



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2017

Who helps you with your blindness? Not a physical blindness, but all those things you don't perceive, but could be getting in your way? We may be blind to that little bit of ketchup the napkin did not catch. We might be blind to some pretty substantial faults. The fact is, when we cannot see, we need others to help us to see. Sometimes, what they point out hurts. However, our ability to accept the hard feedback may well be a measure of our openness to conversion.

Look in this week's email to find opportunities to discover new things to which you may have been blind. Look for ways to interact with fellow parishioners that build relationships which can assist with your blindness and ultimately your conversion toward Christ.

NEW ITEMS:

- **The Living Last Supper**
- **Life in the Eucharist**
- **Justice for Immigrants**
- **Faith Formation Classes Resume**
- **First Communion Preparation**
- **Grace Within Dinner**
- **Beloved**
- **Vacation Bible Camp**
- **Retrouvaille**
- **Formed Digital Resources**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Human Trafficking**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **You- Parent Information Session**
- **40 Days for Life**
- **Kindergarten Registration**
- **Holy Thursday Foot Washing**
- **Stations of the Cross**
- **Cornell Fine Arts Museum**
- **Lenten Movie**
- **Divine Mercy Movie**
- **Family Promise**
- **JMJ Baby Shower**
- **Young Woman Fiat Days**
- **Lenten Opportunities**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 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
First Communion Make Up, 4:00 pm
Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
The Sultan and the Saint, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29

YOU – for Parents, 6:00 pm
Protestant Reformation Discussion, 7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 30

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Playgroup, 10:00 am
Ultreya Coordinators, 7:00 pm
Baptism Class, 7:00 pm
The Living Last Supper
(Sts. Peter & Paul) , 7:00 pm
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 31

Life in the Eucharist, 6:30 pm
New Hope, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 1

Life in the Eucharist, 8:30 am
Mad Hatter's Tea, 1:30 pm
Marriage Team Chili Night, 6:15 pm

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Adoption Team, 10:30 am
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am
Family Faith, 10:45 am
Retrovaille, 1:00 pm
Haiti Book Study, 2:00 pm
Just Girls Teen Planning, 7:00 pm

Monday, April 3

Just Matters, 6:00 pm
Lector Easter Vigil Prep, 6:30 pm
Board of Education, 7:00 pm
Bereavement Support, 7:00 pm
Grace Within, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Quote of the Week

“Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.”

- Helen Keller, *Optimism*

Question of the Week

“Jesus wants to heal your blindness. In what ways might you be blind?”

No one wants to be defined solely by his or her disabilities or limitations.

How we overcome our limitations is probably a much better definition of who we are.

Perhaps there is no completely satisfying answer to why God allows us to have either physical or intellectual limitations.

It may be his way of telling us that how we overcome those limitations is one of the measures of our humanity.

Perhaps it is also his way of telling us he will always be there to help us in the struggle.

New Items:

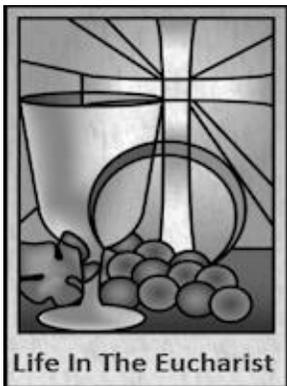


The Living Last Supper

Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m., Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Friday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m., St. Stephen's Church

The Living Last Supper is a living dramatization of Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting of "The Last Supper", where one-by-one, each apostle steps out of the painting to share their story, their relationship to Jesus and one another. The performance is thought provoking and quite moving. Come, with your family, invite friends and neighbors. It is a free event.



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

Last Days To Register!!

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.



Justice for Immigrants

Phone-in Fridays

Each Friday from now until April 14

Help support vulnerable immigrants and refugees this Lent. Call your House and Senate representatives and urge them to co-sponsor legislation for those seeking protection and safety in the U.S. If your representative has already sponsored legislation, make sure to thank them! The number is 855-589-5698. More details and suggested talking points are located at

<http://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts/>.



Faith Formation Classes Resume

Faith Formation classes for children resume on April 2nd.



First Communion Preparation

Tuesday, April 4th 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. Registered students will meet with their classes. Parents will pick up students from the classroom at the end of the presentation. If you need babysitting for siblings ages 10 years and under, contact Kristie Altman at: Kristie@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-5171. Thank you for your prayers and support for all our students

preparing to receive Jesus at the table of the Lord.



Grace Within Celebration Dinner

Thursday, April 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

This is a special invitation to all who completed the Ministry of Mothers Sharing Program, prayer partners and spouses for a celebration dinner to be held in our Parish Hall. Please RSVP to Dhang at dpconricode@hotmail.com. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person. Please make checks to St. Margaret Mary by April 3rd. Babysitting is available for children ages 10 and under with reservation of names and ages of your children by April 3rd to Dhang.

