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Magdalene
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Construction & Chapel News

August 25, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

LOUISIANA FLOODS

I received this letter from Bishop Burbidge this past week. We will have a 2nd collection this weekend for the needs of the families in Louisiana. It was sad to see stories of people who thought they were on high ground to suffer from this unique storm.

Bishop Burbidge's Letter

Dear Brother Priests,

In light of the significant damage that has been done from the flooding in Louisiana in recent days, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a special collection to assist in the disaster relief efforts. We have been informed that as many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people having been rescued from the flood waters. There are immediate and long-term recovery needs in this region. Many have lost loved ones, and this flooding event has been called the worst domestic natural disaster since Hurricane Sandy.

I ask that you offer your parishioners an opportunity to contribute to this emergency collection on the weekend of September 17/18. The collections should be sent to the Diocesan Business Office, with a notation that they are for 2016 Louisiana Flood Relief. The Diocese will then know the totality of the Diocesan response and will send the funds to the USCCB. This emergency collection will be used to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the impacted Dioceses.

I respectfully ask that you offer a special prayer intention at Masses this weekend for all those in need because of the impact from the flooding in Louisiana, as well as for those assisting in the disaster relief efforts.

Fraternally in Christ,
Bishop Burbidge

New Church Construction

Here is a view of the dome construction that took place this past week. This view will change quite a bit when the parking area for the new church is finished - one of the last items of the construction process -



Our Chapel News

We continue to wait for a response from the Diocese about our ability to finance this one large item. Thank you so much for the funds and increased pledges we recently received.

I recently wrote to members of the parish who had never given to the new church. So far we have received \$19,815. For those who have not pledged, use of the green envelope is a good way to add a gift each month.

When I advocate for the Chapel I am aware of the need for funerals in this space. We had a funeral last week in our current Chapel. It was a little crowded, but we managed. The new Chapel is proposed to be twice as large as our present one.

DONATE NOW

(Click on the above link to Donate to Our New Church)



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Farm Worker's Dinner



A reminder to all StMM volunteers who signed up to donate food, and help prepare, serve and/or clean up during the St. Bernadette's Farm Workers Ministry meal on this Sunday, August 28th. Food donations may be dropped off at the St. Martha dining hall before all Masses on Aug. 27th and 28th, but must be dropped off no later than 12 noon on Sun, Aug. 28th. Volunteers helping to serve the meal should arrive at St. Bernadette's Church in Fuquay-Varina at 4:30pm. StMM contact persons for St. Bernadette meals: Kathy Barnack: 919-363-1948, kbarnack@nc.rr.com or Susan Grant: 919-244-4832, gs757@bellsouth.net.

9th Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K Run/Walk



SAVE THE DATE-9th Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K Run/Walk 10/15/16. The Monarchs in Motion Race has become a staple event for the town and Parish and has raised more than \$60,000 for the new church! The event has been moved to Fall this year. We are expecting to meet our 600 person cap so register early! If running is not your thing, consider volunteering, sponsorship or both! Race date is 10/15/16 @ 8am Sharp! Information can be found at <http://www.monarchsinmotion.com/> Follow us on Twitter @STMMmonarchs5k. Like us on Facebook at Monarchs in Motion 5k Race. Questions? Email mike5kgrace@gmail.com.

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