



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2017

Has hope been reduced to meaning a list of wishes? I hope for a new car, a new job, a change of circumstances, a vacation, and a cure. While our wish list may contain very important and good things, hope is something greater than a desire or wish.

It is an assurance deep within our souls. It is a virtue we strive to achieve. Like all virtues, hope, is not something that just happens – a gift out of the air. Rather it is constructed from every choice we make and every action we take. When those choices and actions are made in God's design, we are building the foundation for real hope.

Look in this week's email for choices and actions that will lead to real hope building in your life. An excellent place to start would be to become more centered in Christ. The Life in the Eucharist Retreat is a great place to start.

NEW ITEMS:

- Parish Penance Service
- Passion of Christ, Music and Meditation
- Cornell Fine Arts Museum
- Lenten Movie
- JMJ Baby Shower
- Young Woman Fiat Days
- Food Pantry
- Human Trafficking

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- Kindergarten Registration
- Holy Thursday Foot Washing
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Protestant Reformation
- Stations of the Cross
- Spring Hatter's Tea for Haiti
- Marriage Team Lenten Chili Night
- Faith Formation Spring Break
- Life in the Eucharist
- Divine Mercy Movie
- Family, Friends and Chicken Soup
- Family Promise
- Lenten Opportunities

- Social Justice Lending Library

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, March 20

Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am
Just Matters, 6:00 pm
Kairos Prison Ministry, 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
Novena, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 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

Wednesday, March 22

Haiti Coordinator Meeting, 3:30 pm
Our Whole Community, 6:00 pm
Protestant Reformation Discussion, 7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 23

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

Friday, March 24

New Hope, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 25

Mad Hatter's Tea, 1:30 pm
Marriage Team Chili Night, 6:15 pm

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Retrovaille, 1:00 pm

Monday, March 27

Just Matters, 6:00 pm
Lector Palm Sunday Prep, 6:30 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
Grace Within, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Quote of the Week

“The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1818

Question of the Week

“In baptism we were given to “drink” of the Spirit, from the font of living water. How do I keep my well full?”

Would there be a need for the virtue of hope if our lives contained no suffering, hardship or uncertainty about the future?

Perhaps hope is a basic part of our humanity and enables us to look forward to tomorrow regardless of what went before. Perhaps the virtue of hope and our “aspiration to happiness” give dignity and meaning to our struggles.

Although we may not be completely sure why God allows suffering, we can be certain that in baptism he supports our aspiration to happiness by bestowing on us the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

We can also be certain that the way we respond to his graces is up to us.

New Items:



Parish Penance Service

Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

Join us for our Parish Penance Service and experience the loving mercy of God. There will be several priests from around the deanery available to hear your confession.



Music and Meditation on the Passion of Christ

Friday, March 24th at 7:30 pm

At St. James Cathedral there will be a moving prayer service set to Lenten music sung by the St. James Cathedral Schola Cantorum. A freewill offering will be taken up.



Cornell Exhibit “Reclaims” the Past

Until April 2nd

At the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at 1000 Holt Avenue in Winter Park. This is a multi-faceted exhibit that showcases the images of Africans in 19th Century European and American artists. The exhibit addresses sources of tension along with unifying themes among diverse ethnicities, with the aim of promoting justice and human dignity for all. Admission is free. More details are located at: www.rollins.edu/cornell-fine-arts-museum.



Lenten Movie “Last Days in the Desert”

Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00 and 6:30 pm

The script embroiders on the biblical story of Jesus' 40 days spent fasting and praying in the desert. Toward the end of that period, the film's writer and director Rodrigo Garcia imagines an encounter between the Lord and a family of wilderness dwellers. The film will be shown in the Bethany/Cana Rooms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults.



JMJ Baby Shower

Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm

St. Margaret Mary is hosting a Baby Shower benefiting the JMJ Pregnancy Center. The price of admission is any of the following items as a donation: newborn hats, newborn sleepers, wash, shampoo, lotion or towels. JMJ will give a presentation. Light snacks will be served. For more information contact: matc@stmargaretmary.org.



Young Woman Fiat Days

April 28th through 30th

For every young woman considering her vocation. The "Young Woman Fiat Days" at 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 it be to marriage, the religious life, or the single life. The weekend will consist of daily Mass, inspiring talks, and quiet contemplation. The week ends with Sunday morning Mass. 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 kpower@orlandodiocese.org. You may find application forms at <http://www.orlandodiocese.org/ministries-offices/vocations/vocations-ami-i-called/forms/>



Food Pantry

This week please shop for food for the Farmworker Association and the HOPE Community Center in Apopka. They are in need of vegetable oil, tortillas, salsa, chopped canned tomatoes, dry pasta, rice, beans and any buy-one-get-one-free special. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass. Thank you for your generous donations.

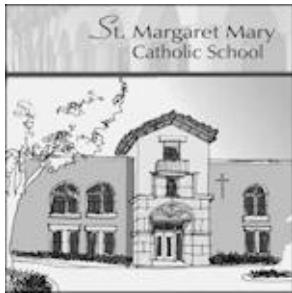


Human Trafficking

Myth #7: Sex trafficking is the only form of human trafficking.

Reality: Elements of human trafficking can occur in the commercial sex industry as well as in situations of forced labor or services. The federal definition of human trafficking encompasses both "sex trafficking" and "labor trafficking," and the crime can affect men and women, and children and adults.

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.



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.



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 locate just east of the Orlando Airport. Please come to our information meeting on March 20th at the Spring of Life Methodist Chiurh 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.



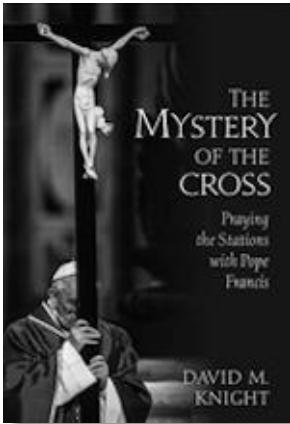
Protestant Reformation Discussions

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?

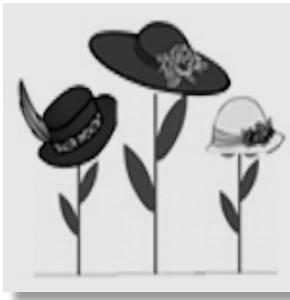


Stations of the Cross

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.



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.



Marriage Team Chili Night

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

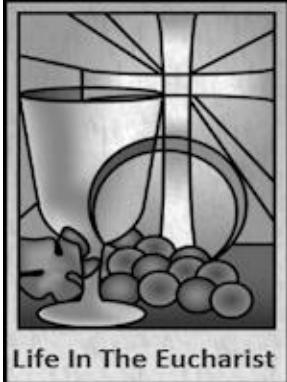
All couples on the Marriage Building Team which includes Marriage Preparation, Beloved, and FOCCUS support couples are invited to Save the Date for a Lenten Chili Night on Saturday, March 25th. Join us for the 5:00 pm Mass followed by chili at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. The evening includes a special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



Faith Formation Spring Break

There will be no classes for Faith Formation, Family Faith and Sunday Mornings with Jesus on March 26th. Classes resume on April 2nd.

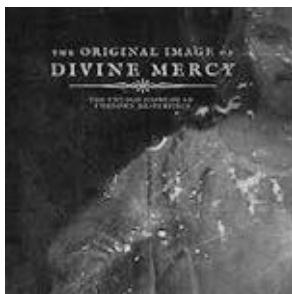


Life in the Eucharist Retreat

**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 Cavalere at andrea@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 998-5678. There is no cost for the program.



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



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](#)



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.

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.