

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

This weekend is our Lent Parish Mission. We welcome Father Chris Ortega, Father Jared Cooke, and worship leader John Finch to our parish. The two priests will be here for the Sunday Masses for the Mission - and Msgr. Gerald Lewis will be here for the 5 pm Mass.

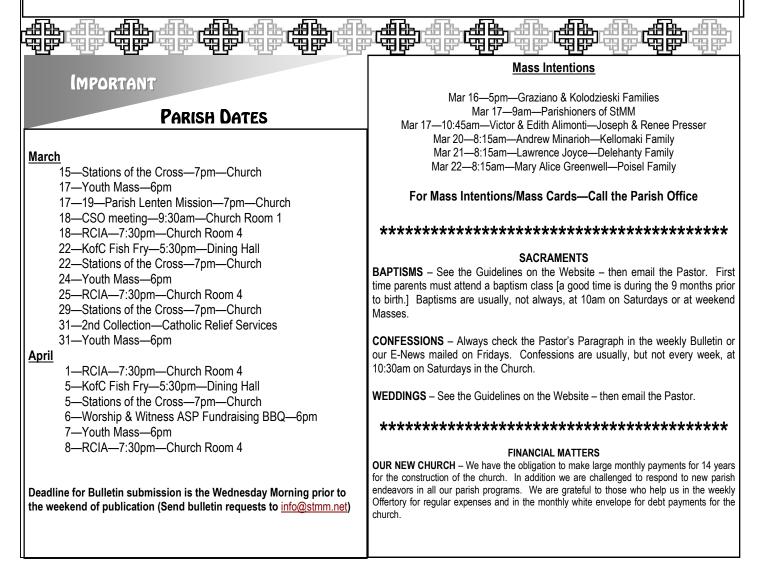
I am grateful to our Youth Staff, Liz Sams and Janine McGann, who have made all the arrangements for this event for our parish during Lent. I will be away on the weekend, but will return on Monday afternoon.

On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm. I am grateful that a group of people have come forth to lead the Stations.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal - last weekend we received \$1,351 from 8 new pledges. Thank you very much. We have surpassed our goal by \$7,604. So far we have about 35% parish participation and \$197,581 had been given by 627 households. Gift/Pledge forms are in the pew racks.

CONFESSIONS: In another part of the bulletin there is a schedule for Confessions at nearby parishes during Lent. At St Mary Magdalene there will not be Confessions on Saturday March 16 – nor on March 23 because there is a wedding. Thank you to all who helped with our own parish Penance Service this past Thursday.

Father Donald Staib







<u>First Eucharist Liturgies</u> are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. If you missed the parent meeting, **please contact Suzanne this week to** sign up for your choice of liturgy, to provide the number of guests that will be attending and to pick up your materials.

<u>First Eucharist Retreat</u> is Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon in the Activities Building. Please bring the communion banner, the family focus poster and pick up your seating reservation that morning.

<u>Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls</u> have been distributed. This lent, please encourage your children to practice almsgiving and give whatever your means will allow. Contributions are due back in the form of a check made payable to STMM the week of 4/7/19. Please write "CRS '19" on the memo line.

<u>Grade 5 Assistant Catechist Needed</u> for Sundays 12:00 – 1:15 pm Program runs through May 5th, excluding Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. If you are considering becoming a volunteer teacher, this is a great opportunity to experience the classroom and share your Catholic faith.

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



Lent Penance Services 2019

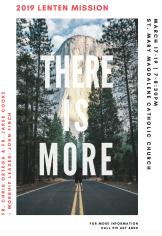
Monday, March 18 (7 PM) Wednesday March 20 (11 AM) Monday, March 25 (7 PM) Tuesday, March 26 (11 AM) Tuesday, March 26 (7 PM) Monday, April 8 (11 AM) Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM) Thursday, April 11 (7 PM) St. Francis, Raleigh St. Francis, Raleigh St. Raphael, Raleigh St. Raphael, Raleigh Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral St. Michael the Archangel St. Michael the Archangel St. Bernadette, Fuguay Varina



Youth Ministry

This Sunday 3/17/19 YM has the following schedule: EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass 6pm-7pm

All families & all ages invited for 1st night of the Lent Parish Mission 7:15pm-8:30pm Nights 2 and 3 of the Mission will be Tuesday & Wednesday from 7pm-8:30pm in the church



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

Thank you to everyone who donated to all of our ministry efforts in Haiti! We can't wait to share pictures and details from the adults going to Haiti in April.

