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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 28, 2018

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

A Happy and Good 2019 New Year to all.

And a blessed memory of Christmas 2018, especially to those who gave their time - more than one Mass - to help with our worship. For the record - there were 2200 people at the 3 pm Mass. Mark your calendars to come to a different one next Christmas. The other 3 Masses were crowded, but there was room to participate from the chairs.

Mass on New Year's Day is at 10 am.

After the Masses on January 5 - 6 there will be a reception to honor Celeste Usischon on her retirement. Celeste has been a great force to build and strengthen our Religious Education program - and much more. She has been there for us in many parish developments as we grew. We have been blessed and are grateful for her gifts. I am most grateful for her leadership for the new Church Dedication Day.

**Confessions** - there will be Confessions Saturday January 5 at 10:30 and on Saturday January 12 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib  
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## 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

Jesus' response to his worried parents is one of those Gospel verses that nobody seems to be able to translate to everyone's satisfaction. He told them something like, "I must be about my father..." But what did he mean? His father's work? His father's house? His longing love for God as his father? The mystery of his answer was far larger than the mystery of where he had been.

Mystery might be our watchword as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Of course, we are invited, as always, into the mystery of knowing Christ. But as we remember how his parents and family faced that challenge, their example invites us to remember that every person is a mystery and beloved of God. Sister Mary M. McGlone CSJ

## 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**

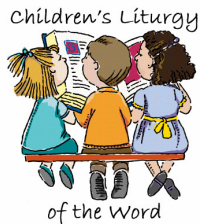
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## Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project

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](#).

## 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, Jan 21, 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).

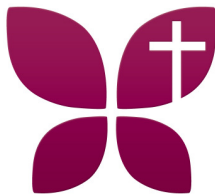


## Family Promise



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 Jan 20-26. Please stop by tables in the lobby the first weekend of Jan (Jan 5-6) 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](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## St. Mary Magdalene School



**St. Mary Magdalene School** is now accepting applications for all grades. In addition to grades K-8 we also offer full-day and half-day preschool for children that are 3 and 4. We offer a loving environment with teacher assistants in the classrooms through grade 3, a full arts program including band and drama, textbooks in all subjects, and very low staff turnover. Financial assistance is available to registered parishioners that have demonstrated their stewardship to the parish. We also participate in the NC Opportunity Scholarship and Disability Grant programs. Email now to set up a time to visit the school: [admissions@stmm.net](mailto:admissions@stmm.net) or check out our website at [www.stmm.net](http://www.stmm.net). We look forward to meeting your family!

## 'Knight's Corner'



***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from 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:***

- Offer monthly breakfast for parishioners and their families for fellowship (Santa visited our Dec 16th Breakfast)
- 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)

**Calendar**

- **Sunday Jan 13th: Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass)**

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