

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

You might note this week that there are bookcases in our corridor and in the meeting rooms. These books belonged to our Deacon John Hubisz and have been donated by his wife Jola to St Mary Magdalene. We are most grateful for this gift.

If you would like to borrow a book to read, you are welcome to do so. We will have to rely on the honor system for now. So bring the book back after you have finished. The books are not organized; perhaps we can do that later.

I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for taking the time on Saturday to move the books. It was a monumental task and I appreciate the dedication of the Knights to all our parish endeavors.

Our parish is grateful for the additional gifts members have made to the offertory and paying for the new church. We have not asked for an increase in offertory since seeking pledges for the new church. But now it is time to ask – the operating costs of the church are larger and we would like to consider our staffing needs as we grow. Our membership has increased by 300 families in the past year.

We received a thank you note from Catholic Charities for the donation of 1,616 pounds of groceries and \$1,815 from the church and 1,302 pounds of groceries from our school. In September Catholic Parish Outreach gave assistance to over 7,400 people.

In the month of November we remember all those who have died. We are grateful for what they have given to us during life and we pray for them eternal rest.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions at 10:30 am Saturday, November 3, after Baptisms. And also on November 10, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib

Important	Mass Intentions
Parish Dates	Nov 3—5pm—Rita Marinaccio—Bettman Family Nov 4—9am—Parishioners of StMM Nov 4—10:45am—Michael Edward Hollis—Roccoforte Family Nov 5—8:15am—Art Hernandez—Molly Hernandez Nov 6—8:15am—Harry Cochrane—Cochrane Family Nov 9—8:15am—Margaret & Kenneth Blum
November 4—Youth Mass—6pm 5—Safe Environment Training—6:30pm 5—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4 11—Youth Mass—6pm	For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office
12—Parish Council—7pm—Church Room 1 12—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4 18—2nd Collection—Catholic Campaign for Human	***************************************
Development 18—Youth Mass—6pm	FINANCIAL MATTERS
Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to <u>info@stmm.net</u>) ************************************	OUR GIVING PATTERNS For the year 2017 here are the giving patterns of our parish per week The numbers include Offertory and Gifts for the New Church
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 Satur- days or at weekend Masses.	115 gave \$75 or over per week105 gave \$50—\$74244 gave \$25—\$49427 gave \$10—\$24205 gave \$5—\$9247 gave \$1—\$4122 gave less than \$1368 have no record of giving
CONFESSIONS – Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulle- tin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church.	The 2017-2018 Financial Report is now available on the Church website at <u>www.stmm.church/annual_report_2018_to_parish.pdf</u> .
WEDDINGS – See the Guidelines on the Website – then email the Pastor.	





Catechetical Corner

Grade 1 Program Families - The week of November 12th/14th/15 is your designated week for toilet paper contributions for Catholic Parish Outreach. Please leave your donations in the lobby before or after class. Please be as generous as your means will allow and many thanks in advance.

Thanksgiving Holiday - All elementary programs are closed from Sunday, November 18th through Sunday, November 25th. All programs resume on Tuesday, November 27th.

Grade 2 & Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program Families - First Reconciliation Parent Meetings are set for Monday, December 3rd & Tuesday December 4th in Church Room 3. Meetings times are 10:30a-12 noon OR 7p-8:30p on either day. Only one parent is to attend one meeting. Pick whatever is convenient for your schedule. There is no need to RSVP. Upon arrival you will sign in on the appropriate labeled rosters displayed in the hallway outside Room 3. Please enter the Church behind the Jonah statue on the piazza & not through the main doors. If you attended a First Reconciliation parent meeting in either December 2016 or 2017 you do not need to attend, this year. You are however responsible for picking up all meeting materials from the parish office the week of December 11th. Please bring the \$75 sacrament instructional materials fee. Checks are made payable to StMM. This amount will cover both sacraments received this year.

First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p or 6:30p / Wednesday, February 6th at 5p or 6:30p Parents do not attend.. Sunday Religious Education Students will need to sign up for a Tuesday of Wednesday time. Sign Up will take place at the December Parent Meetings.

