



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2017

Death comes at us in many ways. It may be the actual death of someone near us. It may come to us as the death of a relationship or the death of a bad habit. We are sometimes reminded about dying to ourselves. As a Christian people we are given the unique eyes to see the positive side of death.

Well... we all know the death of a bad habit is a good thing. In the death of a relationship, our hope is in the positive things that might come for ourselves and the other as our lives move forward. In the death of a loved, our hope is in the joy of that loved one being unified to Christ for eternity as we also hope to be.

Look in this week's email for opportunities that might lead to the death of bad habits, and for opportunities to share the joy of hope in the other deaths which confront us and our fellow parishioners as we journey together toward Christ.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Holy Week and Easter Schedule**
- **Just Girls**
- **First Friday Adoration**
- **Ministry with the Homeless**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Faith Formation for Children**
- **RCIA Inquiry Sessions**
- **Lenten Alms Project**
- **SMM Capital Campaign Outreach Fund**
- **Myths and Misconceptions on Human Trafficking**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Holy Thursday Foot Washing**
- **Stations of the Cross**
- **First Communion Preparation**
- **Lenten Movie**
- **Grace Within Dinner**
- **Beloved**
- **The Living Last Supper**
- **Divine Mercy Movie**
- **Vacation Bible Camp**
- **Retrouvaille**

- 40 Days for Life
- Family Promise
- JMJ Baby Shower
- Young Woman Fiat Days
- Justice for Immigrants
- Lenten Opportunities

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
 Grace Within, 9:30 am
 Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
 Chicken Soup Ministry, 1:00 pm
 The Sultan and the Saint, 6:00 pm
 Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
 First Communion Preparation, 6:45 pm
 Welcome Team Meeting, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5

Cooking for the Homeless, 8:30 am
 Make Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 pm
 Lenten Movie, 1:00 pm, 6:30 pm
 Just Girls, 4:00 pm
 Delivery & Serve the Homeless, 5:30 pm
 Haiti Faith Sharing Committee, 6:00 pm
 Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 6

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
 Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
 Playgroup, 10:00 am
 Chicken Soup Ministry, 1:00 pm
 MATC Planning, 6:00 pm
 Grace Within Celebration, 6:30 pm
 Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, April 7

First Friday Adoration, 8:30 am – Sat Noon
 Living Stations of the Cross, 9:00 am
 New Hope, 7:00 pm
 Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
 Beloved, 7:00 pm
 Sacrament of Marriage Class, 7:00 pm
 The Living Last Supper
 (St. Stephen's), 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8

Adoration, until Noon
Sacrament of Marriage Class, 8:30 am
Novena, 10:00 am

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am
Faith Formation Bible Bowl, 10:45 am
Divine Mercy Movie, 7:00 pm

Monday, April 10

Bible Reenactment, 1:45 pm
Just Matters, 6:00 pm
Bridging the Color Divide, 6:30 pm
Vacation Bible Camp Planning, 7:00 pm
Grace Within, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Quote of the Week

“Quando corpus morietur,
fac ut animae donetur
paradisi gloria.”

- Stabat Mater

Question of the Week

“How has a ‘death’ in your life led to new life?”

People who have lost a child or a husband or a wife will hear the words of the Stabat Mater differently.

They are more likely to cry.

They may also be more likely to understand the deep pain experienced by the Blessed Mother as she stood at the foot of the cross.

Perhaps they may also find more solace in the promise of paradise.

When my body dies,
Grant that to my soul is given
the glory of paradise..

New Items:

HOLY THURSDAY *April 13*
MORNING PRAYER • 8AM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER • 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY *April 14*
MORNING PRAYER • 8AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS • 12 NOON
THE LORD'S PASSION • 3PM & 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY *April 15*
MORNING PRAYER • 8AM

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER *at St. Margaret Mary Church*

EASTER VIGIL *April 15*
8PM

EASTER SUNDAY *April 16*
6:30AM (*in Central Park; bring a lawn chair*)
8AM | 9:30AM | 12 NOON
There will be no 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday



Just Girls

Next session on Character is Wednesday, April 5, 4-5:45pm.

Moms please RSVP for childcare by Monday, April 3 to lori@stmargaretmary.org.



First Friday Adoration

Friday after 8:00 am Mass through Saturday Noon

This Friday, April 7th 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.



First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless **Wednesday, April 5th**

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

Make your Lenten season complete with service to those in great need. 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.



