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St. Mary Magdalene E-News June 1, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Winding down - that is what we do at this time of the year. For me the last 10 months - since Dedication of the church - have been one excitement after another. We have celebrated all the big events: Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, First Communions, weddings, baptisms, graduations, and weekend Masses. We have been in the daily Mass chapel also, which includes several funerals and a wedding.

The new church and chapel have been a blessing - we are most grateful to all who helped bring about this transformation in the parish.

Looking ahead: I will be away from the parish from June 8 through June 18.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday June 2, at 10:30, after Baptisms.

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 St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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 in the Church.

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

Reflection



On Last Supper painting by [Jacopo Tintoretto- 1500's](#)

Busyness, distractions, interruptions. Tintoretto's painting [in our e-news] of the Last Supper reminds us of our minds while participate at Mass. It is easy for most of us to find ourselves somewhere in the painting. Like those people, we may discover ourselves approaching the Lord's table with a glow of attentiveness to the moment. But, we may also find our minds wandering, our hearts distracted, our focus elsewhere.

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 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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Pictures of the Week

Second Grade from the school celebrating First Communion



Kaitlyn DePersia & Corey Tilton were married on May 26th



Mission Trip to Haiti

We have 276 of the 300 students in Haiti sponsored! Thank you to those of you who have generously donated. If you haven't donated yet, please watch the video (link below) to see what our parish & school are hoping to accomplish for these 2 schools in Haiti. A \$25 donation covers the cost of 1 year in school!

During the week of April 8th the STMM Youth Ministers, Janine McGann and Liz Sams participated in a mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti through Haiti Missions Inc (<http://www.haitimissioninc.com>)

Hurricane Matthew hit the region of Jeremie during October 2016 causing extensive damage to homes, churches and school as well as killing over 1000 people. The extent of the poverty in this area is beyond anything we had ever experienced before. Haiti Missions Inc. is committed to providing housing, education and hope to the people of Jeremie & one way they have done that is by opening 2 Catholic schools in the area. They are in danger of closing because the families cannot afford to pay the tuition which costs each student \$25 per year. Yes, that is correct! \$25 covers an entire year of education in Haiti! The \$25 per year covers all their costs and provides each student with one meal a day, many times it is the only meal that child will eat that day. We felt called to come back to our STMM school & church community and raise a rally cry to help get the 300 students of these 2 schools sponsored. Please watch this video and prayerfully consider sponsoring these children. All the research shows that education is the #1 weapon to battle poverty.

Let's not let these schools close on our watch!



StMM Job Posting



Job Opening - Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education - St. Mary Magdalene is accepting applications for the position of Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education. This full time position is available the end of summer to train with our long tenured incumbent who will retire the end of 2018. This person will coordinate this program from preschool to Grade 5, and have full responsibility for religious education, sacramental preparation, and work in partnership with the Youth and Teen ministries. For a more detailed job description and additional information visit http://www.stmm.church/editoruploads/files/Coordinator_for_Elementary_Religious_Ed.pdf. Candidates should apply to jobs@stmm.net with a letter of interest, and resume of education and experience.

Men's Conference



Men's Conference hosted by StMM- We are excited to announce that StMM is hosting a Men's Conference, "Man Fully Alive" on Sat, July 21st from 10am-4pm. Tickets cost \$35, includes lunch, and can be purchased here: <http://thetentengroup.com/event-dates>. This conference is being led by some fantastic male speakers & leaders: Joe Farris, Chris Benzinger, & Dom Quaglia. You can visit their website at thetentengroup.com. The bravest thing you can do is ask yourself, 'What would my life look like if I was fully alive? Great Father's Day gift for the men in your life!!!

Family Promise



Family Promise-StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews June 17-23. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of June 2-3 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's. Contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.

Singles/Singles Again



Singles/Singles Again Upcoming Events-June 7th 6:30pm -Vic's Italian Ristorante, 4035 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh. RSVP to Mike Burger 919-349-2500. June 30th 7:30pm Theatre in the Park (Pullen Park) for the funny musical "*It Shoulda Been You*" For group rate of \$23.60 , contact Andrea at TITP 919-831-6058 and identify yourself as Single/Singles Again Group. Questions contact Mike at 919-349-2500.

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, June 10th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



Become a Knight! Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit www.kofc7186.org or contact Michael Erpenbach at mike@erpenbach.com.

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