First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 7th from 10a-11a. Parents do not attend.

Looking Ahead - Advent Begins December 2nd...Our Annual Lobby Gathering Prayer will begin this week on days we have class sessions. Upon arrival to the lobby the students are to gather around our displayed Advent wreath & not proceed down to the classrooms. When our prayer is complete, catechists will walk their students to class. Dismissal procedures remain the same. Parents are welcome to stay & should stand around the perimeter of the lobby.

Christmas Holidays - All elementary programs are closed from Sunday, December 16th through Friday, January 4th. All programs resume the week of January 6th.

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 2nd for all students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30a-12noon.

2019 First Eucharist Dates—May 11th/12th and May 17th/18. First Eucharist is received at the 5p/9a/10:45a on either weekend. Families pick their own date. They are not assigned. Parents will give us date at the March parent meetings.

All our elementary programs serve only registered contributing parishioners using the weekly envelope system or electronic draft.



Youth Ministry

Thanks to everyone who joined us in prayer for the teens & adults who were on the EDGE Retreat last weekend! This Sunday, November 4th we are on the following schedule:

EDGE (6th-8th grade) meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm The Way(9th-12th graders not yet confirmed) meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm Apostello(11th & 12th graders already confirmed) meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass in the church at 6pm, all parishioners welcome!

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: All Applications for next summer's mission trip are due this Sunday by 8:30pm to Taylor Wray! All youth and adults who are interested in going must go through the application process. Some basic requirements: Must be 14+ years old, active member at StMM, interested in service! . If you have any questions or would like an application before the deadline, please contact Taylor Wray at <u>stmmasp@gmail.com</u>.

Help build a house in Haiti!: StMM Youth Ministry programs are teaming up to build a house in Jeremie, Haiti through the group, Haiti Mission Inc. You can learn more about this organization on their website at http://www.haitimissioninc.com/ We are challenging every teen who is registered in either the EDGE, The Way, and Apostello to donate \$7.25 between now and April 1st. This would give us the \$3,750 to partner with HMI and provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti. In April 2018 Janine and Liz went on a mission trip to Haiti and saw firsthand the incredibly life changing work HMI is doing in the Jeremie area and felt a strong call to connect our StMM YM teens & families with HMI. Our youth can have a profound impact on the life of a family living in complete despair and allow them to have a safe place to sleep, gather, eat, live... Something all of us take for granted. Anybody can donate to this cause and if we raise more than the \$3750 minimum, we'll build two houses! Our vision is for our community to accompany the people of Jeremie and join HMI in their mission of moving people from despair into poverty. Thank you for your support!

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



RCIA

The Next Session is Mon, Nov 5th from 7:30-8:30pm in Room 4/ Church Building. Please use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah. Topic: Vocation: the Sacrament of Marriage & Single Life Questions please contact Celeste at rcia@stmm.net.





Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training dates are set for Sunday, November 11th OR Sunday, December 9th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4.Use the entrance behind the statue of

Jonah on the piazza. Contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net for November 11th training. Contact Lisa at lisa.westberg@dukeenergy.com for December 9th

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 on the Go! place Monday, November 19th, 9:30 – 11am, 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! Questions? Contact Nicole at nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe at jsebik@icloud.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 teer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer next session is Mon, 11/5 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 for meeting room.



children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) has begun. This co-op ministry guides children ages 3 years to first grade through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. Register your child(ren) at the CLOW table outside of Mass or email Celeste Usischon usischon@stmm.net to participate. All

parents will need to take a turn to serve as either parent assistant or C-Level leader. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



.Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https:// <u>www.youtube.com/channel/</u> UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmlxtNRZA? view_as=subscriber or Search YouTube for 'STMM

CHURCH LIVE.



Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Collection. Our parish will be collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) in Thanksgiving Apex for Thanksgiving Meals for needy families. Please stop by the donation table in the Nar-

thex during the weekends of Nov. 3rd/4th and Nov. 10th/11th to pick up a donation tag. All donations must be brought to StMM before all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 18th/19th; but no later than 10:45 am on the 19th to allow time for delivery to WWCM. All checks for turkeys or complete meals should be made payable to WWCM.



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. Next meeting date is 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!



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 Nov 2nd and Dec 7th This requires that we have many people committed to praving 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.



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:// ELECTRONIC dioceseofraleigh.org/give and download the stock donation form A contact

should you have guestions. 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, vou can go to our website. www.stmm.church . click on GIVING and then on DONATE TO StMM. Direct your gift to a specific fund -Offertory, Debt Reduction, ASP Mission, In Memory or other. Your donations are tax deductible.



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.



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





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, November 11. 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 weighs over 3 pounds and may weigh about 7 pounds at birth. My brain is growing very fast. I'm starting to have regular sleep and awake time. I have dreams, but I keep them secret between God and me. I'm using my four senses

of vision, hearing, taste, and touch. I try to stretch out but there is not enough room. Mom is planning a Baby Shower. I don't know why, it's always wet in here. "Should there be a prophet among you, in visions will I reveal myself to him, in dreams will I speak to him." (Numbers 12:6)

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat - If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat November 9-11. The weekend retreat is strictly *confidential* for both women and men includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, for-giveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at <u>project.rachel@raldioc.org</u> or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$150 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available.





"Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Join us on one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on Nov 9-11 in Myrtle Beach and Mar 1-3 in Hickory. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website

at: <u>https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or contact us at <u>applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or 704-315-2144.

All are invited to attend the **African Ancestry Mass** at 3:30pm on Sunday, November 18th, at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. The celebrant will be Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. For more information call Alphonsus Ekele Ngwandom at: 919-247-2312



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 prayer, any time you want. Go to our website at www.ourladyoflourdescc.org 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?

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men and Women at Avila Retreat Center - The Spiritual Exercises provides an opportunity to quiet your soul from daily distractions and focus on Christ. Mass, Confession and Spiritual Direction will be available with a Legionary of Christ priest. There will be guided meditations with time for private reflection. This is an opportunity to listen and discern God's voice in your soul. The Men's retreat will be held December 7-9 and the Women's retreat will be held January 18-20 at Avila Retreat Center in Durham. Cost of the retreat is \$225 per person in advance or \$250 within two weeks of the retreat. Materials, meals and linens are included. For more information or to register, call (919) 274-9362 or email Raleighregnumchristi@gmail.com.

Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and bishops nationwide are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to their general assembly in November, where they will make critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the bishops, especially during the General Assembly, where they will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.



"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Our Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been very busy with Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, etc. *Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:

- Donated (36) winter coats for children to CPO last week as a result of our work and your support.
- Provided truck and Knights for CPO Food drive that collected nearly 3,000 lbs. of food and \$1,800.
- Distributed over \$30,000 in Hurricane Florence food and supplies and \$20,000 in gift cards donated by Knights of Columbus headquarters. Our local StMM council 'man power' distributed those supplies and money to Lumberton, Fayetteville, Wallace, New Bern, Wilmington and Jacksonville.

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: http://kofc7186.org

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

<u>Event Highlight:</u> 2nd Sunday Breakfast will be held Nov 11th (after 9am & 10:45am Mass). Knights of Columbus invites you to enjoy a great breakfast with your fellow parishioners.

Calendar

- Saturday Nov 3: 40 Days for Life at Abortion Clinic at Drake Circle, Raleigh (9am—10am)
- Saturday Nov 3: Move donated Books & Book Cases to StMM
- Saturday Nov 11: 2nd Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass)

StMM Principal

Recently our founding School Principal, Bob Cadran, announced his plan to retire at the end of this school year. We will soon establish a Search Committee, but meanwhile we are advertising in appropriate places. For additional information go to <u>www.StMM.church</u>. There is a link to the Job Description and additional details for applicants under Highlights.

