



# Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2015

Are you ready for the light? Are you ready for the sunshine?

Our Easter Season is nearing an end. Has your worldview been illuminated by the events of the Resurrection? Imagine the early disciples who have just witnessed this never experienced event in history... Someone actually came back from the dead... not just someone... the one they believed was the long awaited Messiah... the Christ... the very Son of God. Since this event, all humanity has wrestled with its meaning for humankind and our relationship with God. They could not have been ready for this overwhelming illumination. Eventually, the light of understanding caused the Apostles and disciples to move in new directions. Are you moving in a new direction?

This week, rain is in the forecast for Monday through Thursday. Will you be ready for the sunshine or will it become what is expected going forward? Plan to be ready for the sunshine. Make a plan to be ready by attending the Spring Sensation this Friday evening to enjoy the company of fellow parishioners, then look below for more illuminating opportunities.

## NEW ITEMS:

- **Spring Sensation 2015**
- **Prayer Flags for Nepal**
- **Parish Council Elections**
- **Boy Scout Food Drive**
- **Evening with Hady Mendez**
- **Summer Book Discussion**
- **Life in the Eucharist Retreat**

## PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Parish Website**
- **Audire**
- **Blood Drive**
- **Meet the Clergy**
- **Elijah Cup Signup**
- **Vacation Bible Camp**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

**Monday, May 11**

Momnipotent, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, May 12**

Fr. Walsh's Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am

Elizabeth Ministry Rosary, 9:30 am

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

**Wednesday, May 13**

Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am

Playgroup, 10:00 am

Just Girls Practice for Fashion Show, 4:00 pm

Young Adults, Mass & Wine with the Word, 5:30 pm

SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, May 14**

Living Liturgy Group, 9:00 am

Centering Prayer Group, 10:30 am

SMM Spring Arts Evening, 6:45 pm

Adoration, 7:30 pm

**Friday, May 15**

Spring Sensation, 6:00 pm

**Saturday, May 16**

Baby Basics, 1:30 pm

**Sunday, May 17**

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

**Monday, May 18**

Momnipotent, 7:00 pm

***Question of the Week:***

*“Peter chooses a new direction in his ministry at the prompting of the Holy Spirit. When has the Spirit nudged me to take a different path?”*

We all make hundreds of fairly routine choices every day. Sometimes we also make more important choices that start us off in a new direction.

In the Tenth Chapter of Acts of the Apostles a very strange vision caused Peter to make what would become a historic decision. It happened at noontime while he was making preparations for lunch. He saw a sheet coming down from heaven with some unclean types of food on it. Along with this troubling vision came an equally troubling voice telling Peter that he must make a choice he preferred not to make.

Peter had assumed that the Jewish people would be the sole beneficiaries of his preaching. However, by the time he got to the Gentile Cornelius' house he realized that, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34).

There is always the possibility that important choices might be lurking behind the routine choices. We may never see sheets coming down from heaven, but the Holy Spirit is always ready to give us some guidance about our next choice.

## New Items:



### St. Margaret Mary Annual Spring Sensation

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

The Fun Rises. . . As the Sun Sets

Food truck fare, beer, wine, soda & smacks available. Download the Parish App today for an opportunity to win some of the five dozen gourmet mini-cupcakes which will be given away during the evening. Bring your entire household and call friends to meet at this annual event designed to please all your senses - that's why it's a SENSATION!

Bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets or whatever helps you relax. LIVE DJ all night long!



### Prayer Flags for Nepal

For centuries colorful prayer flags have been seen all across Nepal. This week all around our church and school, you will see similar strings of small flags inscribed with prayers from our parishioners and students. To show your solidarity with the people of Nepal during their recovery from the earthquake, please add your own prayers to flags at the table during the Spring Sensation on Friday night.



### Parish Council Elections

May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Weekend

The Parish Council is a representative body of parishioners who assist the pastor in the policy making of the parish. Council members are called to determine the direction the parish will take in the light of their faith.

Every two years an election is held for three at-large members for a four-year term. Elected members and a representative from each of the eight standing parish committees form the council, which reviews goals, objectives and priorities on a monthly basis. Council members perform a work of service to the parish, acting as representatives of the St. Margaret Mary community and as consultants to the pastor.

On the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to vote for three people to represent you on the SMM Parish Council. Only one ballot per parishioner. For a sample ballot of candidates: [Click Here](#)



### Boy Scout Food Drive

May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> prior to All Masses

St. Margaret Mary's Boy Scout Troop 62 is holding its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Food Drive to "Stock the Shelves" of the Winter Park and Apopka Farmworker's food pantries. We hope to collect over THREE TONS of food. One in four of Central Florida's children currently live in poverty and face hunger daily. As many of you are aware, summer is here and children are home and hungry.

