



Parish Update



A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2016

The word “Economy” is derived from two Greek words which mean “household” and “management of”. Today’s context of economy implies a sense of efficiency. Our discipleship to Jesus, however, calls us to reach beyond our personal economies and serve the greater economy of mankind and all of creation – the economy of the kingdom.

Look for opportunities in this week’s email that will help draw you into Christ’s service in the economy of His Kingdom. The implied perspective in the economy of the Kingdom is love rather than efficiency.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Ministry of Mothers Sharing**
- **Youth Ministry - AMPLIFY & REVIVE**
- **Haiti Peace Program**
- **Coming Alive in Prayer**
- **Food for Farmworkers**
- **L.I.F.E. Plus Class**
- **Rebuilding Brunch**
- **Baby Basics**
- **Rosary Sale**
- **Respect Life Conference**
- **Fall Festival**
- **Hospital and Homebound Parishioners**
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
- **Kairos Prison Ministry**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Men’s Bible Study**
- **SMM Children’s Choir**
- **“Lord Teach Me To Pray”**
- **Just Girls**
- **New Parishioner Mingle**
- **Retrouvaille**
- **The Blue Mass**
- **Bereavement Support Group**
- **Sacrament Preparation**
- **Register for Pumpkin Run**
- **The Elijah Cup**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, September 19

Vocations Committee, 6:30 pm
Novena 7:00 pm
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
Divine Mercy Film, 7:00 pm
Ministry of Moms Sharing, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 20

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Ministry of Moms Sharing, 10:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Theology on Tap, 5:30 pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:05 pm
Catholic Divorce Support Group, 6:30 pm
Sacrament Catechists Mtg, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 21

Playgroup, 10:00 am
Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
Just Girls, 4:00 pm
SMM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 22

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm

Friday, September 23

Coming Alive in Prayer, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 24

Coming Alive in Prayer, 8:30 am
Baby Basics, 9:30 am
Novena, 9:45 am
New Parishioner Mingle, 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 25

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Family Faith, 10:45 am
Faith Formation, 10:45 am
Retrouvaille, 1:30 pm
Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm
Just Girls Teen Planning, 7:00 pm

Monday, September 26

Novena 7:00 pm
Inquiry into the Catholic Faith, 7:00 pm
MOMS, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“The challenge, then, is to imagine a way of thinking about the economy that does not ignore the fundamental question of what the economy is for.”

- Patrick Fleming, “Economics, Ecology and Our Common Home”
Communio, Winter 2015

Question of the Week

“How well do I manage my ‘mammon’ in order to seek and serve God above all things?”

All of creation is a gift from God. Everything he gives us, he gives us for a reason.

There is a purpose attached to all of God’s gifts. They all have inherent value, and not just an arbitrary price.

A good economy does more than set prices. It ensures that all of God’s people receive value and benefit from his gifts.

That is what God had in mind when he created the world. That is how good stewards of God’s gifts serve him and each other.

New Items:



Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) Meet and Greet

Monday Night Group

Monday, September 19th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Holy Grounds Room

Tuesday Night Group

Tuesday, September 20th from 10:00 am to Noon in the Antioch Room

For all those who have already registered. During this meeting you will hear what to expect, get your book, and meet the team and all participants. There will be no childcare for the meet and greet sessions.



Youth Ministry - AMPLIFY (High School)

Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join us as we start a new series - **Censored** - on the controversial (and sometimes uncomfortable) side of Jesus! Tonight is Part 1: Beggar, on Jesus' relationship with the poor.



Youth Ministry - REVIVE (Middle School)

Sixth Grade - Thursday, September 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Seventh & Eighth Grades - Thursday, September 29th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join us for a Captain America themed night on modesty and chastity!



Youth Ministry - AMPLIFY (High School)

Wednesday, September 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Karaoke/Lip Sync Battle Night! Come show what you've got, or just watch the show! Great prizes for the top performers! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/amplifykaraoke>.



Haiti Peace Program

On September 21st, International Day of Peace is observed around the world. Our Haiti Peace Program is doing its part in educating for peace:

1. In each of our chapels, the young people have formed peace groups. They study peace principles, create activities and do service projects. To sustain this program, each chapel's peace program has animals. The young adults purchase them, care for them, share their offspring with others, and resell them at market.

2. From August 2-6, the Third Annual Jacmel Peace Conference took place in partnership with Valencia College's Institute of Peace and Justice. Twenty-three leaders attended and each has made a commitment to form his or her own small group this year to present peace education and non-violent principles to others.



