

Reflection

Apostolic Exhortation—Gaudete Et Exsultate of the Holy Father Pope Francis on the call to Holiness in Today's World—Issued 4/9/18

Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.

The little detail that wine was running out at a party.— The little detail that one sheep was missing.— The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.— The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.—The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.—The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God.

Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer "that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you" (John 17:21).

> Mass Today—91 Offertory Helpers— Last Name's A—H Weekend Masses—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am Sunday Youth Mass—April 15 & 22 Weekday Masses—Monday through Friday Only—8:15AM

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Gathering: Sing of the Lord's Goodness—561 Communion: Song of the Body of Christ-333

We Belong to You–643 **Psalm:** 4 Lord let Your face shine upon us, shine upon us, shine upon us. **Preparation:** Sending Forth:

Two Were Bound for Emmaus—162 Jesus Christ is Risen Today—159

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Mv Dear Friends.

Last week we received two new statues - of our patron St. Mary Magdalene and of St. Thomas the Apostle. The reason for St. Thomas is that he, like St. Mary Magdalene, was very much present at Jesus' Resurrection and the days that followed.



Like the angel statues, these were carved at Marble Mountain in Da Nang, Vietnam. The carvers used as models some holy cards I sent to them.

We keep in our prayers the children who will receive their First Communion the next two weekends. Blessings on their parents and teachers who have prepared them for this memorable Sacrament.

CONFESSIONS: There are no Confessions on April 21 or 28.

I am pleased to announce that Deb Prewitt will be taking over as our Parish Secretary. She will work with Kathy Lynch for several weeks to acclimate herself to the position. Deb and her husband, Jim and two boys, have been members of St. Mary Magdalene since 2000. Deb has been a volunteer with both the church and school and she is very excited about serving the parish in this role.

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PARISH DATES

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April

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- 14/15—Migrant Worker Collection
- 15—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 16—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4
- 20—Spring Festival—3pm—7pm—Athletic Fields
- 21—First Communion Liturgy—5pm—Church
- 22—First Communion Liturgy—9am & 10:45am—Church
- 23—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4
- 24—Diocesan Bereavement Committee Meeting—9:30am— Church Meeting Room #1
- 24—EDGE Parent Meeting—7:30pm—Youth Room
- 24—Parent Confirmation Workshop—7:30pm—Media Ctr.
- 25—Confirmation Liturgy—6:30pm—Church
- 28—First Communion Liturgy—5pm—Church
- 29—First Communion Liturgy—9am & 10:45am—Church
- 29—2nd Collection—Home Missions

May

- 4—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel
- 7—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4
- 13—2nd Collection—Catholic Communication
- 14—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4

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

Mass Intentions

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April 14—5pm—Ann Tolin—Veronica Mullaney April 15—9am—Betty Bedotto—Jim Bedotto April 15—10:45am—Raymond Kuk—Kuk & McNerney Families April 15—6pm—Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene April 17—8:15am—Bedie Joseph—Patti & Terry Cowhey April 19—8:15am—Albert Hurley—Maria Madsen April 20—8:15am—Greg & Sharon's Anniversary—Molly Hernandez

For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS – See the Guidelines on the Website – then email the Pastor. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend Masses.

CONFESSIONS – Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am in the Church.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

OUR NEW CHURCH – We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 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 church.



Catechetical Corner

Last Class Sessions for the Catechetical Year are April 15th/17th/18th for the Traditional Elementary Program.

Last Class Sessions for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **Program** are May 13th/15th/16th.

Grade 5 Program Families - April 15th/17th/18th is your week for toilet paper contributions for **C**atholic **P**arish **O**utreach.

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program is a Montessori based catechetical program offered in levels of mixed grade groups. Each session is capped at 10 students/class. Students must be age appropriate by Aug. 31st. Level I for 3's/ PK/K is offered on Sun. from 8:45-10am OR 10:30-11:45am. Level II for grades 1/2/3 is offered on Sun. from 12-1:15pm as well as Tues. from 5-6:15pm. Level III for grades 4/5 is offered on Wed. from 5-6:15pm. Level II is required for Level III. Sessions take place in the Atrium (old chapel) in the Activities Building. Program runs from late Sept. through late April/early May depending on the Feast of Pentecost each liturgical year. Registration opens in June & runs through Aug. 31st each year. For more info about this second religious education program please visit <u>www.stmm.church</u>. Select Religious Education.

