

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,



Last week in the 2nd collection for those affected by Hurricane Florence we received \$22,099. A wonderful generosity! We will forward these funds to Catholic Charities to use to help people.

Last Tuesday I visited some friends on the coast and on the drive back and forth saw some of the effects of the Hurricane in Jacksonville, Morehead City, Havelock, New Bern, and Kinston. Most of the destruction I saw was a result of flooding. It is so sad to see people's belongings: beds, sofas, chairs on the highway awaiting pickup for trash. I also saw trucks of clean-up equipment, many with license tags from far-away places such as Michigan and Kansas.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday September 29 at 10:30, after Baptisms, and also on Saturday October 6 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib

IMPORTANT

PARISH DATES

September

30—Eucharistic Ministers Training—1—3pm—Church

30—Youth Mass—6pm

<u>October</u>

- 1—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 5-Adoration-8:30am-7pm-Chapel
- 7-Respect Life Sunday
- 7—Blessing of the Animals—1:15pm—Piazza
- 7—Youth Mass—6pm
- 8—Parish Council Meeting—7pm—Church Room 1
- 9—Safe Environment Training—1pm
- 13—Welcome Dinner—6pm—Dining Hall
- 13—14 Ministry Fair—after Masses in Narthex
- 14—Youth Mass—6pm

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



Sep 29—5pm—Alice Silver—Parrish Family Sep 30—9am—Parishioners of StMM Sep 30—10:45am—Vincent & Monica Lopez 11th Wedding Anniv. - Nelly Lopez Oct 3—8:15am—Gregory Hichson—Chatten Family Oct 5—8:15am—Thomas Lorch—Veronica Mullaney

Mass Intentions

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 on Saturdays in the Church.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The 2017-2018 Financial Report is now available on the Church website at www.stmm.church/annual_report_2018_to_parish.pdf.



Catechetical Corner

Many Thanks to all program families in attendance last week for such a smooth start.

Nice to see so many returning families & to finally meet our new families.

Absent for Week 1? - Upon arrival this week into the lobby of the Education Building please stop at the Name Card Table to pick up your child's individual name card with room number. Take the card to the catechists. Introduce yourself as well as your student to the catechists.

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 9/30 We hosting our friends from 177 Project with musical guests Tom Young and Taylor Tripodi

All ages are welcome to attend either the EDGE session or The Way session, families welcome whether or not you have a teen in one of our programs. This night is open to our entire parish & will be held in the church.

This Sunday EDGE will meet in the gym & walk to the church for 177 Project from 4:30pm-5:45pm 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!!

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.

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 <u>stmmasp@gmail.com</u>

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

<u>MER!!</u> 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 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: dpfitzpa@gmail.com with questions. September & October Dates for DAWG's are 10/10, & 10/24 in the STMM Youth Room.



RCIA

The Next Session is Mon, Oct 1st from 7:30-8:30pm in Room 4/ Church Building. Please use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah. Topic: Introduction to Prayer & Scripture An Invitation to prayer; How Catholics Understand Grace. 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.



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 Seniors on the Go! place Monday, Oct 15, 9:30-11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. Our speaker will be an officer from

Apex Community Policing. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676, or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

HEY PARENTS! 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 make new friends who are living the struggles of kids and work and faith. Let's have a good cup of coffee! Our group meets during Sunday faith formation classes from 12 to 1:15. When the kids are there, so are we! Join us! Ques-Contact Nicole at nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe tions? at jsebik@icloud.com.



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!

Ministry and Stewardship—Mark your calendars for the StMM Ministry Fair in the Narthex after all Masses on the weekend of 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.

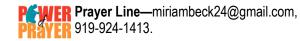


Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session is Tues. 10/9 at 1pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation

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.

Member of the Parish in Need - For any who may know her -Danielle Gruss has a GoFundMe account and is in need of assistance.





Respect Life News

Birthchoice As part of Respect Life Month, StMM will be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign

Fundraiser for Birthchoice Pregnancy Center. Birthchoice provides free Pregnancy Tests and Ultrasounds to over 1000 women who are vulnerable to abortion each year. By giving these women complete and accurate information and connecting them with available resources nearly 80% choose life for their baby. Volunteers will be handing out empty baby bottles the weekend of October 6th & 7th. Please take one home and fill it with your spare change, dollar bills or checks made Payable to "Birthchoice" and return it the following weekend October 13th & 14th.