“Coming Alive in Prayer”

Parenting and Prayer

Friday, September 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

For all who parent or want to know more about passing on the heart of prayer to the next generation. Happy hour starts at 7:00 pm with beer, wine and appetizers. Program starts at 7:30 pm. Childcare available for children under age 5. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person

Ministry and Prayer

Saturday, September 24th from 8:30 to 10:30 am

For all liturgical ministers, all catechists, all ministry leaders and all who want to prioritize prayer over charitable works.

Featured speakers for both events are Jim and Meg Beckman presenters of **FORMED** and **Beloved** with the St. Augustine Institute in Denver, CO. RSVP online at <http://stmargaretmary.org/coming-alive-in-prayer/>



Food for Farmworkers

This Weekend

This weekend before Mass please bring to the Parish Hall donations of vegetable oil, tortillas, salsa, chopped canned tomatoes and dry pasta (spaghetti, shells, elbows, etc.) as well as buy-one-get-one-free specials at your local store. Parishioners deliver the collected food to the Farmworker Association and the HOPE Community Center in Apopka. ¡Gracias!



L.I.F.E. Plus Class

for Preschool and Kindergarten Students

Sunday, September 25th from 10:45 to 11:45 am

Children in preschool and kindergarten Faith Formation classes will have Life Plus class in the regular Faith Formation class on September 25th. Students will come home with a packet of information for parents' eyes only, which can be used to facilitate discussion with your children at home. If you have questions please contact Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or Kristie@stmargaretmary.org.



Rebuilding Brunch

Sunday, September 25th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

For all those who have experienced divorce. Meet in the front courtyard for noon Mass and then gather for brunch at 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center. All are welcome! \$10.00 per person for catered breakfast. Please call the Family Life Office to RSVP by September 22nd at (407) 645-0284.



Baby Basics

Saturday, October 1st from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

If you can count to 140, Baby Basics can use your help. One hundred and forty is the number of diapers used in two weeks by the littlest babies. We can use your help on the first and third Saturdays of the month to count diapers, assist families to their cars, move diapers to storage, and take inventory. It's the perfect ministry for families. To volunteer please contact Peggy Canary at macanary@aol.com.



October: Month of the Rosary

To foster this beautiful devotion, rosaries will be on sale on October 1st and 2nd after all the Masses. The rosary is a powerful prayer for the needs of our world and to honor Our Blessed Mother. It is a good time to recommit to praying the rosary.



Respect Life Conference

October 14th - 15th

The Diocese of Orlando will host the annual statewide Respect Life Conference on October 14-15 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 5300 Old Howell Branch Road in Winter Park. The conference theme is: "Merciful Like the Father," which continues Pope Francis' Extraordinary Holy Year, the Jubilee of Mercy.

The speakers include Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* on Friday evening at 6:00 pm. Saturday topics include: Death Penalty, Human Trafficking, Living in Solidarity, as well as end of life and beginning of life issues. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Noonan. For more information or to register, go to www.orlandodiocese.org/yom-events or call (407) 658-1818 ext 1084.



SMM Fall Festival
Friday, October 14th
From 6:00 to 10:00 pm

- » 4 Rivers Smokehouse
- » Amusements and Concessions
- » Food - Fun - Entertainment - Community

Sponsorships available. Proceeds from the Fall Festival benefit the 8th grade SMMCS class trip and the Haiti Ministry. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your church and connect with other parishioners who want to make this year's Fall Festival a rousing success. If you would like to volunteer to help with planning or sponsor the festival, please contact us at: (407) 644-7537 or info@smmknight.org.



Hospital and Homebound Parishioners

In this Year of Mercy let us remember those who are in hospitals, nursing homes or homebound. They are unable to attend Mass here at our church. However, through your love and compassion they are able to stay connected to our parish. If you feel God's call to minister to those who seek only your presence, please contact Deacon Bill Timmes at bill@stmargaretmary.org to discuss how you might be able to share your gifts with those in need.



St. Vincent de Paul Orlando

St. Vincent de Paul is now accepting vehicle donations. Used car donations are turned into the resources we use to provide critical items such as food, shelter, housing, care for the elderly, or medicine. Your tax-deductible donation is tied directly to our community. That means your vehicle donation will help someone in Central Florida. Please call 800-322-8284 to make a donation.



Kairos Prison Ministry

For 40 years the Kairos prison ministry has taken the message of Christ's unconditional love and healing to men and women behind bars. Parishioners are now being called upon to support a three-day Kairos retreat in November. Prayers, financial support and donations of cookies are a few of the ways you can help. Also, openings remain for men to serve on the team that will be going into the Florida Department of Corrections CFRC prison near Orlando. To find out more, contact Sheridan Becht at jsbecht@msn.com.

Previous Items:



Men's Bible Study

Fr. Walsh's Men's Bible Study continues on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 am in Bethany/Cana Rooms. For all men in the parish - come and be part of this early morning group which is in its' 20th Year! Bring a friend.



