

# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 7, 2018**



## *Reflection*

In this time of increased nationalism, erecting barriers, and labeling others as threats or enemies, this feast of the Epiphany calls us to a powerful counter-message. Our field of vision and inclusion must be much larger than that of the status-quo. It must have been shocking to the contemporaries of Jesus to learn that God's love extended not only to the Gentiles, but to the whole world. It may be equally shocking to realize that our boundaries are also too narrow. This feast is an epiphany about God's will for Christ's impact and ours on the world.

Lord Jesus, you were born to a Jewish family in Bethlehem of Judea: Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you came for the Jews, the Gentiles, and the whole world: Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you call us to open our hearts to all people: Lord, have mercy.

Joan DeMerchant

**Mass Today—30**

**Weekend Masses**—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am

**Sunday Youth Mass**—Youth Mass on Jan 7th—No Youth Mass Jan. 14th

**Weekday Masses**— Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Only—8:15AM

**Reconciliation**—After Daily Mass or check the Pastor's Letter in bulletin and the E-News to see if Confessions are on the schedule for this Saturday at 10:30am.

**Baptisms**—See Guidelines on Website—Email the Pastor

**Weddings**—See Guidelines on Website—Email the Pastor

**Offertory Helpers**— Last Name's I—P

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### **Gathering:**

O Come All Ye Faithful—82

### **Psalm: 72**

Lord every nation on earth Will adore you, O God.

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

### **Preparation:**

We Three Kings—108

### **Communion:**

Child of the Poor/What Child is This—105

Hark the Herald Angels Sing—92

O Little Town of Bethlehem—99

### **Sending Forth:**

Go Tell it on the Mountain—95

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

Our Church Christmas Season continues today, the feast of the Epiphany. This is the feast that shows us that the infant Jesus came, not just for us, but for people of the world. The Magi represent those who live far away and are even unknown to us.

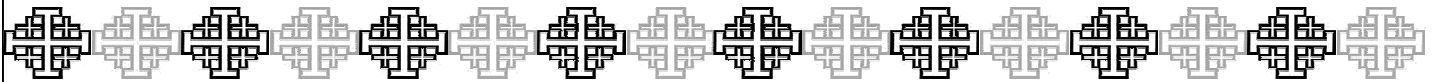


There will be no daily Mass from Thursday January 11 thru Tuesday January 16. I will be visiting family, a trip I had to postpone last January when my health required me to stay home.

On the weekend of January 13-14 Father Philip Tighe will offer the weekend Masses. Father Phil is the Director of Vocations for our Diocese, a program that is supported by our Bishop's Annual Appeal. The BAA begins in January; our Deanery Kick-off Dinner is Tuesday, January 16.

There will be Confessions Saturday January 6 at 10:30. And on Saturday January 20 at 10:30, after the Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib



### IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### January

- 7—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 8—Parish Council Meeting—7pm—Church Meeting Room #1
- 8—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4
- 14—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 14—2nd Sunday Parish Breakfast—After Sunday Masses—Dining Hall
- 14—NO Youth Mass
- 15—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4
- 20/21—Columbarium Meeting—After All Masses—Church Meeting Room #1
- 21—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 22—No RCIA Session
- 27—1st Reconciliation Retreat—8:30am—Activity Building
- 28—2nd Collection—Latin America
- 28—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 29—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4

#### February

- 2—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel
- 4—NO Youth Mass
- 5—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4
- 10—Welcome Dinner—6pm—Dining Hall
- 11—2nd Sunday Parish Breakfast—After Sunday Masses
- 11—Youth Mass—6pm—Church

Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to [lynch@stmm.net](mailto:lynch@stmm.net))

#### Mass Intentions

- Jan 6—5pm—Brian Mullaney—Connie Levesque
- Jan 7—9am—Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
- Jan 7—10:45am—Mr. & Mrs. William Compitello—The Compitello Family
- Jan 8—8:15am—Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
- Jan 9—8:15am—Special Intention

**For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office**

#### Other Notices

Grocery donations for needy families are welcome at all times.  
Place gifts in the baskets in the Narthex on either side of the entry doors.