Parish First Communion Dates for 2018 are April 21st/22nd & April 28th/29th at all weekend liturgies.

Parish Families with 1st Graders in 2018-2019!! – First Reconciliation & First Eucharist are typically received in 2nd Grade. It is a two-year preparation. Kindergarten is optional & does not meet sacrament requirements. Grade 1 is required for Grade 2. If your child is starting 1st Grade in 2018-2019 then you need to register for class instruction with the parish in our Traditional Religious Education Elementary Program. A Catholic baptism is required. Updated information will be posted in May, 2018 for the new year. You can still access <u>www.stmm.church</u>. Select Religious Education. Select Elementary, Click on informational links to get a feel for the days & times class sessions are offered. You pick only one session & attend the same session each week.

Direct all questions to Celeste Usischon at Usischon@stmm.net





Youth Ministry

Our schedule for STMM YM programs April 15th:

EDGE 4:30—5:45pm in the Gym Apostello 4:30—5:45pm in the Media Center Youth Mass in the church 6pm-7pm The Way 7:15—8:30pm in the church

STMM YM Calendar for 2017-2018 can be found at this link:<u>http://</u>www.stmm.church/2017-2018_Youth_Ministry_Calendar(1)_2.pdf

STMM CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on April 25th, 2018 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 Wed, April 25th in the church at 6:30pm.

Confirmation Information—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 2018-2019 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-</u> ed/way.cfm The dates for the 2018 Parent Workshops are: **April 24th, & May 9th at 7:30pm in the Media Center.**

Youth Masses—April 22nd (Senior Recognition Mass & last-Mass of the school year) .

Questions regarding the EDGE & ASP—Janine McGann janine.mcgann@gmail.com 919-357-2611

Questions regarding **Apostello, The Way, & Confirmation**— Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>, 919-349-5030 919-349-5030.





RCIA

Our next session is April 16th and our topic is 'Lay Ministry' If you are interested in RCIA, please contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net with your questions.



Today's Announcements



This weekend (April 14th and 15th), all donations for St. Bernadette's Migrant Worker Ministry will be collected in the Church Narthex before and after all Masses. Thank you for your sup-

port of this ministry.



 $\begin{array}{c} & & \\$ for an evening of fun! Activities include in-

flatables for all ages, rock wall, cake walk, & more! Bring cash for concessions. Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$10/child by emailing anneburge143@gmail.com or for \$12 at the door. Wristbands provide unlimited rides & games adults and children 2 & under are FREE! The Spring Festival will take place rain or shine, and no refunds will be honored. Adult and teen volunteers needed! Contact Anne (above) to volunteer. See you there!



L The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday ^{Seniors} of the month, September through May. Our next on the Gol meeting will take place Mon, April 16th, 9:30—

11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. We will be viewing the DVD, "I'll Push You". Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, April 23rd, from 1-3pm, in meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.



Are you taking care of your health? Simple changes can make a difference. We are proposing a new program at StMM called "Health Promotion." Our parish and community has many

resources. We welcome your input. Looking for volunteers of all ages, with or without medical experience, to organize a Health Fair. If interested, contact dana conte@yahoo.com.





As you consider your offertory/pledge giving, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your contributions. It is convenient for you and provides much-need consistency for the parish. Collection basket contri-

butions can fluctuate significantly from week to week, especially in the summer, but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady basis. Electronic giving helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our parish receives in the year ahead. Forms are available in the Narthex or email info@stmm.net and a form will be emailed to you.

EDGE Parent ONLY Info Session! - Will you have a middle schooler next year? ^{c Middle School Ministry} Interested in having them participate in an active thriving youth group? Were you not able to attend the Edge open house this year? Then come and join us to learn more about the EDGE. We will be hosting an information night on Tues, April 24th from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Youth Room of the Activity Building. This is for PARENTS ONLY. You will learn all about what's available to, not only your teens but also you as parents. Contact Janine McGann at Janine.mcgann@gmail.com with questions.



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 (October through May) Adoration begins after

daily Mass and ends at 8pm. 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. On all of the other Fridays throughout the year we have 1 hour of Adoration after the 8:15am daily Mass. 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.



Do you receive Father Staib's E-News? If not, let us add or update your email address in the StMM directory for online communication. Email info@stmm.net and we can add or update our Email distribution list.



