Christmas - 2018

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Apex, North Carolina



Pastor's Christmas Letter

My Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas to all on this holy feast of Christmas

Our 2nd Christmas in our new church

Our gratitude continues to those who made our church a reality

Please note there will not be daily Mass on December 26 and 27. Our campus is closed those days. We will have daily Mass Friday December 28.

May God bless all those who helped to prepare for our Christmas Masses. We are grateful for their efforts to serve our parish and serve those who attend the Masses.

Father Donald Staib

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering:

g: Communion:

Emmanuel – 56

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came – 42

Holy Is His Name – 696

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman – 705

Psalm Refrain:

Lord make us turn to you, show your face we shall be saved.

Preparation:

Lo, How A Rose 'Ere Blooming – 82

Sending Forth:

People Look East – 40

Christmas Masses

Gathering:

O Come, All Ye Faithful - 96

Communion:

O Little Town of Bethlehem – 91 Angels We have Heard on High – 97

Silent Night – 80 The First Noel – 110

Psalm Refrain:

Christmas Eve – Forever I will sing, the goodness of the Lord.

Christmas Day – All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God.

Preparation:

Away in the Manger - 94

Sending Forth:

Joy to the World - 84

Mass Intentions

Dec 22—5pm—Mr. & Mrs. William Compitello—Compitello Family
Dec 23—9am—Parishioners of StMM
Dec 23—10:45am—Gregory Hichson—Chatten Family
Dec 28—8:15am—Tracey Lynn Santori-Hrabak—Santori Family

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Searching for Bethlehem in the Soul - Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Almost everything about Christmas, from its deep real meaning to the piety and even (ironically) the commercialism we surround it with, invites us to be a child again.

But that's not easy. To be an adult is precisely to be experienced, complex, wounded. To be an adult is to have lost one's innocence. None of us, unless we die very young, carries the dignity of our person and of our baptism unstained through life.

We fall, we compromise, we sin, we get hurt, we hurt others, and mostly we grow ever more pathologically complex, with layer after layer of emotional and intellectual complexity separating us from the little child who once waited for Christmas in innocence and joyful anticipation. And that can be painful.

Sometimes, if we're sensitive, the innocence of children can be like the stab of knife to the soul, making us feel as if we've fallen from ourselves. But, in the end, that's an unhealthy over-idealization. We're not meant to be children forever and innocence will always be lost.

Sometimes, more positively, we get to experience our old innocence and youthful wonder vicariously in the eyes of our own children, in their joyful anticipation and gleeful celebration of Christmas. Their belief in Santa and the wonder in their eyes as they look at the baby-Jesus in the crib help us find a certain softness inside again; not at the same place where we once felt things when we were children and still believed in Santa (because that would only bring the painful stab of nostalgia) but at a new place, a place beyond where we defined ourselves as grown-up (because that's the place where wisdom is born).

That's also the place where Jesus is born. That's Bethlehem in the soul.





RCIA

There are no RCIA sessions on December 24 & 31. The next session is January 7th from 7:30—8:30 pm in Church Room 4. Topic: Salvation & Jesus. Questions please contact rcia@stmm.net.



Today's Announcements



We are celebrating Advent at Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Please be sure you have registered your child(ren) to participate. To register, please send an email to our ministry at stmmclow@gmail.com, as all parents will need to use the online sign-up to serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader throughout the

year. This co-op ministry is geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kidcentered way. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



Do you love weddings? Would you like to become a member of the Wedding Ministry? A training for new wedding ministry volunteers and existing volunteers looking for a refresher will be held on Saturday Feb 9th at 10am. The session will cover volunteer responsibilities during the

rehearsal and ceremony as well as information about becoming a Mentor Couple. If you are interested in joining this fun and rewarding ministry, sign up by sending an e-mail to weddings@stmm.net.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration—StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. Join us on Jan 4th. This requires that

we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or AlAnitaBecker@aol.com.



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, Jan 21, 9:30 – 11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact

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All Religious Education & Youth Ministry Program Families—All our elementary programs and youth ministry programs are closed for the Christmas holidays. All programs resume on Sunday, January 6th.

Thank you to everyone who so generously participated in our Angel Tree event & the Brown Bag Ministry collection last Sunday! Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Family Promise – StMM Supporting Homeless Families - StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrew Jan 20-26. Please stop by

tables in the lobby the first weekend of Jan (Jan 5-6) to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to prescreened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing. http://www.familypromisewake.org/. Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.



St. Mary Magdalene School is now accepting applications for all grades. In addition to grades K-8 we also offer full-day and half-day preschool for children that are 3 and 4. We offer a loving environment with teacher assistants in the classrooms through grade 3, a full arts

program including band and drama, textbooks in all subjects, and very low staff turnover. Financial assistance is available to registered parishioners that have demonstrated their stewardship to the parish. We also participate in the NC Opportunity Scholarship and Disability Grant programs. Email now to set up a time to visit the school: admissions@stmm.net or check out our website at www.stmm.net. We look forward to meeting your family!



Stock Donations Before Year's End? If you are considering a tax deductible stock donation before the end of 2018 the process is easy. Go to http://dioceseofraleigh.org/give and download the stock donation form. A contact person is listed on the form should you have questions. All

stock donations are processed through the Diocese of Raleigh and proceeds are forwarded to the parish.

Online Giving – Give instantly via our website. And don't forget, you can go to our website, www.stmm.church, click on GIVING and then on DONATE TO StMM. Direct your gift to a specific fund - Offertory, Debt Reduction, ASP Mission, In Memory or other. Your donations are tax deductible.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Upcoming Events-

Tuesday, Dec. 25th, we will serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter (5:15-6:30pm) and Sunday, Jan. 13th, we

will have the Sunday Breakfast after the 9am & 10:45am Masses. Visit our website: http://kofc7186.org



Parish Athletics—Spring Soccer, T-Ball (Machine Pitch) & Lacrosse (Softcrosse) registration is now open. Go to www.parishathletics.org to register.

Now is the perfect time to become a registered parishioner of St. Mary Magdalene! You can pick up a parish registration form in the Narthex or email info@stmm.net and registration form will be emailed to you. The easiest way to return the form is to drop it in the collection basket when you come for Mass. Once you are registered you will receive a Welcome Packet in the mail and will be added to the Email Distribution list to receive our 'almost' every week E-News!

Christmas Flower Offering In Memory Of:

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We are committed to the religious and academic education of our families as a foundation

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