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St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 15, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

This weekend is our Lent Parish Mission. We welcome Father Chris Ortega, Father Jared Cooke, and worship leader John Finch to our parish. The two priests will be here for the Sunday Masses for the Mission - and Msgr. Gerald Lewis will be here for the 5 pm Mass.

I am grateful to our Youth Staff, Liz Sams and Janine McGann, who have made all the arrangements for this event for our parish during Lent. I will be away on the weekend, but will return on Monday afternoon.

On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm. I am grateful that a group of people have come forth to lead the Stations.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal - last weekend we received \$1,351 from 8 new pledges. Thank you very much. We have surpassed our goal by \$7,604. So far we have about 35% parish participation and \$197,581 had been given by 627 households. Gift/Pledge forms are in the pew racks.

CONFESSIONS: In another part of the bulletin there is a schedule for Confessions at nearby parishes during Lent. At St Mary Magdalene there will not be Confessions on Saturday March 16 - nor on March 23 because there is a wedding. Thank you to all who helped with our own parish Penance Service this past Thursday.

Father Donald Staib
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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 on Saturdays in the Church.

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

Reflection

As the term itself implies peak experiences do not come often and they do not last. But they can become a touchstone, a marker to which we may return mentally and spiritually at various points in our lives. The birth of a child, failing in love, a special day, or an encounter in nature may all be peak experiences we want to preserve, remember, and cherish.

Perhaps like Peter we want to 'build a tent,' or otherwise make a memorial to the event and the person[s] with whom we shared it. But like the events in today's Gospel, as soon as the incident happens, it seems to end. 'After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.' The encounter of the transfiguration informs our own peak experiences. They are a taste of the life that is to come, an eternal peak experience that satisfies all longings.

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)

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 18 (7 PM)	St. Francis, Raleigh
Wednesday March 20 (11 AM)	St. Francis, Raleigh
Monday, March 25 (7 PM)	St. Raphael, Raleigh
Tuesday, March 26 (11 AM)	St. Raphael, Raleigh
Tuesday, March 26 (7 PM)	Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Monday, April 8 (11 AM)	St. Michael the Archangel
Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM)	St. Michael the Archangel
Thursday, April 11 (7 PM)	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina

Letter about Email Scam



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH Office of Communications
7200 Stonehenge Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27613 919-821-9730 www.dioceseofraleigh.org

MEMO

TO: Priests and Pastoral Administrators
FROM: Kevin Hemphill, IT Services
RE: Scam Warning, Note of Caution for Diocesan Email Users

A note of caution for email users on all email systems across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh: **Please distribute this information by email to your parishioners email lists and post in your bulletins.**

Some nefarious international con artists are establishing and using email accounts, such as G-Mail, in the name of some of our priests and, most recently, in the name of our bishop. They are doing this to illicitly solicit gift cards, money or information.

Kindly consider this as a scam and do not respond under any circumstances.

Our diocesan IT staff is working to address this invasion of privacy and the attempted fraud against the goodness of our parish communities.

To ensure your protection, if you receive a request from one of our priests or our bishop, please verify it is not a scam by speaking directly to them, or their appropriate staff, through known phone numbers and known email addresses. Please, never reply to such an email directly, nor call any numbers provided in such an email directly.

Below is an example of these types of scams. NOTE: There are other variations:

Example 1:
From: Luis Rafael Zarama <spohieclarke817@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:28 PM
To: XXXXX
Subject: Re: Request

Hello, are you available right now?

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Best Regards
Luis Rafael Zarama
Bishop
Sacred Heart Church
Sent from my iPhone

From: Luis Rafael Zarama <spohieclarke817@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:32 PM
To: XXXXX
Subject: Re: RE: Request

I'm in a meeting right now , that's why i'm contacting you through here. I should have called you instead of mailing you , but phones are not allowed to be use during the meeting. I don't know when the meeting will be rounding up And i want you to help me out on something very important right away.

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Best Regards
Luis Rafael Zarama
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Example 2:
From: Fr. PriestFirstname PriestLastname <fr.fnameiname@gmail.com>
Date: June 19, 2018 at 11:08:46 AM EDT
To: XXXXX
Subject: Re: ONE IN CHRIST

Hi (Parishioner's name), I need a favor from you. Please email me back as soon as possible

I need to get an iTunes gift card for a friend of mine going through cancer at the hospital but I can't do this now because I'm currently busy. Can you get it from any store around you? I'll pay you back. Let me know if you can get the card for me. God bless you.

