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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 8, 2019**

#### **A Note From Father Donald Staib**

Please note that next weekend there will be a Lent Parish Mission. We will have visiting priests who will be with us for the Mission beginning at the Sunday Masses. Another priest will be here for the Saturday 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.

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 \$2,785 from 10 new pledges. Thank you very much. We have surpassed our goal by \$6,254. So far we have about 35% parish participation and \$197,581 had been given by 619 households. Gift/Pledge forms are in the pew racks.

**CONFESSIONS:** In another part of the bulletin there is a schedule for Confessions at StMM and nearby parishes during Lent. At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday March 9 at 10:30, but there will not be Confessions on Saturday March 16.

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

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) said: 'Joy is one of the best safeguards against temptation. The devil is a carrier of dust and dirt and he uses every opportunity to throw what he has at us. Yet a joyful heart protects us from this dirt. That is because Jesus is there in our joy. Jesus takes full possession of our soul when we surrender to him joyfully.'

St. Francis de Sales said, 'A sad saint is a bad saint.'

St. Teresa of Avila worried about her sisters only when she saw them lose their joy. Joy is a source of power for us.

## 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

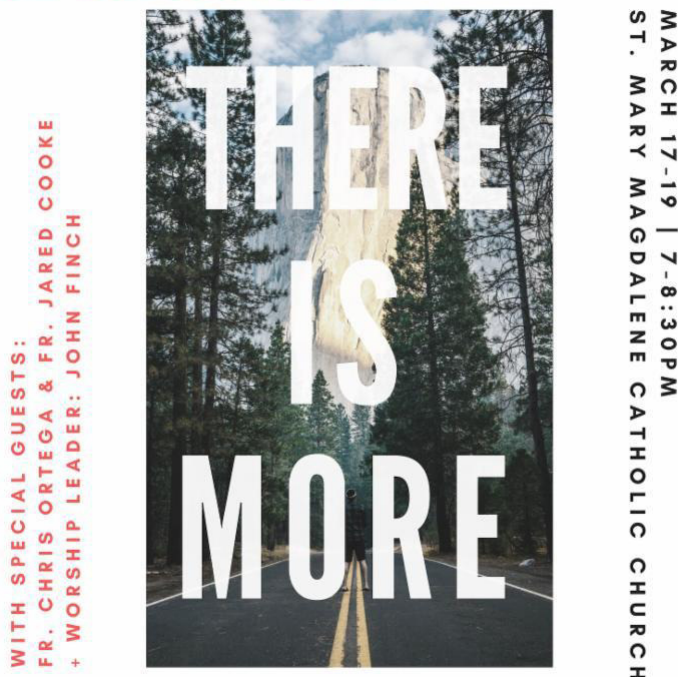
Wednesday March 13 (11 AM)	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina
Thursday March 14 (7 PM)	St. Mary Magdalene
Monday, March 18 (7 PM)	St. Francis, Raleigh
Wednesday March 20 (11 AM)	St. Francis, Raleigh
Monday, March 25 (7 PM)	St. Raphael, Raleigh

Tuesday, March 26 (11 AM)  
 Tuesday, March 26 (7 PM)  
 Monday, April 8 (11 AM)  
 Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM)  
 Thursday, April 11 (7 PM)

St. Raphael, Raleigh  
 Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral  
 St. Michael the Archangel  
 St. Michael the Archangel  
 St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina

## Parish Lenten Mission 2019

### 2019 LENTEN MISSION



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

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 Needed for Sundays 12:00 - 1:15 pm Program runs through May 5<sup>th</sup>, excluding Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings are set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am **OR** 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. The same meeting is repeated on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:30 am **OR** 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. *If you attended this sacrament meeting in 2017 or 2018 you do not need to attend. However, all parents please stop by the Parish Office to sign up for their liturgy choice and pick up all their materials the week of March 11th.* You will be required to submit a guest number including your immediate family and first communicant at that time.

**First Eucharist Liturgies** are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. Parents can sign up for their choice of liturgy at the **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** (see above for details)

## 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](mailto: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:  
March 13th, April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

## Worship and Witness







[STMM ASP 2018](#)

## 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](mailto:AlAnitaBecker@aol.com)

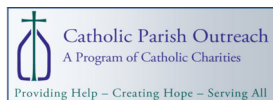
**Children's Adoration:** We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday March 1st. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions [m.brinkley@hotmail.com](mailto:m.brinkley@hotmail.com)

## 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 session is Thurs, 3/14 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and for meeting room.

## "Feed a Family" Food Drive



"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to StMM - Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2018? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on March 9th and 10th. We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our children's clothing ministry. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Health Promotion Committee



The Health Promotion Committee will be meeting in Room 1 at 10am on March 10 after 9am Mass. Plan to discuss our next event. All are welcomed.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

## Save the Date

**Save the Date:** KofC Crawfish Boil, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Never had boiled crawfish before? Taste a free sample while waiting for your order at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fish Fry (while supplies last).

## '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).

***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)

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