



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Easter Sunday

March 28, 2016

The Lord is risen! Some 2,000 years ago, Jesus came to us, God as man. He lived with us, died for us, but he has arisen. In his book, *Rediscovering Jesus*, Matthew Kelly suggests that at some time we all must come to terms with the question, "Who is Jesus?" Is this the most elaborate hoax of all history? If it is true, then who is Jesus? To you?

If it is true and Jesus is the Christ as he claimed, then what have I claimed at my baptism? Have I reclaimed it for my own? What are the implications of this never before and never since event for my life?

Look in this week's email for opportunities to reclaim the meaning of your baptism through joint works of mercy with fellow parishioners and through learning experiences like Life in Christ.

NEW ITEMS:

- Thank You
- Catholic Appeal Update
- Talk to Your Pastoral Council
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- RCIA Inquiry Sessions
- Elizabeth Ministry Rosary
- Beloved
- Great Generation Outing
- Parish App Upgrade

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- Life in the Eucharist
- Ushers and Greeters Needed
- Silent Auction, Tea and Bake Sale
- Matthew Kelly Coming to St. Patrick's in Mount Dora
- Divorce Survival Guide
- "Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Video Series
- Diocese of Orlando Vocation Workshop
- Theology on Tap
- First Holy Communion Preparation
- Peace Picnic
- RiseUp Men's Conference
- Wendy's Boycott
- Vacation Bible Camp

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, March 28

Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 29

Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am

Wednesday, March 30

Playgroup, 10:00 am

Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00 pm

Adult Scripture Group, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 31

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

Centering Prayer, 11:30 am

Saturday, April 2

Marriage Preparation, 8:30 am

High Tea & Silent Auction, 2:30 pm

Sunday, April 3

Second Sunday of Easter

Family Faith, 10:45 am

Faith Formation for Children, 10:45 am

Diving Mercy Prayer Service, 3:00 pm

Monday, April 4

Heart of Discipleship, 8:45 am

Spiritual Reading Group, 1:00 pm

Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“I do.”

- Response to questions asked at renewal of baptismal promises

Question of the Week

“What does renewing my baptismal promises mean to me?”

Promises can sometimes be thought of as burdens to which we are bound, or as contractual obligations with penalties for nonperformance.

Promises can also be thought of as an indispensable part of every human relationship, and as a reflection of the strength of that relationship.

God gave us a free will so that our relationship with him can be authentic and loving.

He does not want us to feel burdened or oppressed by what we promise.

When we renew our baptismal promises we are making a free choice to be in a mutually loving relationship with our Creator.

To read what we promise when we respond, “I do” to our baptismal promises, [Click Here](#).

New Items:



Thank You!

On behalf of the entire community of St. Margaret Mary, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to all liturgical ministers who so graciously volunteered in preparation for and during our Holy Week and Easter Triduum liturgies

The beautiful environment, welcoming atmosphere, and prayerful liturgies could not have been possible without the talents and service of our Music Ministers, Art and Environment Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion, Sacristans, Altar Linen Helpers, Audio/Visual Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Clergy and Staff. We are also thankful to all of the assembly who faithfully offered glory to God through our Easter Liturgies. Christ the Lord is risen today, allalulia!



Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you if you have returned your envelope or pledged to Our Catholic Appeal online at <http://www.cfof.org>. If you have forgotten to return your envelope, please either mail it or bring it to the Parish Office this week.

Our assessment is \$561,778. Amount pledged as of 3/22/16 is \$466,157
Number of families pledging is 577.



Our Pastoral Council Wants to Hear from You

The Pastoral Council consists of members elected at-large by the parish in addition to volunteer members who serve as representatives from the major parish committees. Together with our pastor, the Council makes decisions on issues that are important to the life of our parish community. We welcome your feedback at:

PastoralCouncil@stmargaretmary.org

Elected Members

J.R. Thorsen - Chair
David Engasser - Vice Chair
Sarah Hanafin - Secretary
Kate Canfield
Karen Falbo
Jason Pickering

Committee Representatives

Mike Danagher - Communications
Jeanne Smith - Faith Formation
Kelli & Jim Whitman - Family Life
Renaë Bennett - Liturgy
Jeanne Smith - Pastoral Care
Andy Gardner - SMM School
Meghan Collins - Social Justice
Bill Daly - Stewardship



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 3rd from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Come join us in the chapel to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with prayer, Benediction and a short reflection on the core message of this feast day. As Pope Francis has encouraged us to be agents of mercy, in this Year of Mercy let us strengthen our resolve by praying as a community. The good Lord has promised special blessings, consolations and conversion to those who honor Him on this day. Please bring a friend.



