



# Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2017

Holy Smoke! Holy Wonder! Holy YOU!

The fantastic volunteers who serve our coffee and donuts every Sunday after 8:00 am and 9:30 am Mass are jokingly referred to as the “Holey People of God.” In some ways, we are all holey people, and God seeks to fill those holes with his presence. In this way, we are made complete with, in and through God.

Look in this week’s email for opportunities in which God is trying to fill in some holes for you, making you more whole and holier than ever.

## **NEW ITEMS:**

- **Theology of the Body**
- **Haitian Mardi Gras**
- **SMM Caregivers Group**
- **March for Life**
- **Family, Friends and Chicken Soup**
- **Family Promise**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Food Pantry**

## **PREVIOUS ITEMS:**

- **A Message from Fr. Walsh**
- **Our Catholic Appeal**
- **Technology Night for Parents**
- **Blessed Are you Who Mourn**
- **First Holy Communion Preparation**
- **Theology on Tap**
- **Lectors and Greeters Needed**
- **SMM Grants**
- **Haitian Book Club**
- **Together in Holiness**
- **Parish Census**
- **Vocations Essay Contest**
- **Ministry to the Sick**
- **Life in the Eucharist**
- **SMM Lenten Offering**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

### **Monday, February 20**

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

### **Tuesday, February 21**

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am  
Grace Within, 9:30 am  
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am  
Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm  
The Sultan and the Saint, 6:30 pm  
First Communion Preparation, 6:45 pm  
Pastoral Council, 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, February 22**

Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am  
YOU – Theology of the Body (Parents), 6:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, February 23**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am  
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am  
Playgroup, 10:00 am  
Cursillo Ultreya, 6:30 pm  
Baptism Class, 7:00 pm  
Haiti Education Group, 7:00 pm  
Adoration, 7:30 pm

### **Friday, February 24**

New Hope, 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, February 25**

First Communion Retreat, 9:00 am

### **Sunday, February 26**

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am  
Family Faith 10:45 am  
Retrovaille, 1:00 pm

### **Monday, February 27**

Ministry for Widows, 10:00 am  
Altar Server Training, 6:30 pm  
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm  
Grace Within, 7:00 pm  
RCIA, 7:00 pm  
Novena, 7:00 pm

## Quote of the Week

“He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began.”

- 2 Timothy 1:9

## Question of the Week

“How do you imagine yourself being holy?”

What impression would you have of someone who said to you that he or she is holy?

Most people would be afraid to say that out loud to anyone.

Perhaps most people would even be afraid to say that quietly to themselves.

In the very first chapter of Genesis it says, “God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them” (v. 27).

Holiness is a quality God had in mind for us from the very start. He created us in his image. Perhaps being holy is something we should not be afraid to claim.

## New Items:

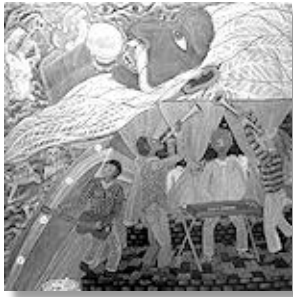


### **Theology of the Body Information Session for Parents** Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

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.

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## Haitian Mardi Gras

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

The Polasek Museum, currently showing “Contemporary Visions of Frantz Zéphrin” Haitian Mystic,” is hosting a family-friendly, free Mardi Gras celebration this coming Sunday. Explore the Mardi Gras traditions of the Haitian Creole culture with food, hands-on activities, and music. Presentations include a talk by our Haiti Mission coordinator, Ken Firling and a presentation about our Faces of Haiti Photography show.

Polasek parking is limited, but you can get a ride to and from the SMM parking lot via our “tap-tap” shuttle service between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Tap-taps are the lavishly painted buses and trucks used as taxis in Haiti. For questions contact Meghan Collins at [meghancollinsCNM@gmail.com](mailto:meghancollinsCNM@gmail.com) or (407) 949-8127. For an event flyer: [Click Here](#)



## Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, February 28<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. For more information call Deacon Bill at (407) 647-3392 or email Rosario at [Rosario@ortigao.com](mailto:Rosario@ortigao.com)



## March for Life

March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Every Day

From March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> our community will take part in 40 Days for Life - a groundbreaking, international mobilization to mark the beginning of the end of abortion. You can participate by signing up for vigil hours at a local abortion clinic. If you would like more information contact Lee at: (407) 222-1233 or visit our website at [www.40daysforlife.com/orlando](http://www.40daysforlife.com/orlando). For an informational flyer : [Click Here](#)



## Family, Friends and Chicken Soup

If you or someone you know cannot drive, Family, Friends and Chicken Soup volunteers can help with transportation to the grocery, medical appointments, bank or other necessary errands. We can also help those who are lonely and in need of a visitor, or help with meals when someone is ill, injured or recovering. Our services are for those who are trying to live independently in their own homes.

We try to help anyone who lives in Winter Park, Maitland, Eatonville or some parts of Casselberry and Orlando. We can help as long as that person can walk unassisted or with a walker and lives in his or her own home or apartment. He or she does not have to be a parishioner. Please contact Scott Linderman at (407) 628-1324 or [scott@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:scott@stmargaretmary.org) for more information. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, we would love to talk to you. Contact Pegge Stickel at [pstickelcct@aol.com](mailto:pstickelcct@aol.com) or (407) 629-9699.

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## Family Promise Thank You

Family Promise families want to thank the many volunteers and those who generously donated to help our families last week. It took about 75 volunteers in order to set up, cook, clean, do laundry, tear down and stay with the families.

