

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH



My Dear Friends,

On Holy Thursday at the 7 pm Mass we have the ceremony of the washing of the feet, as Jesus did at the Last Supper. 12 members of the parish are invited to volunteer – from 3rd grade and up. Let me know directly so I can keep an accurate list.

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.

Our Holy Week schedule is: Holy Thursday at 7 pm. Good Friday at 3 pm. Holy Saturday at 8 pm. There is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

On Tuesday of Holy Week our Bishop will bless the Holy Oils at 2 pm at the Cathedral. You are invited to attend.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal – so far we have 718 donors who have given \$226,797. I received a thank-you letter from Bishop Luis Zarama this past week to thank our parish for reaching our goal. So far we have about 40% parish participation. 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 be Confessions on Saturday April 6 and April 13 at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will not be Confessions on Holy Saturday.

Father Donald Staib

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Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to info@stmm.net)



<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> Contributions are due back <u>THIS WEEK</u> in the form of a check made payable to STMM. Please write "CRS '19" on the memo line.

<u>Holy Week & Easter Holiday Schedule</u> – There are no Religious Education Classes during Holy Week - Sunday, April 14, Tuesday, April 16, Wednesday, April 17, and Easter Week - Sunday, April 21, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

Service Project Updates

We continue with donations of toilet paper to benefit the poor of Wake County in support of Catholic Parish Outreach. All contributions can be left before or after Religious Education classes in the lobby of the Education Building. Please be as generous as your means will allow. **5th Grade Collection :** April 28th, 30th & May 1st

<u>All Religious Education Programs End</u> - Sunday, May 5, Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

First Eucharist Rehearsals

Thursday 5/9/19 for 5/11 & 5/12/19 Liturgies Thursday 5/16/19 for 5/18 & 5/19/19 Liturgies

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, April 8 (11 AM) Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM) Thursday, April 11 (7 PM) St. Michael the Archangel St. Michael the Archangel

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St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina



Youth Ministry

This Sunday 4/7/19 YM has the following schedule:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass 6pm-7pm We will be off 4/14 & 4/21 Our last youth mass of the school year will be 4/28/19 at 6pm and we will celebrate our graduating seniors!

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. Please keep them in your prayers!

> Appalachian Service Project Fundraiser: Please join us for Worship & Witness on April 6th. <u>PICNIC ON THE PIAZZA</u> held after the 5pm mass on April 6th \$7.00 per person or \$20.00 per family(with tickets) Get your tickets today by emailing Taylor Wray at <u>stmmasp@gmail.com</u>

WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for LIVE praise & worship music and witnesses about the impact of the Appalachian Service Project 7:30pm-9pm FREE & open to all All proceeds from this event go towards our fundraising efforts for our June ASP Mission Trip

A great evening out for your entire family for a very special cause!

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

For **Apostello**, **The Way**, **& Confirmation**, contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>,



RCIA

The next RCIA session is April 8 from 7:30-8:30 pm in Church Room 4. 3rd Scrutiny-Topic: Dying and Rising in Christ. 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. Some emails are asking for you to purchase i-tunes cards. Do not respond. These emails are a scam.



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.





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.

"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Fran-

cis. Join the men of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel. No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Joe Sebik, joeysebik@gmail.com.

Last Chance to Enjoy authentic Louisiana Boiled Crawfish!... -Fri, April 12th in the St. Mary Magdalene Dining Hall during two takeout sessions: 5:30 and 7:00. \$18 per order and \$3 kids meals (grilled cheese). Order by April 8th. 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.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email safe@raldioc.org. Information is also available at: http:// www.preventchildabusenc.org/



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, 5/23 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.

 Image: Spring Fishing fight
 Friday, May 3, 3:00-7:00 pm Come join the fun on the Athletic Fields! Lots of inflatables, games, and more for children of all ages! Concessions availa
ble for purchase from the Knights of Columbus and school clubs. Admission \$10 per child in advance, \$12 at the door. Contact Anne Burge at anneburge143@gmail.com for more information or to purchase a wristband.

Dynamic Catholic Dynamic Catholic Corner:

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Dynamic Catholic's mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by

developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism. Visit the Dynamic Catholic table after Mass this weekend to pick-up free resources and talk with StMM's Parish Champion, Ryan Evenson to learn more. If you already are a Dynamic Catholic Ambassador stop by the table and let us know or send an email to stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com. Be Bold. Be Catholic.

All are welcomed to attend A Divine Mercy celebration Sunday, April 28th @ 3pm in the Chapel. Our Lord promises extraordinary graces on the Feast of Divine Mercy.

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.

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.



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the

collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/ nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmlxtNRZA? view as=subscriber or Search YouTube for 'STMM

CHURCH LIVE.'

Prayer Line—miriambeck24@gmail.com, 919-924-1413.



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.

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.

Courage / Encourage 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. Or call: (919) 289-9489.



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 www.ourladyoflourdescc.org 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?



Are there times you wonder why relationships are so difficult? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps married couples to communicate in all areas of their relationship. Get your marriage on the right path by

attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 21-23, 2019, in Cary, and July 19-21, 2019, in Charleston, SC. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org, or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org 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 www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/ golf-2019. For questions please contact Katey Fithian, Development Director, at Katey.Fithian@raldioc.org or by phone at (919) 821-8142.

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: Catholic-CharitiesRaleigh.org/CpFH-Open-House. If you have any questions, please email: David.Juarez@raldioc.org.