Now is the perfect time to become a registered parishioner of St. Mary Magdalene! You can pick up a parish registration form in the Narthex or email info@stmm.net and registration form will be emailed to you. The easiest

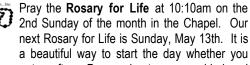
way to return the form is to drop it in the collection basket when you come for Mass. Once you are registered you will receive a Welcome Packet in the mail and will be added to the Email Distribution list to receive our 'almost' every week E-News!

TAX TIME

2017 Tax Statements—If you did not receive a statement, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you.







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



If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the PE love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend Bornow retreat April 27-29, 2018. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions,

spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and 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 projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call 919-852-1021. The cost is \$150 for lodging at Avila Retreat Center, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available. If you would like to give the gift of healing to a woman that may need a scholarship to attend the retreat, please mail your check to Project Rachel, 2304 Wesvill Ct., Ste. 340, Raleigh, NC 27607 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com for more information.



Fetal Development of Abigail-Abigail's heart started beating 18 days after conception. Abigail may have a different blood type than her mother's. Already Abigail has the foundation for thought, senses, feeling and more. The amniotic sac is now formed and the fluid will cushion Abigail throughout the pregnancy. Abigail has a yolk sac which supplies blood and nutrients until the placenta has developed and is ready to take over. "She is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation...all things were created through him and for him." (Colossians 1:15-16)

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.

EnCourage is the affiliate support group for parents, friends and family members of loved ones with SSA. EnCourage helps members to focus on their own spiritual development and offers a supportive environment to share information and guidance for maintaining healthy relationships with our loved ones. For more information, email encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com. Or call: 984-221-0730. Strict confidentiality is maintained.



Diocesan News



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month-Did you know that when a person is assaulted as a child, he or she may wait years or decades to tell another person about it? The reasons

for this vary. Victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may want to just put the abuse behind them and move forward. They may believe that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react to the truth. For more information on learning how you can help ensure the safety of children and how to help them when they do not feel safe, call 1-800- CHILDREN (1-800-244-53736), You may also call: The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email safe@raldioc.org



The 15th annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference will be held on April 28th at Reynolds Coliseum on the NC State Campus, Raleigh. The Saturday program includes 5 renowned speakers: Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Robert Spitzer, Fr. Donald Calloway, Mark Hart, and Deacon Har-

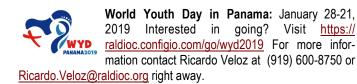
old Burke-Sivers. Unique tracks are offered for middle and high school students. Vigil Mass with Bishop Zarama. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Free Young Adult (18+) evening social, followed by a concert with Dana Catherine and Mathias Michael for all. New this year is an evening in Spanish with Fr. Rafael Capó and concert with Darwin Lechler. Purchase your tickets while they last; visit IgnitedByTruth.org or call 919-789-1428.

Ignatian Retreat for Men- Discerning God's Plan for Me-The St. Luke's and St. Raphael's Knights of Columbus and St. Raphael's' Office of Life Long Formation jointly sponsor this silent men's weekend for Catholic men of the Diocese at Avila Retreat Center, 711 Mason Rd., Durham. It starts Fri, May 18th about 5pm and closes Sun, May 20th around noon. For information contact Jim Haag at 919-841-5817 (H) 919-995-1057 (M) jjmthaag@bellsouth.net. Or simply make your reservation by sending a \$95 deposit to KofC Council #12455: note Men's Retreat to: Ignatian Men's Retreat, C/O Jim Haag, 500 Emerywood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27515.



Join Catholic Charities for their Inaugural "Drive Out Hunger" Golf Outing at North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh on Mon, June 11th. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities food pantries across the diocese and provide groceries to the 16.5% of North

Carolina families who lack reliable access to healthy meals. For more information and to register, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/golf-2018, 919-821-8142.



News From Other Organizations



CPO Food Pantry's 5th Annual Pig Pickin & Open House—Let's pig out to help feed more families! Sat, April 21st from 4–7:30pm (or until the pig runs out) 2013 Raleigh Blvd, Raleigh. Home-cooked Pork BBQ

cooked on-site with beef hot dogs and a variety of side dishes & cold drinks, \$10/plate. Our chefs are the Cathedral KofC. There will be live Bluegrass music, Indoor seating, Bake Sale and so much family fun! Cash, credit & checks accepted. Sponsorship opportunities are available \$250—\$2,500. For more information visit <u>CPOraleigh.org</u> or contact Terry Foley at 919-873-0245 ext. 230, <u>foleyt@raldioc.org</u>.