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#### NOW THAT THE NEW CHURCH IS COMPLETED

Over the Christmas Season we have received many generous gifts for the church in our Offertory—that really helps our day-to-day expenses.

In addition we received about \$50,000 in end-of-year gifts for our Church construction - that really helps our debt payments

Many thanks to all.

#### Parish Contacts

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## Catechetical Corner



**Parish Program Grade 2 Students and Intermediate Sacrament Students** will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> during their class times.

**Parish Program Grade 2 Sunday Students** will sign up for January 30<sup>th</sup> or January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5p or 6:30p on either day with Celeste.

**Parish School Grade 2 Students** will receive First Reconciliation during class time on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.



### RECONCILIATION

**First Reconciliation Retreat** is set for all students in Grade 2 and our Intermediate Sacrament Program on Sat, Jan. 27, 2018 from 8:30am-12noon. The retreat will take place in the Activities Building. Please continue to work on the Family Time Poster received at the parent meetings. The completed poster is due the day of the retreat. Opportunities to volunteer at the treat are still available.

**Inclement Weather**—Our parish elementary programs do not follow the decisions made by Wake County or StMM School. When decisions are made to cancel sessions it will be posted on [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com); [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church); and an email will be sent & a message left on 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

**First Communion Parent Meetings** are set for Mon, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> & Tues, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a OR 7p in Church Rooms 1 & 3. Parents are to pick only 1 meeting to attend. At this meeting you will sign up for what Mass you want for First Communion. Masses are not assigned. You choose. The dates are 4/21; 4/22; 4/28; 4/29 at all six parish liturgies. You will also bring your total guest number including the immediate family & the communicant. The student banner kit to complete at home & return the day of the First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be distributed. If you attended in 2016 or 2017 with an older child, you are not required to attend. Please be sure to contact Celeste with your liturgy choice & guest #.

**Grade 2 Families** - The week of January 21/23/24 is your assigned toilet paper contribution for Catholic Parish Outreach. Please leave all donations in the lobby before or after class. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Direct all questions to Celeste Usischon at [Usischon@stmm.net](mailto:Usischon@stmm.net)



## Youth Ministry

Our schedule this Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> is as follows:  
6pm-7pm Youth Mass

7:15pm-8:30pm **EDGE & The Way** meet in the church for an XLT led by Joe Farris with music by our praise & worship band, 'Rooted'. All family members are invited to attend this special event to kick off our 2nd semester!

STMM YM Calendar for 2017-2018 can be found at this link: [http://www.stmm.church/2017-2018\\_Youth\\_Ministry\\_Calendar\(1\)\\_2.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/2017-2018_Youth_Ministry_Calendar(1)_2.pdf)

**St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the church at 6:30pm.**

**Youth Masses**—Our first Youth Mass of the 2nd semester will be at 6pm on Sun, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. No Youth Mass on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> due to the Holiday.

**The Youth Mass Crew** is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during Wednesday night rehearsals and Sunday night Youth Masses. We would like to have someone start training as soon as possible. This training will happen during traditional Mass times with one of our sound technicians. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in training for this, please contact Taylor Wray at [stmmymusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmmymusicministry@gmail.com)

**We are excited to announce our "Speaking to Sparrows" retreat for high school girls will be held Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** The cost is \$120 pp. Forms can be obtained at the table in the lobby at The Way on Sunday nights. This retreat is a time for our high school girls to come together and discuss the common topics and struggles they all are facing in today's culture. The retreat will be held at a beach house on Emerald Isle, NC We will be renting vans to transport to and from the retreat. In order to secure a spot a 50% deposit is due. This retreat is open to all high school girls and DOES NOT MEET THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT REQUIREMENT & spots are limited to 25 girls. Email Liz at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) for a form.

