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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

The August weeks before school opens seem quiet. Though we know for some people there has been, not quiet, but sorrow and loss.

Pope Francis said this last week: 'I am spiritually close to the victims of the episodes of violence that these days have bloodied Texas, California and Ohio, in the United States, affecting defenseless people. I invite you to join in my prayer for those who have lost their lives, for the wounded and for their families.'

In other opportunities I noticed Pope Francis also used the word 'defenseless' for people who are victims of trafficking and for refugees.

Next Sunday we will have a 'Back to School' Mass at 4 pm to welcome our StMM school children who begin school on August 20.

There is a second collection this weekend for Priest Retirement.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday August 10 10:30, after Baptisms. Also there will be Confessions on Saturday August 17, after Baptisms.

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<u>Catechists/Core Team</u> are Needed for the upcoming school Year. There are many opportunities for you to become involved with the children of our STMM Community. Joining this ministry is a great way to enhance your prayer life and enjoy the fruits of fellowship. There will be an adult, on-site retreat offered on site in September to prepare you for our mission. Please prayerfully consider joining our amazing team.

Requirements include:

- being a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church
- a willingness to serve 1 ¼ hours per week to a specific grade either Sunday afternoon 12:00 – 1:15 pm, Tuesday evenings 5:00 – 6:15 pm or Wednesday nights 6:30 – 7:45 pm
- Level C Safe Environment approved (which we provide the class here on campus).

Positions Available:

- Teacher/Assistant Teacher/Catechist PREP Grades Pre-K 4
- Small Group Leader (by gender) the ROCK Grades 5 6
- AV Person the ROCK
- Door Monitors grant access to lobby using Lobby Guard
- Social Media Person keeps program participants apprised of program events via Twitter, Instagram & Facebook with info provided by Coordinator



August 31st. Our programs begin the week of September 22. For a complete description of this program go to <u>www.stmm.church</u>, please select "Religious Education", select "Elementary." You will see the links to specific information on the column to the right as well as registration instructions by clicking "Parish Religious Education Online Registration Instructions."



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Registration is opens and runs through August 31st on <u>www.stmm.church</u> Program begins the week of September 22, 2019. This is a Montessori based catechetical program offered in levels of mixed grade groups. Each session is capped at ten students per class. Stu-

dents must be age appropriate by August 31st each year. Sessions will take place in the Atrium (old chapel) in the Activities Building. Programs runs from late September through April/ early May depending on the Feast of Pentecost each liturgical year. For more information about this second Religious Education Program option, please visit <u>http://www.stmm.church/religioused/catechesis.cfm</u>



New for 2019-20 "THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ). A new youth group for 5th/6th grade. The ROCK will meet on Sundays from

12:00-1:15 pm right after 10:45 mass in the Narthex of the Church. It will have a similar flavor to our other relational ministry youth groups. Register online at <u>www.stmm.church</u>

All our programs serve only registered parishioners. Please direct all questions to Suzanne - will@stmm.net



Youth Ministry

Online registration for all STMM faith formation programs opened online July 1st! Register by 8/31/19 to avoid late registration fees!

You can find the link on the right side of the page here:

http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm

HS Beach Retreat 2019 Registration is now open: 9th/10th grade spots are SOLD OUT! spots remain open for 11th/12th graders! Email Liz if you'd like to place your 9th/10th grader on the waiting list. The form can be found on the website: <u>http://</u>www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm</u>. 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**, contact Janine McGann at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

For **Apostello, The Way, & Confirmation,** contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>,





Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The RCIA process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil Mass. Soon, we will begin another faith-filled journey. Will you join us? Let's have a conversation. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at rcia@stmm.net with any questions.

Inquiry Sessions will be after the Masses on August 24th and 25th in Room #1 and August 26 in Room #4 at 7:30pm .We will be available for any questions you may have about the RCIA process.





Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training date is set for Sunday, August 25th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4.Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Lisa

at lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com by Friday, August 23rd, if attending.



Seeking parishioners to participate in a gardening work group. Group will focus on enhancing the parish landscape through seasonal workdays and landscape enhancement projects. No prior gardening experience

necessary, just an interest in enjoying time with fellow parishioners while enhancing the natural beauty of the Saint Mary Magdalene If you are interested, please contact Karen Clemmer Campus. at kcclemmer4@gmail.com.



StMM Daytime Bible Study 2019-2020 - Our study program this year is The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation. This study from Ascension Press covers the whole story of the Bible. The study consists of read-

ing and questions at home, then discussion and a video when we meet together. We will meet for 24 weeks from Sept. 2019 - April 2020. Tuesdays from 1-3 pm starting Sept. 3rd in Room 4 in the Church. Cost: Approx. \$37 Contact: Laurie lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-303-5433 Wendt, Please let me know if you are interested so I may order the materials.



