

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses

Monday: 8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! We invite you to join our parish. Adults (18+) should join as members on their own, even if their parents are already members. Please complete and return a *New Member Registration* form. The form is available on our website, in the Church, and in the Parish Center. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and enrollment in Catholic Formation (religious education) programs.

September 19, 2021 • Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

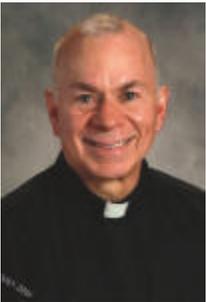
From A Grateful Heart

HUMBLE YOURSELF TO GOD TO DO GOOD!



Beloved:

*Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is truly pure,
peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy
and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity...
You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy, but you cannot obtain;
Still, you fight, wage war and you do not gain peace
because you do not ask. You ask, still but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.
Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.
(James 3:16-17, 4:1-3, 10)*



Last week I offered a thought of letting God speak to us. Do we listen to God speak or are we still deaf to the Word and then, again, dumb in living our Discipleship?

The readings from James for these past few weeks are straightforward in the message to live out our discipleship from the instructions of Christ in the Scriptures. This message today is just as needed as it was to the first Christians, who were the intended audience of the Letter of James. Living the instructions of Jesus can be taken as advice or commands. James takes them as commands since they are instructions from Jesus who is the Almighty and Eternal God!

We all want peace, yet it won't happen without sacrificing our pride. We all want prosperity, yet it won't come without working together as partners in building a society of justice to all. We all want to live the words of Jesus, but that can't happen if we are always judging the actions of others. If we want the world to reject injustice, sin, and oppression we have to be the example amidst a world that is in direct conflict with all the values our faith demands. Yep, we need to "walk the walk and talk the talk" before it can happen at all!

This is the tough message of St. James to the Church in Jerusalem, where the Church began. Jesus is who we preach, the Church is our teacher, and love will judge our actions in living as members of Christ in Baptism.

James had to be firm since the leaders of the Jews killed Christ and hoped to extinguish His message. Their power and position were threatened by the message of God given

to Moses. They had added many other domestic laws that equaled the command of God (in the 10 Commandments). Jesus came to renew God's call for a Church of love and outreach, which made it necessary to replace the domestic laws with the twelve apostles and begin a New Covenant.

The Letter of James (who is not an apostle) is written to the new Jewish convert to Christ across the Jewish and Greek worlds. So, it contains many of the first teachings of the Church, which are echoed in the Old Testament and the Letters of St. Paul. I highly recommend reading all of it, especially chapter 2:14-16, which **Martin Luther** left out of his translation of the Bible.

Us too! **Let us be not just listeners but doers of the Word of God.** (James 1:22).

May Our Risen Savior Bless you!

Fr. Pat Nelson, SDS



Ask Fr. Pat

Pretend you are a first time visitor to a Catholic Mass. Could you explain why we do what we do or would your response be, "That's the way we've always done it." If you have questions about the Catholic faith, about Catholic rituals, about Catholic Tradition, or about Scripture, ask Fr. Pat! If you are curious, others are, too!

Email: AskFrPat@gmail.com

Questions and answers may be featured in upcoming bulletins. Submissions will always remain anonymous.

PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

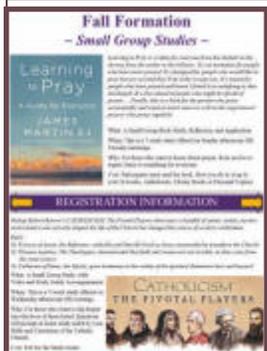
Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.
~Mark 9:37

One of the things this week's Gospel confronts us with is the idea of righteousness. According to the Oxford Dictionary, righteousness means "(of a person or conduct) morally right or justifiable; virtuous." Today, we tend to encourage people to be ambitious and think of themselves first. We often hold up people we consider successful as people to model. Certainly ambitious and successful people can also be righteous, but the conflict between the model of living that Jesus shows us is often at odds with secular expectations, which can make trying for both a nearly impossible task. When the burden is heavy, remember the child and choose as Jesus has taught us! ~Jacque



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an opportunity to share your simple knitting and/or crocheting skills while praying for those who are ill, who are caregivers, and others who could use prayers. Whether you are a seasoned fiber artist or someone who is just curious, you are invited to attend the monthly Faith & Fiber Fellowship gathering on the third Tuesday of each month to pray and socialize as we work on our shawls. Those interested in learning to knit or crochet are welcome! Yarn is available for your use. The

Fall Formation: Small Group Studies



There are two small group studies available this fall, beginning the first week of October. Both are 7-week studies and will require some at-home work. The first is a book study based on Fr. James Martin's newest book, "Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone." The second is video based study, prepared by Bishop Robert Barron, accompanied by a study guide.

