

# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2018**



## *Reflection*

"Allow God to surprise you every day. Because if there is no surprise in our faith, what is our Priesthood? How can we show up at the altar without the joy of what we are? That is the beauty of the Priesthood" - Mother Teresa

Quoted by Bishop Luis Raphael Zarama at Chrism Mass 2017

**Mass Today—31**

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

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

**Weekday Masses**— Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 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 Q—Z



### **Gathering:**

All Are Welcome—415

### **Psalm: 40**

Here I am, O Lord, I've come to do Your will, I've come to do Your will.

### **Preparation:**

Pescador de Hombres—504

### **Communion:**

I am the Living Bread—319

Pastures of the Lord—458

Earthen Vessels—411

### **Sending Forth:**

Anthem—502

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

This weekend we welcome Father Phil Tighe to our parish. Father is Director of Vocations for our Diocese, and we pray for his success in his endeavors. I do want to note that our Diocesan Vocation Program is supported by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

I am away for a post-Christmas visit to some of my family and will return in mid-week.

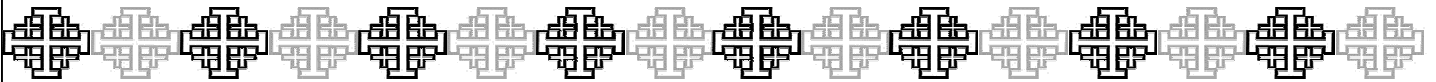
At the Epiphany Masses we selected these names as new members of our Parish Council: Amy Chegash, Michael Fiedler, Chris Losack, Moira News, Elizabeth Rowe.

I am grateful to these new members, current members, and the retiring members for their willingness to serve the parish on the Council. The names not selected last weekend we will keep in case of unexpected vacancies.

Confessions: There will be Confessions on Saturday January 20 at 10:30, after Baptisms. No Confessions on Saturday January 27.

About Baptisms: Ash Wednesday is February 14. We do not have baptisms during Lent, so the next opportunities will be after Easter. I do have baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses.

Father Donald Staib



### IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### January

- 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—Scout Sunday—9am—Church
- 4—Safe Environment Training—12noon
- 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 13—5pm—Ann Kuhlman—Connie Levesque
- Jan 14—9am—Betty Bedotto—Jim Bedotto
- Jan 14—10:45am—Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

**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

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years – and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope. We are especially grateful for extra gifts that were given at Christmas.

#### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The kickoff dinner for our Deanery is next Tuesday. I will begin to promote the BAA next weekend at church. Our parish has always made its goal and I hope we soon accomplish that this year. The goal is \$191,507. Msgr. John Wall, who helped us last year reach our goal, has offered his 'moonpie' services again this year.

#### Parish Contacts

**Pastor—Father Donald Staib**,—387-3648, [donfs22@aol.com](mailto:donfs22@aol.com)  
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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** – Still waiting to hear from 14 families as to what date & time is needed for First Reconciliation. Please select by January 17<sup>th</sup> by contacting Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) either Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> OR January 31<sup>st</sup> at either 5p OR 6:30p on either day.



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

**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 retreat are still available. **All parish program sacrament families have been emailed general info about the retreat.**

**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

**All of our programs are off this Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday weekend.**

**There is no Youth Mass this Sunday.**

**Our next Youth Mass is January 21<sup>st</sup>!**

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**—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 people to 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 [stmm\\_soundministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmm_soundministry@gmail.com).

This retreat is **SOLD OUT** **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 [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) to be put on a wait list.

**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  
[janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com) 919-357-2611

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



## RCIA

Our topic for January 15th is **'The Holy Spirit'** 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 this training, contact [stmm.soundministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.soundministry@gmail.com).



**"Second Sunday" Parish Breakfast** – Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast is this Sunday, 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.



**The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+)** meets every 3rd Monday of the month, Sept–May. Our next meeting will be Mon, Jan. 15th, 9:30–11:00 am in Church meeting room #1. Enter through the door closest to the columbarium. Members of the CSO will be speaking on the Diocesan Advanced Directive. The CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, Jan. 22nd, from 1–3pm in meeting room #1. For more info, contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).



**A Soup and Salad Welcome Meal for new members of the parish** will be held Sat, Feb 10th in the St Martha Hall in the Activity Building immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries and programs to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at [919-303-5803](tel:919-303-5803).