A new Cub Scouting year is beginning! Cub Scout Pack 224 is welcoming boys and girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade for our 2019-20 Scouting year. We meet Tuesdays at StMM school from 7-8 pm. Join us for camping, service and fun! If interested in our Pack,

please contact our Pack Recruiter at recruit@apexpack224.org.



First Friday Adoration will begin again on Friday September 6. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. However, it is essential that there are people that are scheduled to be there each hour be-

tween 8:30AM and 7:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.



Family Promise - StMM Supporting Homeless Families - StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrew Sep 8-14.

Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of August 24-25 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 of Wake County provides support to prescreened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (http://www.familypromisewake.org/). Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.



Interested in Joining Boy Scouts? Boys grades 6 -12 are encouraged to join Boy Scouts of America, Troop 224. We meet every Tuesday at 7 - 8:30 pm at StMM

Room #201. We go camping, white water rafting, hiking, etc. monthly. If interested please contact Chris Vardis, cvardis11@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 sessions are Sun, 8/25 at noon; Thurs, 8/29 at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for

adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Must register to attend. Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and to get meeting location.

Out of the Darkness Walk (American Foundation of Suicide Prevention) - When you walk with us, you join with hundreds of people from our community to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Most of the funds raised are used here in North Carolina. The walk is September 29th at 1 pm in Fuguay-Varina. For questions or more information on how you can my team, contact Mike walk with Rota at mikerota2018@gmail.com. To donate to my team (Susie's Vintage Monarchs - NC Team) or form your own team, you can visit the walk website: https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm? fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5961.

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" - Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? A group of parishioners has come together to offer a one day workshop on living in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we are in the planning stages, we are asking you to consider joining us on a yet-to-be scheduled Saturday. The date and location will be determined based on interest. This day is about renewing our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about seeking a new intimacy with Jesus and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be and bring God's presence to the people and circumstances of our lives. If you have never said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with you, this is an opportunity to do so, as well as seek to experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit. If you have said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with him, but that relationship has grown distant, this is an opportunity to renew that relationship and also seek to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Art Klaum artklaum61@gmail.com or Ronda Watts rondatroywatts@gmail.com to express your interest.



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, August 11th. 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.

Project Rachel Support Group - Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find healing and peace. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late August. If you have experienced an abortion and would like (confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021, or project.rachel@raldioc.org, or visit the website: http://projectrachelnc.org/. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

SAVE THE DATE! 25TH ANNUAL RUN FOR LIFE - We're looking for runners, sponsors and volunteers for the annual 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, August 17, at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary. Visit www.raleighrunforlife.org or www.runnc.com for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Mayhew, 919-678-3004, or Kathy Klein, 919-815-1369.



Diocesan News

Come and See – An Invitation from the Padre Pio Secular Franciscans - Has your heart been moved by the pravers, 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.

Divine Healing Conference – Sept 20, 6-9 pm (rosary & songs 5-6 pm) and Sept 21, 9-4 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Chapel Hill, in the Friends & Family Hall. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Raleigh presents speaker Fr. Thomas Sunil V.C., a Vincentian Priest and the Director of the Divine Mercy Healing Center, in Washington, NJ. Fr. Sunil has been conducting Catholic Charismatic Prayer Services - specifically Stay-in Retreats and One-Day Conventions for the last 17 years. Conference will include Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. All in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing come with expectant faith! Register at: ccsraleigh.weebly.com/ register.html.

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated Saturday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. We will honor those celebrating their wedding anniversary, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, and 60 years of marriage. Please register at: https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2019. For questions, call Rebekah Tolson at 919-821-9753.



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 praver, any time you want. Go to our website at <u>www.ourladyoflourdescc.org</u> 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?



Retrouvaille is a marriage help program Retrouvaille, that teaches effective communication. The presenting team, three couples and a priest, presents a technique of communication that

enables you to take a good look at many areas of your relationship. The team provides practical tools for improving your marriage. Unlike marriage counselors, they will share how they were able to benefit from these techniques themselves. After each presentation you will have time for reflection and discussion in complete privacy with your spouse. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 11 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



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 follows Mass. Upcoming Mass schedule: Aug 11, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 and Dec 15. For more information, contact Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com, or visit www.singlesingleagain.com or on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ singleagainraleigh.

Join Catholic Charities on Saturday, September 7th for the 3rd Annual "Dancing for a Cause: Celebrating Our Hispanic Culture in Wake County". Come learn how Centro para Familias Hispanas is impacting our community. Dine with friends over a delicious meal and feel free to hit the dance floor to show off your best moves! There will be a silent auction and raffle. It will be a night to remember while supporting a great cause. For guestions about tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact David Juarez Torres at David.Juarez@Raldioc.org or (919) 873-0094, ext. 2230. For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/DFAC-2019.

