



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2017

Systems. One thing with which humanity has proven its exceptional ability is the creation of systems. We have sewage systems, air conditioning systems, road systems, communications systems and social systems to name a few. However, how are you operating in the most basic system, the human system? Your day-to-day relationships with those in the environments in which you interact? Are you enriching, enhancing, flourishing? Or are you getting through the day?

Look in this week's e-mail for opportunities to engage in ways that help you and others grow closer to Christ, being nourished by and being enriched through our human relationships. You may find such enrichment expands to all our relationships.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Catholic Schools Week**
- **Men's Bible Study**
- **Grace Within Training**
- **First Wednesday with the Homeless**
- **Knowledge for Living**
- **Presentation of the Lord**
- **Blessing of Throats**
- **First Friday Adoration**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Haiti Outreach Review**
- **Life Plus**
- **Charity Golf Tournament**
- **Great Generation Trip**
- **Theology on Tap**
- **New Parishioner Mingle**
- **Vocation Discernment for Women**
- **Playgroup**
- **Vocations Essay Contest**
- **9 Days for Life**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- Family Promise
- SMM Great Generation
- Rebuilding Divorce Support
- YOU for Parents
- YOU for Teens
- SMM Catholic School Open House
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Young Adult Retreat
- “Lord Teach Me to Pray”
- Sultan and Saint
- Parenting with Conscious Discipline
- Pro Life Talent Show
- Free Tax Preparation
- SMM School Auction
- Hearts for Hope Luncheon
- Hospice Care Presentation
- Parish Census
- Message from Father Walsh
- Life in the Eucharist
- SMM Grants

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, January 30

Altar Server Training, 6:30 pm
Family Promise Training, 7:00 pm
Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 31

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Great Generation Presentation, 2:30 pm
Communion Makeup Class, 4:00 pm
Communion Makeup Class, 5:30 pm
Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
MOMS Team Meeting, 7:00 pm
SMM School Pre-K Information Night, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 1

Cooking for the Homeless, 8:30 am
Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
Make Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 pm
Serve Meals to the Homeless, 5:30 pm
You for Parents, 6:30 pm
Amplify High School - YOU, 6:30 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 2

SMM Catholic School Open House, 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Playgroup, 10:00 am

Kairos Prison Ministry, 6:30 pm
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 3

New Hope, 7:00 pm
Adoration, 8:30 am – Sat Noon

Saturday, February 4

Adoration, until Noon
Young Adult Retreat, 8:30 am
Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:15 pm

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am
Adult Confirmation Session, 10:45 am
Family Faith 10:45 am
Retrovaille, 1:00 pm
Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm

Monday, February 6

Altar Server Training, 6:30 pm
Board of Education, 7:00 pm
Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. There can be no ecology without adequate anthropology.”

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

Question of the Week

“How is Jesus calling me to live a simple, non-violent life?”

One way to think about a life that is simple and non-violent is to consider what simple and non-violent is not.

Exploitation.

Echoing Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, American environmental activist Wendell Berry wonders, “If competition is the correct relation of creatures to one another and to the earth, then we must ask why exploitation is not more successful than it is.”

You don't have to be a pope or an environmental scientist to know that the Beatitudes spoken by Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount offer a better prospect for a successful, simple and non-violent life.

To see what Jesus had to say about a better way of life take a look at Matthew 5:3-12.

New Items:



National Catholic Schools Week January 29th through February 4th

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for this year is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. For more information [Click Here](#).



Men's Bible Study Tuesday January 31st from 7:00 to 8:00 am

Men's Bible Study conducted by Father Walsh will resume on January 31st upstairs in the Family Life Center. All men of the parish are invited to attend. If you have never attended or if it has been a while, please consider making this a New Year resolution to improve your faith life. For more information contact Deacon Bill at bill@stmargaretmary.org.



Grace Within Training Monday and Tuesday, January 30th and 31st from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Training for new core team in the St. Margaret Mary conference room. Please RSVP to Joannpita@gmail.com



First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless Wednesday, February 1st

Cooking beginning at 8:30 am
Sandwich making at 2:30 pm
Delivery & serve dinner at 5:30 pm

Try something new this month. Be a cook, sandwich maker, driver and/or server to provide dinner for people staying at the Coalition for the Homeless. Come this Wednesday to lend a hand, to give hope and sustenance to the Lazarus at our gate. Contact Ted Steilen, tsteilen@earthlink.net, 407-234-0215; or, Colleen Nuñez at colleen@stmargaretmary.org, 407-647-3392.



