

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

This week is Catholic Schools Week. We wish a happy week to all our students, parents, and teaching staff. This Spring we will graduate our 19th class. The old Yearbooks show how they looked back in our beginning.

Today we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I have found the parish most responsive to the routine we had used for quite a few years. At the beginning of the sermon ushers will pass out pledged forms which can later be placed in the collection. Our goal this year is \$191,507. Doing the math – to meet our goal we ask a pledge of \$187 from each parish household.

We have received \$10,650 from 39 households. This year reporting will be delayed because of extra security precautions the diocese is taking with your donations.

This week also there will be a 2nd Collection. This is an annual collection for the church in Latin America.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions Saturday January 26, after Baptisms and on Saturday February 2.

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	Jan 26—5pm—Harry Cochrane—Cochrane Family Jan 27—9am—Michael Mangaliano—Brian & Celeste Usischon
Parish Dates	Jan 27—10:45am—Parishioners of StMM
	Jan 28—8:15am—Frank Lanuti & Dena Bussa—Deborah Lanuti
January	Jan 29—8:15am—Thomas McCormack—Eamon & Jean McCormack
27—Second Collection—Church in Latin America	Jan 30—8:15am—Antonia Ognibene—Ognibene Family
27—Safe Environment Training	Feb 1—8:15am—Brian Mullaney—Veronica Mullaney
27—Youth Mass—6pm	For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office
28—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4	Tor mass intentions/mass ourus—our the Tarish office
31—Speaking with Sparrows Fundraising Event—	
7pm—Chapel	***************************************
<u>February</u>	SACRAMENTS
1—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel	BAPTISMS – See the Guidelines on the Website – then email the Pastor. First
2—Welcome Dinner—6pm—Dining Hall	time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior
2 & 3—Souper Bowl of Caring	to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend
3—No Youth Mass	Masses. Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent which begins on March 6
4—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4	this year. Baptisms are welcome at the Easter Sunday Masses.
9—Wedding Volunteer Training—10am	
10—EM Training—2—4pm—Church Room 4	CONFESSIONS – Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or
10—Youth Mass—6pm	our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at
11—Safe Environment Training	10:30am on Saturdays in the Church.
11—Parish Council Meeting—7:30pm—Church Room 1	WEDDINGS – See the Guidelines on the Website – then email the Pastor.
11—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4	

Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to	
the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to info@stmm.net)	FINANCIAL MATTERS
	OUR NEW CHURCH – We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 years
************************************	for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly
	Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the
Lost & Found Table is in the sign-in room off the Narthex	church.





Inclement Weather Policy - As stated on the parish website religious education page as well as on the class session calendar, the elementary program does **NOT** follow the decisions made by the Wake County school system or StMM Catholic School. Decisions are made by the program coordinator. Once the decision is made to close the elementary programs we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the television than it is safe to conclude that we are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish site as well as send an email to all registered program families.

Catechetical Corner

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 2, 2019 for students in Grade 2 and Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacramental Program from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. The retreat will take place in the Activities Building. You will be receiving an email with general information the week of January 28th.

First Reconciliation Dates are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p & 6:30p and Wednesday, February 6th at 5p & 6:30p for all students in our StMM Religious Education Program. StMM School Students are receiving on Thursday, February 7th at 10am.

First Eucharist Dates are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. Parents can sign up for their choice of liturgy at the **First Eucharist Parent Meetings** that will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 or Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at either the 10:30 am – 12 noon meeting in the Church Room 3 & 4 or at the 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm meeting in the Church Room 3&4. One parent needs to attend one meeting.

All our programs serve only registered contributing families who use the electronic draft or envelope system.

