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Catechetical Corner

A New Catechetical Year Begins This Week -Sundays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone who is returning to faith development classes with us. We welcome all who are new to our parish & program & look forward to our meeting this week. All families have received their first choice for class day & time.

Many! Many! Thanks!! to all adults who answered the call to volunteer each week. We are always successful because of your enthusiasm & support.

Still looking for 1 more volunteer on Tuesdays from 5-6:15 in grade in 1. How about you?? All lesson plans & materials are provided each week.

Opening Day Procedures on 9/23 - 9/25 - 9/26

All classes are held in the Education Building (building closest to the playground). Upon entering the lobby please find your child's grade table. Take the name card to the catechist.Each name card also has the room number. The room numbers are labeled on the outside of each classroom. Room numbers in the 100s are on the first floor. Room numbers in the 200s are on the second floor. Introduce yourself & your child to the catechists. Everything each student needs each week will be provided for them.

Grades PK-3 please drop off & pick up at the classroom. Grades 4 & 5 (after week one) can drop off & pick up in the lobby. There is no curbside drop off & pick up. Please park & come inside.

Helpful Information to Stay Informed

www.stmm.church

Select Religious Education

Select Elementary for links about Inclement Weather Policy / Yearly Calendar / First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Dates / Monthly CPO Grade Contributions service project.

Weekly Class Times

Traditional Elementary Programs... Sundays 12-1:15p / Tuesdays 5-6:15p / Wednesdays 6:30-7:45p

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd...Sundays Level I - 8:45-10a / Sundays Level I - 10:30-11:45a / Sundays Level II - 12p-1:15p / Tuesdays Level II 5p-6:15p / Wednesdays Level III - 5p-6:15p.

Lastly, all our programs serve only registered contributing parishioners who use the electronic draft system or weekly envelopes. If you are interested in our religious education program in the future, register now in our parish & become active parishioners.

> Contact Celeste - <u>usischon@stmm.net</u> or Suzanne - <u>will@stmm.net</u> with your questions.



Youth Ministry

ALL StMM YM PROGRAMS ARE MEETING THIS SUNDAY 9/23 WE HAVE OUR FIRST YOUTH MASS OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR AT 6PM TOO! ALL AGES WELCOME!

Registration for StMM YM programs has officially closed. Spots will now be filled on a case by case basis. Please contact Janine or Liz directly depending on what program you are wanting to register your teen.

 EDGE is for rising 6th-8th graders & meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm on Sundays
 The Way is for rising 9th-12th graders not yet confirmed & meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm on Sundays
 Apostello is for rising 11th & 12th graders already confirmed & meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm on Sundays

You can find the STMM YM Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year at <u>www.stmm.net</u> under the religious education tab!!

StMM Appalachia Service Project 2019: Applications for next summer's mission trip will be available after mass on Sunday, October 7! Visit The Way check in desk or chat with Taylor Wray! All youth and adults who are interested in going must go through this application process. Some basic requirements: Must be 14+ years old, active member at StMM, interested in service! Not sure what ASP is, what it has in store for you, or maybe you have always wanted to go on ASP, but have not yet had the opportunity? Join us at our information meeting on Thursday, October 4, 7pm in the StMM Media Center! This meeting is for adults, parents, and youth who are interested in going on ASP 2019 and have not gone before! Have some questions beforehand? Contact Taylor Wray at stmmasp@gmail.com

E Circle IS OPEN TO RISING 9TH GRADERS OVER THE SUM-

MER!! E CIRCLE is a ministry open to all HS girls who desire healthy sisterhood in their lives. You don't have to be a member of StMM YM to attend. E Circle is a place for HS women where you can be yourself and talk about tough topics, share joys & concerns, & have some fun during these crazy busy HS years. E Circle is meeting at Leah Beavers house on 9/27, 10/8, and 10/23 from 7pm-8:30pm. Follow E Circle on social media for more updates! Insta: stmm_ecircle Twitter: STMM E-Circle. Snap: e-circle E Circle is led by Leah Beavers & Claire Fitzpatrick.