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: April 28, May 19, June 23 For more information contact Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com or visit www.singlesingleagain.com or on face

New Dates Scheduled! Join NC Catholics NC Catholics Volunteer on the following dates: May 18th (Fayetteville Deanery); June 22nd (Tar River Deanery). Help as we repair homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence in Edgecombe County and Cumberland County. Volunteers from all areas and of all experience levels are encouraged to participate! If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Altenau at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org or at (919) 821 - 9767. Spots are limited so sign up now! www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/ NCCV

book-www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh

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.

News From Other Organizations

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.

The Duke Catholic Center, the campus ministry at Duke University, is looking for a Development Assistant! This full time position is part of the DCC's fundraising team and coordinates the Catholic Center's donor database and other administrative tasks. If you are interested and would like to take a look at the full job description, please email the Director of Development Michelle Sutton at 919-668-1472 or michelle.sutton@duke.edu

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.

Come and See – An Invitation from the Padre Pio Secular Franciscans - Has your heart been moved by the prayers, life and stories of St. Francis of Assisi? Would you like to learn more about him and how to live your life with the same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy, as he did? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise. The Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity is holding a Come and See on Sunday, September 22 from 1 -3pm. We meet at St. Francis of Assis Church, 11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh in the Founders Room. Come and see what it's all about.

Singles Group

Hello- everyone ...hope everyone is having a nice Spring. The South Wake Singles Singles Again next outing is a dinner scheduled for Saturday April 27-7pm at Sophie's

Grill and Bar at High House and Route 55...l...2734 NC 55 Cary 27519.....There will be Karaoke for those who stay after dinner at 9PM. https://sophiesgrillandbar.com/ Please RSVP to Mike Burger at 9193492500 text or email.

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: http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19. Contact Laura Werner at wernerLhome@gmail.com with questions and to learn about transportation options.



A Journey into the Heart of Catholicism - Join Father John Durbin at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church for a 4-week series entitled A Journey into the Heart of Catholicism- Spirituality: Our Lived Daily Discipleship. These sessions will be on May 2, 9, 16, and

23. A reception will follow the final session on May 23. All are welcome and invited to attend. Come as you are able. Each week will present a different message but will build on each other.

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







Teachers: Mrs. Jawabreh, Mrs. Bright Smith, Mrs. Binanay

Description: Plenty of stories, songs, games, arts, crafts, and science activities that young children love! Each week will offer a completely different theme and set of fun activities and games appropriate for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Enrollment ages: The program is open to children ages 3-5 years old. All children must be potty-trained.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Children should bring a peanut/tree nut free snack and a water bottle from home each day.

Cost: \$110.00 per week

Location: St. Mary Magdalene Preschool Classrooms

Weeks Offered:

- Week 1: June 10-14: Super Science, Volcanoes and Bubbles! This week we will learn about electricity, magnets, chemistry, shadows and bubbles! The children will connect circuits to power pinwheels and light bulbs, discover how to make a magnet hover in the air, make super slime and an exploding volcano, play shadow tag, and have fun with bubbles. Teacher: Mrs. Jawabreh
- Week 2: June 17-21: Dinosaur Week: Whether it's a T-Rex or Stegosaurus, your little paleontologist will make these prehistoric creatures come to life with exciting crafts and activities that include: going on a scavenger hunt for a dinosaur egg, making frozen dinosaur eggs, creating a fossil dig site, playing dinosaur bingo, and dinosaur bowling! Your little ones will have fun learning about these incredible creatures that once roamed the Earth. Teacher: Mrs. Bright Smith
- Week 3: June 24-28: Super Art, Super Fun! This week is full of creative fun! The children will use a variety of materials for drawing, painting, and sculpting. Other activities this week will include spray bottle painting, sidewalk chalk, painting with fingers and/or feet, and creating a group art project. Teacher: Mrs. Jawabreh
- Week 4: July 8-12: Summer Fun! A week full of fun and games! We will make sun prints, have water relay races, play parachute and fishing games, pretend to go camping in the courtyard, make bird feeders, and have extra fun with water and bubbles! Teacher: Mrs. Jawabreh
- Week 5: July 15-19: Superhero Week: Up in the sky, look: It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Super Hero time! Whether your child loves Spiderman, Batman, Captain America, Wonder Woman, or just likes using their imagination there is something here for every superhero fan. We will complete activities faster than a speeding bullet while leaping over tall buildings in a single bound! Your little super heroes will have a ball! What's your superpower? Teacher: Mrs. Bright Smith
- Week 6: July 22-26: Splish! Splash! This week we will focus on all kinds of fun with water! The children will conduct experiments with sinking and floating objects, explore freezing and melting ice, paint with ice, make boats, explore ocean wave bottles, learn about ocean animals, and have much fun getting wet and playing water games. Campers should bring a towel and wear their swimsuits, cover-up/t-shirt, and sunscreen to camp each day for water activities this week. Teacher: Mrs. Jawabreh
- Week 7: July 29- Aug. 2: Taste & See the Goodness of the World: Bonjour! Want to travel the world in only five days? Hop on board the Binanay Bus and come adventure with us! You will leave our adventure with a passport, a travel journal and a knowledge of different culture's food, music, architecture and language. While we will have a nut-free TASTING at snack each day, your child will still need to pack their regular snack. ¡Vamos! Teacher: Mrs. Binanay

Registration Link:

https://campscui.active.com/orgs/StMaryMagdaleneSchool?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/2624710

Additional Information: e-mail: prekcamps@stmm.net

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and School 625 Magdala Place Apex, NC 27502 Check these ads at www.StMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm



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