

Reflection

On the mount of the ascension, Jesus calls us to be his "witnesses," to tell others about the good that God has worked in the Easter mystery. Jesus asks us to be witnesses of God's presence in our midst, to be agents of hope, to be prophets of compassion and peace. We who have heard the story of Jesus and beheld his presence in the reconciling love we have experienced in our own lives are now called to bring that love into the lives of others and into the lives we share as families, as the church, as humankind. We are called to continue Jesus's work to teach, to witness, and to heal in our own small corners of the world, to hand on the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and his Gospel of love and compassion.

Mass Today–96

Offertory Helpers- Last Names Q-Z

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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625 MAGDALA PL. APEX, NC 27502 (919) 657-4800 www.STMM.net **Gathering:** 96 Canticle of the Sun 426

Psalm: 47The Lord is My LigGod Mounts His throne to shouts of joy. Alleluia, alleluia!Preparation:Sending Forth:We Walk by Faith 497Go Make a Differe

Communion: All That is Hidden 503 I Know that My Redeemer Lives 679 The Lord is My Light (Walker) 681 oy. Alleluia, alleluia! **Sending Forth:** Go Make a Difference 500

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

On this feast of Jesus' Ascension we also celebrate Mother's Day this year. Our good wishes and prayers go to all mothers in our parish. May you and your children be blessed again and again. We keep in mind also all our mothers who have gone to God and we are grateful for the life they have given us.

Today we have one of the annual and national 2nd collections - this one is for the Communications efforts of our church. Communications have so changed in recent years. When this collection first began in 1979 - who would have imagined what we are doing now to communicate with one another?

CONFESSIONS: there will be Confessions at 10:30 am Saturday May 12 and May 19.

Father Donald Staib

IMPORTANT

PARISH DATES

<u>May</u>

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13—2nd Collection—Catholic Communication

13—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel

14—Parish Council Meeting—7pm—Church Meeting Room #1

- 21—CSO Meeting—9:30am—Church Meeting Room #1
- 28—CSO Knitting Group—1pm—Church Meeting Room #1

<u>June</u>

- 2—Welcome Dinner—6pm—Dining Hall
- 4-Parish Council Meeting-7pm-Church Meeting Room # 1
- 7—Singles/Singles Again—6:30pm—Vic's Ristorante
- 30—Singles/Singles Again—7:30pm—Pullen Park

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



Mass Intentions

May 12—5pm—Lauren Tela — Ann & Bob Cadran May 13 —9am—Betty Bedotto—Jim Bedotto May 13—10:45am—Parishioners of STMM May 18— 8:15am — Milagros Carpio—Cora Balatbat

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

Many thanks to all our program families who contributed to our annual service project for Catholic Parish Outreach. The total of toilet paper donations totaled 235 pounds for the 2017-2018 catechetical year.

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 13th/15th/16th. 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. 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 www.stmm.church. Select Religious Education.

Parish Families with 1st Graders in 2018-2019!! – First Reconciliation & First Eucharist are typically received in 2nd 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 1st 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 YM Sunday gatherings have concluded for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

During the week of April 8th the StMM Youth Ministers, Janine McGann and Liz Sams participated in a mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti through Haiti Missions Inc (http://www.haitimissioninc.com) Hurricane Matthew hit the region of Jeremie during October 2016 causing extensive damage to homes, churches and school as well as killing over 1000 people. The extent of the poverty in this area is beyond anything we had ever experienced before. Haiti Missions Inc is committed to providing housing, education and hope to the people of Jeremie & one way they have done that is by opening 2 Catholic schools in the area. They are in danger of closing because the families cannot afford to pay the tuition which costs each student \$25 per year. Yes, that is correct! \$25 covers an entire year of education in Haiti! The \$25 per year covers ALL their costs and provides each student with one meal a day, many times it is the only meal that child will eat that day. We felt called to come back to our StMM School & Church Community (BECAUSE YOU ALL ARE AWESOMELY GEN-EROUS) and raise a rally cry to help get the 300 students of these 2 schools sponsored. Please go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=rdzJYLEWOP0 & watch this video and prayerfully consider sponsoring these children. All the research shows that education is the #1 weapon to battle poverty. Let's not let these schools close on our watch!

