

Reflection

In Jesus' image of the vine and the branches, we are connected to one another. We are branches of the same vine planted by the Father, the vine grower. In Christ we are sustained in God's grace throughout time and space. Despite our different races and creeds, our nationalities and cultures, we are branches that draw life from the same root.

On the night before he died [the setting of today's Gospel] Jesus reminds his disciples of every time and place that in his love we are grafted to one another in ways we do not completely realize or understand. As branches of Christ the Vine, we are part of something greater than ourselves, something that transforms and transcends the fragileness of our lives.

Mass Today-93

**Offertory Helpers**—First Communicants

Weekend Masses—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am Weekday Masses-Monday through Friday Only-8:15am

PARISH CONTACTS

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Gathering: Sing a New Song-544

Psalm: 22 I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of Your people, the people. **Preparation:** Worthy is the Lamb–574

**Communion:** We Come Today We Belong to You-643 Ubi Caritas-480 **Sending Forth:** Lead Me, Lord-630

### PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Mv Dear Friends.

Congratulations to those in our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama on Wednesday evening. There are requirements for those who receive this sacrament, and I commend the efforts of the students and our volunteers and staff for the many hours dedicated to the preparation for this Sacrament.

We keep in our prayers the children who received First Communion last weekend and those who will receive their First Communion this weekend. Blessings on their parents and teachers who have prepared them for this memorable Sacrament.

Meditate on this sentence from today's Reflection: we are part of something greater than ourselves.

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**CONFESSIONS**: There will **NOT** be Confessions on Saturday April 28, but there will be on Saturdays May 5 and 12 at 10:30 am.

There will be one of our annual 2nd collections this weekend for Catholic Home Missions.

Father Donald Staib

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### **PARISH DATES**

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### April

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28—First Communion Liturgy—5pm—Church

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- 29—First Communion Liturgy—9am & 10:45am—Church
- 29—2nd Collection—Home Missions
- 30-RCIA-7:30pm-Church Meeting Room #4

### May

- 2—Family Honor Session 1—7pm—Church
- 4—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel
- 4—Single/Single Again Meeting—5:30pm—Los Tres Rest.
- 5—Family Honor Session 2—9:30am—Church
- 9-Parent Confirmation Workshop-7:30pm-Media Center
- 13—2nd Collection—Catholic Communication
- 13—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 14—Parish Council Meeting—7pm—Church Meeting Room #1

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





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- April 28—5pm—Bedie Joseph—Patti & Terry Cowhey April 29—9am—Maria Jose Paris April 29—10:45am—Raymond G. Antonsen —Rosele Antonsen
- April 30—8:15am—Parishioners of STMM May 1— 8:15am—Taylor Brooke Lee—Don & Mary Robbins
- May 2-8:15am-Melanio Tom Lazo-Lazo/Balatbat Family May 3-8:15am-Kathy Jenkins-A friend May 4—8:15am—Mass of Thanksgiving—Miriam Moore
- 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.

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#### 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

**Congratulations** to all our parish children who have received their First Communion these past two weekends. May they continue to come to the table of the Lord every weekend as their faith journey continues to unfold throughout their lives.

**2018-2019 Elementary Program Registration for Returning Families & New Families** will be available on <u>www.stmm.church</u> the week of May 20th. Registration will run until Aug. 31st. Our programs begin the week of Sept. 23rd. Please note in registering in May & June your instructional materials fee will be held until the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2018. All forms will be updated on <u>www.stmm.church</u> the week of May 20 as well. To access the religious education page enter <u>www.stmm.church</u> / Select Religious Education / Select Elementary. You will see links to specific information.

**Volunteer Catechists** are always needed each catechetical year. Joining this ministry is a great way to meet other people. Requirements are minimal. You need to be a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church. You need to Level C approved in our Safe Environment procedure. You need to be willing to give 75 minutes a week to a specific grade. Please give it some thought. The more volunteers...the smaller the classes...which is a plus for everyone!

Last Class Sessions for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are May 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. Re-registration forms will also be made available on <u>www.stmm.church</u> starting in May. Program begins again the week of September 23, 2018.

**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. 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. 31<sup>st</sup> each year. For more info about this second religious education program please visit www.stmm.church. Select Religious Education.

