



Parish Update

A Weekly Newsletter of St. Margaret Mary Parish



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2017

To you, what does giving it your all mean? In today's world we might interpret that to mean, "all, but _____" (fill in the blank). Realistically, can we really give it everything we have? In a Christian sense we do give it everything we have when we consider that, yes, six days a week we are focused on doing God's will through all that we do. Our everyday lives don't get in the way, but every task we accomplish, every interaction we have are reflections of how we are serving the Lord.

If you feel like you might not be giving it your all, look in this week's email for opportunities which might help steer you into that direction. Maybe it might start with tonight's Parish Mission.

NEW ITEMS:

- **Parish Mission**
- **Caregivers Support Group**
- **Youth Ministry Kickoff - REVIVE**
- **Kairos Prison Ministry**
- **Parenting with Conscious Discipline**
- **Pro Life Talent Show**
- **Free Tax Preparation**
- **Life in the Eucharist**
- **Farmworkers Food Pantry**

PREVIOUS ITEMS:

- **Mass for the Consecrated**
- **New Divorce Support Group**
- **YOU for Parents**
- **YOU for Teens**
- **SMM Catholic School Open House**
- **Young Adult Retreat**
- **Family Promise**
- **Sultan and Saint**
- **SMM School Auction**
- **Hearts for Hope Luncheon**
- **Hospice Care Presentation**
- **"Lord Teach Me to Pray"**
- **SMM Great Generation**
- **Parish Census**

- **Message from Father Walsh**
- **SMM Grants**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

[Daily Readings - Click Here](#)

Monday, January 23

Parish Mission, 8:00 am
Parish Mission, 7:00 pm
Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 24

Parish Mission, 8:00 am
Purls and Prayers, 10:00 am
Caregivers Support Group, 10:00 am
Parish Mission, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 25

Parish Mission, 8:00 am
Writing Our Stories, 10:00 am
Parish Mission, 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 26

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 10:00 am
Playgroup, 10:00 am
Cursillo Ultreya
Adoration, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 27

New Hope, 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Marriage Class, 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 28

Sacrament of Marriage Class, 8:30 am
Confirmation Retreat,
MOMs Core Team, 8:30 am

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Faith Formation Classes, 10:45 am
Adult Confirmation Session, 10:45 am
Confirmation Preparation, 4:15 pm

Monday, January 30

Altar Server Training, 6:30 pm
Inquiry Sessions, 7:00 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm
Novena, 7:00 pm

Quote of the Week

“Hope is the ‘marriage’ between grace and human freedom.”

- Charles Péguy, *The Portal of the Mystery of Hope*

Question of the Week

“If Jesus were to ask me to leave everything behind, what would be the hardest thing to give up?”

Sometimes the hardest thing to give up is the one thing we should never leave behind.

The capacity to hope.

At other times, the hardest thing not to leave behind is the thing we don't really want.

The emptiness of despair.

Hope is a life-affirming joint venture between God and us. It combines the free gift of God's grace and the exercise of our human free will.

The virtue of hope is a “marriage” that requires the loving participation of both God and us. It is the opposite of despair.

New Items:



St. Margaret Mary Parish Mission **January 23rd, 24th and 25th**

This year our parish mission will be conducted by Father Anthony Aarons, T.O.R. Father Aarons is the pastor of St. Patrick's in Mount Dora and is well known for conducting retreats and providing spiritual direction for lay people and clergy. He was appointed by Bishop Noonan to be the “Missionary of Mercy” for our Diocese during the Year of Mercy.

Fr. Aarons' presentations will occur after the 8:00 am Mass and at 7:00 pm each day. For Fr. Aaron's biography: [Click Here](#)



SMM Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, January 24th from 10:00 to 11:30 am

If you care for a loved one at home or in a facility, consider taking this time to share with those who are experiencing the same situations and emotions. Give yourself the gift of prayer and support by sharing with one another in our Family Life Center every fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call Deacon Bill at (407) 647-3392 or email Rosario at Rosario@ortigao.com.



Youth Ministry Kickoff Night

Thursday, January 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Spring Semester Kickoff
REVIVE Middle School



Marriage Preparation Class

The next preparation class for the Sacrament of Marriage will be held this Friday and Saturday for all those registered through the church office. To check your registration status contact Debbie@stmargaretmary.org.



Kairos Prison Ministry

Thursday, February 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Men of St. Margaret Mary Parish, you are invited to an information night for Kairos. Come hear about the ministry and the miracles we witness in prison. We are planning Weekend #8 at the Central Florida Reception Center on May 18 through 21. Come to the meeting and investigate this exciting men's Christian, Inter-Denominational Ministry for men ages 20 to 90+. Contact Carlos Benitez at (716) 465-8191.