**High School Retreat Registration is open!** - Our high school retreat is open to both guys and girls in grades 9-12 and will be held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. The cost is \$170 per teen & includes all travel & lodging costs. This retreat will be led by our good friend Mary Bielski with worship leader Rita West as well. This retreat does meet the Confirmation retreat requirement & is limited to 53 teens who ride the bus. Our retreats include time for fun, worship, sleeping, eating, playing, laughing, and all the good stuff that goes along with a retreat. Email Liz at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) for a form to either be mailed into the office or dropped off in the lobby before The Way on Sundays. A 50% non-refundable deposit is due with the form to hold a spot. The complete balance must be paid in full by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Questions regarding the **EDGE & ASP**—Janine McGann  
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Questions regarding **Apostello, The Way, & Confirmation**—  
Liz Sams at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com), 919-349-5030



## RCIA

Our topic for January 8th is **'Salvation & Jesus'** If you are interested in RCIA, please contact Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) with your questions.



## Today's Announcements



**StMM Music Ministry is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during all Masses including the Youth Mass!** We would like to have someone start training as soon as possible.

This training will happen during the traditional Mass times with one of our sound technicians. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in training for this, please contact Taylor Wray at [stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com)



**"Second Sunday" Parish Breakfast** – Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next two breakfasts will be Sun, Jan 14th following the 9am &

10:45am Masses in the activity building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



**StMM Daytime Bible Study**—We will be studying St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians from Ascension Press on Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the Church Meeting Room #1. The study will run from Jan.

23rd thru March 20th. Please consider joining our great group! Cost is \$25. Contact Laurie Wendt at 919-669-9455, [lauriewendt@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewendt@gmail.com).



**The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+)** meets every 3rd Monday of the month, Sept—May. Our next meeting will take place Mon, Jan. 15th, 9:30 - 11:00 am in Church meeting room #1. Please enter through

the door closest to the columbarium. Members of the CSO will be speaking on the Diocesan Advanced Directive. Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, Jan. 22nd, from 1:00-3:00pm, in meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).



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**Columbarium**—As reported previously, the columbarium construction is now complete. All 552 stainless steel niches are in place. A total of 80 niche reservations/contracts have been completed. The vast majority of the reservations have been "doubles." There have been eight inurnments services held. Approx. 30 parishioners have taken advantage of the preferred urn program that is in effect until the end of Dec. 2017. If interested please take advantage of this discounted offer on the preferred urn. After each Mass Jan 20-21, 2018 the Columbarium Committee will hold information sessions, including a listing by wall of current niche reservations, information on the reservation process, and answering any questions that you may have. Please visit [www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm) for guidelines, Q & A, and completing reservation. Communication with the Columbarium Committee: [columbarium@stmm.net](mailto:columbarium@stmm.net)



STMM will support **Family Promise** by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews Jan. 14-20. **Reminder—All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's.** Contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.



**Habitat for Humanity**—StMM has joined a coalition of churches for a Habitat for Humanity building project in Fuquay—Varina. Volunteers from our parish are needed to help with construction starting in January. For more information contact Frank Agius at [flagius@gmail.com](mailto:flagius@gmail.com) or 919-604-2106.



**Online Giving** – Don't forget, you can go to our website, [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church) and click on Giving. You can donate any amount either by credit card or one-time debit to your checking account for the New Church fund.



## Parish Athletics

**Parish Athletics—Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades:** Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8<sup>th</sup> - **Dates:** March to May; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Cost:** PreK \$60; K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays. **Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades:** Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4<sup>th</sup> **Dates:** April to June; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary; **Game Locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kindergartners thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays. **Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades:** Coed; K thru 5<sup>th</sup> **Dates:** March thru May; **Practice/Game locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! **Required Equipment:** Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers.

Register at <http://www.parishathleticsnc.org>.





## Respect Life News



Pray the **Rosary for Life** at 10:10am on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is Sunday, January 14th. It is a beautiful way to start the day whether you come before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.



**LML Youth Rally Don't miss the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Love My Life Youth Rally, Sat, Jan. 13th at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral** beginning at 9:30am. We welcome Chris Padgett this year to a special new tent on the Cathedral grounds, followed by a procession into Mass, celebrated by Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. Next we will grab a light lunch and travel to Halifax Mall to join NC Right to Life for the annual March for Life!