RCIA Inquiry Sessions **Beginning Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? All are welcome to the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions. For more information, contact Sr. Rosemary at rosemary@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 644-6812.



Elizabeth Ministry Rosary **Tuesday, April 12th at 9:00 am**

All ladies are invited to the Upper Room to pray the rosary. If you are wanting to learn how to pray the rosary we will help! Elizabeth Ministry is dedicated to supporting women during the joys and sorrows of motherhood. If you have a special intention for a mother in need, please let us know at: lori@stmargaretmary.org.



Last Beloved Session **Friday, April 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Even if you have not been to other sessions, all couples are invited to come to this one. The title is "Real Challenges, Real Love." Please RSVP so we have enough food, and let us know if you need childcare for children under age 5. RSVP to lori@stmargaretmary.org.



SMM Great Generation **Saturday, May 14th at 2:00 pm**

SMM Great Generation invites you to see the musical "Singing in the Rain" at the Mediterranean revival style, Winter Garden Theatre. Prior to the show we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at the Farm-Fresh Al Fresco Restaurant. The trip price of \$79.00 includes ticket, lunch, transportation and gratuities. The reservation and payment deadline is April 8th. For meal choices and more information call John Rickelman at (407) 677-7802 or Miriam Timmes (407) 644-6208.



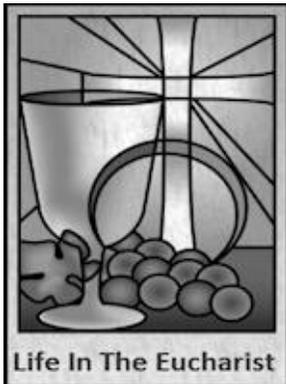
Parish App Upgrade

Your parish app just got a bit more inspiring. Visit the Apple Store or Google Store and download the My Parish App. When it installs, enter the parish zip code (32789) and select St. Margaret Mary Church.

If you already have My Parish App, tap the three bars on the left, then press change parish. Enter the parish zip code (32789) and select St. Margaret Mary Church.

This will refresh your current app with the new, inspiring content which includes, short written and video reflections, and Daily Mass. This inspiring content is made available by Catholic TV, the Diocese of LaCrosse, CatholicMom.com, Real Life Catholic and Living the Good News.

Previous Items:



Life in the Eucharist

April 8th & 9th

The heart of every parish is found in its coming together to celebrate the Eucharist. In recent times Catholics have witnessed an unprecedented reform of our entire sacramental system. The renewal of the liturgy invites Catholics to enjoy full, conscious and active participation in the rites of their church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

Come and explore five rich themes of the Mystery of the Eucharist: Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and Mission.

Friday, April 8th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (Light snacks served)

Saturday, April 9th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mass (Continental breakfast and lunch served)



USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and Greeters Needed

We are in great need of parishioners to serve as ushers and greeters, particularly at the 12 Noon and 6:00 pm Masses. Women, men and youth are needed to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, welcoming and assisting all who come to worship. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Weis, Director of Liturgy at: lisa@stmargaretmary.org or (407) 647-0726.



Downton Abbey Tea, Silent Auction & Bake Sale **Saturday, April 2nd from 2:00 to 4:30 pm**

Come as your favorite character or come as yourself. The TV series may be over, but we can still enjoy a cup of tea with our friends. Doors of the Parish Hall will open at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For information about purchasing tickets please call Lynne Kline at (407) 496-6260 or ckline@cfl.rr.com. Tickets will not be on sale at the church office. To volunteer or contribute baked goods email annemcquiggan@comcast.net.



Matthew Kelly Coming to St. Pat's in Mount Dora **Saturday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm**

We have read his books, *Rediscovering Catholicism* and *Rediscover Jesus*. Now, come to see him live. The Passion and Purpose event led by Matthew Kelly invites us all to identify God's voice in our lives and the specific purpose for which we were created. Matthew inspires attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of our lives including prayer and spirituality, work, dating and marriage, personal finances, health and wellbeing, parenting, and community involvement.

Every event attendee will receive an event bag which contains a book, CD, journal, pen and several other great resources. Tickets are \$39.00 and can be purchased online at: <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Passion-and-Purpose-Mount-Dora-FL-p/pppm040216.htm> of the St. Patrick's Church office (352) 383-8556.