Knowledge for Living

Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 pm

An interfaith evening of cultural understanding at the Callahan Center at 101 N. Parramore Avenue in Orlando. Music of the soul presented by Jajja Laila Walzer, and Poetry of the Heart by Amany Shalaby, author, translator and teacher of Islamic Spirituality.



Presentation of the Lord

Thursday, February 2nd

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, commemorates the story of Mary and Joseph presenting their child Jesus in the temple. It is an ancient custom of the Church to bless candles on this day for use in the coming year for worship and devotions. On February 2nd you are invited to bring candles from home that you would like to have blessed at Mass.



Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3rd at the 8:00 am and 5:30 pm Masses

In memory of St. Blaise, the patron for those with illnesses of the throat, throats will be blessed on February 3rd at Mass.



First Friday Adoration

Friday after 8:00 am Mass through Saturday Noon

This Friday, February 3 is First Friday, a time for Adoration. Come spend some precious alone time with our Lord or bring your children, friend, or spouse and spend a few minutes in quiet prayer.



Baby Basics

Saturday, February 4th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

If you would like to volunteer during our next diaper distribution on February 4th please contact Peggy Canary at macanary@aol.com. There are currently 63 children receiving diapers and we shall disribute over 5,000!. The greatest need right now is for size 6. To donate diapers please mark them for Baby Basics and leave them at the front office.



Haiti Outreach Review

Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm

Learn how you are making the lives of Haitians better. Join St. Margaret Mary's Haiti committee in St. Margaret Mary School's Media Center on February 9th. You will hear the details of Father Walsh's recent mission trip in addition to overview reports outlining current projects. Refreshments will be served.



Life Plus

Sunday, February 12th at 10:45 am

The Life Plus class is for fourth graders in Faith Formation and Family Faith Sunday classes. Please drop your children off at the grade school. Parents are invited to attend, but it is not required. Children will bring home a sealed envelope of materials for you to cover with them at home. If you have questions, please contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org.



Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, February 13 at 8:00 am

Scramble at Tusawilla Country Club. Sponsored by Compass Catholic Ministires. For details and to sign up, go to CompassCatholic.org.

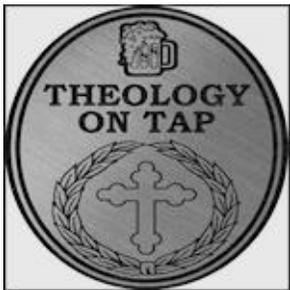


Great Generation Trip

Sunday, February 19th beginning at 11:00 am

The Great Generation sponsors a trip to see "Driving Miss Daisy" at the Athens Theatre in Deland that was designed in 1921 by Orlando Architect Murray S. King. The bus departs from K-Mart Shopping Center in front of Michael's Store. Lunch will be on your own at a recommended restaurant in downtown Deland.

Make your check for \$49 payable to Life's a Trip Tours, and mail it to Rose Walleze, 2260 Gillis Ct., Maitland, FL 32751. For more information and to make reservations call Rose at (407) 645-4521 or Miriam Timmes at (407) 644-6208.



Theology on Tap

Wednesday, February 22nd from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Food and drinks and Theology on Tap sponsored by Men Answering the Call. This evening's presenter is Fr. David Scotchie, the author of *A Prayer for Hope* and *Can I Say Prayer with You?* The event will be held at Cocina 214 on 151 E. Welborne Avenue in Winter Park. Please RSVP to matc@stmargaretmary.org. Visit our website at <http://stmargaretmary.org/ministries/men-answering-the-call>. Visit us on facebook at <https://facebook.com/MenAnsweringTheCall/?ref=nf>. For a flyer with additional information [Click Here](#).