Blessing,
Fr. Priest First name Priest Last name
Sent from my iPhone

Example 3:
From: Fr. Priest First name Priest Last name <fr.fnameiname@gmail.com>
Date: June 19, 2018 at 11:08:46 AM EDT
To: XXXXX
Subject: Re: ONE IN CHRIST

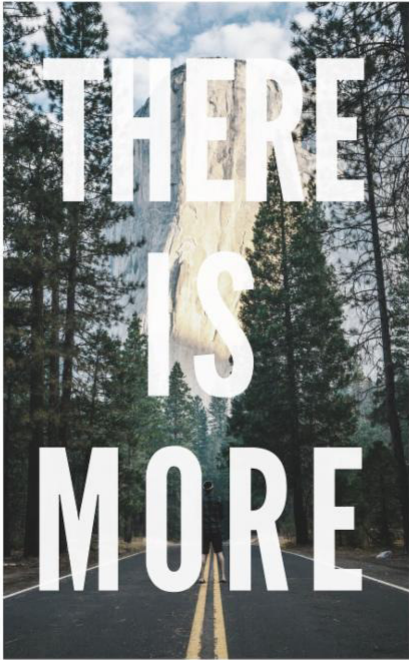
Get two \$100 iTunes gift card and have it send to his email johnsmith@gmail.com. God bless you

Blessing,
Fr. Priest First name Priest Last name
Sent from my iPhone

Parish Lenten Mission 2019

2019 LENTEN MISSION

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:
FR. CHRIS ORTEGA & FR. JARED COOKE
+ WORSHIP LEADER: JOHN FINCH



MARCH 17-19 | 7-8:30PM
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

We'd like to invite you to join us at our annual parish Lenten mission. This year's mission will be held March 17, 18, 19 from 7:00pm until 8:30pm in the church. Our guest speakers will be Fr. Chris Ortega, Fr. Jared Cooke and our worship leader will be John Finch from the Vigil Project.

Parish Religious Education Program

First Eucharist Liturgies are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. If you missed the parent meeting, **please contact Suzanne this week** to sign up for your choice of liturgy, to provide the number of guests that will be attending and topick up your materials.

First Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon in the Activities Building. Please bring the communion banner, the family focus poster and pick up your seating reservation that morning.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls have been distributed. This lent, please encourage your children to practice almsgiving and give whatever your means will allow. Contributions are due back in the form of a check made payable to STMM the week of 4/7/19. Please write "CRS '19" on the memo line.

Grade 5 Assistant Catechist Neededfor Sundays 12:00 - 1:15 pm Program runs through May 5th, excluding Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. If you are considering becoming a volunteer teacher, this is a great opportunity to experience the classroom and share your Catholic faith.

High School Confirmation

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 15th, 2019 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at stmm.confirmation@kristofffs.com

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the church at 6:30pm.

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2019-2020 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

*The dates for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows:
April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

Worship and Witness



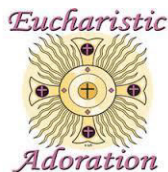
Save the Date for our ASP Parish BBQ and **WORSHIP & WITNESS** coming up on Saturday, April 6! Parish BBQ after 5pm Mass and a worship night from 7:30pm-9pm! Ticket sales for the BBQ will be after all Masses on March 16/17, 23/24, and 30/31. Worship night is free! This event's proceeds go to StMM ASP mission trip. Questions, please contact Taylor Wray at stmmaspp@gmail.com

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a brick order **THIS MONTH**. Engraved bricks are \$100. Our deadline is **April 12th**. Order forms are in the church office or at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>. Commemorate a First Communion or a Graduation with an engraved brick.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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 April 5th. 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

Children's Adoration: We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some

quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday March 1st. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com

"Feed a Family" Food Drive



CPO Feed-A-Family Food - StMM Church and School did a great job collecting food for CPO and the needy in our community. The church collected \$2,040 and 2,096 pounds of groceries and the school collected 852 pounds of groceries. Thank you for your support!

