

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Construction Update & Lent February 25, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

The big work of the moment is clearing the land for the church and for parking. It is sad to cut down trees, and we will replace as many as possible. Would not it be nice to have a 3-4 deck parking place so we did not have to remove trees that have been growing there for many years? I heard that parking decks cost \$10,000 per car. That is way beyond our capability.

I do not know when the GPS systems will adapt to a change in road names. Many people have tried to find Apostle Drive, which was the name of the planned driveway from Apex BBQ Road into our property. But because of some changes in the driveway, the entry road will now be Magdala Place and the church address will be 725 Magdala Place. Magdala is the hometown of Mary Magdalene in the Holy Land.





Lent

Here is a list of Lent upcoming Penance Services in nearby parishes:

Thursday March 3 at St Andrew, Apex at 7 pm

Wednesday March 9 at St Michael, Cary at 11 am

Thursday March 10 at St Bernadette, Fuquay Varina at 7 pm

Wednesday March 16 at St Michael, Cary at 7 pm

Bishop's Annual Appeal



I trust you know that any funds over our BAA goal come back to the parish. This past week we received the overage check from the 2015 BAA - \$ 45,567.03. You do not need to guess where we put those funds!

In regard to the current 2016 BAA. We now have received \$160,069 from 497 families. That is 86% of our goal of \$186,555 from 30% of our parish members. I am hopeful this weekend we will go over goal. We would be delighted to hear from all members so a year from now we also receive a good overage check when we are getting close to finishing the church construction.

We will contact all those folks we have not yet heard from - our real goal is 100% participation. Pastors have known forever that a personal contact is the most effective way to ask for funds. Perhaps I can ask those who gave already to take 2 names and visit those homes. Maybe someday in the future we can send a drone instead of a volunteer.

Father Donald Staib
St. Mary Magdalene

E-News

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Commemorative Bricks

Commemorative Bricks line our walkway entrance to the Activity Building and are a wonderful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. The next batch for 2016 will be in the ground by First Communion and Graduation. **Deadline to order is March 15, 2016.** Be part of StMM history! Questions contact the parish office at acadran@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 ext. 7282.

[Brick Order Form](#)



Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry



Our next Fish Fry is this Friday, Feb. 26th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at 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 prepared by a local youth organization. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting community causes championed by the KofC. **Our last Fish Fry is March 11th.** Mark your calendars!

2015 Tax Statements

Tax statements are now available online. Click on the link below which will take you to the instructions on how to obtain your statement. If you do not have access to the internet or have any problems, please contact Kathy Lynch at 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 or lynch@stmm.net

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