Pre-Registration is required and spaces are limited. See the flyer, available in Church and on our website, for details and registration.

For more information and questions contact Jacque

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bereavement Ministry

Monthly Support Meetings of Care

At some point, we all face the loss of a loved one. Our Bereavement Ministry team invites anyone grieving a loss to join us so we may accompany you with care, support, and understanding.

We meet in the Church Office from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month. **Join us September 22nd.**

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Terry Cheski. Call (414) 233-9773 or email terry.cheski@gmail.com.

Morning Mass Social

Thursday, September 23rd, following 8:15 a.m. Mass



All are invited to attend Morning Mass this coming Thursday and stay for some munchies and refreshments. Take advantage of this opportunity to start your day with prayer, praise, and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE

Patron Saint Feast Day Festivities

October 16, 2021

Join us for Mass and stay for the fun. The Pastoral Council is hosting this year's celebration. They are excited to serve and are looking forward to meeting you!



9:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Ice Social
- Games
- Activities
- Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rosary Rally**

There will be a Rosary Rally for Our Lady of Fatima on October 16, 2021 at 12 noon at St Margaret Mary Church on the corner of 92nd and Capital Drive. Please join us in praying as Our Lady of Fatima has asked for the conversion of our country.

Estate Planning

Please remember St. Margaret Mary Parish in your estate planning. Also note that the official business name in these bequests should read: "St. Margaret Mary Congregation." For information, please contact Vicki Harder, Director of Administration at 414-461-6073 or vharder@stmmp.org.

Little Library

Thank you to the generous contributions of our parishioners, the Little Library, for children 0 to 5th grade, is here!

Please continue to drop off new or gently used children's faith books and/or contact Jacque Kelnhofer to arrange a directed donation and a gift card.

**How Does the Library Work?**

This is a library with no check-outs or check-ins!

Choose a book when you arrive - Return it before you leave

For young children who can not yet read, and for children who would like to share the story with their families, you are welcome to take the book home and return it the following weekend. We encourage parents to use these books as an opportunity to share the Catholic faith with their children. It's also a wonderful way to begin modeling how we carry the knowledge we receive at church and carry it into our world!

Inside each book is a "Take Home Book Mark" that explains how the library works and includes a variety of prayers and formation on the back. Collect them all!

**Contemporary Music Ensemble
Returning to September 26 Masses**

The Catholic praise & worship band will be back to provide music for the **9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, September 26.** Be sure to come a few minutes early for the prelude and stay for the postlude!

Thank you!

Dear St. Margaret Mary Parishioners, I just want to take a moment of your time to extend a heartfelt thank-you for your school supply drive and the school supplies that St. Margaret Mary's parish was able to provide. The school supplies and cleaning supplies were much needed and helps decrease the academic access gap. If you ever want to come in and tour the school I would love to give you a quick tour so you can see all the wonderful things happening here at St. Margaret Mary School! Keith Omdahl, Principal

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please contact the Parish Center at (414) 461-6073 for all sacramental inquiries.

Infant Baptism

Baptisms may be celebrated at all Masses. Preparation work is required for parents.

Catholic Formation Classes

Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation

Catholic formation classes are available for school-aged children and young adults. Contact us if you are interested in working with our parish to form your children in the faith as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Are you an adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a way to learn about the sacraments and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. We walk the path of formation with you!

The Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated most Saturdays of the year, with the exception of the seasons of Advent and Lent. The bride or groom must be registered as members of the parish and are expected to be attending Mass regularly. Weddings must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the actual date.

Ministry to the Sick or Dying

If you are going to have surgery or if you suddenly take ill and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Patrick at (414) 581-2397. Additionally, we have ministers who can call and pray with you if you are ill or as you recover.



- 18/19: SVdP Second Collection
 21: Fiber Fellowship
 22: Bereavement Ministry Support Group
 23: Morning Mass Social following Mass
 24: The Hour of Great Mercy
 25/26 In-pew CSA Second Collection
 26: Contemporary Choir Plays at Sunday Morning Masses
- October
- 1: First Friday: Adoration following 8:15am Mass
 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Respect Life Sunday
 10: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
 Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
 Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, September 20**
 8:15 a.m.: Communion Service
- Tuesday, September 21**
 8:15 a.m.: + Lino Vermudo Sr.
- Wednesday, September 22**
 8:15 a.m.: + Lino Vermudo Sr.
- Thursday, September 23**
 8:15am: + Lino Vermudo Sr.
- Friday, September 24**
 8:15 a.m.: + Lilian Mueller
- Saturday, September 25**
 5:00 p.m.: + Carl Holzbauer
- Sunday, September 26**
 9:00 a.m.: the members of our parish
 11:00 a.m.: + Richard Ritzow
 7:00 p.m.: the intentions of Fr. Pat

Eight Promise of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary:

Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

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