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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 14, 2018

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

This is the last weekend to offer your name to be a nominee for the Parish Council. The Parish Council is most helpful to me in guiding our parish and its programs. These forms are orange color; they can also be downloaded [here](#).

This weekend there will be a unique special collection; I will announce it at the beginning of the sermon.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday December 15 and December 22 at 10:30. The list of the Advent Penance Services is in our bulletin this week.

Here are some numbers about age groups in our parish. When we last did this search about 2 years ago we were 48% age 0 - 19; now we are 38%. I suggest you can interpret this change in your own fashion.

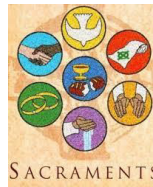
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Age	Total
0 - 9	955
10 - 19	1635
20 - 29	790
30 - 39	593
40 - 49	1180
50 - 59	1120
60 - 69	348
70 - 79	199
80 - 89	55
90 +	11

**Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!**

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

## 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.

## Reflection

I've often confessed that what originally attracted me to Scripture wasn't Scripture but the people who taught me Scripture. I was impressed by the mentality they brought to religion and the attitude toward faith revealed through their teachings. Though I never thought, as a diocesan priest, I'd have an opportunity to study and teach Scripture, down deep I wanted to spend my ministry doing so. More than anything, I wanted my personality to be shaped by the same experiences that shaped the personalities of the people I admired. Thankfully, I was eventually given that opportunity.

There's nothing more rewarding than proclaiming and agreeing with the joy Zephaniah found in experiencing Yahweh, or the happiness Paul discovered in following the risen Jesus. Yet if it hadn't been for the Scripture scholars who came into my life years ago, I probably would never have gone that deep into my faith.

Father Roger Karban

## Financial Matters

**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.

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors

in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

## **DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## **The Faithful Departed**

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died in our parish

Barbara Leinbach  
Anthony Palermo

## **Advent Penance Services**

**Saint Raphael**, Monday Dec 17 at 7pm

**Saint Raphael**, Tuesday Dec 18 at 11am

**Saint Michael**, Cary, Wednesday Dec 19 at 7pm

**Saint Bernadette**, Fuquay-Varina, Thursday, Dec 20 at 11am

## **Photos of the Week**



StMM School Christmas Pageant this week.



St. Lucy's Day procession

## Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project

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 \$3,750 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! To donate, click [HERE](#).

## Landscaping Committee - Cleanup on Saturday



We will meet on **Saturday, December 15th, at 10am in front of the church.** We need volunteers to pick up trash/debris & spread mulch/pine straw; bring yourself, family, and friends; if you have, bring rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow; email us at [Landscaping@stmm.net](mailto:Landscaping@stmm.net) if you are planning on joining us!

## Angel Tree





All contributions for the Angel Tree should be placed under the tree no later than 10:45am on this Sunday, Dec. 16th. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. Thank you for all your generosity!

## Brown Bag Ministry

Please help us catch up! Donations are lagging behind on Brown Bag Ministry's 2018 Christmas Eve Gift Bag Drive. As they have in the past, our **Holiday Gift Bags** will be distributed on Christmas Eve to approximately **200 homeless men at the South Wilmington Street Center in Raleigh**. But we're way behind in our collections this year--and only have a few days left to make up the shortfall. We are collecting the following: winter hats, winter gloves, winter scarves, white and black crew socks, thermal socks, shaving cream (full-size), three-blade razor packs, body wash (full-size), deodorant (full-size) washcloths, t-shirts (any size), and hand warmers. Please consider how you can support this special, once-a-year donation drive. We will have collection bins in the Narthex after the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your help!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



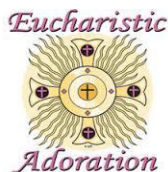
We are celebrating Advent at **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**. Please be sure you have registered your child(ren) to participate. To register, please send an email to our ministry at [stmmclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmmclow@gmail.com), as all parents will need to use the online sign-up to **serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader** throughout the year. This co-op ministry is geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

## Wedding Ministry



Do you love weddings? Would you like to become a member of the Wedding Ministry? A training for new wedding ministry volunteers and existing volunteers looking for a refresher will be held on Saturday Feb 9th at 10am. The session will cover volunteer responsibilities during the rehearsal and ceremony as well as information about becoming a Mentor Couple. If you are interested in joining this fun and rewarding ministry, sign up by sending an e-mail to [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net).

## Eucharistic Adoration



**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 Jan 4th. 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](mailto:AlAnitaBecker@aol.com).

## Catholic Senior Organization



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 place Monday, Dec 17, 9:30 - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676, or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## 'Knight's Corner'



### *Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus*

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter. ***Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.***

### ***Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:***

- Setup StMM Christmas Nativity and hosted refreshments
- Moved Deacon John's books and book cases to StMM (donated by Jola Hubisz)
- 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.
- Monthly we visit seniors in assisted living center and serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter.

### ***For more information to becoming a Knight:***

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

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

***Event Highlight:*** *Christmas Cards and Ornaments are for sale* (before and after all masses).

### **Calendar**

- Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45 mass)- **"KIDS EAT FREE"** in celebration of St. Nicholas Day
- Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: Serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter (5:15pm-6:30pm)

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