Please direct all questions to Suzanne - will@stmm.net

Youth Ministry

We return this Sunday, 1/27/19 with the following schedule: EDGE & Apostello from 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass at 6pm The Way from 7:15pm-8:30pm

Help build a house in Haiti!: Our teens have raised \$2500 which means we have \$1100 to go!!! If you do not have a teen in one of our programs but you'd like to contribute to this effort, you can go to this link and select the fund "House in Haiti": https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspxsn? =102397&f. StMM Youth Ministry programs are teaming up to build a house in Jeremie, Haiti through the group, Haiti Mission Inc. You can learn more about this organization on their website at http:// www.haitimissioninc.com. We are challenging every teen who is registered in either the EDGE, The Way, and Apostello to donate \$7.25 between now and April 1st. This would give us the \$3,750 to partner with HMI and provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti. In April 2018 Janine and Liz went on a mission trip to Haiti and saw first hand the incredibly life changing work HMI is doing in the Jeremie area and felt a strong call to connect our STMM YM teens & families with HMI. Anybody can donate to this cause and if we raise more than the 3750 minimum, we'll build two houses! Our vision is for our community to accompany the people of Jeremie and join HMI in their mission of moving people from despair into poverty. Thank you for your support!

High School Retreat: Spots remain open for 11th/12th graders! February 1st-3rd, 2019. This retreat is our 2nd co-ed high school retreat of this school year and it's being held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. This year's retreat is being led by our good friend & amazing speaker, Mary Bielski. Worship is being led by the incredibly talented & 'tiny but mighty" Rita West. This dynamic duo does an amazing job leading our high school retreats & we are thrilled to have them returning again this year. This retreat is open to any one in grades 9th-12th. 11th/12th graders stay in separate housing from 9th/10th graders. The weekend includes time for prayer, fun, activities such as: paintball, zip lining, rock wall climbing, Gaga ball, and Bazooka Ball. Any teen in High School can come on this retreat no matter what church or denomination they are, all are welcome so invite a friend to come too! This retreat does meet the Confirmation retreat requirement. To secure your spot, please turn in the paper form below along with a 50% deposit to Liz Sams either on Sunday at The Way at the table in the lobby, or you can drop it in the mail to: StMM, Attn: Liz Sams, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502. In order to treat everyone fairly, a spot cannot be held without a 50% deposit and a fully completed form physically received together.. 11th and 12th grade teens usually carpool with core team leaders or each other to the retreat if their parents give permission. All the logistics for the retreat are on the retreat registration form which can be found on this website: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm

Don't drop off and Drive away!:StMM Youth Ministry is excited to announce we are offering time for our parents to park the car and come inside on Sundays for their own time to grow in their faith & community. There is no sign ups, just come when you can. Come for some or come for all of the sessions! This is meant to be a low stress opportunity for you to continue on your own journey while your teen is in their StMM YM program. Many of us, as parents, have never been evangelized and we cannot give to our own children what we do not have so we are trying to provide these opportunities where we can come together and build up our adult community as well as our teens. The topic for these sessions is exploring encounters with Jesus as shared in the Gospel of John. In each story the people are transformed by their encounters with Christ. These sessions will be held during the EDGE/ Apostello from 4:30pm-5:45pm & during The Way from 7:15pm-8:30pm all in Room #3 in the Church building. The sessions will be facilitated by Mary Carey, Paula Hils, and Kathy Lynch. They will be held on the following dates: 1/27/19, 2/17/19, 3/3/19, 3/17/19, 3/31/19

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 15th, 2019 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at <u>stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.com</u>

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the church at 6:30pm.

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2019-2020 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to this link: <u>http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm</u>

The dates for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows: March 13th, April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church.





RCIA

The next RCIA session is January 28th from 7:30-8:30 pm in Church Room 4. Topic: Conversion 7 Reconciliation. Questions please contact rcia@stmm.net.



Today's Announcements



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is co-op ministry is geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren)

to participate by emailing 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. 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.



charistic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training date is set for Sunday, February 10th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4.Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza.

Contact Lisa at lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com by Friday, February 8, if attending.

