



# Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2017

Socrates stated that the unexamined life is not worth living. We are challenged to constructively examine our lives. If you will, we are called to respond to the lyrics by Christian rock band Switchfoot, "This is your life. Are you who you want to be?"

As we begin to ask questions, we inevitably come up with incomplete answers and more questions. So our Christian lives are filled with a constant incompleteness, hopefully moving to a more completeness in Christ.

Look in this week's email for answers or additional questions in the form of opportunities which will draw you closer to the living example of Jesus Christ.

## **NEW ITEMS:**

- **Guests from Family Promise**
- **Special Need Ministry**
- **St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Honors Mary**
- **Open Table Ministry**
- **Lenten Alms Collection**
- **Food Pantry**

## **PREVIOUS ITEMS:**

- **Vacation Bible Camp**
- **RCIA Inquiry Sessions**
- **Parenting Class**
- **Young Woman Fiat Days**
- **Earth Day Event**
- **Haiti Book Club**
- **Spring Social**
- **Parking Options**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

### **Monday, April 24**

Widows Support Group, 11:30 am

Vocations Committee, 6:30 pm

RCIA, 7:00 pm

Novena, 7:30 pm

### **Tuesday, April 25**

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am

Caregivers Support Group, 10:00 am

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Festival Meeting, 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, April 26**

Creative Writing Group, 10:00 am

KUDU Meeting, 6:00 pm

School New Family Meeting, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, April 27**

Centering Prayer, 10:00 am

Parenting Class, 6:15 pm

Ultreya, 6:30 pm

Special Needs Ministry, 7:00 pm

Adoration, 7:30 pm

### **Friday, April 28**

New Hope, 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 29**

Earth Day Event, 6:15 pm

### **Sunday, April 30**

Third Sunday of Easter

Family Promise Guests Arrive

JMJ Baby Shower, 1:00 pm

Mass, 8:00 am, 9:30 am and Noon

### **Monday, May 1**

Spring Social Meeting, 6:00 pm

Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm

Vocations Committee, 6:30 pm

RCIA, 7:00 pm

Novena, 7:30 pm

## *Quote of the Week*

“For now I see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know fully, even as I am known.”

- 1 Corinthians 13:12

## *Question of the Week*

“Jesus says, ‘Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.’ What relevance do those words have in your spiritual life?”

There are many things we do not see.

They may be too small, too far away, or beyond our ability to fully comprehend.

God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows our limited ability to see and understand.

He does not ask us to do the impossible - to see and understand everything perfectly.

For now, he only asks us to have faith and hope - and to believe that one day when we are united with him we shall no longer “see in a mirror darkly.”

## *New Items:*



### **Welcome to Family Promise Guests**

If you have food or supply donations for the Family Promise guests staying with us, please drop them at the parish office during the week. Thank you to all of you who contribute to this effort to provide temporary shelter to homeless families.

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EACH OF US IS A

MASTERPIECE

OF GOD'S CREATION.



## Special Needs Ministry Meeting

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Join families which meet the challenges of their special needs children. Our next meeting is at Al Bacio Restaurant across the street from the church. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Trina at [tcassidy@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tcassidy@cfl.rr.com).

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## St. Margaret Mary School Honors Blessed Mother

During the month of May we, as Catholics, honor our Blessed Mother. Throughout the month the St. Margaret Mary Catholic School community will honor our Blessed Mother each morning at our Morning Prayer Assembly held in the parking lot at 7:55 am. We shall pray the *Hail Mary*, and on Mondays we shall say a decade of the rosary. We shall also honor Mary with flowers to be placed in front of her statue.

You are invited to call the school office at (407) 644-7537 with names of people you would like to be remembered in prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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## Introducing a New Ministry

### Open Table

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-11:30 am and 7:00-8:30 pm

Fr. Walsh is inviting all parishioners and neighboring pastors to an informational session on a new ministry that transforms people's lives. Open Table works with the homeless, working poor, young adults transitioning out of foster care, veterans, probation/re-entry, HIV+ and survivors of human trafficking to find and implement a new direction for their lives.