DAWG's: OPEN TO RISING 9th GRADERS OVER THE SUM-MER!! Led by Danny Fitzpatrick & a team of college guys, **DAWG's** is for guys in HS who desire healthy brotherhood in their lives. You don't have to be a member of StMM YM to attend. Here you can be yourself, talk about the tough topics, share the ups and downs of your HS lives and of course just have some fun! **DAWG's** is scheduled to meet:6pm-8:30pm.(come for all or some) For more info please contact Danny Fitzpatrick at: <u>dpfitzpa@gmail.com</u> with questions. September & October Dates for DAWG's are 9/26, 10/10, & 10/24 in the STMM Youth Room

EDGE & ASP—Janine McGann janine.mcgann@gmail.com Apostello, The Way, & Confirmation— Liz Sams liz.sams@gmail.com



RCIA

The Next Session is Mon, Sep 24th from 7:30-8:30pm in Room 4/ Church Building. Please use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah. Topic: Mental Images of God—Are Our Images of God Growing?: Do Catholics Worship Images? Questions please contact Celeste at rcia@stmm.net.





Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Sacred Liturgy Training is set for Sunday, September 30th at 1p-3p in the Church. Questions please contact Lisa Westberg at lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com.

Come if you need a brush up or new to the ministry.



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the Welcome parish will be held Saturday Oct 13th in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend and to introduce them-

selves. 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.



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. Join us on Oct. 5th. 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.



STARTING SEPT. 23. Instead of heading to Target, head to ••• the school's Media Center after you drop your kids at faith formation. Let's learn something new about our faith. Let's talk about news in the Church. Let's have a good cup of coffee! We meet during Sunday faith formation classes from 12-1:15pm. When the kids are there, so are we! Join us! Questions? Contact Nicole at nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe at jsebik@icloud.com.



Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view as=subscriber



Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are thoughtfully designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ.

To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Fall meeting dates are Sun, Sept 30; Sat, Oct 20; and Sun, Nov 18. Onsite childcare is available at our regular Sunday meetings for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested. Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers (ages 11 years +) are needed on the Chrysalis Childcare Team. Volunteers lead organized activities and care for the children during regular monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Thank you!



Mark your calendars for the StMM Ministry Fair

October 13th-14th. Come find out about the wonderful work that our ministries carry out and the opportunities that are out there for you to get involved!



Respect of Life Sunday October 7th: Please join us in celebrating Respect of Life! Come and learn more about what Respect of Life is and enjoy some small refreshments.



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 October

14-21. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of Sept 29-30 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. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.



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 Tues. 10/9 at 1pm. 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 for meeting room.

Stock Donations Before Year's End? If you are considering a tax deductible stock donation before the end of 2018 the process is easy. Go to http://dioceseofraleigh.org/give and download the stock donation form. A contact person is listed on the form should you have questions. All stock donations are processed through the Diocese of Raleigh and proceeds are forwarded to the parish.



Online Giving - Give instantly via our website. And don't forget, you can go to our website, www.stmm.church, click on GIVING and then on DONATE TO STMM. Direct ELECTRONIC your gift to a specific fund. You can donate by credit card

or a debit to your checking account. It can be a one-time gift or a repeating one. Your donations are tax deductible.



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, October 14th. 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—Thousands and thousands of brain cells are growing in Abigail's head every day! Soon Abigail will have billions of brain cells. I can make a fist and grasp things. My spine is beginning to form to protect my spinal cord. I'm covered by

a white, cheesy substance that protects my skin. Don't worry, it will come off right after birth. Mom can tell if her baby gets the hiccups. "Before I formed vou in the womb I knew vou, before vou were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5)



Each Friday, August 3-September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

Report from Diocese Parishes Affected by Hurricane

Annunciation, Havelock – Tree through the roof of the school Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove - Interior water damage to the rectory from the windows and attic.