11/2> StMM Daytime Bible Study For March/April 2019 -Please consider joining us for a short study on the book of Ruth. Tuesdays 1-3 PM; March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2019 Cost \$15. Let me know if you would like to join us. Contact: Laurie Wendt lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-303-5433

Adult Confirmation, 2019 - Adults over the age of 18 who are baptized Catholics and have received their First Reconciliation / First Eucharist as children and are interested in completing their initiation into the Catholic Church by preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact rondatroywatts@gmail.com. The sacrament will be celebrated the weekend of June 8/9 on the Feast of Pentecost here at StMM. Father Staib will be the celebrant.



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 "Seniors place Monday, Feb 18, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact

Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view as=subscriber or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'



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. 1/27 at 12noon: Mon, 2/11 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) to register and for meeting room.



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Feb 2nd in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend and to intro-

duce 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.



Scout Sunday - February 3rd. The Knights of Columbus 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 Sunday, February 3rd. 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 by January 27th: 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 receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Rvan at 919-924-4888.



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 website check out our at www.stmm.net. We look forward to meeting your family!



M The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CAR-R ING "tackle hunger" event will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church at all masses on Super Bowl weekend, February 2nd & 3rd. More than \$90 million has been raised

for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONA-TIONS before and after all masses on Super Bowl weekend. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

This Weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular

culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



The StMM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers to help "Rock the Block"! This we will help several families by repairing homes in Fuquay-Varina for homeowners who struggle to maintain their homes. We will join the South-

west Wake Coalition work on 10 home preservation projects over 2 weeks (Thursday - Saturday) Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28 - March 2. Join us, put your faith in action and make an impact in your community. We need volunteers for both weekends. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested please contact Terry Loding at <u>stmmhabitat@gmail.com</u> or 919-376-6714



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 Feb 1st. 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 <u>AlAnitaBecker@aol.com</u>.



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, February 10th. 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.



Holy Family Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 2718 Overbrook Drive in Raleigh is YOUR Adoration Chapel, open 24 hours/7 days a week. Visit Our Lord in an intimate time of prayer, any time you want. Go to our website at <u>www.ourladyoflourdescc.org</u> for more details and to sign up for a Holy Hour—which is a weekly appointment with Jesus. It will be the best time

you spend on Earth. Are you called?

Mass for Consecrated Life - Bishop Zarama will celebrate Mass for Consecrated Life on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 11:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Sister Damian Jackson, O.S.F., will be honored on her 65 year Jubilee.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh - We're hiring in our Raleigh Office! We're looking for a dedicated individual to serve as our Disaster Services Program Coordinator to assist with developing the NC Catholics Volunteer program, improving current disaster services policies and procedures, and coordinating response efforts following a disaster. For more information about the position, please visit <u>www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/careers</u>. Questions? Contact Daniel Altenau, Director of Disaster Services, at (919) 821-9767 or by email at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org.

RETROUVAILLE Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, even those in deep misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on February 15 call 800-470-2230 or email: <u>retrouvaillenc@msn.com</u> or visit the web site at <u>www.retrouvaille.org</u>.



Knights Corner

Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus "A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter. *Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

Event: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser - StMM KOC Council 7168 is hosting a showing of Speaking to Sparrows as a fundraiser for Project Light and their continued efforts to create impactful resources for our youth and their parents. Fundraiser will be held on <u>Thursday Jan 31st in StMM Chapel at 7-9:30pm</u> for Knights and StMM Adult Parishioners. Link to purchasing tickets is as follows: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/o/project-light-ministries-15478073360</u>

Event: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex -KofC council have decided to visit the residents of the Brookridge Assisted Living Facility in Apex on the <u>fourth Saturday of every</u> <u>month in 2019</u>. There will be two time slots available 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. Attached is the sign-up. Hope to see you there! there! <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge</u>

Calendar of Events:

- Saturday Jan 26th: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm)
- Thursday Jan 31st: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser (7pm-9:30pm in StMM Chapel) for Knights & StMM Adult Parishioners
- Sunday Feb 10th: 2nd Sunday Breakfast

