Have A Restful Labor Day

In green pastures
He makes me lie down;
to still waters
He leads me;
He restores my soul.
Psalms 23:2-3

Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church
A Parish of Deenery X, Rev. Gilmer Martin, Dean
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Rev. Alex Guzman

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Renée Lemoine, Pastor’s Secretary/Facilitator
Janine Bridges, Bookkeeper/Secretary
Pamela Barrileaux, Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Nita Meyer, Secretary/Receptionist

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday 1:30-3:30 p.m.,
Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-Noon; 1:30-3:30 p.m.

FACILITY MANAGER: Jim Agar, 649-5212

CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Grades Pre-K 3 through 7th
Cathy Caner, Principal 649-4612

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES
Misty Bauer, Director 649-3555
Pre-School-10th Grade: Tuesday 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.
RCIA: Fall through Easter

YOUTH MINISTRY: Patrick Duffey, Director 781-5046

BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Church Office to make arrangements for Baptisms.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Contact Elizabeth Killeen, 649-3993

MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office a minimum of eight months prior to wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: as needed. Please call the Church Office for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to St. Margaret Mary. Please fill out pink registration forms in the vestibule.

September 3, 2017

Please note the change in the below schedules in observance of Labor Day.

Church Office
The church office will be closed Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday, September 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Adoration and Mass Schedule
The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed after the 8:30 a.m. Mass Monday, September 4. Adoration will resume after the 8:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday, September 5.

There will be no evening Mass Monday, September 4.

Mission Statement
Saint Margaret Mary Parish is committed to create a pathway for the community to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist through Prayer, Inclusion, Generosity, and Evangelization.

MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 p.m. English (in the main Church), 6:00 p.m. En Español (en la capilla)
SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. Children’s Mass, 10:15 a.m., 12:00 noon & 5:00 p.m.
DAILY: 8:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday;
7:30 p.m. Tuesday en Español
CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays 8:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m., one half hour before each Sunday Mass, First Fridays 6:00-7:00 p.m., or by appointment.
Dear St. Margaret Mary Parish Family,

The Blessing
Everyone needs a blessing! In the Catholic Church blessings come in different forms and at different times.

Most people are familiar with the blessing at the end of Mass. Some also seek a blessing for a religious article or for someone in particular. Some people consider the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Marriage as special times to receive God’s blessings. And we also consider the conclusion of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a special time to receive the blessing of the Holy Eucharist at the end of a period of adoration. Each blessing or time for a blessing is different.

Blessings that we receive from special sacraments have their own special meaning—Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, Ordination, and Matrimony. Central to these sacraments is the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Participation and adoration of the Holy Eucharist (The Blessed Sacrament) offer us two forms—active and passive participation.

Active participation in celebrating the Holy Eucharist is clearly our prayers, scriptures, and praises we use to prepare for receiving the Holy Eucharist at the Communion time of Mass. Each one who is well disposed and spiritually prepared for receiving Holy Communion makes an active testimony to what one receives—a reverent bow, a response of “Amen,” and reverently consuming the Body of Christ. The passive participation is emphasized by adoration.

Passive participation involves options individually chosen by those who remain in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament during periods of adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament and any other time one visits a church or a chapel to pray when the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Our passive participation means we are not receiving or consuming the Body of Christ but rather adoring, praising, thanking, meditating upon the Most Blessed Sacrament, and contemplating the anticipation to one day again receive the Body of Christ in the active participation at Mass.

When Mass is celebrated within the time of adoration, passive adoration ceases and we turn our focus to that active participation in the Eucharist by participating in the Mass. Therefore, if adoration continues at the conclusion of Mass, Mass does not end with the priest’s blessing and dismissal, rather we continue basking in the blessing of Christ’s Presence with adoration with those present who continue prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and contemplation for so great a Sacrament.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Ed Grice
Pastor

PURIFICATORS

The Altar Society is looking for anyone who is interested in serving the church from your home. Purificators and towels used during the Eucharist must be washed and ironed each week. If you are able to and would like to assist with this service on a monthly basis or once every six weeks, please contact Arlette Bouvier at 768-0016 for details and information. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Boys and girls from the 4th grade through High School are eligible to join. You are invited to serve God in this important ministry.

