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St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 21, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We have all seen the images from the destruction of Hurricane Florence. Some of us have talked to people who live on the coast. I had six friends at my house for a while, including a 4 year old and a 1.5 year old; bless parents who have them every day!

My friends went off to visit others before returning to Morehead City when the danger passed. They were fortunate in that their homes and business were only slightly affected. Bless our Knights of Columbus who have arranged for trucks to bring supplies to those affected.

We will take a 2nd collection today; the funds will be distributed though Catholic Charities. Suggested other gifts - you can leave at the church front doors anytime and we will have them picked up:

ONLY NONPERISHABLE ITEMS - NO CLOTHES OR FURNITURE

Food and Water --- Baby Items - diapers, wipes
Cleaning supplies, paper towels, bleach spray cleaner
Toiletries - toilet paper, soap, tooth paste, brushes, shampoo, shaving
Gift Cards - gas and grocery [put in Sunday collection]
Checks made out to StMM - mark for Hurricane Florence

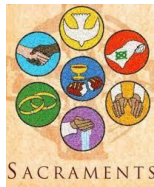
CONFESSIONS: There will **not** be confessions on Saturday September 22. There will be Confessions on Saturday September 29 at 10:30, after Baptisms

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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

Jesus' disciples loved him, but they didn't understand him. His way of thinking was just too different. So, when words didn't suffice, he picked up a child to show his argumentative disciples what it looks like to be in first place in the reign of God.

What was he trying to teach them as he put his arms around the child? Perhaps that like the child, they had been chosen not for their importance or even their potential, but because they were loved. Their mission was not to perform mighty works, but to receive the little ones, the needy, the forgotten and the rejected. Their mission was to share the love they had been given so freely. They were called to the humble, humbling service of embracing the little people just as Jesus did. - Sister Mary M. McGlone, CSJ

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)

Pictures of the Week



The K of C Council 7186 have been helping distribute food and supplies provided by K of C Supreme for hurricane relief. They have seen a lot of damage and met some fantastic people who want to help others in need.

Monday to Wilson to unload supplies.

Tuesday delivered supplies to Annunciation parish in Havelock where the National Guard was giving out supplies to those who were devastated by flooding.

Wednesday delivered supplies to St. Frances de Sales in Lumberton to give to those devastated by flooding.

Thursday delivered supplies to Infant of Prague in Jacksonville.

Friday delivering supplies to Transfiguration in Wallace.

Letter from Bishop Zarama



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MEMO

TO: Pastors and Pastoral Administrators

FROM: +Luis Rafael Zarama, Bishop of Raleigh

RE: Hurricane Florence Impact and Second Collection

Dear Brother Priests,

In recent days, we have all seen the heartbreaking photographs and video reports of those who have been impacted so severely by the wind, rain, and flooding caused by Hurricane Florence. I ask that you and your parishioners pray for those who have lost their lives, those who have been injured, and for those who have lost homes and possessions. I also ask for prayers for the brave first responders who have been so helpful in the rescue and relief efforts.

This is a time for our Catholic community to come together and to assist our neighbors in North Carolina who are in most need. I ask that you offer your parishioners the opportunity to contribute to a special collection for hurricane relief, ideally the weekend of September 29th and 30th, or at a date that is most convenient for your parish.

Funds from this special collection will be used by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh to respond to this and other disasters of this nature in eastern North Carolina. The funds will be used to establish points of distribution which will supply food, water, and basic supplies to families throughout impacted areas, to provide direct financial assistance to help families access safe and stable housing, to compassionately serve those impacted by this traumatic event, and to support long term *NC Catholics Volunteer* disaster recovery projects.

So that the totality of the Diocesan response can be known, I ask that you send funds from the special collection to the Diocesan business office, with a notation that the funds are for Hurricane Florence relief. The Diocese will provide periodic updates on the amount collected and about relief and recovery activities undertaken by Catholic Charities with these funds.