News From Other Organizations

Catholic Charities is seeking a wheelchair donation for an elderly individual who has difficulty being mobile who does not possess any medical insurance and neither she nor her family can financially afford one. Her family often finds it difficult to transport her in and around different locations such as the grocery store, out to family gatherings, etc. and a wheelchair would greatly increase the mobility of this individual as well as relieve much of the challenge that the family is undertaking. If you have a wheelchair you could donate, please contact David Juarez at 919-873-0094, ext 224 or David.juarez@raldioc.org. Thank you!!



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 repray for our priests and an increase in vocations. This is a

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 <u>m.brinkley@hotmail.com</u>



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



St. Thomas More Academy (STMA), an independent, Diocesan approved, Catholic college preparatory school *in Raleigh*, invites all 7th & 8th grade students to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 11th from 2-

5pm. STMA is located at 3109 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh. Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now being accepted. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. In addition to the Open House, "shadowing" is encouraged for all students wishing to experience STMA first hand. Please call 919-878-7640 or email <u>admissions@stmacademy.org</u> with questions or to schedule a visit. For more information visit: <u>www.stmacademy.org</u>.



Don't miss St. Michael the Archangel's 10th Annual Holiday Fair! Join us Saturday Nov. 10th from 9am – 3pm. at 804 High House Rd, Cary in the Parish Center. Shop from over 40 local crafters, artists, and direct sellers. Purchase food and door prize raffle tickets; pro-

ceeds benefit programs for children in need in our parish and community.



The Annual Veterans Day Luncheon hosted by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will be held on November 11th in the Fellowship Hall of Saint Andrew the Apostle Church at 1pm. We invite anyone to attend this important

luncheon to honor all of our wonderful veterans. Cost is \$10/Adults and \$5/children (All tickets must be purchased prior to the event, Tickets will not be available at the door) To purchase tickets, contact Gary Lazetera at <u>glazetera@outlook.com</u>, Thomas Spampinato at <u>tspampinato@yahoo.com</u>, or Joe Pugleise at <u>joepwtwpc@aol.com</u>. Please consider joining us!!!

Parish Athletics Winter/Spring Sports

Winter Basketball (Apex) - Grades: Pre-k to 6th (coed) Dates: November 26th - February 9th. Location: StMM Gym in Apex. Cost: Pre-k & Kindergarten \$60; 1st & 2nd Grade \$65; 3rd - 6th Grades \$70; includes medal, shirt, and picnic. Note: Pre-k & Kindergartners have practices/games on Saturdays; 1st - 6th Grades have week night practices and weekend games.

Spring Soccer (Apex –Cary) - Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.Dates: March - May. Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick. Game Locations: Apex & Cary. Cost***: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic. Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games. ***Prices will increase by \$5 on January 1st, 2019.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex) - **Grades:** Coed; PreK (4 year olds) to 4th. **Dates:** April – June. **Practice Locations**: Apex only. **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic). **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcross (Apex) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th. Dates: April – June (6 weeks). Days/Times: Sunday afternoons. Location: Apex. Cost: \$65 (includes medal and end of year picnic). Equipment needed: stick and mouth guard.



"If John the Baptist had someone like Pastor Al cooking for him, eating locusts would have been a step up."

POU'RE INVITED TO THE BIRTHCHOICE 26th Annual SPIRIT OF THE SEASON Dinner and Auction



Silent and Live Auction 50/50 Raffle Christmas Gift Baskets And More

\$25.00 RESERVED SEATING

Homemade Lasagna Salad, Dessert & Wine Vegetarian or Gluten Free Available by Request

SEATING IS LIMITED

Go to www.supportbirthchoice.org Go to '**Give Now'** select '**Silent Auction'** and donate \$25 per person, tickets will be at the door.

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH , 6:30WHERE: Our Lady Of Lourdes, Fallon Center 2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh

To donate an auction item or request a special meal: contact: Eileen Eileen@Birthchoicewake.org or call 919-678-3004 Check these ads at www.StMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm



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