For EDGE/ASP, contact Janine McGann at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

For Apostello, The Way, & Confirmation, contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com,



RCIA

The next RCIA session is March 18 from 7:30-8:30 pm in Church Room 4. Topic: Eucharist: Meal Presence and Sacrifice. Questions please contact rcia@stmm.net.



Today's Announcements

Beware Email Scam - Parishioners have been receiving scam emails that appear to be from priests in the diocese. For more information, see the letter in the E-News this week.

Save the Date for our ASP Parish BBQ and WORSHIP & WIT-NESS coming up on Saturday, April 6! Parish BBQ after 5pm Mass and a worship night from 7:30pm-9pm! Ticket sales for the BBQ will be after all Masses on March 16/17, 23/24, and 30/31. Worship night is free! This event's proceeds go to StMM ASP mission trip. Questions, please contact Taylor Wray at stmmasp@gmail.com

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a brick order THIS MONTH. Engraved bricks are \$100. Our deadline is April 12th. Order forms are in the church office or at http://www.stmm.church/giving/. Commemorate a First Communion or a Graduation with an engraved brick.

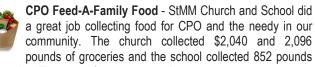
Adult Confirmation, 2019 - Adults over the age of 18 who are baptized Catholics and have received their First Reconciliation / First Eucharist as children and are interested in completing their initiation into the Catholic Church by preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact will@stmm.net. 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 on the Gol 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.



CLOW will be celebrating the season of Lent with children ages 3 years through first grade at the Sunday morning Masses when volunteers are available, please join us! Families, please note that CLOW will not be gathering on

Palm Sunday or Easter, so that the children can join in the activities in the sanctuary with the congregation. Please send any questions about this co-op ministry to stmmclow@gmail.com.



of groceries. Thank you for your support!

Yoga Introduction: Come join us Sunday March 31st @ 10am for an introduction to the benefits of Yoga, a seated activity and resources for local classes. Lois Cromwell, Certified Yoga Instructor and StMM Parishioner will be our quest speaker.

Mattress Sale- At St. Mary Magdalene on April 13th and 14th. Discounted Name Brands with a portion of the proceeds going to causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

Eniov authentic Louisiana Boiled Crawfish!... - Fri. April 12th in the Dining Hall during two dine-in or take-out sessions: 5:30 and 7:00. \$18 per order and \$3 kids' meals (grilled cheese). Pre-order only, by April 5th. Order online at www.KofCCrawfishBoil.com. The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is pleased to sponsor this event with all proceeds going to organizations in the area that support people with intellectual disabilities. Free samples available while supplies last on March 22nd during the Fish Fry.



Fish Fry Alert! KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Fri, 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.

Buy a gift- make a difference – after Masses March 23/24 - NaVi Nails has pledged to donate 10% on every gift cards we sell. A new way of evangelization! We organize and run the only summer camp in the area. In affiliation with the local Catholic parish in Thanh Hoa Diocese, VN. Our program focus in serving the underprivileged kids and families by providing a safe and fun environment for personal and spiritual growth that fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity, along with promoting open dialogue, marked by challenging each other's ideas respectfully. We believe that the camp experience is essential to every child's growth, we offer a free program to these children, regardless of their family's economic situation. Thank you for making a difference.

Norms for Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, and Good Friday, April 19, 2019, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptismal Promises at Easter.



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, April 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.

Respect Life News

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, for-giveness 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?

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 M June 21 -23 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.

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! 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.

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.facebook.com/ singleagainraleigh



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. Buy your tickets today! Advance price is \$15 for adults. FREE admission for students age 10-college with registration. Visit <u>IgnitedByTruth.org</u> or call 919-789-1428 for more information.

Centro para Familias Hispanas Open House - Come meet our program staff and learn about how our services improve the lives of our neighbors. Event begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. Presentation starts at 6:15 p.m. Location: 2013 N. Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604. Light refreshments provided. Dress: Business casual. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 11, by visiting: <u>Catholic-CharitiesRaleigh.org/CpFH-Open-House</u>. If you have any questions, please email: <u>David.Juarez@raldioc.org</u>.