New Parishioner Mingle

Saturday, March 11th at 6:15 pm

Come join us for a casual wine and cheese mingle. Singles, couples and families are welcome. Please join us in the Parish Hall of the Family Life Center immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass. Meet some of the excellent people who have chosen to call our parish their home. Learn more about the great work accomplished by our faith community.



Vocation Discernment for Young Women

April 28th through 30th

The "Young Woman Fiat Days" held at the San Pedro Center is a sacred, informative and joyful weekend in which young women (ages 13-18) have an opportunity to think and pray about their special call from God, whether married, single or religious. The weekend will consist of daily Mass, informative talks, and quiet contemplation. Delicious meals, informational materials and pleasant accommodations are included.

The cost is \$100 and scholarships are available. For more information contact Sr. Kathleen Power at (407) 246-4928 or kpowers@orlandodiocese.org. For an application form [Click Here](#).



Playgroup

Every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 am

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



Vocations Essay Contest

Pope Francis says that faith makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love. Have you taken time to think about your vocation?

The St. Margaret Mary Church Vocations Committee is sponsoring a Vocations Essay Contest. This year's topic is "Imagine you are a priest or a sister. Look inside yourself. What qualities do you

have for your vocation? How will you use them in your work as a priest or a sister?" For more information about this exciting contest [Click Here](#).



9 Days for Life

Please continue to 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.

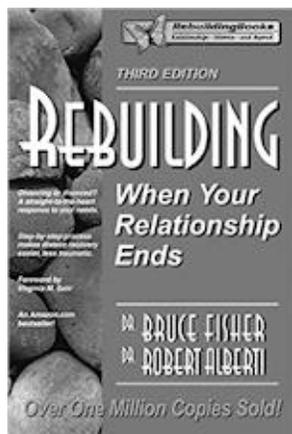
Previous Items:



Family Promise Orientation for New Volunteers **Monday, January 30th at 7:00 pm**

There will be a new volunteer training for Family Promise on January 30th in the Damascus Room. We want to welcome you to this important ministry for our homeless guests. You may choose to set up rooms, take down rooms, tidy the living spaces, do laundry, cook dinner, and/or stay with our guests overnight, at dinner time, during evening hours and during the day on Saturdays.

Homeless families with children will arrive on February 5th and stay for one week until February 11th. Please contact Georgia Langdon at (407) 628-0283 or at langdongal@aol.com. If you would like to help by cooking dinner, please contact Melissa Bunkers at (407) 484-5116 or melissawbunkers@gmail.com. Thank you.



“Rebuilding” Divorce Support **Starting this Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

Do you have a friend or family member who needs support in building himself or herself back into a more whole and confident self after divorce? Encourage him or her to come and hear an introduction to a proven, step-by-step program.

Please RSVP to lori@stmargaretmary.org or call the Family Life office at (407) 645-0284.



Theology of the Body **Information Session for Parents** **Wednesday, February 1st 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

Parent information sessions are offered to encourage parents to engage their children in meaningful conversations that connect our sexuality to our purpose in life and who we are as persons created by God for love. For all parents of middle schoolers and teenagers. Grandparents and other family members are welcome. Meeting in the Antioch Room.

To RSVP <http://www.stmargaretmary.org/you-for-parents> call the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284.



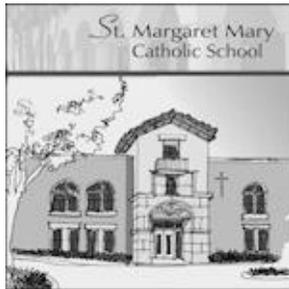
AMPLIFY - High School Ministry

YOU Session 1 "Created for Love"

Wednesday, February 1st 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Teens need to know that not only are they a unique, unrepeatable gift of God, but so also is their sexuality and all aspects of their lives.

YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body is an exciting and dynamic program presented on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Hunter Spycaboer at (407) 998-5677 or hunter@stmargaretmary.org for more information. A YOU session for parents will be held at 6:30 pm on February 1st for one night only.



SMM Catholic School Open House

Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 am

When planning for the next school year, please note the revised date for the annual St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Open House. All are invited to the Parish Hall 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.