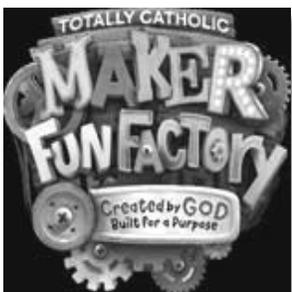


Beloved

Friday, April 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

There is a new agenda for this month. We shall join all engaged couples and those convalidating their marriage in the opening night of the Sacrament of Marriage class. Nathan and Kerry Headrick facilitate this night with fellowship, fun with the 5 Love Languages and personality inventories that help us grow in knowing our partner. All married couples are invited. We shall meet in the second floor Sacred Heart hall of our Parish Life Center. Register online at:

www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved.



Vacation Bible Camp Planning Session

Monday, April 10th at 7:00 pm

There will be a planning session for anyone interested in helping in the Holy Grounds room of our Family Life Center. Adults and teens in grades 7 and higher are needed. Anyone 15 years and older must be fingerprinted. For instructions: [Click Here](#). Registration for Vacation Bible Camp opens in the courtyard on April 22 - 23 after all Masses for children who will be in four-year-old preschool through sixth grade. For registration form: [Click Here](#). For image release form: [Click Here](#)

If you have questions contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org.



Retrouvaille

Beginning Friday, April 21st

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, even if you are divorced or separated or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help. Our next program begins April 21st. For more information call (352) 274-4614. All calls and names are held in strictest confidence. This is not counseling or group therapy. Please visit our website at www.Retrouvaille.org.



Formed Digital Resources

Unlimited access to the best eBooks, talks and videos in the Church today is available to St. Margaret Mary parishioners. Create your own account for free resources at www.FORMED.org through September. Access online materials anytime on any device. Submit Parish Code WHPGTK during registration for free access. Check out the video series titled, "Who Am I To Judge" or the presentation, "Winning the Culture War".



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.



Myths and Misconceptions on Human Trafficking

Myth 8: Human trafficking only occurs in illegal underground industries.

Reality: Elements of human trafficking can be identified whenever the means of force, fraud, or coercion induce a person to perform commercial sex acts, or labor or services. Trafficking can occur in legal and legitimate business settings as well as underground markets.

Previous Items:



YOU - Parent Information Session Wednesday, March 29th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

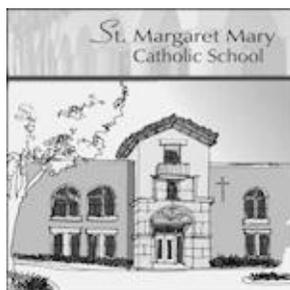
This next session will help all parents talk with their children about sexuality, identity and relationships from a Catholic perspective. All parents, grandparents and other family member are welcome. RSVP by calling (407) 645-0284 or online at <http://stmargaretmary.org/you-for-parents>.



40 Days for Life

The vigil continues every day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, even on Sunday. As Lent continues, please consider spending one hour to pray at Planned Parenthood at 726 Tampa Avenue in Orlando to save all babies from 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.



Kindergarten Registration is Open

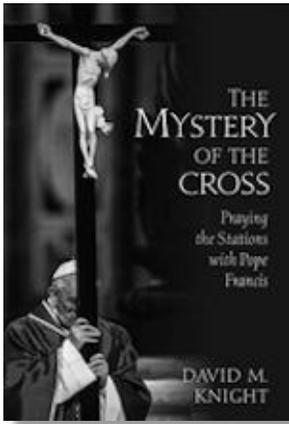
St. Margaret Mary Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at (407) 644-7537 or visit our website at: www.smmknight.org.



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.



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.



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:

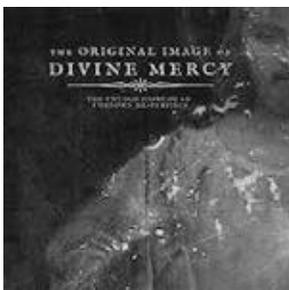
www.rollins.edu/cornell-fine-arts-museum.



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.



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 Promise

Did you know that for every \$1 that Family Promise raises, they return \$3 in goods and services to the community? The next visit by our Family Promise families is fast approaching – and in addition to donations, we need volunteers! Our guests arrive on April 23.

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



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/>



Lenten Opportunities

Look for remaining Lenten Season opportunities in the four-page, color brochure of suggestions for Lenten devotion and service opportunities at our parish: [Click Here](#)

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.