Columbarium

Choices:

The STMM Columbarium has nearly 100 of the 552 niches reserved. Most of them are reserved as doubles so nearly 200 of STMM parishioners have chosen the STMM Columbarium as their final resting place. Depending on the number of attendees funeral masses have been held in either the Church or the Chapel. Inurnments have immediately followed the funeral Mass, allowing the family to gather and pay their final respects.

There are two niches that have been set-aside for youth deaths. These are common niches meant to provide families a reverent place for their loved ones on either a temporary or permanent basis. The Knights of Columbus are supporting families that experience a youth death with their prayers along with an urn at no cost.

A change is up coming on niche pricing effective 1 July 2019. If you know you are interested in a niche within the STMM Columbarium, you may want to consider completing the process prior to 1 July 2019. Columbarium guidelines are on-line @ www.StMM.church/ welcome/Columbarium.cfm Current availability of niches as well as the process of obtaining a niche are also at this link. Information cards are also on the tables in the narthex of the Church. The recommend urn is available for ordering at a significant discount over retail pricing. You also have the option to store the urn in your niche until needed.

A Columbarium information session will be held in Meeting Room 1 after mass on Mar 30-31, 2019 to provide additional information. If you have questions or would like to speak with someone on the Columbarium Committee please go to <u>Columbarium@stmm.net</u> and someone will be back to you as quickly as possible. The Columbarium committee is committed to make the reservation process as easy as possible.

News From Other Organizations

Power and Purpose Conference - all StMM adult parishioners are invited to register for this incredible Steubenville adult conference held at Franciscan University June 7-9. This year, we are organizing a large StMM group to attend. Father Dave Pivonka, Mary Bielski, and Chris Padgett are just a few of the dynamic speakers you will hear. Read more about it at https://steubenvilleconferences.com/ events/ppc/. Please register with the StMM group using this link: <u>http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19</u>. Contact Laura Werner at wernerLhome@gmail.com with questions and to learn about transportation options. Please join us!

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

2019 Homeschool Graduation Mass - Sponsored by ARCH, this year's homeschool graduation Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St. Joseph's on Poole Road on June 8, 2019. Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. with a potluck luncheon/celebration directly following in the Community Room. This Mass will be for high school seniors as well as 8th graders. To register and obtain detailed information, please contact Jennifer Webber at titcwebber4@gmail.com.



Divine Mercy Radio now has a large AM station cover-**540-AM**) ing 90% of the parishes in Central and Eastern North Carolina. Tune in to CATHOLIC 540-AM to hear great Catholic programs such as "Catholic Answers Live",

"The Doctor Is In" with Dr. Ray Guerendi, and "Called to Communion" with Dr. David Anders, as well as traditional prayers and devotions. Catholic 540-AM Divine Mercy Radio will help you know, live, and love your Catholic faith. Tune in to 540 on your AM dial everyday and be sure to tell your friends. For more information and to see a map of our coverage area, go to our website www.wdmr.org.

Save the date! A Lenten Retreat for Health Care Professionals and Students - Journey to Resurrection: Redemption Through Suffering presented by The Triangle Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, March 23 1-5pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, 2718 Overbrook Dr, Raleigh. Featured Speaker: Peter Le and His "Medicine of Grace," St. Joseph Primary Care, Board of Directors, Raleigh. Food and fellowship with colleagues; opportunities for private prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration. RSVP: lori@lorischweickert.info.

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC), www.HEC-NC.org, is a Christian ministry open to all. HEC's mission is to enhance the spiritual and social lives of physically disabled and able-bodied adults. We are in need of able-bodied volunteers to partner with our core members. We invite you to attend our upcoming Spring Retreat to be held at the Agape Retreat Center in Fuguay-Varina. The retreat begins on Friday. April 26. at 4:00 p.m. and ends Saturday. April 27. at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$75. Scholarships are available. Please contact Marty and Charlie Coe at ccoe@nc.rr.com for more information.

Tax Statements

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.

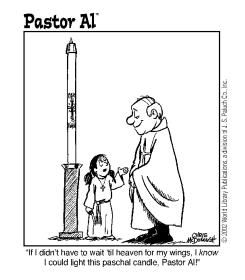
Parish Athletics Spring Sports

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.