**Parish Families with 1st Graders in 2018-2019!!** – First Reconciliation & First Eucharist are typically received in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. It is a twoyear preparation. Kindergarten is optional & does not meet sacrament requirements. Grade 1 is required for Grade 2. If your child is starting 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in 2018-2019 then you need to register for class instruction with the parish in our Traditional Rel. Ed Elementary Program. A Catholic baptism is required. Updated information will be posted in May, 2018 for the new year. 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 STMM Youth Ministry Sunday gatherings have concluded for the 2017-2018 school year.

Congratulations to the 129 teens who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 25th at STMM! May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they continue on their faith journey!

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year/Confirmation 2019 will open ONLINE July 1st at <u>www.stmm.net</u>

#### STMM 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://</u> www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm

There are 3 workshops offered each Spring. 2 have already been held. The date for the last 2018 Parent Confirmation Workshop is May 9th. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in the school Media Center.

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**

The 2017-2018 Process comes to an end this Monday, April 30, 2018 from 7:30p-9p. New Inquiry Sessions for the 2018 -2019 Process are set for Mon, Aug. 20th & Mon, Aug. 27th from 7:30-8:30pm in Church Room 4. If interested come to only one of these sessions. We will actually begin on Mon, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9pm.



### Today's Announcements



The StMM Habitat for Humanity Program is in search of volunteers to help Korisha Bonn and her 16 month old daughter Kynlea reach their dream of home ownership. Korisha works at Peak Cardiology and will live in Fuguay-

Varina. We are in search of volunteers for three dates in May including the 5th, 12th and 26th. Please join others from StMM and the Southwest Wake Faith Coalition in making an impact. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested in helping Korisha and your community please contact Terry Loding at stmmhabitat@gmail.com or 919-376-6714.



As you consider your offertory/pledge giving, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your contributions. It is conven-ELECTRONIC ient for you and provides much-need consistency

for the parish. Collection basket contributions 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.



StMM now has a Singles/Singles Again meeting group! The StMM group is for singles who are 35 years and older. The group will conduct activities like dinners, plays, concerts, sporting events, day trips, attend church etc.

You can attend any event that you would like and are encouraged to bring fellow parishioners or non-parishioner friends if you would like. The inaugural StMM meeting was held on April 14th and was a great success! Our next event will be dinner at Los Tres Mexican Restaurant, 1301 E. Williams St. Apex on May 4th. Please RSVP to Mike Burger by calling or texting at 919-349-2500. Look forward to seeing you!

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



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 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! Welcome You can pick up a parish registration form in the Narthex or email info@stmm.net and registra-

tion 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!



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 We welcome your input. many resources.

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



Catholic Charities offers counseling in Raleigh & Cary. Each location has Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh Licensed Clinical social workers who Providing Help-Creating Hope-Serving All treat adults, children, couples and families. The Raleigh Office has a bilin-

qual therapist. Catholic Charities also uses a subsidized fee scale based on income and number in the household. If you have insurance, Catholic Charities will file it for you. To make an appointment, please call 919-790-8533 (Raleigh) and 919-388-3065 (Cary). Office hours are Monday to Thursday.



Find "StMM" on Facebook!



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, May 13th. 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.



Fetal Development of Abigail—April 29 (week 6) Abigail is now 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg and she is developing rapidly. Her heart is pumping increasing quantities of blood

through her body. The placenta forms a unique barrier between mother and her baby. The baby likely has a different blood type, different DNA and is not part of the mother's body... "Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows." (Luke 12:7)



Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is seeking volunteers for its Retreat Program

Handicapped Encounter Christ on May 4th & 5th at the Agape Retreat Center in Fuguay 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

> **COURAGE** is a prayer and fellowship URAGE group that assists individuals with samesex 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.

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel Weekend Retreat. A 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 information. contact Project Rachel more at projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call 919-852-1021.



### Diocesan News



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education,

seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



DURHAM COMMUNITY .Support the Catholic Charities Durham Community Food Pantry at the Sunday Supper **Durham!** Held at the American Tobacco Campus on Sun, April 29th, The Sunday Supper Durham will be an opportunity for the neighbors to sit

around one table and share in fellowship and good food while addressing an important need in our community, food insecurity. Tickets are \$20! If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Altenau at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org or at (919) 821 - 9767. To purchase more information, vistickets and for it www.SundaySupperDurham.com.



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.

