



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2017

If we understood the fullness of God's action in existence, we might be overwhelmed by the immensity of our God. In scripture we are told that no one can look at the face of God and live. It is too overwhelming. We are reminded of a certain humility with which we must approach our life journeys. Yet, we have glimpses of God in the creation around us and the miracles we see unfold every day.

Look in this week's email for opportunities to see glimpses of God's face through prayer, sacraments, service and community interactions. Then be amazed at the outpouring of his grace.

NEW ITEMS:

- Winter Park Art Festival
- Our Catholic Appeal
- Taizé Prayer
- Just Girls
- Faith Formation Spring Break
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Marriage Team Lenten Chili Night
- Divine Mercy Movie
- Holy Thursday Foot Washing
- 40 Days for Life
- Social Justice Lending Library
- Food Pantry
- Human Trafficking

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- Kindergarten Registration
- Lenten Movie
- First Holy Communion Preparation
- Parent Information Session
- Stations of the Cross
- St. Margaret Mary School Golf Classic
- Protestant Reformation
- Spring Hatter's Tea for Haiti
- Life in the Eucharist
- Family, Friends and Chicken Soup
- Family Promise
- Lenten Opportunities

- **Baby Basics**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, March 13

Movie: Risen, 1:00 pm
Bridging the Color Divide, 5:30 pm
Just Matters, 6:00 pm
Vocations Committee, 6:30 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
Movie: Risen, 7:00 pm
Grace Within, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 14

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Elizabeth Ministry Rosary 9:00 am
Grace Within, 9:30 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Communion Makeup Class, 4:00 pm
Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
The Sultan and the Saint, 6:30 pm
First Communion Preparation, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, March 15

Just Girls, 4:00 pm
Theology of the Body for Parents, 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 16

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Playgroup, 10:00 am
Parenting Class, 6:00 pm
Lector Training, 6:30 pm
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 17

Winter Park Art Festival
New Hope, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 18

Winter Park Art Festival
St. Margaret Mary School Golf Classic, 7:15 am

Sunday, March 19

Second Sunday of Lent
Winter Park Art Festival
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am
Retrovaille, 1:00 pm

Monday, March 20

Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am
Just Matters, 6:00 pm
Lector Palm Sunday Prep, 6:30 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
Lenten Penance Service, 7:00 pm
Grace Within, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“The more the universe seems comprehensible, the more it also seems pointless.”

- Steven Weinberg, *The First Three Minutes*

Question of the Week

“When have you been surprised and humbled by God’s power or grace?”

When physicist and Nobel laureate Steven Weinberg looks at the universe he sees a collection of matter and energy ruled by chance and the laws of physics. He sees no need to imply a purpose behind the entire enterprise. No need for a creator with a plan in mind.

Other scientists look at the ordered complexity of creation and see signs of a creative design oriented toward achieving a purpose.

Both make compelling arguments.

Weinberg ends his book *The First Three Minutes* by saying, “The effort to understand the universe is one of the very few things that lift human life a little above the level of farce, and give it some of the grace of tragedy.”

There is a kind of dignity in the struggle to understand and confront an impersonal cosmos. But, perhaps with God’s grace we can look at the stars and see something more inspiring and more humbling.

New Items:



Winter Park Art Festival

Welcome Artists & Visitors!

The Winter Park Art Festival presents quite a parking challenge every year for our celebrations of Mass and a blessing to our Youth Ministry. This year be sure to park on Friday and Saturday early in our parking lot, making a \$10 donation for parking to support our Youth Ministry Mission Trips.

However, plan to arrive early to find parking for Mass. An additional Mass will be held on Saturday at 6:30 pm. The most challenging parking will be for the Sunday 9:30 am and Noon Masses. The Sunday 8:00 am and Saturday 5 pm Masses may provide a challenge as well. The best parking will be available for the Saturday 6:30 pm Mass and the Sunday 6:00 pm Mass.



Our Catholic Appeal

Our Parish Assessment: \$630,760
Pledged so far: \$439,348

484 families out of 3,250 registered families have participated so far. Please return your donation pledge card as soon as possible.



Taizé Prayer

Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm

Enrich your Lenten experience and join us for this beautiful candle-lit, contemplative prayer in our Mary, Mother of God Chapel at San Pedro Center located at 2400 Dike Road in Winter Park. Taizé is a sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and silence.



