



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2017

Pontius Pilate once infamously questioned, “Truth, what is truth?” In today’s world, we might wonder sometimes, “Trust, what is trust?!” Whether we have been scorned by someone we relied upon, or perhaps feeling left out of a society more driven by its systems than relationships, trust is something that can feel lacking.

Christ’s response to Pilate was one of silence, but steadfast in taking a first step toward truth – accepting the reality that he would unjustly die for the salvation of all. Perhaps trust, like love and forgiveness sometimes requires us to take the first step as God always does. Look in this week’s email for an opportunity to build trust this Lenten season by taking a first step in serving others and growing in understanding of the trusting nature of God.

NEW ITEMS:

- **A Letter from Father Walsh**
- **Ash Wednesday Schedule and Lenten Opportunities**
- **United We Stand**
- **Ministry with the Homeless**
- **First Friday Adoration**
- **Stations of the Cross**
- **Last Days in the Desert**
- **New Parishioner Mingle**
- **Kindergarten Registration**
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- **Heart of the Gospel**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Human Trafficking**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **A Message from Fr. Walsh**
- **SMM Caregivers Group**
- **SMM Grants**
- **March for Life**

- **Haitian Book Club**
- **Together in Holiness**
- **Parish Census**
- **Vocations Essay Contest**
- **Ministry to the Sick**
- **Life in the Eucharist**
- **Family, Friends and Chicken Soup**
- **Lectors and Greeters Needed**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
 Grace Within, 9:30 am
 Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
 Caregivers Support Group, 10:00 am
 Fusion Class, 3:00 pm
 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, March 1

Ash Wednesday

March for Life Begins, 7:00 am
 Mass, 8:00 am, 10:00 am
 Cooking for the Homeless, 8:30 am
 Liturgy of the Word, 12:10 pm
 Make Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 pm
 Delivery & Serve the Homeless, 5:30 pm
 Mass. 6:30 pm
 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 2

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
 Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
 Playgroup, 10:00 am
 Chicken Soup Meeting, 1:00 pm
 Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 3

First Friday Adoration, 8:30 am – Sat Noon
 Beloved: Marriage Enrichment, 7:00 pm
 New Hope, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 4

Adoration, until Noon
 First Communion Retreat, 9:00 am

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent

Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am

Family Faith 10:45 am

Retrovaille, 1:00 pm

Haiti Book Club, 2:00 pm

Monday, March 6

Just Matters, 6:00 pm

Haiti Tea, 6:30 pm

Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm

Board of Education, 7:00 pm

Grace Within, 7:00 pm

RCIA, 7:00 pm

Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“In God we trust.”

- Official motto of the United States since 1956

Question of the Week

“Jesus says that we should trust God to care for us. How convinced are you?”

At first, trusting is easy for the little child in his or her mother’s arms.

Later, after some of life’s experiences, the Russian proverb “Trust, but verify” seems better suited as a guide for how we should trust.

Perhaps, the Missouri state nickname “The Show-Me State” might offer us some additional sound advice.

If we can have only qualified trust in the people we encounter, what must we do to achieve an unqualified trust that God will always care for us?

Perhaps, there is someone whose words might offer some encouragement that unqualified trust is possible. “For I am convinced that neither, death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

New Items:



A Letter from Fr. Walsh

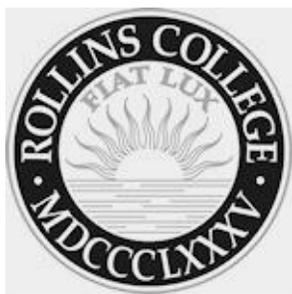
Dear Parishioner,

When I was growing up in rural Ireland, I never recall hearing a homily about social outreach. Nevertheless, families automatically supported each other and took care of one another in times of need. That level of concern and care seemed to be hardwired into their consciousness. At a later time, due to mobility, the disintegration of the neighborhood, and the breakdown in family life. . .
(To continue reading: [Click Here](#)).



Ash Wednesday Schedule and Lenten Opportunities

Lent begins with a mark on our forehead that identifies us not only as Christian, but as Catholic Christians entering a season of special significance in our faith journey. As we pray, fast and give alms during the 40 days leading to Easter, we dive deeply into our humanity while meditating on the supreme sacrifice of Jesus. Participate in as many of the liturgies, studies and service opportunities as you can this Lenten season. For a four-page, color brochure of suggestions for Lenten devotion and service opportunities at our parish: [Click Here](#)



United We Stand - Women and Islam Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm

Rollins College presents an interfaith dialogue. Dr. Farhana Yunus leads a talk on the intersects of Islamophobia and feminism at the Bush Auditorium on Rollins College campus. Questions from the audience are encouraged. For more information contact: Kenzie Helmick at: (407) 579-0797 or khelmick@rollins.edu



First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless Wednesday, March 1st

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

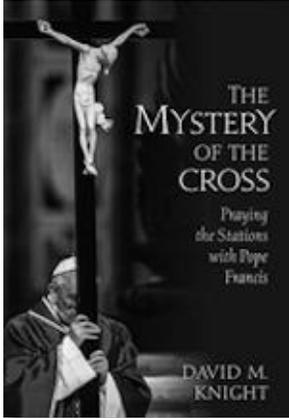
Try something new this month. Be a cook, sandwich maker, driver and/or server to provide dinner for people staying at the Coalition for the Homeless. Come this Wednesday to lend a hand, to give hope and sustenance to the Lazarus at our gate. Contact Ted Steilen, tsteilen@earthlink.net, 407-234-0215;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



First Friday Adoration

Friday after 8:00 am Mass through Saturday Noon

This Friday, March 3rd 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.



Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm

This Friday and all Friday nights during Lent, join us in the church as we reflect on the journey of Christ from his condemnation to being laid in the tomb.

This year we shall use a new stations format which is "The Mystery of the Cross - Praying the Stations with Pope Francis". Come and be a part of this journey as its meaning unfolds in your heart.



Last Days in the Desert

Sunday, March 5th at 12:30 pm

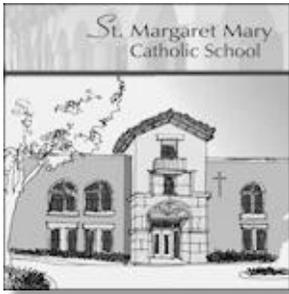
A perfect way to begin Lent. The movie, *Last Days in the Desert* playing at the Enzian Theater in Maitland is an imagined chapter from Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert. On his way out of the wilderness, he struggles with the devil over the fate of an ordinary family crisis, setting for himself a dramatic test with distinctly human conflicts. For advance tickets to assure your seat visit: www.gladdeninglight.org. (the Catholic News Service classification is A-III)



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 all welcome. Long time and new parishioners are invited. Learn more about the great work accomplished in and by our faith community. Please RSVP online at: <http://smm.formstack.com/forms/mingle>.



Kindergarten Registration is Open

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at (407) 644-7537 or visit our website at: www.smmknight.org.



New Altar Servers

Please welcome our new Altar Servers. They have recently completed an extensive five-week training program and will soon be serving at Mass. We are very grateful for their service.



Our Catholic Appeal

Our Parish Assessment: \$630,760
Pledged so far: \$322,172 (by 352 families)

Please make a pledge soon to help us achieve our parish goal.



Family Promise Positions Available

Family Promise is in need of three case managers to work with the growing number of homeless families in Central Florida. If you are a case manager, or know of someone who is and is looking for a new challenge, please contact Scott in the parish office, or Tia Aery, Executive Director, Family Promise at (407) 951-8269 ext. 104 or tiaaery@familypromiseorlando.org.



Church Parking

St. Margaret Mary has been granted permission allowing parishioners to use the parking lots at two neighboring buildings as extra parking space for 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and all Sunday Masses. The address of the parking area is 500 and 503 N. New York Avenue, but you must enter on Swoope Avenue. We thank Century Link for their neighborly generosity.



Vacation Bible Camp

June 19th through 23rd from 9:00 am to Noon

You are invited to catch the buzz at Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible Camp: Created by God, Build for a Purpose. Children who will be in four-year-old preschool through sixth grade this fall are invited to participate.

At Maker Fun Factory children will focus on the love God has for them and on the special gifts that he gave them, gifts they can use to help others. Children will hear God's message to them through Scripture, catchy songs, yummy treats, team-building games and Science-Fun Gizmos. They will bring home Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's care and concern for them.

Adult and teen aides in grade 7 and higher are needed. Anyone fifteen and older must be fingerprinted. [Click here for instructions on our parish website.](#) If you have questions, please contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org.



Heart of the Gospel

At San Pedro Summer Camp, campers trade the distractions of daily life for a week of faith, friends and fun. Children in grades 1 through 12 become immersed in the faith through the sacraments, make lifelong friends and experience fun activities such as our low ropes course, giant slip & slide, and archery. Day camps and overnight camps are available. [Click Here](#) to check out our entire schedule.



Food Pantry

This week please shop for hamburger & tuna helper, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, canned pasta and sweet peas. Don't forget to take advantage of the BOGO specials at your local store. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass.



Human Trafficking Myths and Misconceptions

Myth 4: There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking situation.

Reality: The legal definition of trafficking does not require physical restraint, bodily harm or physical force. Psychological means of control such as threats, fraud, or abuse of the legal process are sufficient elements of the crime. The federal

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 addresses “subtler” forms of coercion and broadens previous standards that only considered bodily harm.

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!



Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, February 28th 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



SMM Grant Opportunity

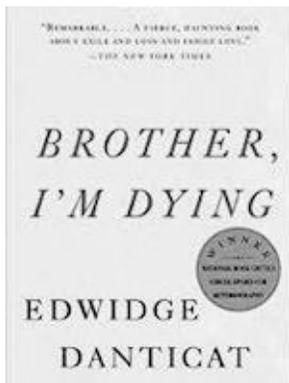
The deadline for grant applications is fast approaching - March 1st. Applications are still available via the parish website. Go to www.stmargaretmary.org then click on “Ministries” at the top. Click on “Advocacy and Justice” and then “Grant Applications.” For more information call Scott at (407) 628-1324.



March for Life

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

From March 1st to April 9th 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. For an informational flyer : [Click Here](#)



Haiti Book Club

Sundays, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th and June 14th
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 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. For more information please contact Linda Goddard at lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net or (407) 595-0616 or Trish Moser at mosertrish@gmail.com.



Together in Holiness

Saturday, March 11th 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 9th, then \$59 per couple. \$29 then \$35 for individuals. Free childcare. Learn more and register at: www.togetherinholiness.org/orlando-fl-2017.



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 Census

Parish Census Cards were 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.



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](#).



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, contact Deacon Bill Timmes at (407) 647-3392 or

bill@stmargaretmary.org.



Life in the Eucharist Retreat

Friday, March 31st from 6:30 to 9:00 pm
and Saturday, April 1st 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 or (407) 998-5678. There is no cost for the program.



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 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 or (407) 629-9699.



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.

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.