Rather than giving them "things", they gain training and knowledge so that they no longer need to ask for assistance. In fact, those graduating from the program often lead others to the dignity of independence. This is a national program which is endorsed by Bishop Noonan and is being promoted by Catholic Charities. Have you ever wanted to change the world? It happens one person at a time, and it happens at Open Table. We shall be meeting in the Damascus Conference Room in our Family Life Center.

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## Lenten Alms Collection

If you forgot to bring your baby bottles for the JMJ Pregnancy Center please drop them off with the receptionist in the Parish Office during business hours, or bring them to Mass next week. Even empty bottles can be reused. So please drop them off too.

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## Food Pantry

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

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### Previous Items:



## Vacation Bible Camp Registration Continues

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible Camp will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon. Children who will be in four-year-old preschool through sixth grade this fall are invited to participate. The cost is \$30 per child. For a registration form [Click Here](#). For an image release form [Click Here](#).

Adult and teen aides in grade 7 and higher are needed. Anyone 15 and older must be fingerprinted. [Click here for instructions on our parish website](#). Training will be Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am in the Cana Room. For questions: Kristie Altman at [Kristie@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org) or (407) 647-5171.

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## RCIA Inquiry Sessions Beginning Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:srosemary@stmargaretmary.org)) or 407-644-6812.

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## Parenting Class for all Parents Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 to 7:30 pm

“The Secret to Summer Success with Conscious Discipline” is presented by Amy Zolessi, CDCI. Does your life seem to fall apart when your children are out of school and there is no set schedule? Are you tired of hearing, “I’m bored, there’s nothing to do?” Come learn how Conscious Discipline can help you and your child enjoy the carefree days of summer with new language, new tools, and a new way of looking at behaviors. The class is free. To register online: [Click Here](#). For a flier to invite a friend: [Click Here](#). For more information contact Lori Reinneck at [lori@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:lori@stmargaretmary.org).

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## Young Woman Fiat Days

April 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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.](#)

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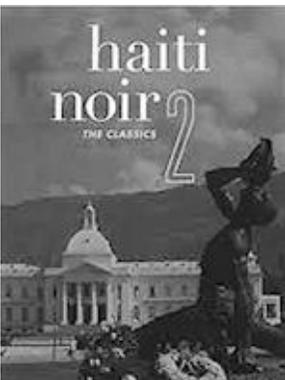


## Earth Day Event

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm

The St. Margaret Mary Peace and Justice group invites you to mark Earth Day by hearing our special guest, Dale Finley Slongwhite talk about her latest book, *Fed Up: The High Cost of Cheap Food*. In her book, the author recounts the nearly inconceivable and chilling oral histories of American farmworkers whose lives were forever altered by one of the most disturbing pesticide exposure incidents in U.S. history. With extensive research on the lives and working conditions of farmworkers in Apopka and around Florida, Ms. Slongwhite will share what she has learned about the costs of our cheap food on the lives of the farmworkers and on the earth. Refreshments will be served.

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## Haiti Book Club

Join members of the Peace and Justice Committee for a book club focused on Haitian books and writers on the first Sundays of the month from April-June.. On Sunday, May 7 our discussion will be on the book *Haiti Noir 2*. For more information, please contact Linda Goddard at [lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindamariepeace3@bellsouth.net), or Trish Moser at [mosertrish@gmail.com](mailto:mosertrish@gmail.com). We look forward to having you join us! For a brochure with more information: [Click Here](#).

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## Spring Social

May 12, 2017, 6 pm – 10 pm

Hold this date to bring your entire household and all your friends to our annual springtime social. Great music provided by Dayve Stewart 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.

[Click here for the event flier to share with friends.](#)



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## Parking Options

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

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## 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.