



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2017

All of God's gifts are actionable. We are all recipients of God's gifts. Therefore, God gives us gifts for the purpose of action. These gifts build us up individually, but are not all intended to be turned to self. In the Gospel of John 15:13, Jesus tells us, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Laying down our lives includes laying down the gifts we are given to the service of others.

Look in this week's email for opportunities to manifest your God-given gifts to the service of your friends.

NEW ITEMS:

- Heart to Serve
- Haiti Mission Trip Video
- Lectors and Greeters Needed
- Special Needs Ministry
- Cursillo Information Night
- St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Registration
- Grace Within
- Elizabeth Ministry
- Education in Haiti
- Beloved
- Blessed Are you Who Mourn
- First Holy Communion Preparation
- Theology of the Body
- Haitian Book Club
- Family Promise
- Food Pantry
- Children's Movies on FORMED
- Human Trafficking
- 9 Days for Life

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- "Lord Teach Me to Pray"
- Vocations Essay Contest
- Sultan and Saint
- Parenting with Conscious Discipline
- Haiti Outreach Review
- Pro Life Talent Show

- Free Tax Preparation
- SMM School Auction
- Life Plus
- Charity Golf Tournament
- Hearts for Hope Luncheon
- Hospice Care Presentation
- Great Generation Trip
- Theology on Tap
- Parish Census
- Life in the Eucharist
- SMM Grants

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

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

Tuesday, February 7

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
 Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
 Chicken Soup Ministry, 1:00 pm
 Fusion Class, 3:00 pm
 Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
 The Sultan and the Saint, 6:30 pm
 Sacramental Catechists Mtg, 7:00 pm
 Welcome Team, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8

Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
 Confirmation, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 9

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
 Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
 Playgroup, 10:00 am
 Parenting Class, 6:00 pm
 Haiti Outreach Review, 7:00 pm
 Special Needs Ministry, 7:00 pm
 Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 10

Pro-Life Talent Show, 10:00 pm
 New Hope, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 11

Free Tax Preparation, 1:00 pm
 SMM Catholic School Auction, 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am
 Adoption Team Meeting, 10:45 am
 Family Faith 10:45 am
 Life Plus 4th Grade 10:45 am

Retroville, 1:00 pm
Just Girls Planning, 7:00 pm

Monday, February 13

Charity Golf Tournament, 8:00 am
Altar Server Training, 6:30 pm
Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.”

- Isaiah 58:8

Question of the Week

“St. Francis of Assisi’s idea was to ‘proclaim the Gospel. . . and use words only when necessary.’ How have I seen others proclaim the word, or let their faith light shine for others?”

“He has something special.”

“She has something special.”

“I’m not sure what it is, but it is something special.”

We all have something special. We all belong to God’s family.

Perhaps we also need to believe that being part of God’s family can make a visible difference.

New Items:



Heart to Serve

“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto me”
(Matthew 25:44).

During the last three months, we have engaged in a season called Heart to Pray, focusing on the many aspects of prayer. In the next three months, as we continue to deepen our prayer experiences, we shall focus on the second of four seasons, Heart to Serve. The purpose of this season is to encourage us to encounter the living Christ, his mercy and love through serving others.

How can we serve with the heart of Christ in our homes, in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces and in our parish? Jesus gave us an example to follow by the way he humbled himself to serve others. Serving with all your heart means serving with the heart of Jesus. The Heart to Serve season offers us the invitation to greater service in ways that make the reign of God come more fully alive.

With All Your Heart is a yearlong parish journey of faith consisting of four “seasons” which provides ways to inform, invite, engage, and involve all parishioners. These seasons are: Heart to Pray, Heart to Serve, Heart to Share, Heart to Witness.



Haiti Mission Video

Brian Shields accompanied Father Walsh and the mission team to our sister parish recently. While there, Brian videoed the group as they met with Père Deone, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and the members of his parish. The video links below give you a glimpse of the raw reality seen by our missionaries and lived by our brothers and sisters in Haiti!

For a two-minute version: https://youtu.be/P1i_UC-DLso

For a four-minute version: <https://youtu.be/HX11j4EKrAY>

Full Length version: <https://youtu.be/7z-nuoNDC3g>



Lectors and Greeters Needed

Lectors are lovers of the Word of God. They use oral communication skills to proclaim and share the Word with the gathered assembly. Lectors proclaim the readings approximately once a month and are expected to spend two to three hours in preparation for each reading. New lectors are selected through a process of discernment and are required to participate in a series of training meetings.