Just Girls

Wednesday, March 15th from 4:00 to 5:45 pm

Lenten tea for all girls and mothers of little girls and all mothers of teen leaders. For information please contact Lori Reinneck at (407) 645-0284 or lori@stmargaretmary.org



Faith Formation Class Spring Break

Faith Formation, Sunday Mornings with Jesus and Family Faith Classes and Journey Together Middle School are not scheduled for March 19th or 26th. The Classes will resume on April 2nd.



Kairos Prison Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 20th at 6:00 pm

Men of St. Margaret Mary Parish are invited to witness the mercy of the Holy Spirit first hand in prison. We are planning for Kairos #8 Weekend at the Central Florida reception Center on May 18th through the 21st. The prison is located just east of the Orlando Airport. Please come to our information meeting on March 20th at the Spring of Life Methodist Church at Lake Nona to investigate this exciting men's Christian ministry. Men ages 20 to 90 are welcome. For more information contact

Sheridan Becht at sheridanbecht@gmail.com or Carlos Benitez at: (716) 465-8191.



Marriage Team Chili Night

Saturday, March 25th after the 5:00 pm Mass

All couples on the Marriage Building Team which includes Marriage Preparation, Beloved, and FOCCUS support couples are invited to Save the Date for a Lenten Chili Night on Saturday, March 25th. Join us for the 5:00 pm Mass followed by chili at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. The evening includes a special presentation from the SMM Adoption Team.

Bring something to share based on the first letter of your last name. A to J, bring a side dish to share. K to Z, bring a desert to share. RSVP to lori@stmargaretmary.org by March 20th



Movie: Original Image of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 9th at 7:00 pm

On an international expedition to get the untold story behind the once-lost original painting based on Saint Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus, independent filmmaker Daniel diSilva uncovers the practical and sometimes sordid reasons for its life of obscurity despite the world-wide exaltation of the devotion of Divine Mercy. The event held at Holy Family Catholic Church includes a question and answer period with director diSilva. For more information contact: Holy Family Catholic Church



Holy Thursday Foot Washing

The Mandatum

On Holy Thursday, we remember, through the washing of feet, the great command of humble service illustrated by Jesus as he cleansed the feet of the Twelve Apostles. This year, while still maintaining the beauty and simplicity of the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Liturgy Committee has opted to have a smaller representative number of people participate in the foot washing ceremony. If you would like to serve as a representative of our parish community by having your feet washed on Holy Thursday, please register by contacting Lisa Weis at (407) 647-0726 or lisa@stmargaretmary.org.



40 Days for Life

Did you know Planned Parenthood performs abortions most every day, even on Sundays? We invite you to sign up for a vigil hour to pray to end abortion. Go to

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/orlando> or call our local

contact Lee Cloud at (407) 222-1233 or email: LeeCloud123@gmail.com.



Social Justice Lending Library

Please remember to return any books or DVDs that you have borrowed from the library. We are in the process of revamping the check-out of materials. In the meantime, if there is a specific title you would like to review, please contact Scott at (407) 628-1324.



Food Pantry

This week there is a special need for cereal. Also, please shop for hamburger & tuna helper, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, canned pasta and sweet peas. Remember to buy BOGO. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass.

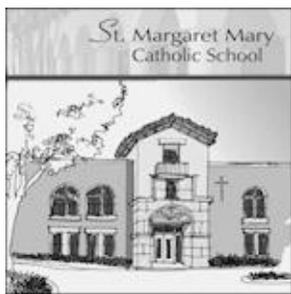


Human Trafficking Myths and Misconceptions

Myth 6: Human trafficking victims always come from situations of poverty or from small rural towns or villages.

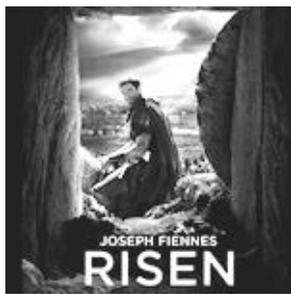
Reality: Although poverty can be a factor in human trafficking because it is often an indicator of vulnerability, poverty alone is not a single causal factor or universal indicator of human trafficking victim. Trafficking victims can come from a range of income levels, and many may come from families with high socioeconomic status.

Previous Items:



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.