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—Abigail's taste buds continue to form. I can taste sweet things now. My mom likes chocolate, and so do I. A bright light can be seen through my mommy's tummy. I have eyelashes

and eyebrows now. My fingerprints are fully formed. My toenails and fingernails are growing and may need to be clipped when I'm born. Mom may be feeling like a "Soccer Mom" now that her uterus is the size of a soccer ball. "How sweet to my tongue is your promise, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103)



Annual Benefit for Life Gala-Please join us for an evening benefitting ministries for life at our new venue - Embassy Suites by Hilton in

Cary. The event will be on October 12 beginning at 6:30 pm for cocktails/hors d'oeuvres and 7:30 pm dinner. Attendance is by invitation only. If you would like to receive an invitation and/or would like to donate, please contact Janelle Buchanan at 214-497-0756 or janelle@birthchoicewake.org



Wedding Anniversary Mass - To honor the sacred vocation of marriage, Bishop Luis Zarama will celebrate a special Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 60 years of marriage may RSVP at http:// dioceseofraleigh.org/wedding-mass-registration. Family members are welcome to attend. Please register by October 10 for this special Mass. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Roberto Cortes, Married Life Coordinator, at Roberto.cortes@raldioc.org or (919)821-9735.



Your word, oh Lord, is truth. Bring the Lord's truth into your marriage by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Nov 9-11 in Atlantic Beach and Mar 1-3 in Hickory. Early sign up is recom-

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

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples RETROUVAILLE that may have lost the sense of closeness they once had and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on October 12 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 Chris-12 2 30 tian group open to all. HEC's mission is to enhance Handicapped Encounter Christ the spiritual and social lives of both physically 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 is October 5th 4pm until October 6th at 6:30pm. The cost is \$75 including lodging for both days or \$27 for Saturday only. Contact Marty and Charlie Coe at ccoe@nc.rr.com.



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus "A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Our Knights at STMM Council 7186 have been delivering supplies for nearly two weeks to our brothers and sisters in the coastal areas of North Carolina that have been severely flooded and damaged by Hurricane Florence. We are now beginning to help with the clean-up. We could use some more helping hands. Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: http://kofc7186.org

Contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday Oct 14: 2nd Sunday Breakfast Saturday Oct 13 - Sunday Oct 14: StMM Ministry Fair Saturday Oct 20 - Sunday Oct 21: CPO "Feed A Family" Fall Food Drive

Saturday Oct 27: Apex Music Festival

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!

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 ATHOLIC October 27th at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. 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 Katey Fithian, Director of Development, at Kathryn.Fithian@raldioc.org.



Interested in Joining Boy Scouts? Boys grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to join Boy Scouts of America, Troop 224. We meet every Monday 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



A Rosary Rally will be held on Sat, Oct 13th at 12pm at the corner of Saunders Street and N. Salem Street in Apex in front of the Apex clock,

the Flag and Memorial. Rain or Shine! We will be praying for peace in our country, in the world, and for our men/women in blue. For more information contact Ronnie Mullaney at 919-446-7900.

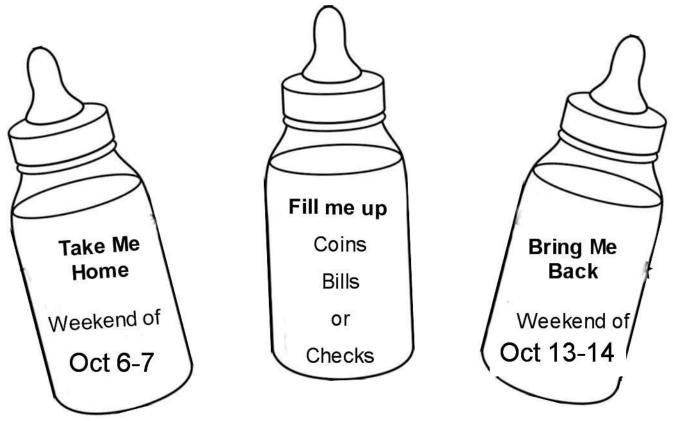
St. Stanislaus Church 21st Annual Polish Festival - St. Stanislaus Church in Castle Havne, NC will celebrate our 21st Annual Polish Festival on Saturday, November 3 from 11am—5pm on the church grounds in Castle Hayne. Admission is free and there is parking on the church property on Marathon Ave. Festival patrons can look forward to genuine Polish foods including kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, pierogi, potato pancakes, Polish beer, and homemade desserts. The Chardon Polka Band from Ohio will delight everyone with crowd favorite music. For more information, please call 910 675-2336 or visit our website: ststanislauscatholic.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.



'Sometimes I feel Jesus' biggest miracle was that he got around everywhere without using a car!

The Bottles are coming! next week



Donations help to save women and their babies from the tragedy of abortion.

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Birthchoice

Online donations: supportbirthchoice.org

Birthchoice provides, consulting, education, free pregnancy tests & limited ultrasounds along with practical services and resources, helping women to choose life.

Over 1000 served in 2017

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