**March for Life in Washington, DC**—Join us for the North Carolina Mass on Fri, Jan. 19th at 11:30am in the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, followed by the March for Life on the National Mall. The faithful are asked to meet at the Navy Memorial before joining the March for Life in progress. Contact the Office of Respect Life and Social Concerns at 919-719-8267 or [Marybeth.phillips@raldioc.org](mailto:Marybeth.phillips@raldioc.org) for information about getting a seat on a bus leaving from more than 20 parishes within the Diocese.



**Project Rachel Support Group** Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive women, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in February. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com). For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

**Word of Life**—Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End,"* [www.goo.gl/fvSEYp](http://www.goo.gl/fvSEYp)



## Diocesan News



**Mass and service project for the Diocesan observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**—Join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama as we celebrate our Catholic Social Teaching and the social justice legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Mon., Jan. 15, 2018 at 10am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. The service project, re-packaging of the diapers brought for the LML Rally and to the Mass, will begin immediately following Mass in the narthex of the Cathedral. For more information contact the AAMEN office, 919-821-9763 or [Lauren.Green@raldioc.org](mailto:Lauren.Green@raldioc.org).

**NCPriest.org presents '18 Seminary Pilgrimage**—Feb. 16-18, 2018. Depart Friday at 6am from Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral and return Sunday at 9pm. If you have been thinking about the Priesthood, this trip is a perfect way to see what seminary is like, meet guys from other dioceses and seriously discern your call. Open to College & High School guys 17 & up. More info at 919-821-9731 or [vocations@raldioc.org](mailto:vocations@raldioc.org)

**Women of Grace Foundational Study** Jan. 19–May 11, 2018 Friday's, 9:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Fallon Center Join other women on a journey to discover your mission and purpose in the world today. Grow closer to Christ and His Church through Scripture, the Catechism, and wisdom of early Church fathers and Popes. Childcare available for a nominal fee – indicate if needed. Cost \$50 for book and workbook Please contact Cathy Gephart ([cathy@gephartbuilt.com](mailto:cathy@gephartbuilt.com)) to register.

**2018 Women's Retreat on Charisms and Contemplative Prayer** Led by Angela Neumann Feb.23rd - 25th, 2018 Avila Retreat Center, Durham. The gorgeous grounds of the Avila Retreat Center provide the perfect backdrop to strengthen our faith life. Through insightful sessions and discussion, Angie will help us improve our contemplative prayer life and learn our charisms, or gifts, that we can use in lives of service and faith as women of grace. Presented by Full of Grace Women's Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes. Cost is \$180 for 2 nights, including meals.– checks payable to OLL. Contact Ami Robbins [arobb20@gmail.com](mailto:arobb20@gmail.com) to register.

**COURAGE** is a prayer and fellowship group that assists individuals with same-sex attractions (or SSA) to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more information email: [courage.sacred.heart@gmail.com](mailto:courage.sacred.heart@gmail.com). Or call: (919) 289-9489.

**EnCourage** is the affiliate support group for parents, friends and family members of loved ones with SSA. EnCourage helps members to focus on their own spiritual development and offers a supportive environment to share information and guidance for maintaining healthy relationships with our loved ones. For more information, email [encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com](mailto:encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com). Or call: (984) 221-0730. Strict confidentiality is maintained.

## News From Other Organizations



**All students applying to Cardinal Gibbons High School for the class of 2022**, who have not already tested must submit the online application by January 3rd and take the Admission Placement Test on January 6th. Please visit our website at [www.cghsnc.org/admissions/apply](http://www.cghsnc.org/admissions/apply) to apply. We are excited to welcome you to the Gibbons family. Please contact Marianne McCarty, Director of Admissions [mmccarty@cghsnc.org](mailto:mmccarty@cghsnc.org) with any questions.