Lenten Movie

"Risen" is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eye of a non-believer. A powerful Roman military tribune and his aide are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Showings are:

Monday, March 13th at 1:00 pm in Cana & Bethany Rooms

Monday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in Cana & Bethany Rooms



First Holy Communion Preparation

Tuesday, March 14th at 6:45 pm

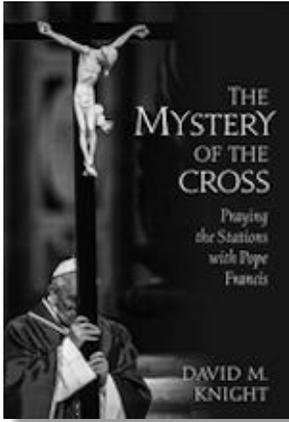
For registered children. Meet in the Church for a prayer service. After the prayer service Father Walsh will speak to adults in the Parish Hall while children meet with their catechists in the grade school. We shall conclude at 8:00 pm when parents can pick up their children from the grade school. Anyone needing babysitting for siblings ten years and under should contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org.



Parent Information Session

Wednesday, March 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

This month's session on the Theology of the Body is open to all parents and focuses specifically on God's definition of sex and how to help our kids NOT "settle for less." All parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome. RSVP online at <http://stmargaretmary.org/you-for-parents/> or call (407) 645-0284



Stations of the Cross

Friday Night from 7:00 to 7:45 in the Church

All ages are encouraged to come and let yourself be challenged and comforted by the Mysteries of the Cross. Pope Francis tells us at each station to “open our mind to die a little to what holds you back, and to live a little more in the way that leads to the fullness of life.”

You can pray the stations of the cross using a mobile app from the following resources: Laudate, Discerning Hearts or CRS Rice Bowl. These resources can be found in the iTunes App Store or on Google Play.



St. Margaret Mary School Golf Classic

Saturday, March 18th

It is Golf Tournament time again. The online registration is currently live for the 2017 LRA Insurance SMM Golf Classic at Dubsdread Golf Course. Sign up at <http://stmargaretmary.org/smmcs-golf-classic/> In addition to player registration and hole sign, other sponsorship packages are available for purchase. Thank you to our title sponsor: LRA Insurance. For more information please contact:

RSVP@smmknight.org or the school office at (407) 644-7537. Registration forms are also available at the parish information cart, the school office and by [Clicking Here](#).



Protestant Reformation Discussions

Wednesdays, March 22nd and 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Join us in a two night discussion by Dr. Raleigh (Sandy) Seay, Adjunct Professor of Humanities at Rollins College. 2017 represents the 500th anniversary of what many observers call the Protestant Reformation. Perhaps it should be called Reformations because we can identify at least five streams diverging from this movement. On October 31st, the day that Protestants today commemorate as Reformation Day, Martin Luther nailed his “95 Theses Against the Selling of

Indulgences’ on the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

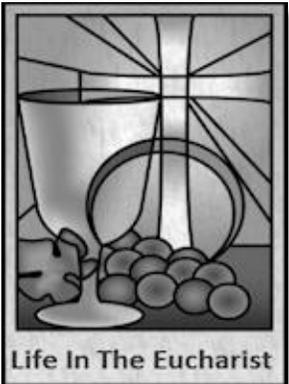
Our two-night discussion will focus on: What caused this movement? Who were the major players? What were the great issues that propelled it? How did the Catholic Church react to the Reformation? What is our answer to and attitude toward the Protestants who will celebrate this anniversary this year?



Spring Hatter's Tea

Saturday, March 25th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm

The annual Spring Hatter's Tea benefits our parish's Haiti ministry. The tea includes a silent auction and craft sale and door prizes. There will also be food and entertainment. Tickets will go on sale on March 12th after Masses. Ticket prices are: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.



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.



Family Promise

75% of those served by Family Promise find sustainable housing in less than 9 weeks, and thanks to Family Promise programs, it is taking less and less time. You can play a key role in helping those families by volunteering to help for the next group of four families who arrive on April 23rd.

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 Mary Ellen

May at Mmay151162@aol.com or (407) 718-2405. If you would like to help by cooking dinner, please contact Melissa Bunkers at melissawbunkers@gmail.com or (407) 484-5116.



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](#)



Baby Basics

The Baby Basics Ministry provides diapers to poor, working parents of children under the age of three who live in Maitland, Eatonville or Winter Park. Parents are working yet they still qualify for WIC, a supplemental nutrition program for poor women, infants and children. They are the working poor. This ministry enables parishioners to live out the principles of the Catholic Social Teaching especially the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. As Catholics, "We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of

every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

The next diaper distribution is Saturday, March 18th, and we appreciate your donations. Size 4, 5 and 6 diapers are currently the greatest need. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Peggy Canary at (407) 497-0654 or macanary@aol.com or Ann Nesladek at annpnes@aol.com.

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.