



# Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2017

The lyrics to the tune, "This Little Light of Mine" start with a simple statement that "I'm gonna let it shine," but grow into a tale of persistently guarding that light and keeping it bright and shining until the coming of the Lord. How is the light of your faith glowing? Is it under a bushel basket? Blown out by Satan? Illuminating others and making their lives better?

Look in this week's email for opportunities to keep your faith light bright and other opportunities which allow your faith light to improve the lives of others.

## **NEW ITEMS:**

- **Prayer: Our Deepest Longing**
- **Message from Father Walsh**
- **New Altar Server Training**
- **Children's Choir Rehearsal**
- **Youth Ministry**
- **Baby Basics**
- **9 Days for Life**
- **Adoption Team Meeting**
- **Caregivers Support Group**
- **YOU**
- **Family Promise**
- **Sultan and Saint**
- **SMM School Auction**
- **Hospice Care Presentation**
- **AMM Grants**
- **Food Pantry**
- **New MOMS Program**

## **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”
- SMM Great Generation
- Parish Census
- New Faces at St. Margaret Mary

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

### **Monday, January 16**

Cancer Support Group 10:00 am  
 New Altar Server Training, 6:30 pm  
 Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm  
 RCIA, 7:00 pm  
 Novena, 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, January 17**

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am  
 First Communion Preparation, 6:45 pm

### **Wednesday, January 18**

KUDU Meeting, 6:00 pm  
 Art/Environment Lent/Easter Planning, 6:30 pm  
 Amplify High School YM, 6:30 pm  
 SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, January 19**

Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 am  
 Centering Prayer, 10:00 am  
 Playgroup, 10:00 am  
 Adoration, 7:30 pm

### **Friday, January 20**

New Hope, 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, January 21**

Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 am

### **Sunday, January 22**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am  
 Family Faith, 10:45 am  
 Adult Confirmation Session, 10:45 am  
 Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm

### **Monday, January 23**

Parish Mission, 8:00 am  
 Caregivers Support Group 10:00 am  
 Parish Mission, 7:00 pm  
 Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm  
 RCIA, 7:00 pm  
 Novena, 7:00 pm

## Quote of the Week

“I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

- Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

## Question of the Week

“Who in your life has helped you to grow and mature spiritually? How did he or she do that?”

There are times when we are more deeply moved by a personal act of kindness than by a grand, heroic gesture.

Jesus came as a servant bringing his “light to the nations.” But he began his mission by personally connecting with one person at a time: a sick person, a sinner, an apostle.

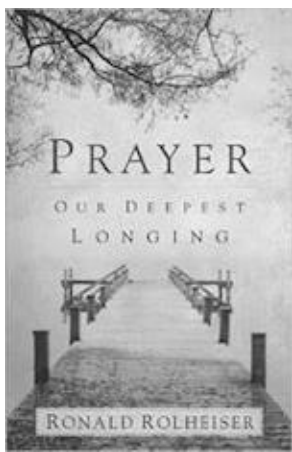
It seems quite possible that the average person living today will come in contact with more people than Jesus ever did.

If true, we all bear a great responsibility.

We all can be a light to each other -- many times a day, many thousands of times throughout our lives.

The smallest act of kindness can lead all of us to spiritual growth.

## New Items:



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

By Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

#### **Chapter Six - Listening to God's Heartbeat**

*“Deep inside of us, like a brand, there is a place where God has touched, caressed and kissed us.”*

In the final chapter of *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* there is a promise that God has given us a soul capable of hearing his heartbeat. By putting aside “noise, anger and bitterness” we can arrive at a “gentle place, a virgin place and a holy place.” We can get in touch with the spirit of peace and joy that God has already placed within us. We can discover the person God made us to be. We can discover how to talk to God.

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## A Note from Father Walsh on Haiti

As I head for Haiti again this week, I want to share with you that one of our parishioners has generously offered to contribute a matching grant of up to \$50,000 for the renovation of our sister Parish's church and school there. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was severely damaged during the earthquake of 2010, and their school was destroyed during the recent hurricane last October.

If you would like to contribute, it would be very much appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Margaret Mary Church, please note Haiti Matching Gift.

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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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## Children's Choir Rehearsals

Tuesdays, January 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:05 to 6:45 pm

Please join us at our next two rehearsals in the church choir room. Our next Choir Mass will be on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 am Mass. For questions please contact Cheryl Pelzer at [jpelzer@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jpelzer@cfl.rr.com).

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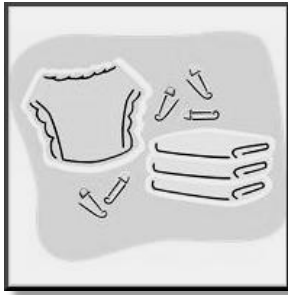


## Youth Ministry Kickoff Nights Spring Semester Kickoff

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
- AMPLIFY High School

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
- REVIVE Middle School

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## Baby Basics

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

When shopping, don't forget to pick up some size 3, 4 or 5 diapers for the babies in this wonderful free diaper program. Please mark the diapers for Baby Basics and leave them at the front office. If you would like to help with the next distribution on January 21<sup>st</sup> please contact Peggy Canary at [macanary@aol.com](mailto:macanary@aol.com). This is a great way for families to volunteer their time together.

