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Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 10, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

I am very grateful to Msgr. John Wall who will offer the weekend Masses for us while I am recuperating. [Re my illness: see below]

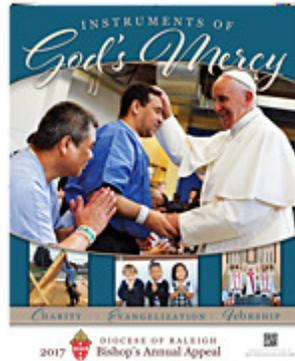
For those who wish to attend daily Mass or Communion Services, please check the first page of the website. I will try to have information there mid-day Sunday.

## New Church Open House - See Inside!



**New Church Open House-See inside!** - Next weekend, February 18/19 the New Church will be open **before** the Saturday 5pm Mass from 4-5pm and Sunday from 10am-1pm to allow those interested to come inside for self-directed tours and view the progress. **Not all areas will be available due to safety concerns, so please obey the cones and roping that will be in place.** Parents are asked to ensure safety of their children during this time. Parish Council and Building Committee representatives will be on hand for questions along with various signs and displays highlighting key aspects of your new church.

## Bishop's Annual Appeal



This weekend is the 3rd week of our 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Even without a Bishop, our Diocese continues to serve many needs. Msgr. Wall has is an experienced fund raiser. If we go over goal this weekend, we will need to pour the iced Gatorade over his head - like for the winning football coaches. Our parish goal is \$187,820 this year.

We have always met our StMM Parish goal, even in difficult years. Pledge cards and pens will be distributed after the Gospel. You can fill in the pertinent information and put the cards in any collection. A pledge of \$176 - paid over a period of months - will help us meet the goal again this year.

Last week we received \$85,723 in pledges from 265 members of the parish. Thank you very much. We will continue to present this need to the parish. Every pastor's dream is that there is 100% parish participation in the BAA.

**[BAA Pledge Card](#)   [Donate Online to BAA](#)**

## Construction Update - Big Event Next Weekend!

**Big Event Next Weekend** - February 18/19 - Tour the new church construction before or after Mass to see what is inside !

We are still in need of cash to continue to pay construction bills and purchase furnishings. Help if you can. As always, many thanks.

A hopeful number: there are 21 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church

Here is a view of the lobby, the entrance to the worship space is on the right:



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## Souper Bowl of Caring



Thank You! StMM's 2017 Souper Bowl Collection raised \$1,908 and 592lbs of food. Thank you for helping to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

## ASP Coffee & Donut Sales



Join us after Mass next weekend, February 18 & 19, for our first of three Coffee & Donut sales before our ASP trip in June 2017! All of the proceeds from these Krispy Kreme Donuts and Larry's Beans Coffee will go directly to the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) STMM 2017 Team of 50 youth & 26 adults. Want to know more about this fundraiser or ASP?: Contact Taylor Wray at [stmmaspp@gmail.com](mailto:stmmaspp@gmail.com)

## 2016 Contribution Tax Statements



**2016 Contribution Tax Statements** were emailed to all registered parishioners who have a valid email address on file. If you did not receive a statement and would like one, contact [lynch@stmm.net](mailto:lynch@stmm.net), 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you. Be sure to check your junk mail if you are receiving the E-News.

## Our Columbarium



As construction of Our Columbarium begins, the columbarium committee would like to provide the parish insight into the topics of cremation, urns, inurnment and perpetual care. Over the next 3 weeks, additional information will be provided for your consideration in the bulletin.

When the Baby Boomer and prior generations were growing up, cremation within the Catholic Church was not an option; it was just not discussed. In May 1963, the Vatican's Holy Office (now known as the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith) lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This permission was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983, and its liturgies were written in the Order of Christian Funerals. At that time, it was standard practice to celebrate the funeral liturgies with the body present and have the body cremated following the ceremony. More recently, however, the bishops of the United States and the Holy See have authorized the celebration of the Catholic funeral liturgy with just the cremated remains present. The family has the option of having the body present for a funeral Mass, followed by cremation and then The Rite of Committal a few days later, or the option of having the funeral Mass with the cremated remains present followed immediately by the Rite of Committal.