Greeters welcome people as they gather for Mass, provide a smile and an open door. They offer hospitality in the name of the Lord. Greeters are scheduled to serve once or twice a month.

For further information contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy at lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726.

EACH OF US IS A

MASTERPIECE

OF GOD'S CREATION.



Special Needs Ministry Meeting

Thursday, February 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

For all parents and caregivers with a child or young adult with mental illness, autism, intellectual or developmental disabilities. Contact Trina for more information at tcassidy@cflrr.com.



Cursillo Information Night

Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm

Cursillo is a program that encourages Catholics to “bloom where we are planted” and bring the fruits of our faith into the ordinary moments of our everyday lives. The Cursillo journey begins with a three-day weekend experience which invites Catholics to personally connect with God’s unlimited love. To learn more about Cursillo at our Wine and Cheese information night please contact Andrea Cavallere at: (407) 998-5678 or andrea@stmargaretmary.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Registration

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School is accepting applications for new students for the 2017-2018 school year. Please find the link to the Online Application on the school website at: www.smmknight.org/Admissions. New applications are due Monday, February 13th. Please contact the registrar, Mrs. McCarthy with any questions at mccarthy@smmknight.org or call the school office at: (407) 644-7537.



Grace Within

Mondays, February 13th through April 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
or Tuesdays, February 14th through April 4th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

St. Margaret Mary invites women of all ages and life experiences to participate in Grace Within. Grace Within is an empowering, eight-week small group spiritual formation process utilizing personal journals and led by peers. The spiritual process invites awareness, listening, humility, reflection, silence and presence. This is an opportunity to awaken the Spirit within, while experiencing God’s

presence revealed in the ordinary and extraordinary experiences in our daily lives.

For more information or to register please contact JoAnn Brooderson at: Joannpita@gmail.com. The cost of the participant book is \$30.00 which will be collected at the time of the Meet and Greet meeting.



Elizabeth Ministry

Tuesday, February 14th at 9:00 am

All ladies are invited to pray the rosary in the Upper Room. 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@stmargaretmary.org.



Presentation on Education in Haiti

Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm in Holy Grounds

Our Haiti Education Committee presents Wisly Zephir, a Haitian who is currently studying locally. He will give a brief presentation on the educational system in Haiti. Following his presentation we shall discuss an upcoming trip to Haiti during which we shall be assessing educational needs in our parish and discussing plans for education within our own community about Haiti and Haitian culture. All interested parishioners are welcome to this meeting. For more information contact Meghan Collins at: meghancollinsCNM@gmail.com or (407) 265-0357.



Beloved

Friday, February 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The next Beloved session will include a celebration of marriage and renewal of vows for all couples. A reception in the Sacred Heart Hall begins at 7:00 pm followed by the program at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per couple. Babysitting is available for children ages 10 and under with a reservation by Wednesday, February 15th. RSVP online at: www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved.



Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Mondays, February 20th through March 27th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This is a six-week, faith-based bereavement support group facilitated by Sally Kopke, MS (Vitas Healthcare). Topics are presented in the following order: Believing it happened, Feeling the reality, Living without them, Building a different life, Examining my faith, Honoring and remembering. For registration call Deacon Bill Timmes at (407) 647-3392 or email at: Bill@stmargaretmary.org.



First Communion Preparation

Tuesday, February 21st at 6:45 pm

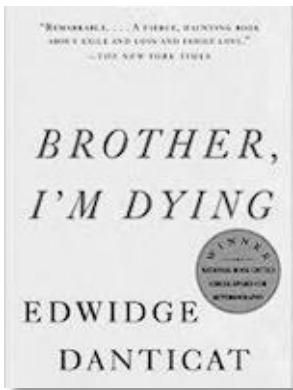
Children and at least one parent will meet in church to begin with prayer. After the prayer service, adults will go to the Parish Hall for a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word and Scripture by Sandy Dooley. Registered students will meet with their classes. Parents will pick up students from the classrooms at the end of the presentation. If you need babysitting for siblings ages 10 years and under, contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Thank you for your prayers and support for all our students preparing to receive Jesus at the table of the Lord.



