

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

Winding down – that is what we do at this time of the year. For me the last 10 months – since Dedication of the church - have been one excitement after another. We have celebrated all the big events: Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, First Communions, weddings, baptisms, graduations, and weekend Masses. We have been in the daily Mass chapel also, which includes several funerals and a wedding.

The new church and chapel have been a blessing – we are most grateful to all who helped bring about this transformation in the parish.

Looking ahead: I will be away from the parish from June 8 through June 18.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday June 2, at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib

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Catechetical Corner

All Program Families the Religious Education Office is now operating on a summer schedule. Telephone messages will be answered on Wednesdays between 10am-2pm. Please use the email contact <u>usischon@stmm.net</u> for all daily communication Monday-Friday.

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!

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

We have 210 of the 300 students in Haiti sponsored! Thank you to those of you who have generously donated. If you haven't donated yet, please watch the video <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=rdzJYLEWOP0</u> to see what our parish & school are hoping to accomplish for these 2 schools in Haiti. A \$25 donation covers the cost of 1 year in school!

Mass & Mission for middle school teens: StMM Middle School Youth Ministry is excited to host our 4th annual Mass & Mission this summer July 30th thru August 3rd!! Mass & Mission is open to all teens who will be in 6th-8th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Here are the basics of Mass & Mission and what it entails for a participating teen. Each day begins with Mass in the Chapel at StMM at 8:15am. Mass is not optional, it's the beginning of each day. After Mass teens will be divided into groups/carpools (by grade) and will serve somewhere locally in the Raleigh/Cary/Apex area. After their service project, the teens will return to StMM until pick up time (TBD depending on the projects). We prefer if teens serve for the entire week as it makes carpooling to service projects incredibly complicated to plan for if teens don't come every day. If your teen cannot come every day that week, please contact Liz Sams to discuss before signing up. Due to a shortage of help in years past, THIS YEAR IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT IF YOU SIGN UP A TEEN FOR MASS & MISSION YOU/AN ADULT MUST ALSO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ONE DAY! This entails: meeting for mass at 8:15am, driving kids both to and from the service project, and waiting at STMM until your group is picked up. We need a lot of help to make this week work so we need all hands on deck that week!

To sign up email Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> and include: how many teens you are signing up, their grade for the 2018-19 school year, gender, and what day you can volunteer Deadline is June 5th Any questions email janine.mcgann@gmail.com

High School Beach Retreat is sold out! - Please contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> to be put on the waitlist.

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. Questions please contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net.



Today's Announcements

Job Opening – Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education - St. Mary Magdalene is accepting applications for the position of Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education. This full time position is available the end of summer to train with our long tenured incumbent who will retire the end of 2018. This person will coordinate this program from preschool to Grade 5, and have full responsibility for religious education, sacramental preparation, and work in partnership with the Youth and Teen ministries. For a more detailed job description and additional information visit http:// www.stmm.church/editoruploads/files/ Coordinator_for_Elementary_Religious_Ed.pdf Candidates should apply to jobs@stmm.net with a letter of interest, and resume of education and experience.

> Promise—StMM Family will sup-Family port Family Promise by volunteering time and Promise ' donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews June 17-23. Please stop

by tables in the lobby the weekend of June 2-3 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (http://www.familypromisewake.org/). Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's. Contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions..



Men's Conference hosted by StMM- We are 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: http://thetentengroup.com/event-

dates. This conference is being led by some fantastic male speakers & leaders: Joe Farris, Chris Benzinger, & Dom Quaglia. You can visit their website at thetentengroup.com. 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!!!



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-TRONIC 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.

Singles
Group

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.



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.



Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmlxtNRZA?

view as=subscriber or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'

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



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, June 20th. 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—The most critical part of Abigail's development is now com-Abigail enters into a period of rapid plete. growth. Her eyelids fuse close and will not open again until about 26 weeks. Her eye color is al-

ready determined and Abigail can squint and even swallow. Abigail is over an inch long and is moving around in her home, the womb. The mother's uterus will increase its capacity by 1000 times during pregnancy. "For nothing will be impossible for God." (Luke 1:37)

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 compas-For more information, contact Project Rachel sion. at projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call 919-852-1021.