High School Beach Retreat registration is open! - We'll be headed to Ft. Caswell on Oak Island August 17-19 for a retreat led by Joe Farris with guest musician Rita West!! The cost is \$190 per person and can be paid in payments as long as the balance is paid in full 2 weeks prior to the retreat. Spots are limited and filled on a first come first serve basis. Please mail/turn in completed registration forms to StMM; Attn: Liz Sams, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502. This retreat is open to all students who will be in high school for the 2018-2019 school year & does meet the Confirmation retreat requirement. You can download the form from http://www.strmm.church/religioused/highschool.cfm

Men's Conference hosted by StMM— We are so excited to announce that STMM is hosting a Men's Conference, "Man Fully Alive" on Sat, July 21st from 10am-4pm. Tickets cost \$35, includes lunch, and can be purchased here: <u>http://thetentengroup.com/event-dates</u>. This conference is being led by some fantastic male speakers & leaders: Joe Farris, Chris Benzinger, & Dom Quaglia. You can visit their website at <u>thetentengroup.com</u>. The bravest thing you can do is ask yourself, 'What would my life look like if I was fully alive? Great Father's Day gift for the men in your life!!!

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



Our RCIA process is now completed for the 2017-2018 catechetical year. New Inquiry Sessions for the 2018-2019 Process are set for Mon, Aug 20th & Mon, Aug 27th from 7:30-8:30pm in Room 4/Church Building. Please use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah. If you are interested in the process you need to attend only one of the Inquiry Sessions. We will begin again on Mon. Sept 10th from 7:30-9pm each week.



Today's Announcements

Happy Mother's Day!-On Sunday, May 13th, the Respect Life Committee will be handing out flowers to mothers at the 9am & 10:45am Masses.

> Do you enjoying gardening? StMM is starting a gardening committee to maintain our Campus. Duties include spreading pine straw/mulch, planting flowers, and litter pickup. This is a

great opportunity for families to volunteer together. If interested, please email info@stmm.net.



A reminder for everyone who offered to donate items to help homeless men, women, and children in Wake County. All donations should be dropped off this weekend in the Church lobby before or after all Masses on Sat, May 12th, or

Sun, May 13th. Also, Thank you for your generosity in donating items to St. Bernadette's Migrant Worker Ministry! We collected 300 items for their pharmacy, 115 personal care items, 85 shirts, and 200 hats.



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 May 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.



A soup and salad Welcome Meal for new mem-Illecome bers of the parish will be held Sat June 2nd in the Dining Hall immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of StMM 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



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.



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every 3rd Monday of the month, Sept through May. Our next meet-^{Seniors} ing is Mon, May 21, 9:30—11:30am, in Church meeting room #1. Additionally, the CSO knitting

and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, May 28, from 1—-3pm, in meeting room #1. These will be our last meetings For more information, contact Miriam until September. Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

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Singles/Singles Again Upcoming Events—June 7th 6:30pm – Vic's Italian Ristorante, 4035 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh. RSVP to Mike Burger 919-349-2500. June 30th 7:30pm Theatre in the Park

(Pullen Park) for the funny musical "It Shoulda Been You" For group rate of \$23.60, contact Andrea at TITP 919-831-6058 and identify yourself as Single/Singles Again Group. Questions contact Mike at 919-349-2500.



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.

YouTube

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

'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'



The latest batch of Commemorative Engraved Bricks are in the ground at the entrance of the Activity Building. The deadline for our next batch is Sept 14th. Brick order

forms are in the Narthex or you can find them on the website at http://www.stmm.church/giving/commemorativebricks.cfm. Thank you for your support.