Parenting Workshops

Beginning on Thursday, February 9th from 6:15 to 7:30 pm

“Parenting with Conscious Discipline - A More Positive and Peaceful Approach to Parenting” is a series of four workshops to be held in our Family Life Center. You can register online at <http://stmargaretmary.org/parenting-with-conscious-discipline/> or by calling the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284. For a flyer listing the topics for each workshop: [Click Here](#).

Childcare is available by contacting lori@stmargaretmary.org. There is a requested donation of \$25 for each workshop. Checks may be made payable to St. Margaret Mary Church.



Pro-Life Talent Show and Dinner

Friday, February 10th at 5:30 pm

A talent show, pasta dinner and silent auction will be held at Incarnation Catholic Church at 1515 Edgewater Drive in Orlando. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Ministry. For information call (407) 843-2886.



Free Tax Preparation

Saturday, February 11th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Monday, March 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

A free tax preparation service is being made available to low income, elderly and needy parishioners of St. Margaret Mary Church by appointment only on a first-come-first-serve basis by Donald J. Christie, EA, CSA, MBA and Karen Christie, RTRP and Rolland Lawrence, RTRP at American Tax & Business Shoppe at 6924 Aloma Avenue in Winter Park. For an appointment call (407) 671-4696.

This free service does not include tax returns with require Schedules C, D or Schedule E. At the time of appointment, the individual must bring all 2016 tax documents, 1095 Health Forms, and last year's tax return.



Life in the Eucharist

March 31st through April 1st

The heart of every parish is found in its coming together to celebrate the Eucharist and being sent forth to live the Gospel. In recent times, Catholics have witnessed and lived through an unprecedented reform of their 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. Registration information coming soon.



Farmworker Food Pantry

This week please shop for soup, sugar, Good Start brand baby formula, baby juice, baby food, rice and beans and any buy-one-get-one specials. Please bring your donations to the parish ahll when you come to Mass. Parishioners deliver the collected food to the Farmworker Association and the HOPE Community Center in Apopka.

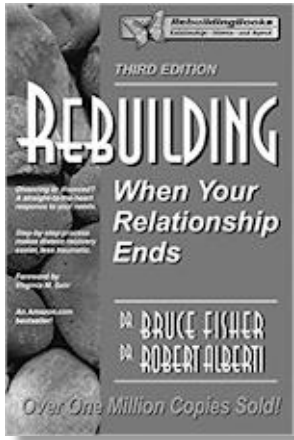
Previous Items:



Mass to Honor our Sisters and Those in Consecrated Life

January 28, at 11 am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. All are welcome. A sister may have first taught you your catechism of the faith or unlocked the mysteries of algebra and geometry for you. Maybe you've gotten a little closer to Our Lord as a result of a discussion with Sister. These dedicated women serve in parishes, in schools, in hospitals, in the missions, in the workplace—and we all benefit personally from their service.

A reception follows the Mass. All parishioners are invited. Please RSVP to Robert Diaz, rdiaz@orlandodiocese.org Please join the prayer and celebration for these special people who give so much to us.



New Divorce Support Group with Fr. Jarek starting Tuesday nights, January 31.

Do you have a friend or family member who needs support in building himself or herself back into a more whole and confident self after divorce? Encourage him or her to come and hear an introduction to a proven, step-by-step program focused on the “Rebuilding Blocks” which form the process.

Please RSVP to lori@stmargaretmary.org or call the Family Life office at (407) 645-0284.



YOU for Parents Wednesday, February 1st 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Helping YOU find the right words to talk about identity, gender, sexuality and chastity with your kids. For all parents and interested parishioners.

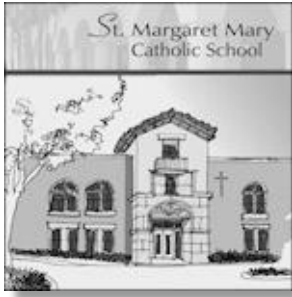
To RSVP <http://www.stmargaretmary.org/you-for-parents> call the Family Life Office at (407) 645-0284. A YOU program for students is being offered through our Youth Ministry Office, and the first student session meets at the same time as this session for parents



AMPLIFY - High School Ministry YOU Session 1 “Created for Love” Wednesday, February 1st 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Teens need to know that not only are they a unique, unrepeatable gift of God, but so also is their sexuality and all aspects of their lives.

YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body is an exciting and dynamic program presented on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Hunter Spycaboer at (407) 998-5677 or hunter@stmargaretmary.org for more information. A YOU session for parents will be held at 6:30 pm on February 1st for one night only.



SMM Catholic School Open House **Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 am**

When planning for the next school year, please note the revised date for the annual St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Open House. All are invited to the Parish Hall to learn more about the school's mission, Catholic identity, and educational program for students in grades Pre-K and 4-8th grades. Student-led tours will be provided. Additionally, a Pre-K information meeting will be held the evening of January 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Babysitting is available for both events; to RSVP, please call the school office at 407-644-7537. We look forward to sharing information about St. Margaret Mary Catholic School—our parish school.