Please bring in non-perishable food items prior to any Mass next weekend, Mar 16/17. All items will be collected outside the church. For a list of suggested items: [Click Here](#)



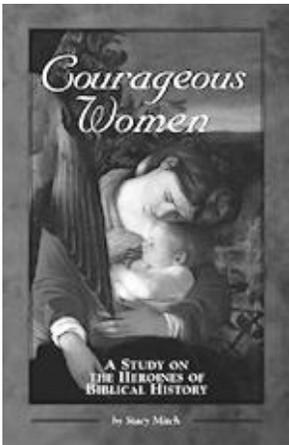
## **An Evening with Hady Mendez**

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Hady Mendez has been a SMM parishioner since moving to Florida in January, 2012. Following an amazing experience with a JustFaith community here in the parish, she decided to join Franciscan Mission Service in the Fall of 2013. In January of last year, she moved to Cochabamba, Bolivia where she has been living and working for the last year and a half.

On the evening of June 3, she will be returning to Winter Park to share her mission experience. She will talk about learning the language, experiencing culture shock, working in prison, living in community, and will share many heart-warming (end eye opening) stories of her life in Bolivia. If you are interested in learning more about what it is like to live and work alongside humble people in a developing country, please mark your calendar. There will also be small items made by women prisoners and ex-prisoners for sale as well as a light supper.

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## **Summer Book Discussion**

**Thursday, June 4,11,18 & 25 at 10:00 am**

The Women's Bible Study group will discuss the book *Courageous Women* by Stacy Mitch. Please purchase your own copy of the book. All parishioners are welcome to join us in the Upper Room. For more information please call (407) 647-5171 or email [Kristie@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org).

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## **Life in the Eucharist Retreat**

**September 25-26**

Do you desire to grow in your faith and understanding of the Holy Eucharist? Do you hunge rto hear stories from fellow parishioners about their relationship with the Most Blessed Sacrament? Save the date for the annual Life in the Eucharist retreat presented here at St. Margaret Mary.

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## Previous Items:



### **Parish Website Goes Mobile!** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

On the same day we celebrate our connections as parishioners at the Spring Sensation, we shall also be launching our new “responsive” website! Our presence on the world wide web has often been recognized for having a lot of great content, reflecting the excellent work of our community. However, technology continues to change, and today more than half of internet traffic in on mobile devices.

In order to meet this changing environment and to make this information as easy to access as ever, we have updated and upgraded our website thanks to the effort of Orleans Marketing Group. Bring a mobile device on May 15<sup>th</sup> to the Spring Sensation for opportunities for delicious prizes!!



### **Audire: The Central Florida Foundation for Spiritual Direction** May 16<sup>th</sup> or July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Audire is a 3-year formation program that trains people for the ministry of spiritual direction and provides listening and companioning skills that are beneficial to many ministries. Orientation days for the Audire program are scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park.

Registration for one of the Orientation days can be done through the website at [www.audirespiritualdirection.org](http://www.audirespiritualdirection.org) or by contacting Diana Francisco at (321) 254-1876



### **Blood Drive** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Jump on the Big Red Bus and give the gift of life. One donation can save up to three lives. Please bring photo ID.



### **Meat the Clergy** Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

A night of clergy appreciation held in our Parish Hall. The men of the parish are invited to enjoy an evening of fellowship with each other and the clergy of our parish featuring 4 Rivers BBQ, beer and relaxing conversation. Sponsored by Men Answering the Call, a ministry of adult men from all walks of life helping the church through service and strengthening their relationship with Christ through greater spirituality.

Cost: \$10.00. For more information: [Click Here](#)

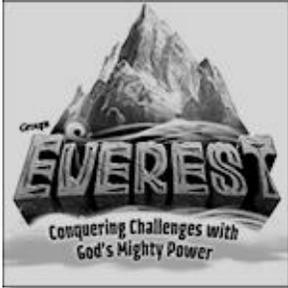


## Elijah Cup Signup

What can we do to support our priests, deacons and religious? What can we do to foster vocations among young people? All families, no matter the number of family members, with or without children, are encouraged to use the Elijah Cup as a focal point for prayer. Choose a date that is important to you such as a family member's birthday or an anniversary to have the cup in your home.

To sign up for the cup online: [Click Here](#). You may also call Kristie Altman at: (407) 647-5171 or email [Kristie@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org). Thank you for praying for vocations.

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## Vacation Bible Camp

June 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon each day

"I will raise my eyes toward the mountains. From where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth" (Ps. 121:1-2).

Scale the mountains with us this summer. See that God meets his people on the mountaintop and helps them with any challenge! Children entering four-year-old preschool through sixth grade this Fall may participate. Cost is \$30.00 per child.

Registration forms can be found online at: [Click Here](#). You may also come to the church office or school office for forms.

Training for adults and teen crew leaders will be Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 to 11:45 am in the Cana Room. A make-up session will be Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, call Kristie at (407) 647-5171 or email [Kristie@stmargaretmary.org](mailto:Kristie@stmargaretmary.org)

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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.