Columbarium

Choices:

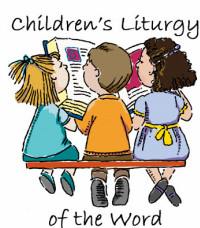
The STMM Columbarium has nearly 100 of the 552 niches reserved. Most of them are reserved as doubles so nearly 200 of STMM parishioners have chosen the STMM Columbarium as their final resting place. Depending on the number of attendees funeral masses have been held in either the Church or the Chapel. Inurnments have immediately followed the funeral Mass, allowing the family to gather and pay their final respects.

There are two niches that have been set-aside for youth deaths. These are common niches meant to provide families a reverent place for their loved ones on either a temporary or permanent basis. The Knights of Columbus are supporting families that experience a youth death with their prayers along with an urn at no cost.

A change is up coming on niche pricing effective 1 July 2019. If you know you are interested in a niche within the STMM Columbarium, you may want to consider completing the process prior to 1 July 2019. Columbarium guidelines are on-line @ www.StMM.church/welcome/Columbarium.cfm Current availability of niches as well as the process of obtaining a niche are also at this link. Information cards are also on the tables in the narthex of the Church. The recommend urn is available for ordering at a significant discount over retail pricing. You also have the option to store the urn in your niche until needed.

A Columbarium information session will be held in Meeting Room 1 after mass on Mar 30-31, 2019 to provide additional information. If you have questions or would like to speak with someone on the Columbarium Committee please go to Columbarium@stmm.net and someone will be back to you as quickly as possible. The Columbarium committee is committed to make the reservation process as easy as possible.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



CLOW will be celebrating the season of Lent with children ages 3 years through first grade at the Sunday morning Masses when volunteers are available, please join us! Families, please note that CLOW will not be gathering on Palm Sunday or Easter, so that the children can join in the activities in the sanctuary with the congregation. Please send any questions about this co-op ministry to stmmclow@gmail.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, March 18, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

KofC Fish Fry



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Fri, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked.

Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

Mattress Sale

Mattress Sale- At St. Mary Magdalene on April 13th and 14th. Discounted Name Brands with a portion of the proceeds going to causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

KofC Crawfish Boil

Enjoy authentic Louisiana Boiled Crawfish!... - Fri, April 12th in the Dining Hall during two dine-in or take-out sessions: 5:30 and 7:00. \$18 per order and \$3 kids' meals (grilled cheese). Pre-order only, by **April 5th**. Order online at www.KofCCrawfishBoil.com. The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is pleased to sponsor this event with all proceeds going to organizations in the area that support people with intellectual disabilities. **Free samples available while supplies last on March 22nd during the Fish Fry.**

'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: Save the Date for "KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry" - Friday, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out).

Event: "KofC Craw Fish Boil" - Friday April 12th in the Dining Hall with Serving Times @ 5:30pm & 7:00pm (Dine In or Carry Out). Proceeds going to organizations in Apex and surrounding areas that support people with intellectual disabilities. This is a Pre-Order Only event, as we will be bringing in live crawfish. **Please pre-order before April 5th** at www.kofccrawfishboil.com. Website is LIVE and now open for pre-orders!

Event: "KofC Mattress Sale" - Saturday April 13th thru Sunday April 14th in Gym after each Mass. Proceeds going to organizations in Apex and surrounding areas that support people with intellectual disabilities. These are top of the line major brands offered at lower prices due to lower overhead. Many display models will be setup for you to look at and tryout. **Video:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_pQ6O8aVus
Website: <https://www.customfundraisingsolutions.com/>

Calendar of Events:

- Friday Mar 22nd & Apr 5th: Annual Lent Fish Fry in Dining Hall (5:30pm-7:45pm)
- Saturday Mar 23rd: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- Tuesday Mar 26th: Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>

- Friday April 12th: KofC Crawl Fish Boil in Dining Hall (Serving Times @ 5:30pm & 7:00pm)
- Saturday Apr 13th - Sunday Apr 14th: Mattress sales (after Sat 5pm, Sun 9am and 10:45am Mass)
- Saturday May 4th - Apex Peak Festival

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

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