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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 26, 2018**

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

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Missions last week was \$7,130. That is about two times the amount we usually receive. Thank you for this generosity.

And also our parish is grateful for the additional gifts members have made to the offertory and paying for the new church. We have not asked for an increase in offertory since seeking pledges for the new church. But now it is time to ask - the operating costs of the church are larger and we would like to consider our staffing needs as we grow. Our membership has increased by 300 families in the past year.

On All Saints Day, November 1, this Thursday - which is a holy day - Masses will be with the school children at 8:15 in the morning and in the evening at 7 pm. Msgr. John Wall will be the priest for the Thursday morning Mass.

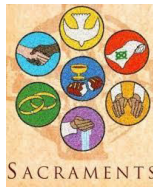
**CONFESSIONS:** There will not be Confessions on Saturday October 27. [A wedding will keep the pastor busy]. The next Saturday 10:30 am Confessions will be Saturday, November 3.

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.

**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

This selection is taken from a series of hope-filled proclamations in what is often referred to as Jeremiah's Book of Consolation. Today's selection is a highly emotional call to rejoice because God who allowed the people to go into exile is bringing them back.

The marchers in this procession home are the blind and the lame, pregnant women, and mothers with newborns. If there were ever an assembly needing God's protection as they journey to their homeland, this is it.

In the history of God's inversions of established values, these are the ones through whom God is promising new life. Through the mouth of the prophet Jeremiah, God still tells the world *'I will gather them from the ends of the world . . . I will console and guide them. . . For I am a Father.'* Those who desire to be a part of God's family should take heed. - Sister Mary McGlone

## Financial Matters

### OUR GIVING PATTERNS

For the year 2017 here are the giving patterns of our parish per week

The numbers include Offertory and Gifts for the New Church

115 gave \$75 or over per week	105 gave \$50-\$74
244 gave \$25-\$49	427 gave \$10-\$24
205 gave \$5-\$9	247 gave \$1-\$4
122 gave less than \$1	368 have no record of giving

The **2017-2018 Financial Report** is now available on the Church website at [www.stmm.church/annual\\_report\\_2018\\_to\\_parish.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/annual_report_2018_to_parish.pdf).

**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)

## Pictures of the Week



The Wedding of Marina Galante and Dustin Harris on Saturday, October 20th

## 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.

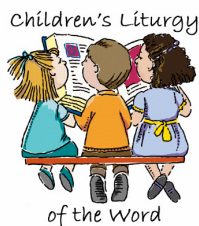
Our youth can have a profound impact on the life of a family living in complete despair and allow them to have a safe place to sleep, gather, eat, live....something all of us take for granted. Anybody can donate to this cause and if we raise more than the \$3,750 minimum, we'll build two houses! Our 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](#).

## Appalachia Service Project 2019



Applications for next summer's mission trip are now available! All youth and adults who are interested in going must go through the application process. Some basic requirements: Must be 14+ years old, active member at StMM, interested in service! Want an application, they are available every Sunday night in the lobby of the church after youth mass or you can contact Taylor Wray at [stmmas@gmail.com](mailto:stmmas@gmail.com).

## 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 Uischoon [uischoon@stmm.net](mailto:uischoon@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!

## Chrysalis - Marriage Enrichment

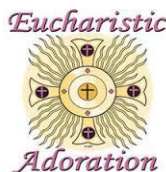


**Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment!** With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are thoughtfully designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at [stmmchrysalis@gmail.com](mailto:stmmchrysalis@gmail.com). **Next date is Sun, Nov 18.** Onsite childcare is available at our regular Sunday meetings for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested. Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and**



responsible, energetic youth volunteers (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead organized activities and care for the children during regular monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact [stmmchrysalis@gmail.com](mailto:stmmchrysalis@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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 Nov 2nd. 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).

## 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 Mon, Nov. 5th 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.

## 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, November 15th, 9:30 - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. Our speaker will be an officer from Apex Community Policing. 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, 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>

**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: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visit***

Knights of Columbus visit residents of the Brookridge Assisted Living Facility in Apex on fourth Saturday of every month. There are two time slots available 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. You are welcome to be creative with your time: bring crafts to do, games to play, colored pictures to hand out, or just have a conversation and spread some joy. Use the following link to go to the Sign Up or contact Ryan Evenson [eever45@yahoo.com](mailto:eever45@yahoo.com) for more information.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>

**Calendar**

- **Saturday Oct 27:** Apex Music Festival (1pm-11pm), downtown Apex (behind Halle Cultural Arts Center)
- **Saturday Oct 27:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visit (10:30am & 3:30pm)
- **Saturday Nov 3:** 40 Days for Life at Abortion Clinic at Drake Circle, Raleigh (9am-10am)
- **Saturday Nov 3:** Move donated Books & Book Cases to StMM
- **Saturday Nov 11:** 2nd Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass)

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