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



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—Baby Abigail begins to move. At eight weeks her arms are bending and flexing. Fingers are developing and Abigail is now swimming. She may be practicing for the 2032 Olympics Happy Mother's Day!

"How sweet to my tongue is your promise, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103)

COURAGE is a prayer and fellowship OURAGE 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 com-

bine 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, contact Project Rachel at projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call 919-852-1021.





Diocesan News

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the

world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



Join Catholic Charities for their Inaugural "Drive Out Hunger" Golf Outing at North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh on Mon, June 11th. WE NEED **GOLFERS!** Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities food pantries across the diocese and provide gro-

ceries 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 / day-to-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

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille has helped tens Retrouvaille. of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This

program can help you too. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on October 12, 2018 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Nov 9-11, 2018 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https:// <u>NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or contact u s at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Connect with the Diocese! Follow us on Facebook. You Tube, Instagram and Twitter for inspirational, educational and entertaining content!

News From Other Organizations



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

NC Catholics Can you paint and swing a hammer? Or VOLUNTEER 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 2nd place winner will walk away with a one-week vacation Beech Mountain chalet vacation and the 3rd 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 HolyInfant-Church.org/raffle or call the Parish Office 919-544-7135 for details. The winner will be announced on July 15th.



Join Family Honor on Our Pilgrimage to France! If you have a special devotion to onor the Blessed Mother, or need spiritual renewal, consider joining Family Honor's

Pilgrimage to France, Nov. 5-13th. Our pilgrimage will take us to Lourdes, Lyons, Ars, Lisieux, and Paris. You'll visit and pray at holy sites significant in the life of some of our great saints: St. Bernadette, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacogue, St. Catherine Laboure, and St. Vincent de Paul. Spiritual Director for the pilgrimage is Family Honor's Chaplain, Rev. Philip Gillespie. For details contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at 1.800.653.0017 or the Family Honor office at info@familyhonor.org Deadline for deposit is June 30. Flight leaves from Charlotte. Family Honor provides a familycentered approach to chastity education via a Charlotte-area team who delivers programs for parents at local parishes.

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.



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 infor-

mation. contact Janette Perez at (919) 906-7060 or perezjanette1@gmail.com

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 vears 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 vour time at CPO. please contact our Volunteer Coordinator by phone at 919- 847-1466 weekdays between 8am & 5pm, or by email at cpoyol.coordinator@raldioc.org.

Catholic Charities offers counseling in Raleigh & Cary. Each location has licensed clinical social workers who treat adults, children, couples and families. The Raleigh Office has a bilingual 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.



'I grew up in the '60s, too, but I'm not sure Ascension Thursday is the time for playing 'Spirit in the Sky.' "



To: Members of the Diocese of Raleigh

From: † Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L., Bishop of Raleigh

RE: NC Catholics Volunteer

I write to you about an important ministry that is developing in our Diocese. Following Hurricane Matthew, many families were forced from their homes as flood waters rose. Unfortunately, there are still hundreds of families who are still unable to return to their homes. Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus have come together to provide a single opportunity for Catholics to help these families.

Last year, NC Catholics Volunteer was formed to help repair and rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. This group began work in Edgecombe County in the Tar River Deanery. Volunteers came together on five Saturdays in 2017 to work on projects such as installing insulation, putting up drywall, and laying down flooring.

In 2018, I hope to see this program continue to grow throughout our Diocese. Opportunities to volunteer with <u>NC Catholics Volunteer</u> will be advertised in the coming weeks with projects continuing in Edgecombe County and a new site in Columbus County in the Cape Fear Deanery.

I ask that you help promote this program and encourage your parishioners to participate in this great practice of our Catholic values. Should you have any questions about the NC Catholics Volunteer program, please contact Daniel Altenau, Catholic Charities Director of Disaster Services at (919) 821 – 9767 or by email at <u>Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org</u>.

Please know that I remain grateful for your pastoral leadership and continue to keep you and your parishioners in my prayers.

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