Divorce Survival Guide **Starting Tuesday April 5th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. With the help of counselors, theologians and priests you can go from pain and loneliness to hope and healing. Practical advice meets pastoral care, with the help of experts and others, who have suffered through divorce. As they witness to their pain and to the redemptive power of Christ, you will laugh, cry and identify with their journey from heartache to healing.

\$20.00 registration fee includes book and snacks. Scholarships are available. For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#). For a registration form: [Click Here](#). For additional information contact: Lori Reinneck, Director of Family Life Ministries at (407) 645-0284 or lori@stmargaretmary.org.



New Video Series

Beginning Wednesday, April 6th through June 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The "Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a new video series about divine mercy and St. John Paul II featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. With his characteristic skill and lucid style, Fr. Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustins, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximillian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty.

This ten-session journey will be facilitated by Lynette Bryant and be presented in the Damascus Room of our Family Life Center.

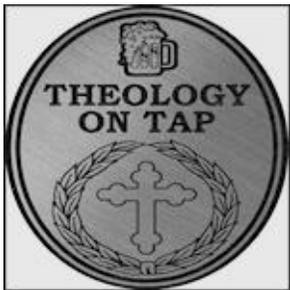


Diocese of Orlando Vocation Workshop

Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bishop John Noonan invites you to the 8th Annual Diocese of Orlando Vocation Workshop to be held in our Family Life Center. The schedule includes Mass with Bishop Noonan and in-depth discussions on how parishes and schools can effectively promote vocations. All are invited to come and learn innovative practices that can help plant seeds into the hearts of young people to discover God's call in their lives.

The keynote speaker is Father Tim Daly who will deliver a powerful message on the theme: "Dare to Invite." Lunch is included. RSVP by March 23rd to Darcey Dinh at ddinh@orlandodiocese.org or (407) 246-4875.



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, April 12th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Men Answering the Call invites all men of the parish to attend the next Theology on Tape event. Our special guest is Fr. Anthony Aarons, TOR who will speak about the Jubilee Year of Mercy and his role as one of the 125 Missionaries of Mercy recently selected by Pope Francis. Location: Cocina 214 located at 151 E. Welbourne Avenue in Winter Park. Please RSVP to Dick Baensch at baensch@earthlink.net. For a copy of the event flyer [Click Here](#).



First Holy Communion Preparation

Tuesday, April 12th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

Parents and children should meet in the church for our last session. Babysitting is available for children five years old and under. Please contact Kristie at (407) 647-5171 or kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Please provide the name and age of your child.



Peace Picnic

Saturday, April 23rd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

For people of all faith traditions to meet, connect and celebrate core principles of love and acceptance that define our shared belief in the Divine Creator. Please bring a covered dish to share. For a day of peace and fun-filled activities please join us at Lake Mills Park, 1301 Tropical Avenue in Chuluota in Pavilion #2. For details contact Jean Bagga at: baggamom@gmail.com. Sponsored by Friends in Faith.



RiseUp Men's Conference

Saturday, April 23rd

All men are invited to the RiseUp Men's Conference at Holy Family Catholic Church at 5125 S. Apopka Vineland Road in Orlando.

This will be an opportunity for men to gather together with other men and hear how God calls us to live out our faith in our daily lives. There will be three dynamic speakers, lunch and opportunities for confession and adoration, all for a suggested donation of only \$20.00. For information and to register, visit www.orlandodiocese.org/riseup. For questions: orlandocatholicmen@gmail.com.



Wendy's Boycott

Join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' boycott by going to <http://ciw-online.org/workersvoice/>. Read the reasons for the boycott, then take the pledge. Wendy's has refused to join the Fair Food Program and has stopped buying tomatoes from Florida altogether. Wendy's new supplier code of conduct has no effective mechanisms for worker participation or enforcement.

Wendy's continues to provide a market for less reputable growers, thus gaining a cost advantage over McDonald's, Yum Brands, Subway, and Burger King who all are part of the Fair Food Program.



Vacation Bible Camp

Don't miss the fun and excitement. Come to Cave Quest during the week of June 20-24, 9:00 am to noon daily. Registration will be the weekend of April 16-17 in the courtyard after all Masses. Children ages 4-years-old preschool through sixth grade are invited to attend. The fee is \$30 per child.

Crew leaders in seventh grade and above are needed. Adult leaders are needed. Training will be offered Sunday, June 12th at 10:45 am. Anyone over fifteen years of age must be fingerprinted. Please check the church website for information on safe environment and fingerprinting. Please allow at least three weeks for this process.

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.