



Women of St. Margaret Mary Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2024

- I. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Welcome Visitors and New Members – There were no visitors or new members at the meeting.
- III. Birthdays in April – The following women of St. Margaret Mary will be celebrating birthdays in April: Lois Bean on April 16 and Kathy Budde on April 25. Jeff Delgarn also has a birthday today. Happy Birthday!
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Judy Clyne
 - The checking account balance as of April 12, 2024 is \$1695.91. A check was written for \$100 payable to Ingles Food Stores for purchase of a gift card for Jeff Delgarn. He has been performing maintenance tasks on the campus and now has medical issues. The Ingles card will help him to purchase food and gas. We have no outstanding checks at this time.
 - Happy Dollars for March was \$40.
 - All dues from the 38 members have been collected. The Women of St. Margaret Mary always welcome new members who are at least 18 years old and a parishioner. Dues are \$25.
 - Name badges are \$15.50. The Women's Group pays for the shipping. Women in the group suggested wearing name badges to church every week.
- V. Reflection – Pride vs. Humility
 - At last month's meeting, Part I on Understanding the 7 Deadly Sins was presented. In the following months at each meeting a "sin" will be presented. This month's "sin" is Pride vs. Humility. A video by Bishop Robert Barron was shown and many important tips were shared:
 - Pride is the deadliest of the deadly sins.
 - Pride means "turning yourself into God".
 - The capacity to determine good and evil is only done by God.
 - Pride makes you boring. *Non serviam* means "I will not serve", which is boring; and *ad serviam* means "I will serve".
 - Humility is the antidote for pride. Humility frees us.
 - Two books were recommended related to humility:
 - Know Thyself – 100 Guided Meditations on Humility of Heart – Adapted from the writings of Rev. Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo
 - Humility of Heart by Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo
- VI. Queen of Peace Monastery Visit – The visit to the Queen of Peace Monastery will take place on Friday, April 26. Those interested in attending and carpooling will meet at St. Margaret

Mary at 9:00 am, leaving no later than 9:15 am. The drive is approximately one hour. The plan is to arrive by 10:15 am and depart by 3:00 pm. The agenda includes a lecture by Sister Gertrude (subject TBD), a tour of the monastery, midday prayers with the Sisters, lunch (to be provided), praying the Holy Rosary in the Chapel followed by quiet reflection. The Women's Group agreed to make a \$200 donation to the monastery. Dress should be casual – it is a farm. A flock note for signups will be sent prior to the trip.

VII. Bake Sale Fundraiser – The Knights will be holding a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (or until they run out). The Women of St. Margaret Mary want to unite with the Knights and support them. The Knights will fill the BBQ orders and we will have a bake sale, providing individually wrapped, home-made brownies and/or cookies. A suggestion for pricing is \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. The proceeds can benefit the Black Mountain Children's Home, MAPS, Catholic Charities, etc. A decision on what to do with the proceeds can be made later. There will be two shifts of at least three people working the Women's table: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm (which includes set-up) and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm (which includes clean-up). This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- Jennifer Crowley and Chris DeSousa send greeting cards to homebound parishioners. Anyone who has extra cards at home is asked to not throw them away but bring them to the meeting. Kathy Conroy is also sending Easter, Christmas and Valentine's Day cards.
- Claudia announced that Jane Blanc and her husband will be moving back to Ohio, where their family is. This will be Jane's last official meeting. She will be missed!
- Father Becker will be taking a road trip with 8 seminarians and visiting St. Margaret Mary on Thursday, April 18. They will attend Mass, followed by a visit with Father Cook. The Women agreed to bring casseroles, fruit and muffins to serve them breakfast after Mass.
- The first issue of the new, quarterly newsletter published by St. Margaret Mary was distributed to the Women's Group. The newsletter is called "The Heart" and will be distributed at Mass this weekend.
- Julie Howachyn has been a member of St. Margaret Mary for over 30 years and is 103 years old. She has entered hospice care and women were asked to pray for a happy death for Julie
- Celine Dodd shared a flyer for A Blue Ridge Mountain Retreat on LIVING in the Divine Will with Mother Gabrielle Marie & Benedictine Daughters of Diving Will. The retreat will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 in Black Mountain.

IX. Closing Prayer