Theology of the Body Information Session for Parents

Wednesday, February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

The Theology of the Body is not just for teens. Parents should start conversations about life, love and the body with children early. Theology of the Body will help parents use the teaching from Pope St. John Paul II to help with questions like: "What does God have to do with sex?" "Why do I have to be responsible for chores and schoolwork?" "When can I start dating?" "When can I stay out after 11:00 pm?" All parents, grandparents, and other family members are welcome. RSVP online at: <http://www.stmargaretmary.org/you-for-parents> or call the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284.



Haiti Book Club

Sunday, February 26th

A group is forming to discuss books by Haitian authors and will begin meeting on Sunday, March 5th with a discussion of *Brother, I'm Dying*, a memoir by Edwidge Danticat. The group will kick off by participating in the Haitian Mardi Gras celebration at the Polasek Museum on Sunday, February 26th. The museum currently has an exhibit of the work of Haitian artist Frantz Zephirin. Check future emails for specific times. For more information please contact Linda Goddard at lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net or (407) 595-0616 or Trish Moser at mosertrish@gmail.com.



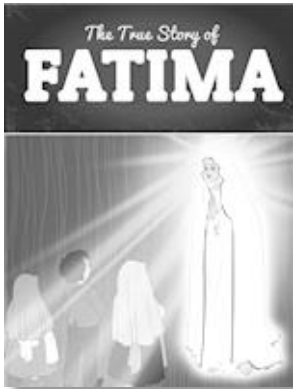
Family Promise

Welcome to our guests from Family Promise (IHN). If you still have food or supplies for Family Promise today, please drop it off in the Parish Office this week. Thank you to all those many people who contribute to this effort to provide temporary shelter to homeless families.



Food Pantry

This week please shop for vegetable oil, tortillas, salsa, chopped canned tomatoes, and dry pasta (spaghetti, shells, elbows, etc.), rice & beans, as well as 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. Parishioners deliver the collected food to the Farmworker Association and the HOPE Community Center in Apopka. ¡Gracias!



Children's Movies on FORMED

You can have unlimited access to the best eBooks, talks, and videos in the Church today. Create your own account for free resources through September. Online access anytime, on any device. Go to www.FORMED.org and submit Parish Code: WHPGTK



Human Trafficking Myths and Misconceptions

Myth 1: Under the federal definition, trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries.

Reality: The federal definition of human trafficking includes both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals. Both are protected under the federal trafficking statutes and have been since the TVPA of 2000. Human trafficking encompasses both transnational trafficking that crosses borders and domestic or internal trafficking that occurs within a country.



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:



“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 .

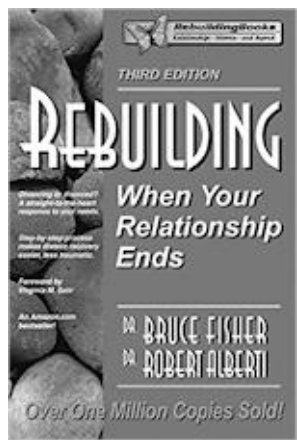


Vocations Essay Contest

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](#).



“Rebuilding” Divorce Support Tuesday, February 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

All who are divorced or separated are invited to the next session of Rebuilding. All are welcome, even if you missed the first session. This week Fr. Jarek leads a discussion on “Adaptation” how to change your unhealthy, adaptive behaviors into authentic relationship-enhancing behaviors. The meeting will be in the Upper Room, on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center.

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



The Sultan and the Saint

An Approach to Christian-Muslim Dialogue

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

It is time to sign up! Participate in an interfaith program between Christians and Muslims to explore common roots of our faith traditions as children of Abraham. This eight-week program is open to Christians and Muslims who want to discuss the two faiths with open hearts and minds, and prune away ideas that do not bear fruit so that new understandings have space to bloom. 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

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

The class is taught by Amy Zolessi, a Certified Conscious Discipline instructor, and held in the parish hall. The cost is \$25 per class and free childcare is available. RSVP online at <http://stmargaretmary.org/parenting-with-conscious-discipline/>



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.



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.



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 13th at 8:00 am

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



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 spiritually. 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

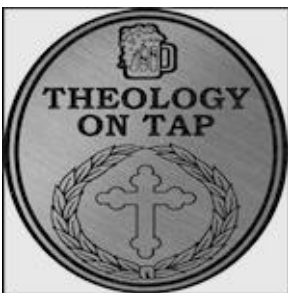
in the Bethany and Cana rooms of our Family Life Center.



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](#).



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.



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." 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.