Servers are assigned to teams that serve one Mass approximately every 2 weeks on a rotational basis. Training sessions for new Altar Servers will be conducted on Saturdays. Each new server will attend one three-hour training session on a Saturday, which will include registration, training, and fitting for a cassock and surplice. Please call Kevin Carney at 643-3611 to schedule the Saturday training or for more information.

Altar Society Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017
4:00 p.m. Evan. Bldg.

Please consider becoming a member of this Ministry

ALL ARE INVITED

to attend the next Altar Society Meeting.

Call Marguerite at 985-285-2293 for more information.
Weekly Collections
Thank You for Your Continued Support!

We also have on-line giving available. You can access it through our website, http://www.saintmmchurch.org/

Thank you to our parish family members who faithfully support our parish. May God bless you and your families during this year!

Weekly Goal $14,100.00
Offertory August 19 & 20 $12,443.21
Electronic Giving $3,340.00
St. Anthony/Good Samaritans
Donations collected from parishioners $615.00
Amount disbursed on behalf of St. Margaret Mary by Good Samaritans $964.67

Life Line Screening
The Power of Prevention

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/23/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and an osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Mass Intentions
September 2-8, 2017

Saturday, September 2
8:30 a.m. Alvera Johnson†
4:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, September 3
8:30 a.m. Alvin Boos†, Jackis Schimme†, Skip Kelly†, Doan Luong†, Florence Beals†, Elaine Fish†, James Petty†
10:15 a.m. Raymond Fontaine, Jr.†
Noon Paul Mumme†
5:00 p.m. Nettie James†

Monday, September 4—Labor Day
8:30 a.m. Julius Mosely†, Karl Ardin†, Irene Duhon†, Healing Intention of Jordan Sebastian

No Evening Mass

Tuesday, September 5
8:30 a.m. Joe Yaeger†
6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6
8:30 a.m. Mary Lou Lampecht†
6:30 p.m. Jackie Miller†

Thursday, September 7
8:30 a.m. Gregg Achee†
6:30 p.m. Claudia Richaux†

Friday, September 8
8:20 a.m. For our suffering souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
† = Deceased

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Have you thought about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Is God calling you to take part in this important ministry?

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please call the church office at 643-6124 to speak with Fr. Ed.

Second Tuesday Movie

This month’s movie, Scott Hahn’s The Splendor of the Church, will be shown on Tuesday, September 12 in the kitchen of the Evangelization Building.

All are welcome to join us in the kitchen of the Evangelization Building after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Light refreshments will be served.

THE SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND IS FOR

CHURCH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Thank you for your continued support

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
The first day of class for all students is Sunday, September 10, 2017. Parents and students in grade Pre-K thru 8 will meet in the gym at 8:45 a.m. to receive their class assignments and announcements. The class time for students in Pre-K thru 8th grade will be every Sunday morning from 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. All parents and students are encouraged to attend the Family Mass in Church at 10:15 a.m. following class.

Students in grades 9 and 10 will combined with our Youth Group this year and meet in the Evangelization Building at 3:30 p.m. on September 10 for class assignments and announcements. These students will participate in the Ignite program every Sunday from 3:30 – 6:15 p.m. During this class time is the 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass, which the students will be attending. Families are invited and encouraged to attend this Mass with the High School students. The Youth Mass will give teens the opportunity to serve at Mass (lector, choir, usher, etc.) and to truly be active members of our parish.

For more information please contact Misty Bauer at 985-649-3055 or e-mail mbauer@stMM.org.

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**Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

(September 1 - 9)

All parishioners are asked to pray the Novena for the success of our PSR program. If you are unable to start this on September 1, please start it when you can and continue it for the full 9 days. Thank you in supporting our Parish School of Religion.

