



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2017

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus explains his presence to a group of two or more when they are coming to a decision in his name. We understand that Christ is present whenever two or more are gathered in his name. However, do you really see Christ in your Christian sisters and brothers? Do you see Christ in the needy? Do you see Christ in the Eucharist? Are you actively looking for Christ at each moment?

Look in this week's email's for opportunities to encounter Christ with your Christian brothers and sisters, in serving those in need and by encountering His teaching.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Open Table Ministry**
- **Haiti Faith Sharing Committee**
- **Ministry to the Homeless**
- **First Friday Adoration**
- **SMMCS Class Reunion**
- **Haiti Sister Parish School Construction**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- **Kairos Prison Ministry**
- **Great Generation Event**
- **Summer Book Discussion**
- **Rise Up Conference**
- **Pentecost Sunday Preparation**
- **Choose Life Resources**
- **Food Pantry**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Vacation Bible Camp**
- **Haiti Book Club**
- **Spring Social**
- **St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Honors Mary**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

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

Tuesday, May 2

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Open Table, 10:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Welcome Team, 7:00 pm
Open Table, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 3

Cooking for the Homeless, 8:30 am
Creative Writing Group, 10:00 am
Make Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 pm
Serve the Homeless, 5:30 pm
Haiti Faith Sharing Meeting, 6:00 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Just Girls Fashion Show, 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 4

Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
SMM School Spring Arts Evening, 6:00 pm
Men Answering the Call, 6:00 pm
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, May 5

First Friday Adoration, 8:30 am – Sat. Noon
New Hope, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 6

Adoration, until Noon
Sultan and Saint Luncheon, 1:00 pm

Sunday, May 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Family Promise Guests Arrive
Retrouvaille, 1:00 pm
Haiti Book Club, 2:00 pm

Monday, May 8

RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Quote of the Week

“To trust in God in the light is nothing, but trust him in the dark - that is faith.”

- Charles H. Spurgeon

Question of the Week

“The disciples on the road to Emmaus saw Jesus in the breaking of the bread. What moments have you had when you saw Jesus in your life?”

There is a story in the Bible about two very disconsolate men walking to a village seven miles from Jerusalem.

They were devastated. The man whom they hoped would change the world was dead.

They were so distraught they did not recognize that it was Jesus who was walking right next to them.

It can be difficult to see Jesus in times when we grieve and are in pain.

Perhaps faith and trust are especially needed in times of darkness. Perhaps it is in those times that seeing Jesus in the breaking of the bread is especially important.

New Items:



Introducing a New Ministry

Open Table

Tuesday, May 2nd 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.

For more information please contact: Deacon Scott Linderman at scott@stmargaretmay.org.



Haiti Faith Sharing Committee

Wednesday May 3rd at 6:00 pm

We invite you to come and learn about our committee, who we are, what we do, and how we minister with our brothers and sisters in Haiti to deepen their faith and ours. We shall meet in the Upper Room in our Family Life Center



First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless

Wednesday, May 3rd

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

Join us as cooks, sandwich makers, drivers and servers 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 or (407) 234-0215. Or Colleen Nuñez at colleen@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-3392.



First Friday Adoration

Friday after 8:00 am Mass through Saturday Noon

This Friday, May 5th 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.



SMM Catholic School Class Reunion

Saturday, May 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

The St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Class of 2013 will gather for a reunion at the Winter Park Community Center at 721 W. New England Avenue. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/smm2013reunion/>



Haiti Mission

Construction of Our Lady of Fatima School at our sister parish in Haiti is well under way. The building will be completed this summer, and will be ready to welcome students for the new school year. We need your help to furnish and equip the school.

Gift cards to purchase student desks, textbooks and other necessities will be available in the courtyard after Masses on

May 6/7 and 13/14. Please consider "alternative giving" for Mother's Day, Father's Day, teacher gifts, or other special occasions.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

We shall not offer Children's Liturgy at the 5:00 pm or 9:30 am Masses for the next two weekends due to the celebration of First Holy Communion and Mother's Day. We shall resume on May 20-21.



