



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2016

Louis Armstrong is well known for his iconic version of “Wonderful World.” He helped make the world better by singing of his awe of the world the Lord created. It reminds us that of Genesis 1:31 – “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.”

Evil and corruption enters that which God has made very good. As Christians we have a role in the restoration of the world to pure goodness – the building up of God’s Kingdom. What do you find very good in this world? What do you help make better in this world?

Look for opportunities below to witness what is good in God’s creation and to contribute to restoring pure goodness in our world. A new year’s resolution for good perhaps?

NEW ITEMS:

- **The Catholic Faith on Demand**
- **St. Margaret Mary Broadcast Ministry**
- **Prayer Vigil for an Execution**
- **Ministry to the Homeless**
- **Women’s Bible Study**
- **New Time for Elizabeth Ministry Rosary**
- **Teen Planning Session**
- **Vocation Essay Contest**
- **First Holy Communion Preparation**
- **Parish Mission**
- **Recycle Technology**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **RCIA Sessions**
- **The Great Generation**
- **Beloved**
- **Catholic Days at the Capitol**
- **Confirmation Preparation**
- **Altar Server Training**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, January 4

RCIA Begins, 7:00 pm

Novena, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 5

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

Execution Prayer Vigil, 5:00 pm

Peace and Justice Mtg, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6

Cooking for the Homeless, 8: 30 am

Playgroup, 10:00 am

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless, 2:30 pm

Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00 pm

Serve Dinner to the Homeless, 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 7

Living Liturgy 9:00 am

Centering Prayer, 10:30 am

Adoration, 7:00 pm

Friday, January 8

Elizabeth Ministry Rosary, 11:00 am

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

Journey 2Gether Middle School, 10:45 am

Life Plus for Third Grade, 10:45 am

Faith Formation for Children, 10:45 am

Just Girls Team Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm

Lifeteen High School, 7:00 pm

Monday, January 11

Heart of Discipleship, 8:45 am

Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

How wonderful is it that no one need wait a single moment to start to improve the world.

- Anne Frank

Question of the Week

To pay homage to Christ today means . . .

Why did God want to create a universe and put people in it? As an all-perfect God, he had no need to.

Why did God want to give people free will? Didn't he know how much trouble that could cause?

God had free will to create our world; "and found it very good" (Genesis 1:31).

In an analogous way, people also have free will. They can choose to create things that are good.

Tikkun olam is a Jewish concept defined by acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world.

Perhaps the best way to pay homage to Christ lies in using our God-given free will to make our world a better place.

New Items:



The Catholic Faith on Demand

We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform called "Formed." Access the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere. There are multiple programs for all ages, including movies, books, audios and Bible studies.

You can view a trailer at: <https://vimeo.com/137416989>. Access codes will be available after all Masses on January 10th.



St. Margaret Mary Broadcast Ministry

Holy connections! Our Broadcast Ministry produces the weekly online Mass presentation which reaches around the world and, most importantly, to those who are in our community but are unable to join us in person each week. This important ministry also helps to connect families across the miles with presentations of First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Funerals, and St. Margaret Mary School events.

Come visit us in our new space located in the new narthex after any 9:30 am Mass. This is a great ministry for those comfortable with technology. We are in need of several volunteers especially to help with the weekly 9:30 am broadcast. We suggest that our volunteers attend a Mass other than the 9:30 am Mass as the production requires us to be constantly looking at what is coming next in the Mass. That makes it difficult to engage in the Mass as a full participant.

For more information, please contact Kevin Hagan at kevin@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 998-5662.



Prayer Vigil for an Execution

Tuesday, January 5th at 5:00 pm

Oscar Bolin, Jr. is scheduled to be executed on Thursday, January 7th at 6:00 pm for the murders of Teri Lynn Matthews and Stephanie Collins. You are invited to join the Peace & Justice Ministry for a prayer vigil in the chapel. Prayers will be said for Oscar Bolin, his victims, his family, the victims' families and for all the public officials involved in this scheduled execution.



First Wednesday Ministry with the Homeless Wednesday, January 6th in the Parish Hall Kitchen

Cooking beginning at: 8:30 am

Sandwich making at: 2:30 pm

Delivery and serving dinner at: 5:30 pm

This week more than ever cooks, sandwich makers, drivers and servers are needed to provide dinner for people staying at the Coalition for the Homeless. Come this Wednesday to lend a hand and to give hope and sustenance to the Lazarus at our gate. Contact Ted Steillen at tsteillen@earthlink.net or (407) 234-0215 or Mary Ann Gilbert at: maryann@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 628-1324.



Women's Bible Study Thursday, January 7th at 9:30 am

Women's Bible study will resume this week. We shall be studying the Bible Timeline.



New Time for Elizabeth Ministry Rosary Friday, January 8th at 11:00 am

The second Friday of each month after the school Mass in the Upper Room will be the new time for the Rosary this year. All ladies are invited to follow the example of Elizabeth and Mary to respect all life, cherish children, encourage families, enrich marriages and build community. If you have a special intention for a mother in need, please let us know at lori@stmargaretmary.org.