You are invited to The Guatemala Independence Day Celebration and Benefit sponsored by The Guatemalan Student Support Group and Children of God Ministry. The event will begin at 6:00 on Sunday September 15 at the Fallon Center, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh, NC 27608. The evening will include beautiful music by singer/composer Sandra Camila, delicious Guatemalan food from El Chapin restaurant in Durham, a raffle and silent auction all to provide better educational opportunities to poor and underprivileged youth in Guatemala. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 after August 25. Children 6-12 half price, under 6 free. Purchase tickets online at www.gssg-usa.org or contact Kathleen DeRubio:(919) 656-1512 / childrenofgodguate@gmail.com. Come join us for fun and memorable evening!!



Parish Athletics

Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

Dates: August - October.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 5th Grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-8th graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

Fall Baseball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th. Dates: September - October. Game Locations: Apex. Cost: \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic. **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K – 4th graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th. Dates: September - November. Game Locations: Apex or Cary.

Cost: Pre-K, \$55; K – 5th Grade, \$60 includes medal, shirt, picnic **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners – 5th graders have one weekday practice per week and games on Friday nights.

Fall Softcrosse (Apex)

Ages: K – 2nd Grade & 3rd – 5th Grade.

Dates: Sundays Sept 8 – Oct 13 (six weeks)

K-2: 2 – 3pm

3-5: 3 – 4pm

Age groups will practice together and scrimmage for an hour each. Cost: \$65

Details: Softcrosse is designed for beginners to intermediate players who want to learn the fundamentals of Lacrosse with a focus on stick skills.

Equipment: stick and mouth guard

Register at www.parishathleticsnc.org

News From Other Organizations

Retreat: Reading the Signs of the Times through the Eyes of St. Francis. The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is hosting a one of a kind retreat to help people find hope and joy in a rapidly changing world. The retreat is two nights, August 16-18. Franciscan Friar Father Peter Tremblay will be the retreat master and can offer a unique perspective on emerging trends and a Franciscan response. Participants will discover ways to deepen their faith, enliven their hope, and share that same joy of St. Francis in the midst of challenging times. There is a special discount for any Knight of Columbus and his spouse. Find more information at www.catholicconference.org/signs/ or contact info@catholicconference.org, 828.327.7441.



Catholic 540-AM CATHOLIC RADIO can be heard on 540 AM WETC – <u>W</u>e're <u>Every Thing C</u>atholic! Divine Mercy Radio offers great shows like "The Doctor Is In", "Called to Communion", and "Catholic Answers Live", along with devotions such as daily Mass, the Chaplet, and the Rosary. Divine Mercy Radio also features well-known speakers such as Bishop Barron, Fr. Wade Menesis, Mother Angelica, and Bishop Fulton Sheen. For a complete program schedule and a map of the

Are you a local Crafter, Artist, or Direct Sales Consultant? Apply to be a vendor at St. Michael's Eleventh Annual Holiday Fair. The fair will take place Saturday, November 9th from 9AM to 3PM in the Parish Center. For complete details, requirements, and application, visit the parish website homepage www.stmichaelcary.org. Questions? Contact our coordinators: Salina Kohut (919-357-5572 smkohut@yahoo.com) or Christine Searles (919-377-0585 purple12c@yahoo.com)

coverage area, visit our website Catholic540AM.org. For a free

Catholic540AM car magnet, call 919.300.5400.



Save the Date! 17th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference - April 25, 2020, Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh: "Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith." Join our mailing list to receive the latest updates: IgnitedByTruth.org.

CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOPPE Wanted: Artisans and crafters for St. Thomas More Catholic School's 16th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show in Chapel Hill on Saturday, December 7. A 6' table is \$70. One additional table may be rented for \$40. Deadline to apply is Saturday, October 5. This popular, handmade-only craft show draws a large, enthusiastic crowd and, according to Our State Magazine, is one of the top 25 "Quintessential Tar Heel Christmas Experiences"! To apply, please Joanne Vance at (919) 490-8493 contact or email stmholidayshoppe@gmail.com. Don't delay -- apply today!



I call Pastor AI an 'Iron Chef' because to eat a meal that he cooks, you have to have an iron stomach."

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Parish Mission Statement



We, the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Apex, North Carolina, Believe in the constant love of God made known to us through the words and actions of Jesus. We are a warm and welcoming community of faith in Christ and the Catholic Church. We are committed to the religious and academic education of our families as a foundation for spiritual growth and to bring us into a closer relationship with God. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to provide meaningful liturgies, stimulating faith formation, And a broad range of social ministries for the growth of one another and of service to our greater community. Check these ads at www.StMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm



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