

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

We welcome all families and friends who have come to celebrate First Communion with our children this weekend. And we have great gratitude to all our staff and volunteers who have helped the children in our Faith Formation classes. May the joy of this celebration stay with our children for many years.

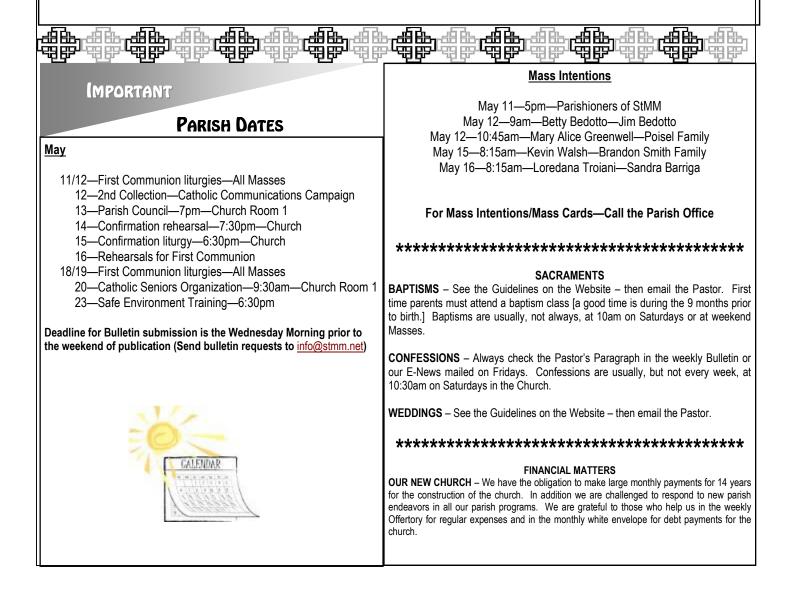
We also welcome Father Wenceslaus Rodrigues who has come to join with us today in celebration.

It is Mother's Day – and we are grateful and rejoice for all Mothers – both those with us here on earth and those who have gone to heaven.

This weekend there is a 2nd collection for Catholic Communications, and annual and national collection.

CONFESSIONS: At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday May 11 at 10:30. And there will also be Confessions on Saturday May 18 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib







First Communion Rehearsals

Reminder to Parents: Please drop off the communicant to Room #3 and sit in your reserved pew in the church. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday 5/16/19 at 6:00 – 6:40 pm for the **5 pm Sat 5/18/19** liturgy

Thursday 5/16/19 at 6:45 – 7:15 pm for the 9 am Sun 5/19/19 liturgy

Thursday 5/16/19 at 7:20 – 8 pm for the **10:45 am Sun5/19/19 liturgy**

A special *Thank You* goes out to The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization) for assisting with our First Communion Banners preparation this past week.

<u>All Religious Education Programs</u> are finished for the school year. We are most grateful to all the Catechists who gave of their time and talent to teach the Gospel to our children.

<u>2019-20 Program Registration</u> – will be available in July 2019.

All our programs serve only registered contributing families who use the electronic draft or envelope system.

Please direct all questions to Suzanne - will@stmm.net





Youth Ministry

All STMM YM programs have wrapped up for the 2018-2019 school year!

Online registration for all our programs will open on July 1st, 2019

Please hold in prayer the families, faculty, & friends of the UNC Charlotte community

<u>Confirmation 2019:</u> Rehearsal will be May 14th at 7:30pm in the church. Sponsors do not need to attend. The Confirmation Liturgy will be held on May 15th at 6:30pm in the church, all parishioners, friends, & family are welcome to come!

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>

HS Beach Retreat 2019 Registration is now open: The form can be found on the website: http://www.stmm.church/religioused/highschool.cfm. August 16th-18th, 2019 we will be heading to Ft Caswell on Oak Island, NC for a fantastic weekend hosted by speaker Joe Farris and worship leader Rita West! This retreat meets the Confirmation requirement and is open to all teens in grades 9th-12th for the 2019-2020 school year. A teen can attend as many retreats as they like over their 4 years in high school as each retreat is completely different. A 50% deposit is required with the form in order to secure a spot and spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Liz Sams with any questions.

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>,





Today's Announcements

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 place Monday, May 20, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meet-

ing 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.



"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

Francis. Join the men of our parish praying the Rosary everv 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.

"Prayers & Squares" A prayer guilt group We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer guilt is a lap blanket with ties. A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All guilts are blessed by Father Staib. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating fabric or would like to make contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session is Thurs, 5/23 at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presenta-

tion is not appropriate for children. Must register to attend. Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and for meeting room.



STMM Helping Hands Ministry will be collecting toiletries and household supplies to donate to Women That Care.Org., a women's ministry that helps homeless men, women, and children in Wake County by distributing daily needs items. All donations must be brought

to StMM before or after Masses the weekend of May 11th and 12th; but no later than noon on the 12th. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry. Questions, please contact Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.



Health Promotion Committee will be Meet on Sunday May 19 at 10am immediately following the 9am service in room 1. Newcomers welcomed.

PARIS CATHEDRAL - If any wish to support the rebuilding of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, you can do so through supportnotredame.org - a way set up by the US Bishops.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration—StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends

at 7pm. Please join us on June 7th. 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. 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.



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday June 8th in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5:00pm mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend

and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803.



The batch of newly engraved bricks has now been placed in the sidewalk at the entrance of the Activity Building.

Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https:// <u>www.youtube.com/channel/</u> YouTube UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view_as=subscriber

or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'



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

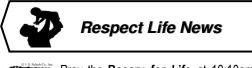
it in the collection basket when you come for Mass. Once you are registered you will receive a Welcome Packet in the mail and will be added to the Email Distribution list to receive our 'almost' every week E-News!