Teen Planning Session Sunday, January 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Our teen planning session is this Sunday night. All teen leaders please RSVP to the teen captain by Friday.



Vocation Essay Contest Contest Opens: January 10th

"Who Will Care for God's People? Why Not You?" The contest is open to students in college, high school, and eighth through fifth grades. Entries must be typed and be 200-225 words. Entries must include the participant's name, address, email address, school grade and telephone number. Prizes ranging from \$100 to \$25 will be awarded in four age categories.

Email entries should be sent to kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Hard copy entries may be mailed or dropped off at the Family Life Center 526 N.Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789. For a flyer: [Click Here](#). Contest closes on March 7th.



First Holy Communion Preparation

Tuesday, January 12th at 6:45 pm

For registered children and parents. We shall begin with a prayer service for families in the church. Adults will remain in the church for their session on the Eucharist. Catechists will accompany the children to the school for their session. Parents will pick up their children in the school at 8:00 pm. Babysitting will be provided for children five years and younger. Please contact Kristie at: (407) 647-5171 or kristie@stmargaretmary.org.

All adult parishioners are welcome to attend the prayer service and adult presentation in the church. We also ask that you remember to pray for the children preparing for First Holy Communion and for the youth who will celebrate Confirmation next month. Thank you.



Parish Mission

January 18th, 19th and 20th

Morning sessions begin with 8:00 am Mass
Evening sessions (different from morning sessions) begin at 7:00 pm

Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss. R. is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts, about ten miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist missionary order after attending Boston College and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates and overseas in Holland and Australia.

He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. Ordained in 1991, he has worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to the Redemptorist Community in New Smyrna Beach, FL. He is greatly looking forward to spending the week with us.



Recycle Technology

If the Christmas Season brought you new technology which leaves you with laptops with Windows 7 or higher or iPads which you have available to recycle, we can help you. Donations of good working technology is either used to trade out aging technology at the parish, or wiped and provided to others in need. If you have a laptop or iPad to donate, please contact Kevin Hagan at kevin@stmargaretmary.org, or at 407-998-5662.

Previous Items:



RCIA Sessions

Beginning Monday, January 4th at 7:00 pm

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism? Are you from another faith tradition and wonder about the Mass, the Sacraments, the role of Mary? All are welcome. To register contact Sr. Rosemary at srosemary@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 644-6812.



The Great Generation

Tuesday, January 12th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Join us as we present Jan Clanton, parishioner and retired associate curator of the Orlando Museum of Art. She will show videos and lecture on The Pillars of the Earth: Building of the Great Cathedrals. This lecture focuses on the building of the monastery and church at Mont St. Michel, a tiny islet off the northern coast of France started in the 8th Century.

Participants will also vicariously journey to the Heart of France, Parish, to see the chapel built by St. Louis in the 13th Century. Both churches are testaments to the miracle of faith. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Miriam Timmes at (407) 644-6208 by January 6th. Open to all.



Beloved

Friday, January 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

All couples - engaged or married - are invited to the next session entitled "Protecting the Bond."

\$5.00 per couple. Happy hour starts at 7:00 pm. Second floor of the Family Life Center of SMM. Childcare for children under five is available with reservation. RSVP by January 12th by contacting lori@stmargaretmary.org or by calling the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284. To watch the trailer [Click Here](#)

First-time? Please complete the registration form at:

<http://stmargaretmary.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Registration-form-for-Beloved.pdf>



Catholic Days at the Capitol

February 16th, 17th and 18th

Catholics from around the state gather in Tallahassee each year to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol. Participants attend a legislative briefing on human life and dignity issues prior to meetings with elected officials. Included in the activities is a luncheon for participants, the bishops of Florida and state legislators

Participants are also invited to the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit concelebrated by the bishops of Florida. Attended by state officials, lawmakers, judges, members of the legal profession and the community, the Red Mass is celebrated to pray for those working in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Registrations for Catholic Days at the Capitol are now rolling in. Registration deadline is January 11, 2016. [Download a Registration Form](#) and [Waiver](#) and send them soon to reserve your place!



Confirmation Preparation

Beginning January 17th

Are you a practicing Catholic who has never been confirmed? If so, there will be three weekly preparation sessions for this sacrament beginning on January 17th. Confirmation will be celebrated here on February 3rd with Bishop Noonan. Please contact Sr. Rosemary to register for these sessions at: (407) 644-6812 or srosemary@stmargaretmary.org.



New Altar Servers

Tuesday, January 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Are you interested in becoming an altar server? If you are baptized and have celebrated your first communion and you are in the fifth grade or higher, you are invited to consider this important liturgical ministry.

New altar server training will begin on January 26th in the Parish Hall and continue for five weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Every new server must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the first session. New servers are expected to attend all five sessions. Additional training dates are February 2, 9, 16 and March 1 (with no training on February 23).

To register, go to <http://stmargaretmary.org/altar-server-training-registration/> For additional information, please contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy, at: Lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726.

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.