**Safe Environment Training** - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next sessions are Sun, Feb. 4th at Noon & Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith [bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) to register and for meeting room.

**A Child's wallet was found near the Pre-School Open House table last weekend after the 10:45am Mass.** If you lost a wallet, please call the Parish office at 919-657-4800 ext. 7281.



**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 has been extended till the end of Dec. 2018. 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: [col-umbarium@stmm.net](mailto:col-umbarium@stmm.net)



**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).



**Scout Sunday – February 4th.** The KofC are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the **9am Mass on Sun, Feb. 4th**. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and their families in the cafeteria. There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, **please provide the following information to [stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com) by Jan. 28th:** name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of



## Parish Athletics

receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.

**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://>



## 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 8th 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.



## 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 [Lauran.Green@Raldioc.org](mailto:Lauran.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.

The Diocese of Raleigh is hosting a **Mother-Daughter Tea Sat, Feb. 17th** from 8:30am—12pm at Saint Michael's in Cary. This "girl only" event is designed to address the topic of adolescence for grades 5th -7th. The day will include presentations from the Family Life and Evangelization Office, a local Pediatrician, and a college student from UNCW who will lead discussions around the physical, social, and emotional changes that girls experience during the pre-teen years, particularly with the view of God's plan for us. Come enjoy time with your daughter, fellowship with other moms, refreshments, and a special craft. Cost is \$20 for mother/daughter pair and \$5 for each additional girl. Pre-registration is required. Please register before Feb. 12th. <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/mother-daughter-tea> Inquiries: Diocesan Contact: Suzanne Carter 919-821-8149 [suzanne.carter@raldioc.org](mailto:suzanne.carter@raldioc.org)

**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.

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## News From Other Organizations

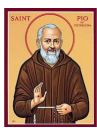
**A Special Needs Mass** will be held at St. Andrew's in Apex on Sat, March 3rd at 11am. Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama will preside. A reception will follow after Mass in St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Registration is required online at [raldioc.configio.com/go/special-needs-mass](http://raldioc.configio.com/go/special-needs-mass)



**Conflict in your marriage?** Is your marriage cold or filled with stress? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even talk with their spouse. . You will hear from couples that have been through the program themselves. They will share their journey from brokenness to reconciliation. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a weekend Feb. 2nd, 2018, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com), or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



"Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, 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.

**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. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Michael's in Cary.

Our **Traditional Ukrainian Luncheon** has been RESCHEDULED for Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 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)



**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 Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck social follow Mass. 2018 Masses are: 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](https://www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh)



**Save the Date! 15th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference April 28, 2018** Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh "Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith" Speakers: **Dr. Scott Hahn, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Mark Hart, Fr. Donald Calloway, and Fr. Robert Spitzer!** For more details, visit [www.IgnitedByTruth.org](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.org)

**For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community**, a sign language interpreted Mass is celebrated every 8:30am Sunday Mass at St. Michael's in Cary.



"He learned about our faith from RCIA? I don't know if my cable company carries that channel yet."



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January 14, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


During the second week of January each year, the Church in the United States observes National Migration Week. This year's theme, "*Many Journeys, One Family*," highlights the fact that many are on journeys in our world today, as more than 65 million people around the world have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to political instability, violence and other reasons. Of that number, 22 million persons are refugees, displaced to another country. Additionally, an estimated 17,000 people have been trafficked against their will into the United States in forced labor or prostitution.

Our observance of National Migration Week provides us with the opportunity to learn more about the universal teaching of our Church on immigration and how it may be applied and lived. Visit <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/social-concerns/immigration> for more information on the teaching of the Church on these fundamental matters of the dignity of human life.

Locally and through Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Raleigh, we assist in the work of witnessing to this dignity through our work with immigrants in the completion and submission of legal documents from application to naturalization, as well as with the integration of immigrant families and victims of human trafficking into our communities. I invite you to join me and my brother Bishops as we work together to advocate for legislation which will provide just and humane solutions to a broken immigration system that often separates families and denies due process.

May our Lord Jesus continue to bless your family in this New Year and may Mary, our Mother, intercede for us to help us grow in love and greater communion with each other as we share the bond of faith as one family in Christ.

In Christ,



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