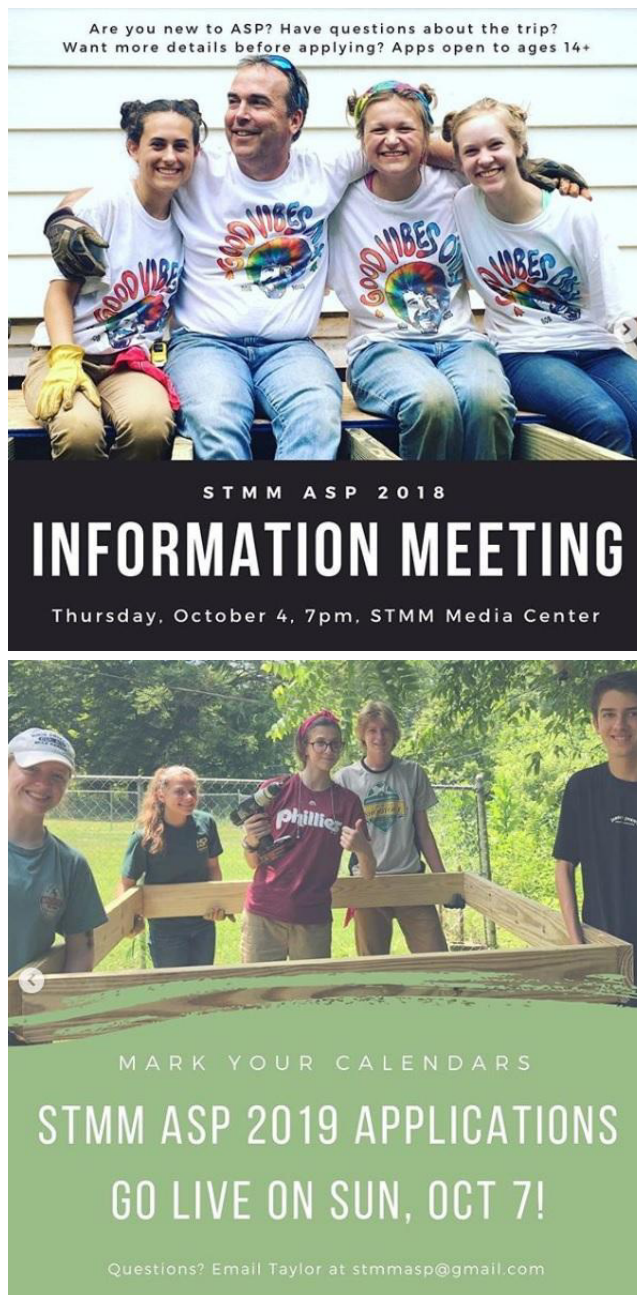
For additional information on Catholic Charities disaster services, volunteer opportunities, and direct donation opportunities, parishioners may visit www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org.

May Our Lord Jesus keep you and your parishioners in His loving care, especially at this time.

In Christ,

+Luis Rafael Zarama
Bishop of Raleigh

Appalachia Service Project 2019



Applications for next summer's mission trip will be available after mass on Sunday, October 7! Visit The Way check in desk or chat with Taylor Wray! All youth and adults who are interested in going must go through this application process. Some basic requirements: Must be 14+ years old, active member at StMM, interested in service!

Not sure what ASP is, what it has in store for you, or maybe you have always wanted to go on ASP, but have not yet had the opportunity? Join us at our information meeting on Thursday, October 4, 7pm in the StMM Media Center! This meeting is for adults, parents, and youth who are interested in going on ASP 2019 and have not gone before!

Have some questions beforehand? Contact Taylor Wray at stmmaspp@gmail.com

The 177 Project Coming to StMM



This fall, the 177 Project is partnering with 22 different artists to bring an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and music to every single diocese in the US! On **9/30/18**, we'll be at **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church** in **Apex** and we want you to join us. The evening is free and open to all ages so bring your whole family! We will be hosting 2 events at different times but similar content. First one is from 4:30pm - 5:45pm. Our youth mass(which any age can attend) will be celebrated at 6pm, and a second 177 Project event will follow from 7:15pm until 8:30pm. All events & the mass are in the church. You can learn more about 177 Project by visiting their website at <https://www.the177project.com/> Please contact liz.sams@gmail.com with any questions regarding this event. Can't wait to see you there!

Do You Love Music, Sound Systems And Technology?



StMM Music Ministry is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during all Masses including the Youth Mass! We would like to have someone start training as soon as possible. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in training for this, please contact stmmsoundministry@gmail.com.

CPO Food Drive - New Date



Due to Hurricane Florence, the collection for the CPO "Feed-A-Family" food drive at St. Mary Magdalene has been rescheduled for the weekend of October 20th & 21st. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by dropping off your CPO grocery bag or monetary donation to the CPO truck parked in the StMM parking lot on **October 20th & 21st**. **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 or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com

Extraordinary Ministers Training



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Sacred Liturgy Training is set for Sunday, September 30th at 1p-3p in the Church. Questions please contact Lisa Westberg at lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com. Come if you need a brush up or new to the ministry.

Welcome Dinner



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Oct 13th in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803.

Family Promise



Family Promise - STMM Supporting Homeless Families StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrew October 14-21. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of Sept 29-30 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. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.

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 Tues, 10/9 at 1pm. 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) 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, Oct 15, 9:30-11am, in Church Room 1. Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Monday, Sept 24, from 1-3pm, in Room 1. Please contact Miriam Moore , miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

'Knight's Corner'



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

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Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org> For information: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

WE WILL RISE 9.17.18 RISE is a 30-Day Challenge for all men, by Chris Stefanick and Bill Donaghy. Men of this Parish are taking the challenge and bearing witness to the impact it can have on our lives. Can you find 5 minutes of your day to give to Jesus and become a better man? Please contact Ryan Evenson at eever45@yahoo.com for more details. www.MenRiseUp.org

Fall Adopt-A-Highway event is Saturday Sept 29th! Plan to meet at Olive Chapel Elementary School (1751 Olive Chapel Rd, Apex) at 8:30 AM. Children must be 12 years old to participate. Please consider participating in this truly local opportunity, literally just down the street! As usual, drinks and snacks will be provided. Bags, gloves, vests, and sticks to pick up trash will also be available. (Rob Tripp at ROBTRIPP@GMAIL.COM).

Calendar

Saturday Sept 29: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visit
(Ryan Evenson at eever45@yahoo.com)

Saturday Sept 29: Adopt-A-Highway cleanup
(Rob Tripp at ROBTRIPP@GMAIL.COM).

Sunday Oct 14: 2nd Sunday Breakfast in STMM School cafeteria

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