Sacred Heart, Southport – Extensive water damage in the sacristy cabinet, tiles, and carpeting, damage to tiles in the common area. St. Therese, Wrightsville Beach – Water damage to the buildings and some roof damage, damaged fences and a/c units.

St. Brendan, Shallotte - Several leaks and some interior ceiling damage and some wind damaged gutters.

St. Patrick, Fayetteville - 4 feet of water in rectory basement, sump pump failed, interior damage to church, school, gym, office

St. Mary, Wilmington - Flooding in the lower school and possibly the gym. Some large trees down, but not on buildings.

Sacred Heart, Pinehurst - Wind damage to roof, interior water damage to the church.

St. Ann, Fayetteville - Parish was in evacuation zone. Awaiting results of the rising waters.

St. Mark, Wilmington - Church roof failed and major water leaks, including one by the main electrical panel

St. Paul, New Bern - 2 feet of water in the Family Life Center, church had roof leaks. Tree on top of rectory but no apparent damage.

St. Egbert, Morehead City - Roof and water damage to the offices, some to a new small addition to the school and roof and water damage to the rectory - pastor cannot stay there.

Infant of Prague, Jacksonville - Church is OK. Gym had a large part of the roof torn off. Interior water damage.

Cathedral - Standing water in both eastward vestibules on each transept on the north and south. Dripping onto the ceiling drywall. Avila Retreat Center – Tree branch through the roof of Cottage G. Short Journey Center - Roof damage, interior water damage



Diocesan News



The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Find peace in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Nov 9-11 in Atlantic Beach and Mar 1-3 in Hickory. Early

sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on October 12th call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

You are invited to attend our Annual Conference with Guest Speaker Peter Herbeck "From A New Pentecost To An Unshakable Kingdom" On October 20th at The Parish Center for St. Michael the Archangel Church in Cary 8:30am – 4:30pm. For more information about this event, visit www.ccsraleigh.weebly.com. To register, please email Debra@rony.com.

HEC-Handicapped Encounter Christ is a Christian group open to all. HEC's mission is to Handicapped Encounter Christ enhance the spiritual and social lives of both phys-

ically disabled and able-bodied adults. We heartily invite you to attend our upcoming Fall Retreat held at the Agape Retreat Center in Fuguay Varina. The retreat begins on October 5th 4pm and ends the next day October 6th at 6:30pm. The cost is \$75 including lodging for both days or \$27 for Saturday only. Scholarships are available. Please contact Marty and Charlie Coe at ccoe@nc.rr.com.



Knights Corner



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus "A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization" Apex Council #7186

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

WE WILL RISE 9.17.18 RISE is a 30-Day Challenge for all men, by Chris Stefanick and Bill Donaghy. Men of this Parish are taking the challenge and bearing witness to the impact it can have on our lives. Can you find 5 minutes of your day to give to Jesus and become a better man? Please contact Ryan Evenson at eever45@yahoo.com for more details. www.MenRiseUp.org

Fall Adopt-A-Highway event is Saturday Sept 29th! Plan to meet at Olive Chapel Elementary School (1751 Olive Chapel Rd, Apex) at 8:30 AM. Children must be 12 years old to participate. Please consider participating in this truly local opportunity, literally just down the street! As usual, drinks and snacks will be provided. Bags, gloves, vests, and sticks to pick up trash will also be available. (Rob Tripp at ROBTRIPP@GMAIL.COM).

News From Other Organizations

Dynamic Catholic Event "Find Your Greatness" October 13th 9am-1:30pm St. Peter Catholic Church, Greenville. Four habits that will transform your life. This half day event will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential. Based on Matthew Kelly's book The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. \$25 per person. FREE EVENT BAG! Includes Dynamic Catholic resources valued over \$30! Purchase tickets online at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900 or St. Peter Parish Office, 252-757-3259.



