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St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 11, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Take a look in the Chapel this week. We finally were able to have cleaned and installed some of the stained glass we had left over from the Church. They are beautiful windows, and they provide the practical help of blocking sunlight when we have late afternoon events in the Chapel. As many know, the Chapel has been a wonderful setting for simple funerals. As always - thank you to all who have been so generous to St Mary Magdalene.

I am grateful to those who recently offered their services to our Parish Council. The new members are: Jodi Kleiber, Andrea Morrison, Art Klaum, Robert Andrejko, David Delehanty.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Our parish goal is \$191,507, the same as last year. If you have received a mailing from the Diocese and responded, it will be added to our parish contributions. I will begin a public request for funds on the weekend of January 26-27; the process will be the same as previous years. You have always been generous to this BAA which is so helpful to Catholic Charities and to the education of seminarians.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday January 12 at 10:30, after Baptisms. But no Confessions on January 19.

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. Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent which begins on March 6 this year. Baptisms are welcome at the Easter Sunday 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 had a feeling some years ago when, for a new release of my book, **The Restless Heart**, I was asked to update it. I'd written the book when I was still in my twenties, a lonely and restless young man then, partly looking for my place in life. Twenty-five years later and somewhat more mature, I was sometimes embarrassed by some of the things I'd written all those years back; but, I marveled at my nerve back then. It was refreshing to reacquaint myself with the young man who had written that book, sensing that he had a livelier poetry and more verve in him than the older person who was rereading that text. - Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Financial Matters

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)

Picture of the Week



New Stained Glass Windows in the Chapel

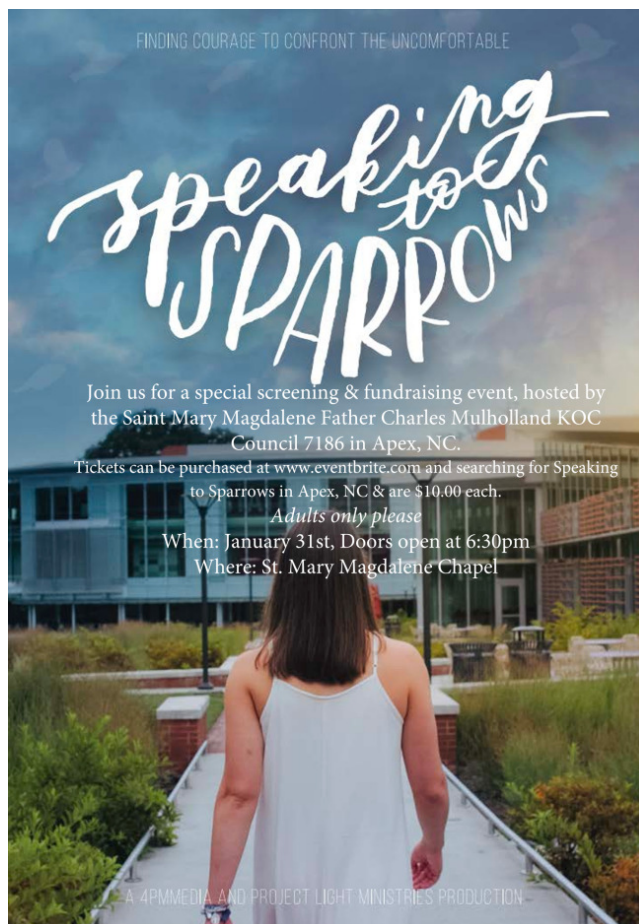
Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project and Haiti Mission Trip Announcement

Help build a house in Haiti! Our teens have raised \$2500.00 which means we have \$1100.00 to go!!!

If you do not have a teen in one of our programs but you'd like to contribute to this effort, you can go to this link and select the fund "House in Haiti": <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f>. 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](#).

Haiti Mission Trip Announcement: In April 2018, St Mary Magdalene's youth ministers, Janine McGann & Liz Sams, went on an incredible mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti with a group run by Haiti Mission Inc out of Louisiana. You can learn more about this organization at their website: <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/>. The experience of being in a 3rd world country was something that impacted both of them profoundly & changed their hearts forever. Haiti Mission has been contacted our parish to let us know that their upcoming trip in April 2019 has 4 openings & they have asked us to advertise it with our parishioners to see if anyone would like to be a part of that trip. The trip will run from April 8th-16th, 2019 and costs b/t \$1600-\$1700. This cost includes all of your costs associated with the trip, including your round trip airfare from RDU to Haiti. This trip is open to adults, young adults, and if a parent would like to bring their teenager they can do that as well. If you are interested in this trip, please contact David Fakier at raoulrad@aol.com. If you have some questions you'd like to ask of somebody who has already gone on this mission trip, you may contact either Janine or Liz & they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Speaking to Sparrows Fundraising Event



Sign of Contradiction Film Screening



Elementary Faith Formation

Inclement Weather Policy - As stated on the parish website religious education page as well as on the class session calendar, the elementary program does **NOT** follow the decisions made by the Wake County school system or StMM Catholic School. Decisions are made by the program coordinator. Once the decision is made to close the elementary programs we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the television than it is safe to conclude that we are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish site as well as send an email to all registered program families.

Sunday Grade 2 Families - You need to sign up for child's First Reconciliation. Your choices are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p Or 6:30p **OR** Wednesday, February 6th at 5p OR 6:30p Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net with your choice by January 9, 2019.