Family Honor's "Changes & Challenges" Program - This program for parents and their 6th grade child helps families navigate the "changes and challenges" of approaching adolescence with

a special emphasis on God's gift of sexuality, plus resources and tips for raising happy, healthy and holy children. It will take place at **St. Mary Magdalene Session 1 PARENTS ONLY:** Wed, May 2nd, 7-9:15 pm and **Session 2 Parents with their child:** Sat, May 5th, 9:30am – 12noon. Register online at: <u>https://familyhonor.org/ programs/find-a-family-honor-program-near-you/</u>. Cost to attend is \$25 per family to be collected at program check-in (checks payable to St. Mary Magdalene). For more information, contact <u>fhraleigh@gmail.com</u>. Registration deadline is **APRIL 25TH.**



Single/Single Again Ministry – If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, you are invited to join us at our monthly Mass held at Cardinal Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck social follow Mass. 2018 Masses are: April 22, May 20, and June 17. For more infor-

mation contact Celia at <u>ckeator@nc.rr.com</u> or visit <u>www.singlesingleagain.com</u> or on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>singleagainraleigh</u>

The Four Levels of Happiness Lecture by Father Robert J. Spitzer S.J., Phd on April 28th, 6:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Happiness, as Aristotle noted, is the one thing you can choose for itself – everything else is chosen for the sake of happiness. Father Spitzer has created a system called "The Four Levels of Happiness" to teach high school and college students (as well as adults) the different kinds of happiness – from their sources to their effects.



Western Wake Crisis Ministry is looking for volunteers—Financial Assistance Volunteers 1 day per week, Home Delivery Volunteers, 2 –3 hours per month, Weekend Group Support Volunteers, one or

more weekends a month & Spanish Translator, 1 day per week. For more info or if you are interested, contact Tammi at tammi.greco@wwcm.org or 919-362-0657 ext. 4.



Save the Date for KofC 13th Annual Children's Charity Golf Classic on Sat, May 12th at Lochmere Golf Club in Cary. For more information on the golf classic or spon-

sorship opportunities, contact Tournament Director, Rick Nelson at 919-614-2532. Any gift or gift certificate is never too small. Hole Sponsor—\$100, Golf Car Sponsor—\$250, Corporate Sponsor—\$500, Tournament Sponsor—\$1,000 **SEARCH** RETREAT RETREAT Search Retreat 190—Camp Rockfish—Fri, April 27 at 7pm to Sun, April 29 at 2pm—Search is a peerled retreat weekend sponsored by the Diocese of Raleigh for 10th, 11th & 12th graders, and adults who work with them. Who want to be a part of an exciting and different weekend. Visit the Diocese of Raleigh Youth Ministry page at <u>dioeseofraleigh.org</u> for more information. Cost is \$120. Contact Joyce Blum at 919-821-9702 or joyce.blum@raldioc.org.

An evening with Elisabeth Von Trapp, from the family who inspired The Sound of Music. The concert will be Wed, April 25th at 7pm in the Friends & Family Hall at St. Thomas More (940 Carmichael St, Chapel Hill). There is a \$10 suggested donation, and 10% of proceeds will be donated to the 'Furthering Our Mission' at St. Thomas More. Questions contact Cassie Schutzer at cschutzer@stmchapelhill.org.

"Lectio Divina" Benedictine Retreat—Is your prayer to God most often a one-way conversation in which you are doing all the talking? Would you like it to be otherwise? You are invited to a retreat that will introduce you to Lectio Divina, a method of praying with the Bible in which God initiates the conversation and you listen and respond. Fr. Adrian Burke, O.S.B., will lead a one-day retreat on Sat, May 5th from 9am—3pm at St. Thomas More Church (940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill). This retreat is free. Visit www.stmchapelhill.org/retreat_benedictine.

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is seeking volunteers for its Retreat Program on May 4th & 5th at the Agape Retreat Center in Fuquay Varina. HEC enriches the spiritual and social lives of adults with physical disabilities as well as the volunteers. For more info, contact Marty and Charlie Coe at 919-832-7237 or ccoe@nc.rr.com

Can you paint and swing a hammer? Or are you interested in learning these skills and more? Join Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus as we help repair homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew in the Tar River and Cape Fear Deaneries. Volunteers of all experience levels are encouraged to participate!



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