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O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of a blessed school year for all of our PSR families. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of a blessed school year for all of our PSR families. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be To The Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of a blessed school year for all of our PSR families. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
September 2017

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity and the priests have decided to continue this practice.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Pope Francis reminds us, “God is a Father and he is always waiting for us! It is so wonderful to feel the merciful embrace of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The confessional is a place of mercy.”

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 13.

Wishing you God’s blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

GMA/mk
One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God’s grace, we have become his adopted sons and daughters. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God—an heir to his promises and blessings? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of his family, the Church? To help you uncover this meaning, St. Margaret Mary Parish will begin Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance on Wednesday, September 20 at 10 a.m. in the Evangelization Building. Registration is open until Monday, September 11 and there is a $25 cost that will include the workbook. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Powell at 985-643-9547.

You will not only discover your unique gifts and calling as a member of Christ’s Church; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. Participants of Ephesians will receive a workbook and will meet every week for eight weeks to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Jeff Cavins, will guide you through St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, helping you discover the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family.

Please support the businesses who make our weekly bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. Thank You.
September 2017

This Month's High School Youth Group Events
(Open to all teens in 8th through 12th Grades)

Wednesday, September 6th
ADO: Teen Holy Hour
8:00pm - 9:00pm in the Adoration Chapel

Sunday, September 10th
Youth Mass
5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Church

Wednesday, September 13th
ADO: Teen Holy Hour
8:00pm - 9:00pm in the Adoration Chapel

Sunday, September 17th
IGNITE: High School Youth Group*
3:30pm - 5:00pm in the Evangelization Building
Youth Mass
5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Church

Wednesday, September 20th
ADO: Teen Holy Hour
8:00pm - 9:00pm in the Adoration Chapel

Sunday, September 24th
SMM Parish Family Day Tailgate Party
Noon - 3:00pm in the Gym
Watch the Saints game, plus enjoy food, games, prizes, & more!!
Doors open immediately following 10:15am Mass
Youth Mass
5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Church

Wednesday, September 27th
ADO: Teen Holy Hour
8:00pm - 9:00pm in the Adoration Chapel

*Please note: attendance at IGNITE: High School Youth Group is required for all SMM Parish 9th & 10th grade PSR students to fulfill their Religious Education requirement. Teens will attend Teen Family Mass as part of IGNITE. Please contact the Religious Education Office if you have students who need to register for PSR.

**Confessions available during ADO: Teen Holy Hour every Wednesday.

For the most up to date information on all of our events, check us out on social media:
Become friends with "SmmYouthMinistry", like the "SMMYM" page, & join the "SMMYM" group on Facebook. Follow @smm_ym on Twitter & Instagram. Check out our page on the St. Margaret Mary website: www.salemstchurch.org/youth-ministry.
Contact the Youth Ministry Office for more information at (985) 781-5046 or smmym.slidell@gmail.com.

This Month's Junior High Youth Group Events
(Open to all youth in 6th through 8th Grades)

Friday, September 8th
CORNERSTONE: Junior High Youth Group
6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Room

Friday, September 15th
CORNERSTONE: Junior High Youth Group
6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Room

Sunday, September 24th
SMM Parish Family Day Tailgate Party
Noon - 3:00pm in the Gym
Watch the Saints game, plus enjoy food, games, prizes, & more!!
Doors open immediately following 10:15am Mass

Friday, September 29th
CORNERSTONE: Junior High Youth Group
6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Room

* No CORNERSTONE meetings on September 1st due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, and on September 22nd due to SMM Parish Family Day.

** We are always in need of parents to donate snacks/dinks, or who are willing to stay and help chaperone our meetings. Please contact us to volunteer for any of our events!!

Are you interested in becoming a Youth Ministry Core Team Volunteer for our CORNERSTONE: Junior High Youth Group or IGNITE: High School Youth Group??