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 re-

minder 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

Are you a person 55 years of age or older and looking for an opportunity to meet new friends? The Silver and CIES Gold Society of St. Bernadette's Church may be just what you need! The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month September through June at 12:45pm in St. Bernadette's Community room. After sharing in a potluck luncheon, the members hear from a speaker about any one of many interesting topics. The speaker is followed by a short business meeting. If this appeals to you, be a guest at one of the meetings!

New Catholic High School Study—Thank you to all families who have completed our survey regarding the feasibility of establishing a new Catholic high school in the Durham-Chapel Hill area. If you have not completed the survey, please complete the survey online by the end of the day Sunday, September 23rd. Your response is very important. Thank you for taking time to respond.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY in Aftercare Program at StMM-We are in search of responsible, reliable, energetic, creative and caring individuals to help round out our Aftercare program at StMM. Job duties will include but are not limited to; creating and implementing crafts and other activities for elementary school-aged children, monitoring and participating in sports/games/art/drama activities and being a role model who demonstrates patience, kindness, honesty and respect. Applicants must be over 18 years of age and have the ability to work Monday-Friday from 2:30pm until 6pm during the school year. Experience working with school-aged children is a plus. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact: Megan Mastrogiovanni at mastrogiovanni@stmm.net



Parish Athletics - Apex Winter Basketball

Grades: PreK-6th (coed). Dates: Nov 26th - Feb 9th. Location: StMM Gym in Apex. Cost: Pre-K & Kindergarten \$60; 1st-2nd \$65; 3rd-6th \$70 Pre-K & K meet once a week on Saturdays for a joint practice/game. 1st-6th grade will have a weekly practice with a game during the weekend.

The Rosary Coast to Coast is Sunday, October 7th. Across the country, Catholics are asked to pray are asked to pray the Rosary together at 4pm. You are invited to gather at The Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral at 3:50pm by the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue so we are able to join the Rosary promptly at 4pm We will stand in prayer or you may bring a char. A beautiful Rosary will be given away.



Sth Annual Join Catholic Charities at our 8th Annual Gala on CATHOLIC October 27th at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. CHARITIES The Most Reverend Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and the Catholic Charities Board of Directors are hosting this elegant night out featuring a cocktail hour, program, and a live band which will support our services

across the 54 counties of the Diocese of Raleigh. The evening will also include a raffle drawing with the first prize winner taking home a Cruise Package and Travel Voucher valued at \$4,300. Raffle tickets are \$50 each, 3 for \$100. They can be purchased online or on the night of the event. Winners do not need to be present so everyone can participate. For more information or to register, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/events/Gala-2018. or email Katev Fithian, Director of Development, at Kathryn, Fithian@raldioc.org.



Are you a local Crafter, Artist, or Direct Sales Consultant? Apply to be a vendor at St. Michael's Tenth Annual Holiday Fair. The fair will take place Saturday November 10th from 9am-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 Chris-

tine Searles (919-377-0585 purple12c@yahoo.com)

We are looking for boys and girls from pre-K to 5th grade to join Cub Scout Pack 224 at StMM. We meet on Tuesdays starting in late August from 7-8pm at the school for den and pack meetings. For more information, see the at www.apexpack224.org, or email us website at cubmaster@apexpack224.org.

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



Yes, gifts are given at weddings, but the Magi bearing gifts is not really the right reading for a wedding."

Hurricane Florence **Solution Disaster Relief** tips for donations



Ways to help with Catholic Charities Our most needed resource is funding to provide services

Financial contributions Go to: CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/donate

Items needed: food and water- only nonperishable items
baby products-diapers, wipes, nonperishable baby food, formula
cleaning supplies- paper towels, wipes, bleach, spray cleaner
gift cards- gas and grocery
toiletries-toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors

Please contact your local office before making a donation or organizing a donation drive. Your local office can be found here:

CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/locations

Contact information Gabby Amos, Catholic Charities 919-821-9750 Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org



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