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.



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, May 12th. 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.

Faith & Fertility: Made in the Image of God Saturday, June 8, 10am - 3 pm; lunch provided. Through insights of Pope St John Paul II's "Theology of the Body", we will reflect more deeply on men and women being created in God's image and likeness, expressed in a very special way by the gift of our sexuality. A medical professional will also present an introduction to the different methods of Natural Family Planning (Fertility Awareness) and ways to learn. Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5050 Oak St., Hope Mills, NC 28348. RSVP by May 29; child care available. Contact: Christina Shobe, tinkluvr85@vahoo.com, 910-584-8558. Sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship.

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

Jun 21-23, 2019 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Cary, NC. This June weekend is a non-residential weekend meaning that couples will return to their homes at night. Early sign up is recommended. For more information and to apply, visit our website at: https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144. Like and follow our "North Carolina WWME" Facebook page for additional information and community updates.



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:

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

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Cary, NC will be hosting the Vatican International Exhibition - "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" on Sat., June 22 from 12pm-8pm & Sun., June 23rd from 8am- 8pm in the Parish Hall. Come to learn about over 150 of these extraordinary Eucharistic miracles that are continuing right through to our present time! Did you know there was a Eucharistic Miracle in Buenos Aires in 1996 under the leadership of Cardinal Bergoglio (our current Pope Francis) and in Tixtla, Mexico on Oct 2006? please visit www.stmichaelcary.org for more info.

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.

Catholic Charities Pitch in for Charity - Pitch in for Charity and support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh by coming to an evening of baseball with the Durham Bulls at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park on Friday, May 17, at 7:05 pm. A portion of every ticket purchased through the Catholic Charities link will support our new Durham Community Food Pantry, which will be holding its official Ribbon Cutting that afternoon. Be sure to stay for fireworks after the game! For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/BullsPitch4Charity or contact Daniel Altenau at (919) 821-9767 or at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org.

Catholic Charities "Stock the Pantry" Join Catholic Charities for the Durham Community Food Pantry and Reverend Joseph G. Vetter Family Enrichment Center Ribbon Cutting and "Stock the Pantry" Event on Friday. May 17th. This new facility plans to meet the 1.5 million pound food shortage that currently exists in Durham and Orange Counties. The day will include a program with remarks from Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and Duke Football Coach David Cutcliffe, facility tours, and light lunch provided by The Pit. For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/dcfp-ribboncutting. For event questions, please contact Katey Fithian, Development Director, at Katey.Fithian@raldioc.org or by phone at (919) 821 -8142.

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples Retrouvaille. facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a

loving relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background attend in order to improve communication and reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 11, 2019 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

News From Other Organizations

NC Catholics <u>New Dates Scheduled!</u> Join NC Catholics VOLUNTEER 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

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 tjtcwebber4@gmail.com.

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

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 <u>https://steubenvilleconferences.com/ events/ppc/</u>. Please register with the StMM group using this link: <u>http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19</u>. Contact Laura Werner at <u>wernerLhome@gmail.com</u> with questions and to learn about transportation options.

Assistant to the Director of Elementary Faith Development – St Thomas More is looking for a new member of the Faith Development team to assist the Director of Elementary Faith Development in developing and implementing the Elementary Faith Development program. The Assistant will participate in the set-up, delivery and closure of the Sunday morning Faith Development sessions, and in the Sacramental Preparation, and Vacation Bible School programs, and the recruitment, training, and support of Elementary Catechists. Fluency in Spanish is highly desired. The position is part time. Candidates please send letter and resume to Assistant to the Director of Elementary Faith Development Search Committee, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or email to <u>clima@stmchapelhill.org</u>, by May 20.

How would you like to volunteer at a place that changes lives and makes homelessness rare, brief and non-reoccurring? <u>Catholic</u> <u>Charities NEEDS you</u> to volunteer at <u>Oak City Cares</u> multi-services center for people experiencing homelessness. Be a part of changing lives of our must vulnerable neighbors by going to <u>www.oakcitycares.org</u> to learn about volunteer opportunities and upcoming volunteer orientation sessions. Volunteering at Oak City Cares will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

321 Coffee is a non-profit student run organization at NC State with the aim of providing valuable work experience and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) while raising awareness and promoting the IDD community. We strive to achieve this by running coffee shops manned by individuals with IDD. We sell coffee every weekend at the State Farmers Market in Raleigh as well as at events throughout the community. Our coffee shops provide our volunteers with IDD the opportunity to showcase their unique skills and promote interaction between customers and the volunteers. If you are interested in our mission, you can find more information at <u>321coffee.com</u> or come visit us at the farmer's market on Saturdays!



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus "A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization" 4 Principles: Charity / Unity/ Fraternity / Patriotism

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive & Paint Project, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects (i.e. Church rose circular window, Project Light, Columbarium prayer garden, etc.), Boy Scout Eagle Projects, Free Throw Championships, Chess Tournament, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter, raise funds to assist people with intellectual disabilities in NC thru "Least Among My Brethren," (LAMB) foundation. Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.

Calendar of Events:

- Sunday May 12th: Flowers for Mother's Day Knights are working with the Parish Respect Life council to bring flowers to 2 local nursing homes on Mother's Day, after 9AM mass. <u>Contact</u>: KofC Life Director Tim Call at timothy.calla@gmail.com
- Saturday May 25th: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge</u>

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: http://kofc7186.org Please contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at <u>gkkofc7186@gmail.com</u> or contact our Membership Committee at <u>MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com</u>



"If I didn't have to wait 'til heaven for my wings, I know I could light this paschal candle, Pastor AI!"





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

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