SMM Children's Choir

Children in Grades 2 - 8 are welcome to share your gifts of song, make new friends, and serve your parish through ministry. No prior choir experience is necessary. The choir rehearses two Tuesdays prior to Sunday Mass and sings once a month at Mass.

Next Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 20th
6:05 to 6:45 pm in the church choir room (behind the chapel)

First Choir Mass: Sunday, September 25th at 9:30 am Mass (Vocal warm-up 30 minutes prior to Mass)
Questions? Contact Cheryl Pelzer, Children's Choir Director at: jpelzer@cfl.rr.com.



"Lord Teach Me To Pray" Beginning the Week of September 18th

"Lord Teach Me To Pray" is a small group Ignatian prayer experience developed to meet the desire for on-going spiritual growth and a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. In facilitated faith sharing prayer communities the Lord Himself teaches us to pray.

The prayer groups are forming and specific dates and times will be available soon. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact Peggy Hayes at: phayesltmtp@gmail.com.



Just Girls

Beginning Wednesday, September 21st from 4:00 to 5:45 pm

Last chance for all third and fourth grade girls interested in this year's program to register before Wednesday's first session. Our first session will be held in the Family Life Center and is a Hair Clip Party focusing on Friendship. Registration forms are found on the parish website and on the parish information cart in the parish hall. For more information on this mother-daughter program highlighting the virtues of modesty and purity, contact the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284.



New Parishioner Mingle

Saturday, September 24th at 6:15 pm after the 5:00 pm Mass

Come join us for a casual wine and cheese mingle. Singles, couples and families are welcome. Long-time and new parishioners are invited. Join us in the Parish Hall and meet some of the people who call our parish their home. Learn more about the great work accomplished by our faith community. To RSVP [Click Here](#).



Retrouvaille

Beginning September 23-25

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring. If you have grown cold and distant. Even if you are divorced or separated; or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help. It has helped thousands. Our next program begins September 23-25. For more information call (353) 274-4614. Not counseling or group therapy. All calls and names are held in strictest confidence. Please check our website at: www.Retrouvaille.org.



The Blue Mass

Thursday, September 29th at 12:10 pm

On the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, come pray with us for the safety of our dedicated first responders who put their lives in harm's way for our protection. The Blue Mass will be held at St. James Cathedral at 215 N. Orange Avenue in downtown Orlando. A reception will follow in the Parish Center adjacent to St. James. Limited free parking will be available on the corner of North Orange Avenue and West Robinson Street.



Blessed Are You Who Morn

Beginning on Monday, October 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

A six-week, faith-based bereavement support group, meeting on Mondays, will be facilitated by Sally Kopke, MS (VITAS Healthcare). Topics will include: Believing it happened, Feeling the reality, Living without them, Building a different life, Examining my faith, and Honoring and remembering.

For an informational flier: [Click Here](#). For registration call Bill Timmes at (407) 647-3392 or email Bill@stmargaretmary.org.



Sacrament Preparation

Beginning on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:45 pm

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begins on October 4th in the church. Parents and children attend together. Families of second graders currently enrolled in the grade school and second graders who were enrolled in the Faith Formation program last school year will receive registration packets in the mail in August. If your child is new to the Faith Formation program or was not enrolled last year, please contact Kristie Altman at: (407) 647-5171 or:

Kristie@stmargaretmary.org so we can add your name to our mailing list.



Register for Pumpkin Run

Saturday, November 12th

The 7th Annual Pumpkin Run is scheduled for November 12th. To register visit our website at www.pumpkin5krun.com. St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and St. Stephens Catholic Community are also looking for sponsors at all levels. For more information contact Tom Hargrave at hargrave_t@bellsouth.net or Jay Sujansky at jaylinda1@mac.com. Thank you for your support of our Haiti Ministry.



The Elijah Cup for Vocations

All need to pray for the support and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. One way to foster vocations is to use the Elijah Cup as a focal point at daily prayer. Anyone interested in praying for an increase in vocations is welcome to take the cup home for a week. This includes families with or without children, young adults, empty nesters and singles.

Accompanying the cup are books, a DVD, and prayers to help make the experience meaningful. A journal to record your thoughts is also included.

If you would like your family to have this sacred experience, please call Kristie Altman at (407) 647-5171 or email Kristie@stmargaretmary.org. Please indicate which Mass you will attend and the weekend you would like to have the cup. Father will call your family to the sanctuary to receive the cup after Communion. Please return the cup and case the following Saturday to the Parish Office between 8:00 am and Noon. You may also pray for vocations by picking up a Kingdom Builders prayer card from the information cart.

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.