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## 9 Days for Life

January 21<sup>st</sup> to January 29<sup>th</sup>

The U.S. Bishops annual novena "9 Days for Life" starts on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook,

email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

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## Adoption Team Meeting

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30 to 11:45 am

If you have experience as an adoptive or foster family contact Brandy at [greyhndgal2@yahoo.com](mailto:greyhndgal2@yahoo.com)

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## SMM Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 am

If you care for a loved one at home or in a facility, consider taking this time to share with those who are experiencing the same situations and emotions. Give yourself the gift of prayer and support by sharing with one another in our Family Life Center every fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call Deacon Bill at (407) 647-3392 or email Rosario at [Rosario@ortigao.com](mailto:Rosario@ortigao.com).

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## YOU

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

### Dual Sessions for Parents and Their Teenagers

YOU is a Catholic program for teens which focuses on Identity, Gender, Love and Chastity. Teens will learn what healthy relationships look like and how to live a life of sacrifice and discipleship.

Parent Sessions will encourage parents to engage their children in meaningful conversation regarding the program as it pertains to their lives. The beauty of the YOU program is that it places sexuality within the wider perspective of our purpose in life and who we are as persons created by God for love. Parents can register by calling the Family Life office at (407) 645-0284.

Teen Sessions will look at how you and your sexuality are unique, unrepeatable gifts of God. This program will give you the answers and tools needed to successfully and safely navigate through life. For more information contact Hunter Spycaboer at [hunter@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:hunter@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 998-5677.



## Family Promise

February 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<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 Georgia Langdon at (407) 628-0283 or at [langdongal@aol.com](mailto:langdongal@aol.com). If you would like to help by cooking dinner, please contact Melissa Bunkers at (407) 484-5116 or [melissawbunkers@gmail.com](mailto:melissawbunkers@gmail.com). Thank you.



## The Sultan and the Saint

Tuesdays, February 7<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

The Sultan and the Saint faith sharing program brings small groups of Muslims and Christians together in dialogue. By fostering active listening and respectful sharing, it cultivates mutual understanding and appreciation of what these faith traditions hold in common, as well as the ways in which they differ. During the process participants will visit Christian and Muslim places of worship. For more information and to register, please contact: Karen Moran at [karenmoran7@gmail.com](mailto:karenmoran7@gmail.com) or (727) 424-3039 or Meghan Collins at: [meghancollinscnm@gmail.com](mailto:meghancollinscnm@gmail.com) or (407) 265-0357.



## **SMM Catholic School Annual Auction**

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Climb aboard The Love Boat and set sail for an evening full of fun, fabulous food and one of the best silent auctions in town. The annual auction and dinner benefiting St. Margaret Mary Catholic School will be held in the Family Life Center. Tickets, tables and sponsorships are available online or through the school office. Please visit [www.smmauction.com](http://www.smmauction.com) for more information, or contact Kristen Rosario at [kristen.tamposi@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.tamposi@gmail.com).

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## **Hospice Care - Enhancing Life until the End-of-life**

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 pm**

This presentation is designed to dispel the myths of hospice care and focus on how hospice services embrace the patient and the family medically, emotionally and spiritually. Presented by Sally Kopke from Vitas Healthcare. Sponsored by SMM Pastoral Care and Health Ministry. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Michelle at: [Michelle@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Michelle@stmargaretmary.org) or call (407) 998-5659.

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## **SMM Grant Opportunity**

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for grant applications. If you or your favorite non-profit organization is working to enhance the dignity and quality of life of people in need, you may apply for a grant from \$500 to \$5,000. This popular program funds twice a year - in the spring and fall. For more information call Scott at (407) 628-1324. To download a grant application: [Click Here](#). Hard copies of the application are also available at the parish office.

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## **Food Pantry**

This week please shop for jelly, soup, pancake mix and syrup, and bottle water. And, of course, any of the buy one-get one specials at your local store. 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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## **New MOMS Program Starting in February**

“Grace Within” is based on content from the Ministry of Mothers Sharing ministry that has now been revised, updated and enhanced. It was developed by Within Ministries, a non-profit organization, and is based on the same twenty-year proven spiritual process. For a flyer: [Click Here](#)

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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 Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at San Pedro Center**

Retrouvaille is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, couples broken, lonely and hurting. It is also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again. For more information and registration call (352) 274-4614. This is not counseling or group therapy. All calls and names are held in strictest confidence. Please check the 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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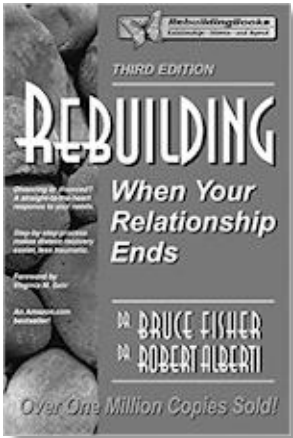


## Mass to Honor our Sisters and Those in Consecrated Life

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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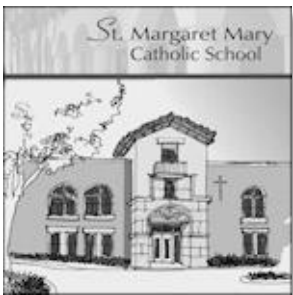


## New Divorce Support Group with Fr. Jarek starting Tuesday nights, January 31.

Time to register for the next Divorce Support Group with Fr. Jarek. 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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## 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 [meghancollinscm@gmail.com](mailto:meghancollinscm@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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## 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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## Parish Census

Parish Census Cards will be mailed to all parishioners this week. Please affirm your registration, make updates to your household information and return the card as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance with this project and for your loyal commitment to St. Margaret Mary Parish.

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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.



### 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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## 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.