Faith Formation for Children

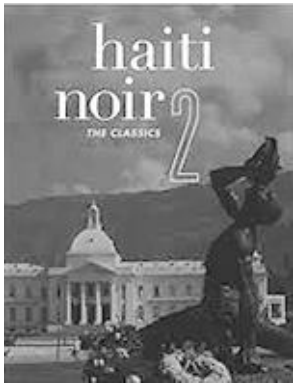
The last class for Faith Formation and Sunday Mornings with Jesus students will be Sunday, April 9.

Thank you for your prayerful support this past school year. We hope you have a relaxing summer with family and friends.



RCIA Inquiry Sessions **Beginning Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, our RCIA sessions will begin On Monday, April 24 at 7:00 pm. To register or for more information, contact Sr. Rosemary (srosemary@stmargaretmary.org) or 407-644-6812.



Haiti Book Club

Join members of the Peace and Justice Committee for a book club focused on Haitian books and writers on the first Sunday's of the month from April-June. The book club meets from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Holy Grounds Room located on the second floor of the Parish Hall. The Sunday, May 7 discussion will be on the book Haiti Noir 2. For more information, please contact Linda Goddard at lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net, or Trish Moser at mosertrish@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join us!



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.



SMM Lenten Alms Project

Don't forget to return the baby bottles with your donations for JMJ Pregnancy Center. If you have not already returned them, bring them to Mass on Holy Thursday – JMJ representatives will be here to receive them.



SMM Capital Campaign Outreach Fund

March 2017 Grant Award Recipients

In March and September of each year, grants are awarded to non-profit organizations that work to enhance the quality and dignity of life for people in need. The following organizations received grants most recently:

Lake Sumter Families, Inc. – Helping and Healing Hurt Hearts
Orlando Museum of Art – Creative Connections

Children's Home Society of Florida – The Perinatal Program
Hope CommUnity Center – College & Career Access Program
Seniors First, Inc. – Emergency Meals on Wheels
Ashirvad Mental Rehabilitation Centre, India



Spring Social

Friday, May 12th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Hold this date to bring your entire household and all your friends to our annual springtime social. Great music will be provided by Dayve and the Vibe. Men Answering the Call are organizing this year's events.

The best food trucks in Orlando will converge on our parking lot to serve you dinner. We shall also make available beer, wine, soda, water and snacks. This is a bring your own seating event, so don't forget the lawn chairs.

For the event flier to share with friends: [Click Here](#)



Myths and Misconceptions on Human Trafficking

Myth 10: Foreign national trafficking victims are always undocumented immigrants or here in this country illegally.

Reality: Foreign national trafficked persons can be in the United States through either legal or illegal means. Although some foreign national victims are undocumented, a significant percentage may have legitimate visas for various purposes. Not all foreign national victims are undocumented.

Previous Items:



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 pray. This week the prayers are written and compiled by the St. Margaret Mary Peace and Justice Ministry.



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.



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.



Grace Within Celebration Dinner

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

All past participants of Grace Within and the Ministry of Mothers Sharing Program, Prayer Partners, and Spouses are also invited to this celebration of new beginnings. Please RSVP to Dhang at dpconricode@hotmail.com.

Suggested Donation of \$10.00 per person. Checks to St. Margaret Mary by April 3. Babysitting available for children ages 10 and under with reservation of names and ages of your children by April 3rd to dpconricode@hotmail.com.



Beloved

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

All married couples are invited to the Sacrament of Marriage class this Friday night 7-9pm, 2nd floor, Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm for gathering and refreshments.

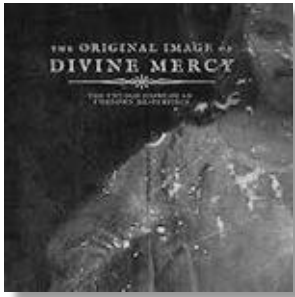
This month we will join all engaged couples and those convalidating their marriage in the opening night with fellowship, “Discovering Your Love Language” and Personality Inventories that help us grow in knowing our partner and how to love them...warts and all! Register online at: www.stmargaretmary.org/beloved.



The Living Last Supper

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.



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



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](#).

Vaction Bible Camp will be held June 19-23 from 9 am to Noon each day.

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. Cost is \$30 per child. 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 sparated 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 couseling or group therapy. Please visit our website at www.Retrouvaille.org.



40 Days for Life

The Vigil Continues EVERY DAY from 7am-7pm EVEN ON SUNDAY! As Lent continues, please consider spending one hour to pray at Planned Parenthood 726 Tampa Avenue, 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



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/>
[Click here for a flier to share.](#)



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/>.



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.