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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 23, 2018

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

A surprise today! This weekend I have traded parishes with Father Thomas Davis, who is pastor of St Egbert Church in Morehead City. He will be here and I will be there. I will return around Monday noon. We welcome Father Davis - and I am sure you will enjoy his presence today. I am grateful to spend some time with friends in Morehead City at Thanksgiving time.

I will be here for morning Mass on Friday, and I am grateful to Janine McGann and Liz Sams for having a Communion Service on Monday morning.

Deacon Joe LaPierre will be absent from our worship for a while, as he is helping a family member during time of illness. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Thank you for your generous gifts last week for the Campaign for Human Development. We received \$2,567. Also - thank you to all who helped in providing Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. That was a big task.

In the month of November we remember all those who have died, especially during the past year. We are grateful for what they have given to us during life and we pray for them eternal rest.

Remember in our prayers: Alexander Vander Hoff and Barry Hobart who died recently. May they rest in peace and may God bless their families.

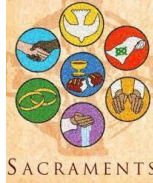
**CONFESSIONS:** There will not be Confessions on Saturday November 24. There will also not be Confessions on December 1 because of the 25 ordination anniversary of Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. The list of the Advent Penance Services is in our bulletin this week.

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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

Very few things, I believe, are more needed today, in both society and the church, than the capacity for understanding and forgiveness. To continue to offer others genuine love and understanding in the face of opposition and hatred constitutes the ultimate social, political, ecclesial, moral, religious, and human challenge.

Sometimes church people try to single out one particular moral issue as the litmus test as to whether or not someone is a true follower of Jesus. If there is to be litmus test, let it be this one:

*Can you continue to love those who misunderstand you, who oppose you, who are hostile to you, who hate you, and who threaten you?* - Father Ron Rolheiser OMI

### 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**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Advent Penance Services

**Saint Andrew**, Thursday, Nov 29 at 7pm  
**Saint Michael**, Monday, Dec 3 at 11am  
**Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral**, Tuesday, Dec 4 at 7pm  
**Saint Bernadette**, Fuquay-Varina, Wednesday, Dec 5 at 7pm  
**Saint Francis**, Raleigh, Wednesday, December 12 at 11am  
**Saint Raphael**, Monday Dec 17 at 7pm  
**Saint Raphael**, Tuesday Dec 18 at 11am  
**Saint Michael**, Cary, Wednesday Dec 19 at 7pm  
**Saint Bernadette**, Fuquay-Varina, Thursday, Dec 20 at 11am

## Advent Mission 2018

**Keep Watch**  
 ADVENT MISSION **2018**

**SARAH KROGER**      **DOM QUAGLIA**  
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST TOM YOUNG

**Sunday, Dec. 2nd**  
**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Apex, NC**  
**6:30pm - 8:00pm. Open to all families, all ages,**  
**and all friends!**

## Baby Formula Collection for Venezuela

**Special collection of baby formula for Babies in Venezuela:** We are collecting Baby Formula (0-12 months), PediaSure and baby bottles. Bring your donations to the Saint Mary Magdalene masses on Sunday, December 2nd or to the Advent Mission on 12/2. The donations collected will be sent to a Charlotte based nonprofit organization called VIDA (working towards the same goal as VPT), and they will ship it to Venezuela. The donations will take from 3 to 5 weeks to get to the Children's Hospital

San Juan de Dios, located in Caracas. If for some reason you are not able to bring your donation on Dec 2nd you can drop it off at Chipotle Restaurant (1516 Village Market Place, Morrisville) on Dec 9th from 5-9 pm. We are having a fundraiser over there to collect more baby formula.

## 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](#).

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training** date is set for Sunday, December 9th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4. Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Lisa at [lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com](mailto:lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com) by Friday, December 7, if attending.

## Angel Tree



**The Angel Tree** is in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children and families from several Wake County non-profit organizations. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. **All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 10:45am on Dec. 16th.**

## Pajama and Shoe Drive

**The StMM first grades** are sponsoring a **pajama drive** in conjunction with Scholastic books. For every pair of pajamas that is donated through the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to Pajama Program to give kids affected by instability a good night - for a good day! Please consider donating a new pair of pajamas from size newborn to adult. There will be collection bins in the school lobby from Dec 3 - 12. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter!

**The StMM second grade** is hosting a **shoe drive** from Dec 3 - 12. During this season of giving, we are asking you to please donate new or gently used shoes to those in need. Boxes will be located in the school lobby for you to deposit your shoe donations. Please tie laces of shoes/sneakers together before bringing them to school. For shoes/sneakers without laces, kindly place them in a plastic bag.



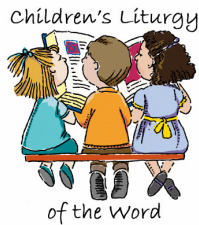
The shoe donations are given to Brown Bag Ministry who distributes them to those in need. These essential items of living will be greatly appreciated, especially with the cold weather.

## Choir Concert



Mark your calendars! To get everyone in the Christmas mood, the choir will be hosting a carol concert and will perform some traditional Christmas music on Saturday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 7:15, following the 5:00pm mass. All are invited to attend, sing a few carols and listen to the choir in the amazing setting of our new Church. Hope you can make it!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** has begun. This coop ministry guides children ages 3 years to first grade through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. **Register your child(ren) at the CLOW table outside of Mass or simply email Celeste Usischon [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) to participate.** All parents will need to take a turn to serve as either parent assistant or C-Level leader. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

## Health Promotions Committee



"Are you worried about someone in your life?" Join us for an informational seminar featuring Sister Anne Heath, Counseling Specialist from Catholic Charities on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Room #1, immediately following mass. For more information contact [dana\\_conte@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_conte@yahoo.com)

## 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 Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, Dec 17, 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).

## 'Knight's Corner'



### ***Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus***

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Our Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been very busy with Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, StMM Parish Projects etc.

***Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.***

#### ***Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:***

- 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.

#### ***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)

***Event Highlight: Christmas Cards are for sale*** (before and after all masses).

We also have some Christmas Ornaments for sale as well.

#### **Calendar**

- **Tuesday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>: Serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter (5:15pm-6:30pm)**
- **Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: Nativity setup (8am) and lighting (after 5pm Mass)**
- **Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45 mass)- "KIDS EAT FREE" in celebration of St. Nicholas Day**
- **Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: Serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter (5:15pm-6:30pm)**

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