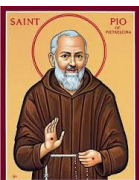


Do you feel hopeless when you think about your marriage? Do arguments and anger consume your relationship? Is there addiction? Cold silence? Loss of trust or commitment? Consider the **Retrouvaille** program as a way to end your misery. You will hear from couples that have been through the program themselves. They will share their journey from brokenness to reconciliation. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a weekend Feb. 2, 2018, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com), or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



**Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2018** Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wwwme1009.htm> or contact us directly at 405-850-4274.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend with our spouse. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.



**Padre Pio Prayer Group**—Join us the 1st Sunday of every month for 8am Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. Exposition, prayers, and confession at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Raleigh. Our next meeting is Feb. 3rd. All are Welcome. Contact Mary O'Connell at [mary.oconnell76@gmail.com](mailto:mary.oconnell76@gmail.com)



**Catholic Charities offers counseling in Raleigh & Cary.** Each location has licensed clinical social workers who treat adults, children, couples and families. The Raleigh office has a bilingual therapist. Catholic Charities uses a subsidized fee scale based on income and number in the household. If you have insurance, Catholic Charities will file it for you. To make an appointment, call 919-790-8533 (Raleigh) and 919-388-3065 (Cary). Office hours are Monday to Thursday.



**Single/Single Again Ministry** – If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, you are invited to join us at our monthly Mass held at Cardinal Gibbons HS chapel at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck social follow Mass. 2018 Masses are: Jan. 7, Feb. 11, March 18, April 22, May 20, and June 17. For more information contact Celia at [ckeator@nc.rr.com](mailto:ckeator@nc.rr.com) or visit [www.singlesingleagain.com](http://www.singlesingleagain.com) or on facebook [www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh](http://www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh)

**St. Michael the Archangel Healing Mass**—Are you burdened by sickness, injury, or physical infirmity? Do you suffer from emotional pain, mental illness or disability, or spiritual anguish? Then consider attending a Healing Mass on Friday, Jan. 19th at 7:30pm at St. Michael's in Cary.

Our **Traditional Ukrainian Luncheon** has been RESCHEDULED for Jan. 27th, 11am—2pm at All Saints Orthodox Church Hall, 520 Buck Jones Road, Raleigh. Dine in or take out. Plates are \$11 in advance & \$13 at the door. For more info and to place advance orders visit [http://www.saintnicholasraleigh.org/ukrainian\\_luncheon\\_-\\_rescheduled\\_for\\_january\\_27\\_2018](http://www.saintnicholasraleigh.org/ukrainian_luncheon_-_rescheduled_for_january_27_2018)



"True, they also come out every Sunday, but I doubt we can afford to put color comics in our bulletin."



## DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

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January 7, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In January of each year, we observe days of prayer set aside for the legal protection of unborn children, remembering our responsibility to love and care for all persons, especially the most vulnerable. Please consider participating in one or more of the events described below as an opportunity to witness to the sanctity of human life.

1. The eighth annual *Love my Life Youth Rally* will be held on January 13, 2018, at 9:30 am on the campus of Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. **The *Diocesan Mass for Life* will follow at noon inside the Cathedral.** Adults and families are then invited to join our youth for the Mass and to participate in the *North Carolina March for Life*, held in downtown Raleigh beginning at 2:30 pm, in witness to the sanctity of human life and the protection of the unborn.
2. Please also consider traveling to Washington, DC for the *North Carolina Mass for Life* at 11:30 am on Friday, January 19, 2018, at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte will be the main celebrant and homilist for this Mass for the faithful of both the Diocese of Raleigh and the Diocese of Charlotte. Following the Mass, join hundreds of thousands of people from across our great nation to offer witness to the sanctity of all human life as we participate in the *National March for Life*.
3. If travel to these events is not possible, join us in prayer through the Novena, *Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage*, which begins on January 18, 2018. This initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will unite us in our common faith that all human life is created in the image and likeness of God and must be gently nurtured and protected.

For more detailed information on all of these activities, visit our Diocese of Raleigh website at [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org). Join me in commending this work to Our Lord, so that together, we may be united in our common faith that all human life is sacred, created in the image and likeness of God and consequently must be cared for and protected.

In Christ,

  
† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Raleigh



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