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: <u>http://kofc7186.org</u> **Contact:** Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at <u>gkkofc7186@gmail.com</u> or our Membership Committee at <u>MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com</u>

News From Other Organizations

Catholic Charities has partnered with the Carolina Hurricanes to raise funds for Hurricane Florence recovery efforts. Cheer on the Hurricanes on Friday, February 1st at 7:05 p.m. as they take on the Vegas Golden Knights at PNC Arena. The Hurri-



canes will donate \$5 for ticket purchased to help Catholic Charities continue to serve our neighbors in need. For more information, please visit <u>www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/</u> <u>HurricanesHockey</u> or contact Daniel Altenau at (919) 821-9767 or at <u>Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org</u>.

Haiti Mission Trip-In April 2018, St Mary Magdalene's youth ministers, Janine McGann & Liz Sams, went on an incredible mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti with a group run by Haiti Mission Inc out of Louisiana. You can learn more about this organization at their website: http://www.haitimissioninc.com/. The experience of being in a 3rd world country was something that impacted both of them profoundly & changed their hearts forever. Haiti Mission has been contacted our parish to let us know that their upcoming trip in April 2019 has 4 openings & they have asked us to advertise it with our parishioners to see if anyone would like to be a part of that trip. The trip will run from April 8th-16th and costs b/t \$1600-\$1700. This cost includes all of your costs associated with the trip, including your round trip airfare from RDU to Haiti. This trip is open to adults, young adults, and if a parent would like to bring their teenager they can do that as well. If you are interested in this trip, please contact David Fakier at raoulrad@aol.com. If you have some questions you'd like to ask of somebody who has already gone on this mission trip, you may contact either Janine or Liz & they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Choices:

For many families, talking about death is a difficult to impossible conversation. Yet, as we all know, death is an inevitable event. The Choice we have is to make that event as easy as possible for our spouse & family to manage through. The Choice of burial, cremation or entombment alone can be a challenging decision. From that base, the Choices range from the provider of services, to the readings that will be chosen for the funeral mass. All the Choices can be discussed and recorded with the Church so that your spouse & family can give their attention to grieving, family, friends, and the caring community of support. Your input to the Choices made can give comfort to your family that your wishes were known and to the best of their ability met.

In the coming weeks, St. Mary Magdalene will be holding information sessions on the aspects of cremation, and the process of obtaining a niche in the St. MM Columbarium. We will also have Apex Funeral Home (Dignity) present their information on pre-planning.

Both of these information sessions are trying to provide you input to Choices that will inevitably need to be made.



Parish Bookkeeper

JOB OPENING – Our 'bookkeeper from the very beginning' has been Ann Cadran. Ann installed the bookkeeping system and has been able to keep track of all our money over all these years. Our parish is most grateful for her service. Ann will retire this summer and we are looking for a new part time bookkeeper. For a more detailed Job Description visit: <u>http://www.stmm.church/editoruploads/files/Forms/</u> <u>Parish_Book_keeper.pdf</u>. Candidates should send resume to jobs@stmm.net.

Parish Athletics Spring Sports

Spring Soccer (Apex –Cary) - Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.Dates: March - May. Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick. Game Locations: Apex & Cary. Cost***: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic. Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex) - **Grades:** Coed; PreK (4 year olds) to 4th. **Dates:** April – June. **Practice Locations**: Apex only. **Cost**: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic). **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcross (Apex) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th. Dates: April – June (6 weeks). Days/Times: Sunday afternoons. Location: Apex. Cost: \$65 (includes medal and end of year picnic). Equipment needed: stick and mouth guard.

For more information, www.parishathleticsnc.org



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speaks

Join us for a special screening & fundraising event, hosted by the Saint Mary Magdalene Father Charles Mulholland KOC Council 7186 in Apex, NC.

Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com and searching for Speaking to Sparrows in Apex, NC & are \$10.00 each.

Adults only please When: January 31st, Doors open at 6:30pm Where: St. Mary Magdalene Chapel

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