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 2nd for students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacramental Program from 8:30am-12noon. The retreat will take place in the Activities Building. You will be receiving an email in January with general information about the retreat. Separate emails will be sent to all who have volunteered to help at the retreat.

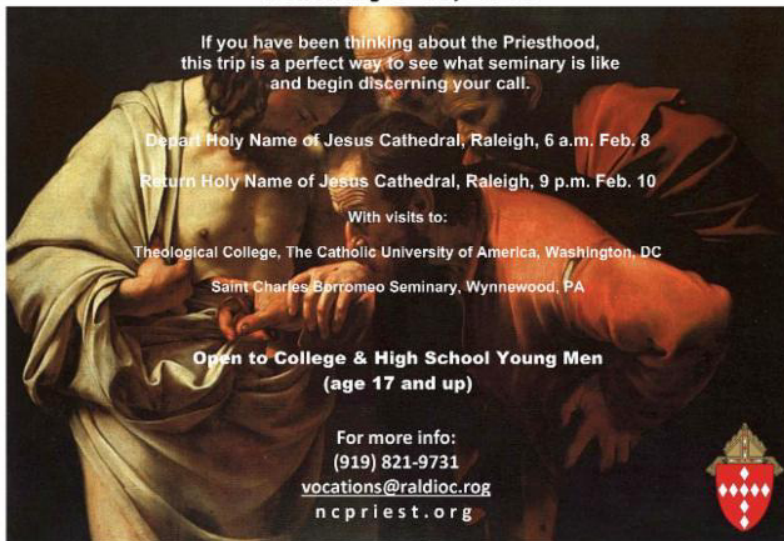
First Reconciliation Dates are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p & 6:30p and Wednesday, February 6th at 5p & 6:30p for all students in our StMM Religious Education Program. StMM School Students are receiving on Thursday, February 7th at 10am.

Annual Seminary Pilgrimage

Diocese of Raleigh Office of Vocations Presents

2019 SEMINARY PILGRIMAGE

February 8-10, 2019



If you have been thinking about the Priesthood,
this trip is a perfect way to see what seminary is like
and begin discerning your call.

Depart Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, 6 a.m. Feb. 8
Return Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, 9 p.m. Feb. 10

With visits to:
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Open to College & High School Young Men
(age 17 and up)

For more info:
(919) 821-9731
vocations@raldioc.org
ncpriest.org

*"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts,"
Hebrews 3:15*

Safe Environment Training



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 sessions are Sun, 1/27 at 12noon; Mon, 2/11 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.

Welcome Dinner



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Feb 2nd 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 themselves. 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is 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. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren) to participate by emailing our ministry at 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. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday - February 3rd. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, February 3rd. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and their families in the cafeteria. There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, please provide the following information to stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com by January 27th: name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.

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.

Health Promotions Committee



Join us for an informative discussion on the Benefits of Counseling on Sunday Jan 13 at 10am, immediately following the 9am Mass in Church Room 1. Sister Anne Heath from Catholic Charities will be our guest speaker. Hope you can join us. For more details contact dana_conte@yahoo.com

Novena for Life



KofC council 7186 is honoring the Novena for Life from 1/14 to 1/22. Please join us each evening at 7pm in the StMM Chapel for the daily Novena prayer and pro-life Rosary. If unable to join us, but still interested, the program can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-press-kit.cfm>. We will be using this Prayer option: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/novena-to-three-american-saints-for-life.cfm>

Parish Athletics

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.

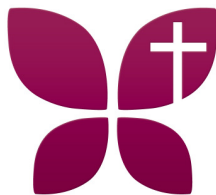
Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex) - Grades: Coed; PreK (4 year olds) to 4th. **Dates:** April - June. **Practice Locations:** Apex only. **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

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.

For more information, www.parishathleticsnc.org

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 or check out our website at www.stmm.net. We look forward to meeting your family!

'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.***

Event: 2nd Sunday Breakfast-StMM KOC Council 7168 is hosting a breakfast on **Sunday Jan 13th after 9am & 10:45 mass in StMM cafeteria.** Hope to see you there for a great breakfast and fellowship with your parishioners.

Event: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser - StMM KOC Council 7168 is hosting a showing of Speaking to Sparrows as a fundraiser for Project Light and their continued efforts to create impactful resources for our youth and their parents. Fundraiser will be held on **Thursday Jan 31st in StMM Chapel at 7-9:30pm** for Knights and StMM Adult Parishioners. Link to purchasing tickets is as follows: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/project-light-ministries-15478073360>

Event: Novena for Life - KofC council 7186 is hosting a Novena for Life from **Jan 14th thru Jan 22nd nightly in the STMM Chapel at 7pm** for the daily Novena Prayer and Rosary. If unable join us in the Chapel, you can find each day's prayers here. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-ro-e-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>

Event: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex -KofC council have decided to visit the residents of the Brookridge Assisted Living Facility in Apex on the **fourth Saturday of every month in 2019**. There will be two time slots available 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. Attached is the sign-up. Hope to see you there! there! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>

For more information to becoming a Knight:

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

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

Calendar

- Saturday Jan 12th: Nativity Teardown & Storage (8:30am-11:00am in front StMM Church)
- Sunday Jan 13th: Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45 mass in StMM cafeteria)
- Monday Jan 14 - Tuesday Jan 22: Novena for Life (7pm in StMM Chapel)
- Saturday Jan 26th: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm)
- Thursday Jan 31st: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser (7pm-9:30pm in StMM Chapel) for Knights & StMM Adult Parishioners

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