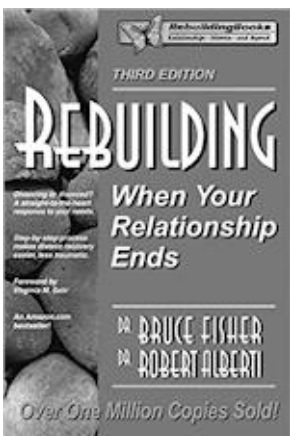


## **Mass to Honor our Sisters and Those in Consecrated Life**

January 28, at 11 am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. All are welcome. A sister may have first taught you your catechism of the faith or unlocked the mysteries of algebra and geometry for you. Maybe you've gotten a little closer to Our Lord as a result of a discussion with Sister. These dedicated women serve in parishes, in schools, in hospitals, in the missions, in the workplace—and we all benefit personally from their service.

A reception follows the Mass. All parishioners are invited. Please RSVP to Robert Diaz, [rdiaz@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:rdiaz@orlandodiocese.org) Please join the prayer and celebration for these special people who give so much to us.

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## **New Divorce Support Group** **with Fr. Jarek starting Tuesday nights, January 31.**

**Stop by the parish hall after all Masses on January 15, to hear about REBUILDING:**  
The most widely-used approach to divorce recovery, the "rebuilding" model makes the process healthier and less traumatic for those who are divorcing or divorced--and their children. Check the parish website for more info and registration forms.

[Click here for the session outline.](#) [Click here for the registration form.](#)  
Call the Family Life with any other questions at 407-645-0284.

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## SMM Catholic School Open House

When planning for the next school year, please note that the revised date for the annual St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Open House is Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend to learn more about the school's mission, Catholic Identity, and educational program for students in grades Pre-K and 4-8th grades. Student-led tours will be provided. Additionally, a Pre-K information meeting will be held the evening of January 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Babysitting is available for both events; to RSVP, please call the school office at 407-644-7537. We look forward to sharing information about St. Margaret Mary Catholic School—our parish school.

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## Young Adult Retreat

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

"Perfect in Weakness"

Held at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach.

To register: [Click Here](#)

For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#)

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## Adult Confirmation

Are you a practicing Catholic who's never been confirmed? If so, preparation classes begin in January. Bishop Noonan will be here February 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Confirmation. Please contact Sr. Rosemary for more information and to register at (407) 644-6812 or [srosemary@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:srosemary@stmargaretmary.org).

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## Hearts for Hope Luncheon

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

Are you interested in knowing more about where our parish food and other donations go? Come and learn about the wide variety of excellent programs and services offered by the Hope CommUnity Center in Apopka. For more information or if interested in attending contact Meghan Collins [meghancollinscnm@gmail.com](mailto:meghancollinscnm@gmail.com)

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## “Lord Teach Me To Pray”

Is Your New Year's Resolution to Deepen Your Prayer Life?

Perhaps you've heard others talk about their Ignatian Prayer small group experience, also called “Lord, Teach Me To Pray”. Another 12 sessions of this prayer will begin the week of Feb. 5. Now is the time to register by emailing:

[phayestmtp@gmail.com](mailto:phayestmtp@gmail.com) .

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## M.O.M.S. Database

Attention all participants of M.O.M.S.!!! Whether you participated in the very first M.O.M.S. group over twenty years ago or completed the program this past fall, we want to touch base and include you in the M.O.M.S. database! Kindly send your current contact information to JoAnn at [Joannpita@gmail.com](mailto:Joannpita@gmail.com)

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## Parish Census

This past Sunday we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord. The story of the visitation of kings demonstrates God calling in all peoples to salvation, not just the Jews. With our wide open eyes and knowledge of peoples around the globe today, that mission of salvation for all peoples might seem obvious. But for people in the early church, when Christians were called Nazoreans and considered another sect of

Judaism, the story might have raised eyebrows that even the Gentiles recognized Christ, where so many Jews of the time did not.

Yet we know today, that we have all been adopted into a global family, and that at the head of our family is God. While God calls us to understand our global family, he has set us in local families to bloom where we are planted. Therefore, St. Margaret Mary Church exists as one of the local Catholic families in Central Florida. As a part of the global family, we are free to move from family to family as our life circumstances change. Indeed, we have a much more mobile society than we experienced even 10 or 20 years ago. Therefore, it is appropriate for us to regularly take a census of our family. To know who chooses to adopt themselves to our community and who might have been adopted to different Church family in another part of the world.

On January 15, we will begin a Parish Census, through which you are invited to accept your adoption into this family and to be incorporated into the body of Christ through the community of St. Margaret Mary Parish. Our Parish is established to serve all people who wish to belong to the community. All of our diverse members are important toward the building a welcoming community centered in the Eucharist. The Parish Census gives you the opportunity to claim your adoption into our local family and to be counted in the One Body – where you do not stand alone.

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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.