In expressing her gratitude, one of our guests said, "Sometimes it is hard being in this situation because people treat me like I am a bad person or did something wrong. I am a single mother, and the only thing I did wrong was to get sick. If you don't have a lot and get sick, you can lose everything very fast."

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## Baby Basics

The Baby Basics ministry provides diapers to poor working parents of children under the age of three. Currently we have a special need for size 6 diapers. You can make a donation of diapers at the front office at any time. Please mark on your donation that the diapers are for Baby Basics.

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## Food Pantry

This week please shop for vegetable oil, tortillas, salsa, chopped canned tomatoes, dry pasta, rice and beans, as well as any buy-one-get-one special. 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.

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## Previous Items:



### **A Message from Fr. Walsh**

Beginning the First Sunday of Lent, for safety and security purposes, the perimeter doors of the church will be locked at the start of all Masses. If you arrive after that time, please enter through the church front doors. Thank you!

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### **Our Catholic Appeal**

Our assessment for Our Catholic Appeal 2017 is \$630,760. In a sense, this annual appeal unites all Catholics across the Diocese of Orlando as we generate the funding for the programming that serves all our parishes and the outreach that is accomplished across the diocese in the name of the Catholic Church.

Historically, only about 28% of our parish has supported this annual appeal. Many parishes, especially parishes in more economically challenged areas generate a much broader level of support. This year our emphasis is to reach our goal and expand the support of the campaign to many more households. Please consider responding to the appeal in whatever amount your family can provide.

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### **Technology Night for Parents**

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend a Technology Night for Parents. The program is titled: "Kids Are Great at Online Games, But They Lose at Online Safety". The program will be held in the Parish Hall and will cover hot topics such as cyberbullying, social media, sexting, online gaming, computer protection and more. The presenter is James R. McQuiggan, CISSP a cyber security expert in the Central Florida area and a SMM parishioner.

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### **Blessed Are Those Who Mourn**

**Mondays, February 20<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Bill@stmargaretmary.org).

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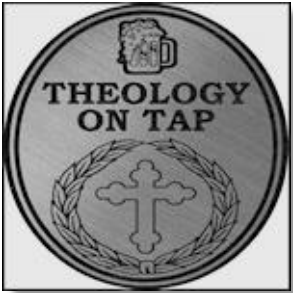


## First Communion Preparation

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org). Thank you for your prayers and support for all our students preparing to receive Jesus at the table of the Lord.

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## Theology on Tap

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](#).

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## 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](mailto:lisa@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 647-0726.

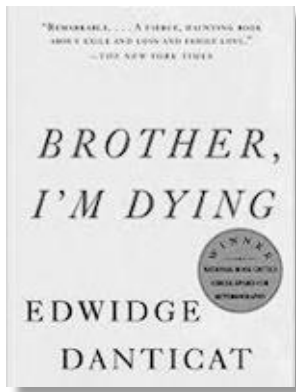
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## SMM Grant Opportunity

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for grant applications. Applications are still available via the parish website. Go to [www.stmargaretmary.org](http://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.

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## Haiti Book Club

Sundays, March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Holy Grounds

A group is forming to discuss books by Haitian authors and will begin meeting on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. The museum currently has an exhibit of the work of Haitian artist Frantz Zephirin. For more information please contact Linda Goddard at [lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net) or (407) 595-0616 or Trish Moser at [mosertrish@gmail.com](mailto:mosertrish@gmail.com).

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## Together in Holiness

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

You are invited to the third annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference held this year at St. Marry Magdalen Catholic Parish located at 861 Maitland Avenue in Maitland. This event inspires couples to grow together in holiness and empowers parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. It includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and Reconciliation. Speakers include the renowned "Dr. Ray" Guarendi, author Bert Ghezzi, and Mary Caprio of the St. John Paul Foundation.

Registration is \$49 per couple through February 9<sup>th</sup>, then \$59 per couple. \$29 then \$35 for individuals. Free childcare. Learn more and register at: [www.togetherinholiness.org/orlando-fl-2017](http://www.togetherinholiness.org/orlando-fl-2017).

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## 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.

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## 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](#).

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## Ministry to the Sick

Is God calling you? Ministry to the sick is a beautiful way to connect Catholics to the Church during a time when attending Mass might be impossible. There are three ways to minister: • Ministry to patients in Winter Park Hospital • Ministry in nursing and assisted living facilities • Ministry to those who are homebound.

Ministers serve according to their own personal schedule. If you feel called to this ministry, Deacon Bill Timmes will be in the courtyard after all the Masses next weekend to answer your questions. Or he can be reached at (407) 647-3392 of [bill@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:bill@stmargaretmary.org).



## Life in the Eucharist Retreat

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 pm**  
**and Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Mass**

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. Baby sitting is available for children 1 to 4 years of age. For more information or to register contact Andrea Cavallere at [andrea@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:andrea@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 998-5678. There is no cost for the program.



## SMM Lenten Offering

For this year's Lenten offering, you will be able to pick up baby bottles to fill with donations for JMJ Pregnancy Center. For 27 years they have assisted mothers and families facing unexpected pregnancies. All services are free to anyone regardless of age, marital status, religion or race. JMJ receives no government assistance and depends entirely on the providence of God through the generosity of donors like you.

JMJ provides free services to over 500 clients a month and \$500,000 in support each year to the families who choose to accept life! Please pray about helping JMJ in our alms-giving project this year.

## 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.