



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29, 2015

Belief is as strong as the actions it manifests.

It is true that we all have a dignity separate from what we do – a dignity granted as creations of God. However, it is also true that our actions announce the beliefs from which they emerge. If your beliefs seem to carry more power than your day to day actions, contemplate a path which aligns your actions closer to your beliefs. It is a Christian journey.

Look below for opportunities that will help align your heart and actions with your beliefs. Perhaps there is an opportunity to learn something which can help guide you along your path.

NEW ITEMS:

- **World Meeting of Families**
- **First Wednesday with the Homeless**
- **First Friday Adoration**
- **Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment**
- **Racism is a Sin**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Parish Financial Statement Available**
- **Haiti Umbrella Sale**
- **Narthex Renovation Project**
- **St. Margaret Mary Annual Rummage Sale**
- **Altar Linen Helpers**
- **JustFaith**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, June 29

Separated and Divorced Summer Series, 6:30 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 30

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

Wednesday, July 1

Cooking for the Homeless, 8:30 am
Writing our Stories, 10:00 am
Make P, B & J for the Homeless, 2:30 pm

Thursday, July 2

Living Liturgy Group, 9:00 am
Women's Book Discussion, 10:00 am
Centering Prayer Group, 10:30 am
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, July 3

Parish Office Closed
Adoration, 8:30 am-9:00 am Sat.

Saturday, July 4

Adoration, 12:01 am - 9:00 am
Mass – July 4 Celebration, 9:00 am
Mass – Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Girls Summer Bible Study, 7:30 pm

Monday, July 6

Separated and Divorced Summer Series, 6:30 pm
Novena, 7:30 pm

Who We Are:

There was a time in history when it was almost impossible not to believe in God. Just about everyone found order and purpose in some system of religious beliefs.

For many people today, however, God can be less of a reality. For many, remaining religiously unaffiliated provides a feeling of independence and self-reliance.

Nevertheless, there has always been a need for identity, both as an individual and as a person in relationship with others.

Does membership in our parish provide a focus for individual and group identity that is responsive to the needs of people today? Is there something in our parish mission statement to which individual parishioners can commit? As we continue our discussion over the next few months, we invite you to read the mission statement and decide if it reflects your own beliefs.

For a copy of the St. Margaret Mary Parish Mission Statement: [Click Here](#)

New Items:**First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless:
Wednesday, July 1 in the Parish Hall Kitchen**

Cooking beginning at 8:30 am - Sandwich making at 2:30 pm

This week more than ever cooks and sandwich makers are needed to prepare 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.



This Friday is First Friday **A time for Adoration**

Come spend some precious alone time with our Lord or bring your sister, spouse or friend and spend a few minutes in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. Friday after 8am Mass thru Saturday 9 am.



World Meeting of Families **What's it all about?**

- Started in 1994 by Saint John Paul II, the World Meeting of Families is a time for all parishes to reflect upon the beauty and joy of God's plan for marriage and family life with studying the teachings of the Bible and the Catholic Church, activities and celebrations.
 - This is 8th World Meeting of Families and it takes place in Philadelphia on September 22-27, 2015 with the goal of strengthening the sacred bonds of families across the globe.
 - Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families.
 - Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.
 - To learn more about what's happening contact www.WorldMeeting2015.org
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"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" **"Praise be to you, my Lord"**

In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". Get the facts and more on the Pope's new Encyclical at the Diocese of Orlando's web site, <http://www.orlandodiocese.org/praisedbe>.

Watch for a discussion of this document later this summer. To read the encyclical, please go to the Vatican web site at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>. Click here for more questions and answers about this important encyclical.

Racism is a Sin:



In their 1979 landmark letter “Brothers and Sister to Us,” the United States Bishops stated that, “Racism is an evil which endures in our society and in our Church...”

Racism is a sin:
a sin that divides the human family,
blots out the image of God among specific members of that family and
violates the fundamental dignity of those called to be
children of the same Father.