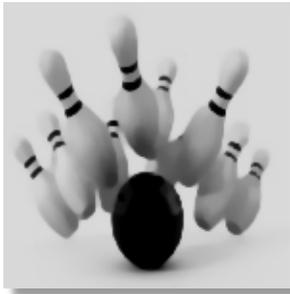
Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry will hold a retreat for prisoners at the Central Florida Reception Center during the weekend of May 18-21. There are three ways you can participate in this life-changing ministry for prisoners.

Pray Sign up for a prayer chain for a half hour during our retreat. Place a 30-minute prayer reminder on your calendar anytime from May 18-21. Receiving your prayers has a tremendous impact on prisoners.

Buy Cookies Bring packages of cookies to the church office before the weekend. We use 500 packages every weekend!

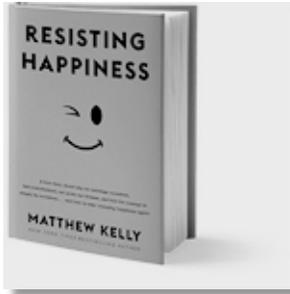
Donate Volunteers raise \$6,000 to \$7,000 for each retreat to cover costs. Kairos International is a tax deductible 501©3. An inmate sponsorship is \$150. A \$25 donation sponsors an inmate's weekend meals (five meals). A \$5 donation sponsors one meal. Make your check payable to Kairos and mail to Stuart Dawly, Kairos CFRC Treasurer, 149 Oxford Court, Indialantic, FL 32903.



Great Generation Event

Thursday, May 18th from 10:00 am to Noon

Senior adults, let's go bowling! Join us at Aloma Bowling Center. \$3.00 per game includes shoes. Then join the group for lunch at the Outback Restaurant. RSVP to Nancy Thompson at (407) 265-8103 or Miriam Timmes at (407) 644-6208. Open to all ages.



Summer Book Discussion

Beginning Thursday, June 1st at 10:00 am

Parishioners are invited to attend the summer book discussion of *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. Discussions will be held in the Upper Room on all Thursdays of June and are facilitated by members of the Women's Bible Study group. Please order the book yourself and read the first chapter before the first session. If you have questions, please contact Kristie Altman at Kristie@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-5171.



Rise Up Men's Conference

Saturday, June 3rd from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

All men are invited to the Second Annual Diocesan-wide Catholic Men's Conference. This will be an opportunity for men to gather together and learn ways to live out our Catholic faith in our daily lives. There will be three dynamic speakers including Joe Lombardi, the quarterback coach of the New Orleans Saints and grandson of Vince Lombardi. In addition, lunch, confession and adoration are included for a suggested donation of only \$20.

For more more information and to register visit <https://2017riseup-orlando.eventbrite.com>. For a printable poster: [Click Here](#). If you have any questions, contact the Secretariat for Laity, Family and Life at sflf@orlandodiocese.org or call (407) 246-4910. The conference will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church at 5125 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819.



Pentecost Sunday Preparation

Are you from another culture? Do you speak a language other than English? Would you like to assist with reading the intercessions in different languages on Pentecost Sunday? If so, we could use your help. Please contact Lisa Weis, liturgy director at (407) 647-0726 or lisa@stmargaretmary.org.

You will be given a petition to translate into your own language and you will have the opportunity to read the intercession at the Mass(es) of your choice on

Pentecost weekend on June 3rd and 4th.

We protect:

- ✓ Rainforest
- ✓ Whales
- ✓ Trees
- ✓ Bald Eagles
- 👶 Unborn Babies

 Choose Life

Respect Life Resources

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website contains many resources regarding Respect Life issues including:

- Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility
- Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption
- Every Suicide is Tragic
- Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End
- Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing

The website is located at www.usccb.org/respectlife.



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 and beans, as well as any of the buy-one-get-one specials at your local store. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass. Thank you for your generous donations!

Previous Items:



Vacation Bible Camp Registration Continues

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible Camp will run from June 19th to 23rd 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 11th at 10:45 am in the Cana Room. For questions: Kristie Altman at Kristie@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-5171.



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 at 2:00 pm our 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!



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.](#)



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.

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.