Kairos Prison Ministry

Thursday, February 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Men of St. Margaret Mary Parish, you are invited to an information night for Kairos. Come hear about the ministry and the miracles we witness in prison. We are planning Weekend #8 at the Central Florida Reception Center on May 18 through 21. Come to the meeting and investigate this exciting men's Christian, Inter-Denominational Ministry for men ages 20 to 90+. Contact Carlos Benitez at (716) 465-8191.



Young Adult Retreat

Saturday, February 4th 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](#)



“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 .



The Sultan and the Saint

An Approach to Christian-Muslim Dialogue

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

You are invited to participate in *The Sultan and the Saint*, an eight week, interfaith program enabling Christians and Muslims to explore their common roots as children of Abraham. Themes include::

commonalities and differences between the two faiths, shared prayer, the historical and current-day relationships between Christians and Muslims, and the social justice traditions of Christianity and Islam.

For more information and to register, please contact: Karen Moran at karenamoran7@gmail.com or (727) 424-3039 or Meghan Collins at: meghancollinscnm@gmail.com or (407) 265-0357.



Parenting Classes

Beginning on Thursday, February 9th from 6:15 to 7:30 pm

“Parenting with Conscious Discipline - A More Positive and Peaceful Approach to Parenting” is a series of four classes to be held in our Family Life Center on February 9 and 16, and March 2 and 9.

The class is taught by Amy Zolessi, a Certified Conscious Discipline instructor, and presents an understanding of how the brain and behaviors are connected so that you can respond in a more effective and loving way. The cost is \$25 per class.

You can register online at <http://stmargaretmary.org/parenting-with-conscious-discipline/>



Pro-Life Talent Show and Dinner

Friday, February 10th at 5:30 pm

A talent show, pasta dinner and silent auction will be held at Incarnation Catholic Church at 1515 Edgewater Drive in Orlando. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Ministry. For information call (407) 843-2886.



Free Tax Preparation

Saturday, February 11th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Monday, March 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

A free tax preparation service is being made available to low income, elderly and needy parishioners of St. Margaret Mary Church by appointment only on a first-come-first-serve basis by Donald J. Christie, EA, CSA, MBA and Karen Christie, RTRP and Rolland Lawrence, RTRP at American Tax & Business Shoppe at 6924 Aloma Avenue in Winter Park. For an appointment call (407) 671-4696.

This free service does not include tax returns with require Schedules C, D or Schedule E. At the time of appointment, the individual must bring all 2016 tax documents, 1095 Health Forms, and last year's tax return.



SMM Catholic School Annual Auction

Saturday, February 11th 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 for more information, or contact Kristen Rosario at kristen.tamposi@gmail.com.



Hearts for Hope Luncheon

Monday, February 13th 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



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

Tuesday, February 14th 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 spritually. If given time Hospice can enhance the quality of life. 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 or call (407) 998-5659. The presentation will be held in the Bethany and Cana rooms of our Family Life Center.



Parish Census

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

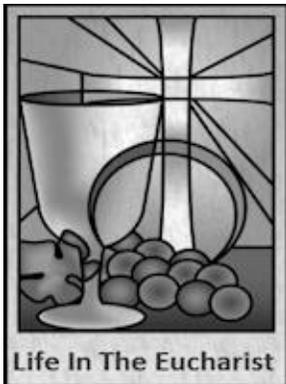
Thank you for your assistance with this project and for your loyal commitment to St. Margaret Mary Parish.



A Note from Father Walsh on Haiti

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.



Life in the Eucharist March 31st through April 1st

The heart of every parish is found in its coming together to celebrate the Eucharist and being sent forth to live the Gospel. In recent times, Catholics have witnessed and lived through an unprecedented reform of their entire sacramental system. The renewal of the liturgy invites Catholics to enjoy full, conscious and active participation in the rites of their church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

Come and explore five rich themes of the Mystery of the Eucharist: Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and Mission. Registration information coming soon.



SMM Grant Opportunity

March 1st 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. Applications are available via the parish website. Go to www.stmargaretmary.org then click on "Ministries" at the top. Click on "Advocacy and Justice" and then "Grant Applications." Hard copies are also available at the parish office. This popular program funds twice a year - in the spring and fall. For more information call Scott at (407) 628-1324..

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.