Contact the Youth Ministry Office for more information on how you can help lead the youth of our parish closer to Christ, and make a real difference in the lives of the young Church!!
Contact us at smmym.slidell@gmail.com or (985) 781-5046!!

Lord, Teach Me To Pray
A Three-Part Spiritual Journey with St. Ignatius of Loyola

Part I: Praying Christian Virtues
Praying Christian Virtues will introduce you to the meditative and contemplative way of prayer devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola, enabling you to further develop your prayer life. This 12 week program is facilitated in a group setting, meets for 2 hours once a week, and requires fifteen minutes of daily prayer on assigned scriptures. (No prerequisites)

Groups for Women
Starts: September 12, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Evangelization Building Rm B
Contact: Barbara Berrigan 985-643-8823

Groups for Men
Starts: September 11, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Evangelization Building Rm B
Contact: Pat Berrigan 985-643-8823

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**Church Office**
- Hours: Open Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Closed Saturday and Sunday
2017 FAIR T-SHIRT

Deadline to order: September 8th

ATTENTION!
To avoid a $5 admission charge to the Fair Grounds

PARENTS & STUDENTS must have one of the following:
RIDE ARM BAND
RIDE TICKETS
OR
FAIR T-SHIRT

Direct questions to fairdirector@saintmm.org

$12 Each

Fair Sponsors will be listed on the back side.

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Make checks payable to “SMM FAIR”

Drop your order off in the church office or office drop box.
Workshops for Ministers of Hospitality

Thursday, September 7, 2017 (H 1)
St. John of the Cross
61030 Brier Lake Dr.
Lacombe, LA
7 pm—9 pm

Saturday, September 16, 2017 (H 2)
St. Joan of Arc
529 W. 5th St.
LaPlace, LA
10 am—noon

Thursday, October 12, 2017 (H 3)
Archdiocesan Administration Building
7887 Walmsley Ave.
New Orleans, LA
6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Saturday, October 14, 2017 (H 4)
Archdiocesan Administration Building
7887 Walmsley Ave.
New Orleans, LA
10—noon

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 (H 5)
Infant Jesus of Prague
Diaconate Center
700 Maple St.
Harvey, LA
7 pm—9 pm

Saturday, November 4, 2017 (H 6)
Northshore Catholic Center
4465 Hwy. 190 E Service Rd.
Covington, LA
10 am—noon

Every Believer an Evangelizer: Fostering a Culture of Witness

Want to be able to talk with others about your faith in Christ and his Church without coming off as a preachy, holier-than-thou, or being a religious know-it-all? What do you say? What will they think of me? How do you share your faith story with others - with friends, family, and strangers, in a way that is appropriate, confident, not over powering, or awkward? It can be pretty scary.

Join us on Saturday, September 9, 2017 for Every Believer an Evangelizer: Fostering a Culture of Witness, where strategic ideas around this topic will be discussed and practiced. There is no magic formula for eloquence but there are some best practices that can assist us in having a friendly and respectful conversation introducing or reintroducing others to Jesus and sharing what he is doing in your life. This free workshop will be held at Notre Dame Seminary in the Schulte Auditorium. Lunch will be provided but seating is limited so please RSVP by September 1 through the Archdiocese of New Orleans website: https://www.arch-no.org/articles/every-believer-an-evangelizer-workshop.

ATTENTION TEENS: SERVICE HOURS!

Soup Kitchen
Mt. Olive AME Church,
2547 Second Street in Slidell

Saturday, September 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. to Noon

All teens are invited to help feed the hungry.

Call Larry at 641-0030 for more information.

SMM Annual Blood Drive

Our annual blood drive is happening on Sunday, September 24. Before you go to the Tailgate Party in the gym to watch the Saints vs. the Panthers, stop by the Youth Room
to donate blood.

The United Blood Services will be collecting blood donations from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. that day. All donors are encouraged to make appointments but walk-ins are welcome. You can schedule your appointment to donate at www.bloodhero.com, under sponsor code STMMC, or call 337-593-7395.