Young Adult Retreat **Saturday, February 4th from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm**

"Perfect in Weakness"
Held at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach.

To register: [Click Here](#)
For an informational flyer: [Click Here](#)



Family Promise Volunteer Training **Monday, January 30th at 7:00 pm**

There will be a new volunteer training for Family Promise on January 30th in the Family Life Center. We invite all parishioners to learn about this ministry and serve our guests. On February 5th through the 11th, four homeless families with children will be staying on the second floor of our Family Life Building.

If you would like to help by staying with the families while they are here, by setting up or taking down their living spaces, or by doing laundry please contact Georgia Langdon at (407) 628-0283 or at langdongal@aol.com. If you would like to help by cooking dinner, please contact Melissa Bunkers at (407) 484-5116 or melissawbunkers@gmail.com. Thank you.



The Sultan and the Saint

An Approach to Christian-Muslim Dialogue

Tuesdays, February 7th through March 28th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

The Sultan and the Saint is an interfaith program enabling Christians and Muslims to explore their common roots as children of Abraham.

The themes include: commonalities and differences between the two

faiths, shared prayer, the historical and current-day relationships between Christians and Muslims, and the social justice traditions of Christianity and Islam.

For more information and to register, please contact: Karen Moran at karenamoran7@gmail.com or (727) 424-3039 or Meghan Collins at: meghancollinscm@gmail.com or (407) 265-0357.



SMM Catholic School Annual Auction

Saturday, February 11th at 6:30 pm

Climb aboard The Love Boat and set sail for an evening full of fun, fabulous food and one of the best silent auctions in town. The annual auction and dinner benefiting St. Margaret Mary Catholic School will be held in the Family Life Center. Tickets, tables and sponsorships are available online or through the school office. Please visit www.smmauction.com for more information, or contact Kristen Rosario at kristen.tamposi@gmail.com.



Hearts for Hope Luncheon

Monday, February 13th at 11:30 am

Are you interested in knowing more about where our parish food and other donations go? Come and learn about the wide variety of excellent programs and services offered by the Hope CommUnity Center in Apopka. For more information or if interested in attending contact Meghan Collins meghancollinscm@gmail.com



Hospice Care - Enhancing Life until the End-of-life

Tuesday, February 14th from noon to 2:00 pm

This presentation is designed to dispel the myths of hospice care and focus on how hospice services embrace the patient and the family medically, emotionally and spiritually. If given time Hospice can enhance the quality of life. Presented by Sally Kopke from Vitas Healthcare. Sponsored by SMM Pastoral Care and Health Ministry. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Michelle at:

Michelle@stmargaretmary.org or call (407) 998-5659. The presentation will be held

in the Bethany and Cana rooms of our Family Life Center.



“Lord Teach Me To Pray”

Is Your New Year's Resolution to Deepen Your Prayer Life?

Perhaps you've heard others talk about their Ignatian Prayer small group experience, also called “Lord, Teach Me To Pray”. Another 12 sessions of this prayer will begin the week of Feb. 5. Now is the time to register by emailing:

phayestmtp@gmail.com .



SMM Great Generation

Tuesday, January 31st from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

The topic of the presentation by parishioner, Jan Clanton is: “Art Today: Where Has Beauty Gone?” The question of beauty has always been part of a dialogue on fine art, but where has it gone in the 21st century? Rules have changed. How are we to respond? New directions are needed. This presentation will examine contemporary art and find ways to better understand it and the artist's intent. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Miriam Timmes at (407) 644-6208. This presentation is open to all.



Parish Census

Parish Census Cards were mailed to all parishioners this week. Please affirm your registration, make updates to your household information and return the card as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance with this project and for your loyal commitment to St. Margaret Mary Parish.



A Note from Father Walsh on Haiti

I want to share with you that one of our parishioners has generously offered to contribute a matching grant of up to \$50,000 for the renovation of our sister Parish's church and school there. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was severely damaged during the earthquake of 2010, and their school was destroyed during the recent hurricane last October.

If you would like to contribute, it would be very much appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Margaret Mary Church, please note Haiti Matching Gift.



SMM Grant Opportunity

March 1st is the deadline for grant applications. If you or your favorite non-profit organization is working to enhance the dignity and quality of life of people in need, you may apply for a grant from \$500 to \$5,000. Applications are available via the parish website. Go to www.stmargaretmary.org then click on "Ministries" at the top. Click on "Advocacy and Justice" and then "Grant Applications." Hard copies are also available at the parish office. This popular program funds twice a year - in the spring and fall. For more information call Scott at (407) 628-1324..

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.