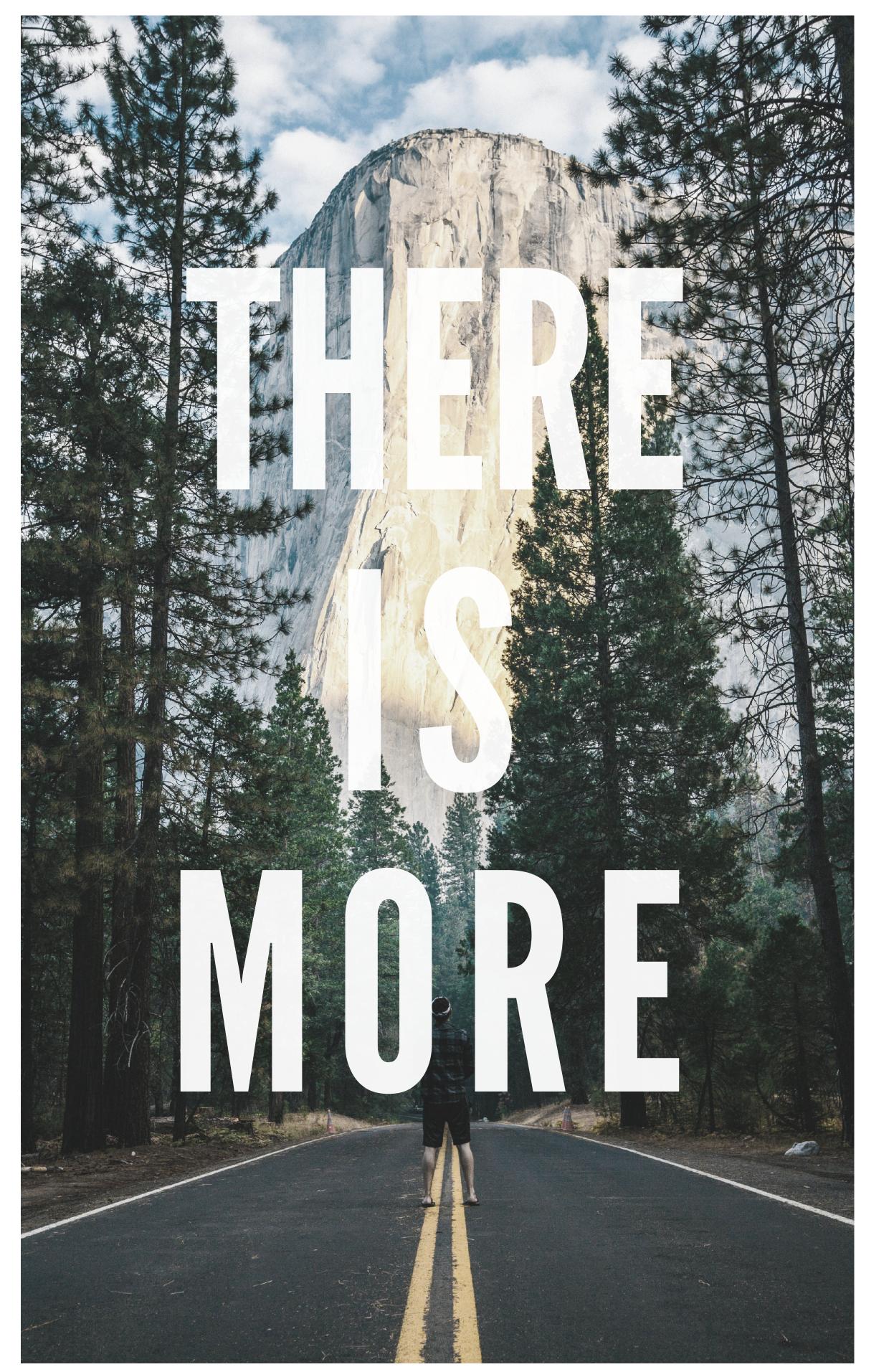
Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex) - Grades: Coed; PreK (4 year olds) to 4th. **Dates**: April – June. **Practice Locations**: Apex only. Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

Spring Softcross (Apex) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th. Dates: March-April (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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