Diocesan News



The Diocese of Raleigh invites all to attend a Celebration of Freedom Mass with Bishop Zarama on Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Jo-

seph Catholic Church, 2817 Poole Road, Raleigh. A reception and picnic sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will follow the Mass. This event is part of Religious Freedom Week, a celebration of our religious freedom from June 22nd - 29th. The theme this year is "Serving Others in God's Love" and will celebrate the values of our faith with respect to the gift of life, marriage, conscience rights, and many humanitarian concerns. During Religious Freedom Week, the faithful are encouraged to pray for the intention of preserving and promoting religious freedom and to dedicate any of their regularly scheduled devotions such as Holy Hours or the Holy Rosary to this intention. For more information and educational resources on the Religious Freedom Week, contact Mary Beth Phillips at Marybeth.phillips@raldioc.org or 919-719-8267.



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 grocer-

ies 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



Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC

and Nov 9-11 in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https:// NCMarriageDisc<u>overy.org</u> or contact u s applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144. at



Quo Vadis Retreat-Calling all high school aged TIS young men! Come join us for a 4 day retreat to learn how to discern your vocation. June 18th-21st at

Avila Retreat Center, Durham. Contact Ariel Reece at ariel.reece@raldioc.org

News From Other Organizations



Pitch in for Charity and support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh by coming to an evening of baseball with the Carolina Mudcats on Friday. July 13th at 7:00 p.m. or the Durham Bulls on Friday, July 27th at 7:05

p.m. A portion of every ticket purchased through the Catholic Charities link will support our work! Be sure to stay for fireworks after each of the games! For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/PitchIn4Charity or contact Daniel Altenau at (919) 821-9767 or at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org.



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 Mass is: June 17. For more information contact Celia at

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

Can you paint and swing a hammer? Or are you interested in learning these skills and more? Join Catholic

NC Catholics VOLUNTEER Charities and the Knights of Colum-bus 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 HolvInfantChurch.org/raffle or call the Parish Office 919-544-7135 for details. The winner will be announced on July 15th.



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 between 8am & 5pm, or by email at cpovol.coordinator@raldioc.org.



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group—Join us the 1st Saturday of every month for the 8am 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

Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham is seeking a part-time Next Generation (NXT GEN) Youth Ministry Coordinator. The Next Generation (NXT GEN) Youth Ministry Coordinator is responsible for the development, organization and administration of programs for YOUTH (high school students) and YOUNG ADULTS to fulfill the catechetical mission of the parish. This includes community building, service opportunities, planning and implementing programs and events, and leading youth and young adults into deeper life of discipleship. Applicants should have prior youth ministry experience; training in youth and young adult ministry or willingness to acquire and continue training. To apply, send your resume and letter of interest to: Blaine Short, Parish Administrator, BShort@HolyInfantChurch.org.



Traveling St. John Vianney Project—We are looking for a few more families to join our ministry. Each family takes turns hosting our traveling statue of St John Vianney for a month. He is the patron saint of priests. While you are hosting, display the statue in your home as a

visual reminder to pray for our priests and an increase in vocations. This is a great way for families to participate in a ministry together. If you are interested please email Megan Brinkley m.brinkley@hotmail.com



Western Wake Crisis Ministry Fundraiser—"Ladies that Brunch" Summer Fashion Show. Wear your favorite summer dress and fancy derby hat and come brunch for a cause with Models for Charity. Tickets include brunch, bottomless beverages, silent auction,

fashion show, swag bag, professional photography, and DJ. Door prizes for best hat and dress! Join us Sunday, June 10th 12:30-3pm at The Mayton Inn, 301 South Academy St., Cary. (wwcm.org)

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.



'Oatmeal cookies? Cheddar cheese? Pickles? You eat... Pastor Al! You actually eat ... secular food!'



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



For bulletin advertising, call Kate Bartos, Advertising Works, (919) 906-1688 or info@My-Ad-Works.com (StMM Parishioner).