

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

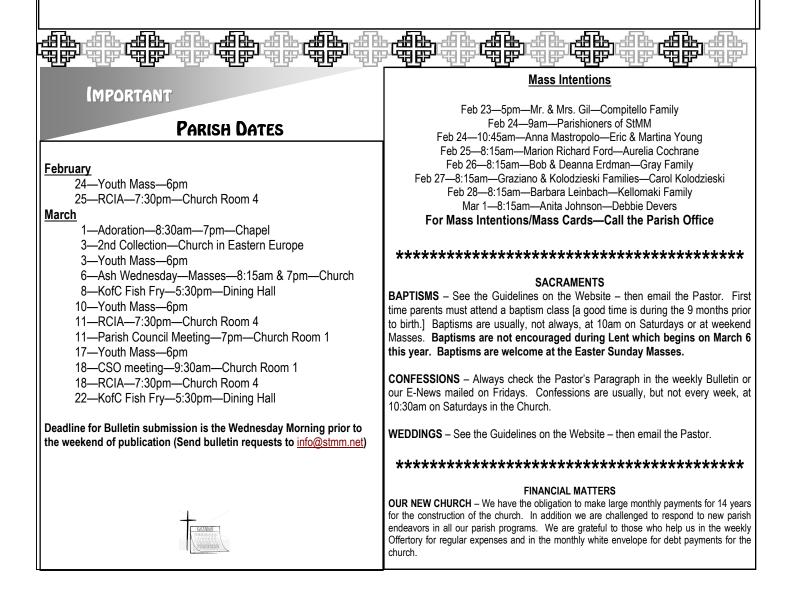
A warning: members of the parish are receiving spam emails from me asking you to purchase i Tune cards for charity. It is a scam. Another pastor told me his account has also been hacked. These people are very clever. Be assured: I will never ask anyone for money via email.

About our own Bishop's Annual Appeal: last week we received 51 additional pledges/gifts. Many, many thanks. We now have \$189,407 received from 585 members of the parish. That is 33% participation. Our parish goal is \$191,507. Any funds over the goal stay in the parish and we can use those funds for many good parish needs.

Another motive for giving: March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In Lent we are encouraged to prayer, sacrifice, and alms-giving. Let the BAA be your Lent alms-giving.

CONFESSIONS: There are Confessions Saturday February 23 at 10:30, after Baptisms - and on Saturday March 2 at 10:30, after Baptisms. A schedule of Lent Penance Services at various parishes will be published soon. Our own parish Penance Service [which we share with St Andrew] will be Thursday March 14 at 7 pm.

Father Donald Staib







Catechetical Corner

Catechist Needed for Sundays 12:00 – 1:15 pm in Grade 5 to assist experienced Catechist. Meet great people in the parish. Get involved. We are successful because of our dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers like you! Program runs through May 5th.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings are set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am <u>OR</u> 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. The same meeting is repeated on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:30 am <u>OR</u> 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. If you attended this sacrament meeting in 2017 or 2018 you do not need to attend. However, *all parents please stop by the Parish Office to sign up for their liturgy choice and pick up all their materials the week of March <u>11th</u>. You will be required to submit a guest number including your immediate family and first communicant at that time.*

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 Meeting (see above for details)**

Ash Wednesday – March 6, 2019 – Wednesday Religious Education Students should arrive at their regularly schedule time of 6:30 pm and will attend the 7:00 pm mass as a class with their Catechists. Parents are welcome to join us at church. Pick up will occur from the church.

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

This Sunday 2/24/19 YM has the following schedule: EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm Fr Jared Cooke, guest priest for this weekend will be doing a session in the church from 5:30pm-6pm This session is actually on the mass itself, a 'pre-gaming' session to help us prepare for the liturgy Youth Mass 6pm The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm ADULTS SESSIONS! ALL ARE WELCOME!:StMM Youth Ministry is excited to announce we are offering time for our adults 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! 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: 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

STMM Youth & Parishioners have successfully raised enough funds to build a house in Haiti!!!! THANK YOU to everyone who donated to this cause! Our adults going in April will be able to meet the family who will receive this home & we can't wait to meet them!

<u>Haiti Mission Fundraiser</u> - Members of StMM will be going to Haiti in April with the Haiti Mission, Inc. <u>www.haitimissioninc.com/</u>. Funds are being raised to provide basic food resources to Haitian families. A \$35 donation will provide flour, sugar, beans, rice and \$20 Haitian currency to a single family. 100% of your donation goes directly to the family. If interested, please make checks payable to HMI and mail to the church office to the attn of either Liz Sams or Janine McGann. They can also be dropped off at the check in tables before the EDGE and The Way. Please note on the envelope or memo line of a check: "Haiti Mission Fundraiser" by March 15th.