The Diocese of Raleigh is seeking a full time Communications Specialist (Bilingual-Spanish/English) Key responsibilities / dayto-day job functions - Create bilingual (Spanish and English) content to promote the ministerial work of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, including Catholic Charities; Utilize various communication methods to highlight positive community impact and increase brand awareness within Spanish- and English-speaking populations throughout the Diocese of Raleigh; Work with central and regional staff to tell success stories, maintain the online presence for the agency, and create marketing materials; Will include occasional travel to regional offices throughout central and eastern NC. Send resume and letter of interest, along with writing sample in Spanish to: employment.opportunities@raldioc.org



Employment Opportunity-Assistant Program Director-CPO Food Pantry, Full time-M-F 8am-4pm, Bilingual preferred. No phone calls accepted. May 8, 2018 is the deadline for cover letter and resume submissions. Send the cover letter and resume to cpo@raldioc.org



World Youth Day in Panama: January 28-21, 2019 Interested in going? Visit https:// raldioc.configio.com/go/wyd2019 For more information contact Ricardo Veloz at (919) 600-8750

or Ricardo.Veloz@raldioc.org right away.

### News From Other Organizations



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-afamily-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: May 20, and June 17. For more information Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com or visit

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>



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 sponsorship 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

**"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 <u>www.stmchapelhill.org/retreat-benedictine</u>.

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!



Holy Infant Catholic Church Car Raffle—Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham is running a raffle to benefit the building fund for their new

church. The grand prize is a 2018 Acura MDX (three-row SUV). The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will walk away with a one-week vacation Beech Mountain chalet vacation and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will take home \$500. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased online or through the Parish Office during business hours. Only 1200 tickets will be sold! Visit <u>HolyInfantChurch.org/raffle</u> or call the Parish Office 919-544-7135 for details. The winner will be announced on July 15th.



**St. Padre Pio Prayer Group**—Join us the 1st Saturday of every month for the 8 am Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Raleigh. Confessions at 9am, Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. For more information, contact Janette Perez at

(919) 906-7060 or perezjanette1@gmail.com

For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community there is a sign language interpreted Mass is celebrated every 8:30am Sunday Mass at St. Michaels in Cary.



Join the CPO family— Volunteer! - You are invited to volunteer at CPO! Volunteers must to

be at least 9 years old. Because CPO has a warehouse, *all* volunteers under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. You can volunteer one time, once a month, once a week, or as frequently as your schedule permits. CPO is open Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are scheduled from 9:30am to 1:30pm **To schedule your time at CPO**, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator by phone at 919- 847-1466 weekdays b e t w e e n 8 a m & 5 p m, or b y e m a i l at <u>cpovol.coordinator@raldioc.org</u>.



"I know Jesus is always in the tabernacle, Pastor AI, but most of all I love knowing he's always in here."



More info and registration available on www.school.stmm.net

# **Mini-Monarch Preschool Camps**

Offered 9-noon for eight weeks this summer: \$110/week. Plenty of stories, songs, games, arts, crafts, and science activities that young children love! Each week will offer a completely different set of fun activities and games appropriate for children ages 3 to 5 years old. All children must be potty trained. PreSchool camps are led by StMM staff. Children should bring a nut-free snack from home each taken registrations are online. registrations can be the All no at school. day. Questions....email minimonarchs@stmm.net

June 11-15	Under the Sea!			
June 18-22	Pirates on the High Seas!			
June 25-29	Back Yard Summer Fun!			
July 9-13	Super Hero Week!			
July 16-20	Super Art, Super Fun!			
July 23-27	Super Science, Volcanoes and Bubbles!			
July 30-Aug 3	Splish! Splash!			
Aug 6-10	Space is the Place!			

K-8 Camps					
June 11-15	Girls Basketball Camp	Rising K-8th	9:00-noon	\$125	
July 9-13	Strings Camp	Rising 1-8	9:00-noon	\$125	
July 16-20 Beginning Strings Camp		Rising 1-8	9:00-noon	\$125	
Jul 30-Aug 3	Boys Basketball Camp	Rising 3rd-5th	9:00-noon	\$135 includes t-shirt	
Jul 30-Aug 3	Boys Basketball Camp	Rising 6th-8th	Noon-3:00	\$135 includes t-shirt	

### **Summer Camp Guidelines**

Easy and convenient on-line registration!

Register at <u>www.school.stmm.net</u> Questions? Email summercamp@stmm.net

You may register for multiple camps and multiple campers at once. All registrations must be paid in full at the time of registration. Registration fees are non-refundable, unless a camp has been cancelled. Registration for each camp closes on the Friday before camp starts, unless another date has been specified. No registrations can be accepted at the school. Invite your friends and neighbors! Check these ads at www.StMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm



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