“Racism is the sin that says some human beings are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of race. It is the sin that makes racial characteristics the determining factor for the exercise of human rights.

Racism obscures the evils of the past and denies the burdens that history has placed upon the shoulders of our black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian brothers and sisters. An honest look at the past makes plain the need for restitution wherever possible--makes evident the justice of restoration and redistribution. Racism is not merely one sin among many; it is a radical evil dividing the human family and denying the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it demands an equally radical transformation in our own minds and hearts as well as in the structure of our society.”

The Pastoral Letter about racism “Brothers and Sisters to Us” can be read or downloaded at www.usccb.org. Watch for a parish discussion on “The Racial Divide in the United States,” a reflection written by Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, Illinois. To download it or read it now, please go to www.diobelle.org.

Previous Items:



Parish Financial Statement Available

Each year our parish financials are reviewed and audited by an independent auditor. Every third year a full audit is completed. An audit review was completed for the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Please click on the link to view the results of this latest financial review. [Click here.](#)



Haiti Umbrella Sale Extended After Masses the weekend of July 4-5

The summer rains are upon us, so don't be caught without a folding umbrella! Pick up a folding umbrella for \$10 and stay dry! Umbrellas will be available after Masses the weekend of July 4-5 or in advance by calling Winnie Tyler, 407-463-5561. As a bonus you will also be helping poor, elderly people in Haiti receive food and medicine through their Meals on Mules program.

Narthex Renovation Project



Construction on the new foyer and auxiliary spaces is still on schedule. A sincerely "Thank You" to those who have made a pledge and are making regular payments on the project. To those parishioners who have not made a commitment-it is never too late! All commitments (large or small) are gratefully received. You may make a contribution by completing a pledge card available at the Parish Office front desk. Commitments of \$3,000 and over will be acknowledged on a memorial board.

Fr. Walsh



St. Margaret Mary Annual Rummage Sale

Item Drop Off Times:

- July 9th 10th 13th 14th 15th from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Bring your items for sale to the door that opens onto the Parking Lot. Look for the signs. Please do not donate any mattresses, very heavy furniture or bulky CRT TVs.

If it is helpful to drop off your treasures before July 9th please call Paul Solano, at 407-335-2301. However, you must bring it trailer before July 9th. Paul will direct

you to the trailer.

Sale Dates and Times:

- July 16th - July 17th from 8:00am to 4:00pm - July 18th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Please consider being a volunteer for this great event. You can work a couple of hours or a couple of days. We also need drivers for the pick-up dates. If you have a truck please bring it. If not come anyway. Your help is greatly needed. To volunteer contact Anne McQuiggan at (407) 671-4798 or annemcquiggan@comcast.net. Drivers contact Gerry McQuiggan at gerrymcquiggan@comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



Altar Linen Helpers

Did you ever wonder what happens to all those little white cloths that are used at Mass to wipe the rim of the chalices used at communion time? Those little white cloths are called *purificators* and they are washed, dried and ironed by a small and dedicated group of parishioners called "altar linen helpers" who work quietly and faithfully, maintaining the linens for all parish Masses.

A big thank-you to these dedicated altar linen helpers: Monica Clark, Randy Means, Justine Mingarelli, Twee Owens, Penny Potter, Penny Speicher, Ann Buckley, Margaret Gauntlett and Kerri Stratford. We are also grateful to Danielle Oser who has recently "retired" from this ministry after 10 years of dedicated service.

If you would like to serve in this ministry or are interested in learning more about the altar linen ministry, please contact Lisa Weis, director of liturgy at Lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726.



JustFaith is Returning! **In the fall**

JustFaith is a process that provides a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for vulnerable people and become advocates for justice. During this extended formation and justice education process, groups employ books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. Participants also form a community and share a journey of faith and compassion that is life-giving and challenging. Now is the time to prayerfully consider beginning this journey next fall. For more information and details, please go to www.justfaith.org and watch the bulletin for your invitation to the JustFaith Wine & Cheese in August. You will never be the same again

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.