Haiti Mission - Clothing and Household Goods Drive - We are collecting new or gently used items for distribution in Haiti.

Clothes, shoes and hats Carry bags - reusable grocery bags, back packs, purses Stackable plastic storage containers Durable, plastic plates, bowls, cups and kitchen utensils Tennis balls, soccer balls (deflated) Nail polish, sunglasses Disposable razors or tooth brushes

A collection box is located in the church lobby. Please make all donations by March 15th. Contact David Kurtz (<u>david.kurtz4@gmail.com</u>) or Nancy McElroy(<u>mcelroy.nancy@gmail.com</u>) with questions. David & Nancy will be going on the April Mission trip to Haiti with HMI.



RCIA

The next RCIA session is February 25 from 7:30-8:30 pm in Church Room 4. Topic: Temptation: Entering the Spiritual Desert. Questions please contact rcia@stmm.net.



Today's Announcements

Read2MePreemie is collecting new and gently used children's books for the Duke Intensive Care Nursery (ICN). Parents of ICN babies spend days, weeks and months visiting their babies in the hospital. It is heartbreaking for parents to be separated from their babies and these books will help facilitate that crucial bonding time during visits. This project is being coordinated by Kaitlyn Hannan, a graduate of both STMM and the Duke ICN. For more information, please visit, gofundme.com/read2mepreemie. A bin will be in the lobby until February 24th to collect any book donations. Thank you for your support.



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. Con-

tact: 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, March 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.



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 session is Thurs, 3/14 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.

Children's Adoration: We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some guiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday March 1st. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com



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 praving 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.

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!



The StMM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers to help "Rock the Block"! This we will help several families by repairing homes in Fuguay-Varina for homeowners who struggle to maintain their homes. We will join the Southwest 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 stmmhabitat@gmail.com or 919-376-6714



Fish Fry Alert! KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Fri, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. We use top quality

cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.



Tax statements are available online Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. www.stmm.church/ Tax statement instructions 2018.pdf. If you

have any questions, contact prewitt@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 x7281.



Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds

from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection next week. www.usccb.org/ccee.



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, March 10th. It is a beautiful way to start the day whether you come av after. Prayer sheets are provided and families

before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat - If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat April 26-28, 2019. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$150 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.



Diocesan News

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?

Single / Single Again 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. Mass schedule: March 24, April 28, May 19, June 23 For more information contact Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com or visit www.singlesingleagain.com or on face book-www.singlesingleagain.com or on face book-www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh



Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on March 1-3, 2019, in Hickory, NC, and June 21-23, 2019,

in Cary, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <u>https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u>, or contact us at <u>applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or 704-315-2144.

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 <u>Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org</u>.



Why be Catholic? Come to the **Ignited by Truth Catholic Conference** and grow spiritually through a deeper understanding of the truths of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The 16th annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held April

6 at NC State's Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh, featuring renowned speakers Dr. Tim Gray, Fr. Larry Richards, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Susan Brinkmann, Adam Blai, and Fr. Dwight Longenecker. Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Zarama. The student program will include free pizza lunch, vibrant speaker Nick De La Torre, music and prayer with Fr. Ian Van Heusen and Dana Catherine. The day will conclude with a concert performance by Dana Catherine and Nick & Alina De La Torre. Buy your tickets today! Advance price is \$15 for adults. FREE admission for students age 10-college with registration. Visit IgnitedByTruth.org or call 919-789-1428 for more information.

Join Catholic Charities for their 2nd Annual "Drive Out Hunger" Golf Outing at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary on Monday, April 29. Proceeds will support the six Catholic Charities food pantries across the diocese which distribute nearly three million pounds of food each year. Last year, 176 golfers participated in this sold out event, so get your tickets now! *Early bird registration ends March 1st. To register, please visit <u>www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/golf-2019</u>. For questions please contact Katey Fithian, Development Director, at <u>Katey.Fithian@raldioc.org</u> or by phone at (919) 821-8142.



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.**

<u>Event</u>: "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!

<u>Event</u>: Save the Date for "KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry" - Friday, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out).

Calendar of Events:

- Saturday Feb 23rd: Painting Project at Catholic Parish Outreach (1:30pm - 5:30pm)
- Saturday Feb 23rd: KofC Free Throw Championship at StMM Gym (8am 1:30pm)
- Saturday Feb 23rd: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <u>https://</u> www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge
- Tuesday Feb 26th: Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup at <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens</u>
- Friday Mar 8th, Mar 22nd & Apr 5th: Annual Lent Fish Fry in Dining Hall (5:30pm-7:45pm)

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>Membership-</u>KofC7186@gmail.com

Columbarium

Choices:

Decisions of planning a funeral are inevitable. The Choice you have is to pre-plan and document your preferences thereby giving your family a gift of thoughtfulness as well as confidence to move forward during a very emotional time.

Two pre-planning sessions sponsored by the Apex Funeral Home have been arranged to help provide you and your family details of what preplanning entails.

On 28 February 2019, there will be two presentations. One will start at 11:00 a.m. and include lunch; the second is at 6:00 p.m. and includes catered dinner. Both sessions will include information on preplanning your final arrangements. StMM Columbarium information, and information on pre-planning the Mass readings/music. The information sessions will be held in meeting room 1 in the Church. Please make your reservation at: /http://www.stmm.church/ welcome/columbarium.cfm

THE RESERVATION FORM IS RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE PAGE

If these times do not fit into your schedule, please contact the Columbarium committee @ Columbarium@stmm.net. Questions can be answered on line or a face-to-face can be scheduled at time & place of mutual convenience.

News From Other Organizations

ALPHA - 11 week series beginning March 4th at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 5801 Falls of Neuse Rd.. We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. More information at registration at saintraphael.org



Catholic Charities is hiring full and part-time Care Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ralegh Coordinators for Oak City Cares multi-services center

for the homeless. The Care Coordinators will provide standardized coordinated entry intake and assessments for homeless individuals and families in Wake County and then connect individuals with available resources through on-site partners and other community agencies and will provide ongoing support and case management to individuals and families to assure that connections are successfully made to needed services. Oak City Cares is also hiring part-time Weekend Meal Coordinators. To apply, send cover letter AND resume to employment.opportunities@oakcitycares.org and indicate which position you are applying for. To learn more go to:https://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/ careers/ and www.oakcitycares.org



National Association of Pastoral Musicians 42nd Annual Convention - July 16-19 at the Raleigh Convention Center. Early registration by March 1st and Advance registration by June 14. For more information and to register at www.npm.org.

Join us for a conference call on Tuesday, March 19th at 3:00pm to learn about a new and fast growing Prek-12th grade hybrid education program in the Catholic Tradition for your children. To join the call, please dial 1-302-202-1110 and enter code: 326601. Regina Caeli Academy's unique university model structure just may be the answer for your family! It provides a structure that makes homeschooling an option for any family. Regina Caeli Academy is a fully accredited academic, classical and extracurricular program. Students attend classes using the Socratic method of learning two days per week and are homeschooled the remaining days with a day by day lesson plan to guide the homeschooling parent. For more information about Regina Caeli Academy please visit our website at www.rcahybrid.org or contact Greta McDonough at gmcdonough@rcahybrid.org

A new F3 area of operation will begin meeting at StMM every Wed, starting Feb 27th, from 5:30-6:15am in the new parking lot. Men of all fitness levels are welcome to attend. Participants will be challenged in a boot-camp style workout, with modifications as needed. All you need is appropriate apparel (gloves recommended). For guestions, contact fellow parishioner Rob Prewitt (robpre123@gmail.com). The mission of F3 is to plant, grow and serve small workout groups for the invigoration of male community leadership. F3 stands for Fitness, Fellowship and Faith. All workouts are free of charge, open to all men, held outdoors (rain or shine), and led by members on a rotating basis. As the name implies, we also offer opportunities to participate in fellowship and faith-based activities with fellow members F3 workouts are scheduled Mon - Sat at various locations in the Carv/ Apex area. See our website (https://f3carpex.com/) for more details.

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.

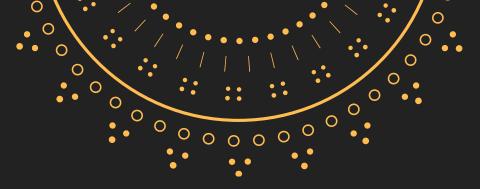
Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex) - Grades: Coed; PreK (4 year olds) to 4th. Dates: April – June. Practice Locations: Apex only. Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

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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ST. MARY MAGDALENE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT & YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

WORSHIP & WITNESS – SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Picnic on the Piazza 6pm-7:30pm. \$7/person or \$20/family Buy your dinner tickets after Mass on March 16&17, March 23&24, and March 30&31.

> *Praise & Worship 7:30pm-9pm & FREE. Love donations are greatly appreciated.*

> Questions: Email stmmasp@gmail.com

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