In Aug. 2016, with the blessing of Pope Francis, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published updated guidelines for Catholics who want to be cremated. In part, the doctrine states that remains cannot be scattered, divided up or kept at home but rather must be stored in a sacred, Church-approved resting place. A columbarium meets that criteria.

What is a columbarium? A columbarium is an arrangement of openings into which an urn or urns contains the cremated remains of a deceased person is placed for permanent inurnment. At St. Mary Magdalene, each niche is designed for two urns. All 552 niches will be 11" wide x 11.25" high and 12" deep. The columbarium will be located along side the new Church.

Columbarium pamphlets are in the lobby providing you with more information including the website to either contact the committee or make a niche reservation. If you are going to make a reservation in 2017, we would appreciate your consideration as early as possible to support construction costs.

Make your reservation at: [www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm) After Mass information sessions are scheduled for Feb. 25 & 26, Mar.25 & 26, April 22 & 23 in the Adult Room.

## Commemorative Bricks



**Commemorative Bricks** line our walkway to the Activity Building and are a wonderful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. Cost \$100. the next batch will be in the ground before First Communion. **Deadline to order is March 24th.** Order forms are in the lobby or [Brick Order Form](#). Complete and return order form along with check to the church office or drop in the collection basket. Questions? Email [acadran@stmm.net](mailto:acadran@stmm.net).

## KofC Fish Fry



**KofC Annual Lenten Fish Fry** - Friday, March 3rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order at [www.lentfishfry.com](http://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. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

## Ignited by Truth Conference



14th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference February 24-25, 2017 at the Raleigh Convention Center, "Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith" Speakers: Fr. Michael Gaitley, Leah Darrow, Abby Johnson, and more! Friday 7-9:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm with programs for Adults, Young Adults, High School, and Middle School Students. Early Registration Discounts: Adults \$35, Students (age 10+) \$25, includes Friday, Saturday, and Lunch! Friday only: Adults \$15, Students (age 10+) free. Questions StMM contact Laurie Wendt, 919-303-5433, [lauriewendt@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewendt@gmail.com). Complete details and registration: [www.IgnitedByTruth.org](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.org). Who will you invite?

## StMM School Announcements



**St. Mary Magdalene School** offers an excellent education for children in Pre-K3 through 8th grade. We follow the curriculum of the Diocese of Raleigh, which is based on national standards. At StMM we use an accelerated instructional program and teach at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile. We offer an academically gifted program for children in grades 2-5, two years of high school math, and honors-level language arts and science in middle school. We are one of the feeder schools for Cardinal Gibbons High School. We invite you to visit the school, meet the administrators and talk to our teachers. We have an Open House Feb 16th 9:30-11am. A link to RSVP at [www.school.stmm.net/admissions](http://www.school.stmm.net/admissions). Email Claudia Klavon at [Klavon@stmm.net](mailto:Klavon@stmm.net) with any questions.

## FROM FATHER STAIB - RE: MY ILLNESS

I am on the mend and hope to be at weekend Masses February 18/19 I was able to hear the First Confessions of our 121 children during the week in 5 settings. Sitting down was fine. Many thanks for all your good wishes. This is the first lengthy illness I have ever had - I am grateful for that. Two urinary infections and one surgical procedure made me very aware of human weaknesses. Many thanks to all, especially our staff, who are using their time and talents on behalf of the parish. We are all grateful.

## Reflection - February 5, 2017

The Old Testament Law traces the path that leads to life. It does not dictate cold, rigid, impersonal norms. It tells what happened to a people, Israel, the bride being sometimes faithful, more often than not unfaithful to her Lord. With its joys and misadventures, successes and failures, feasts and grief, it reflects each person's story: the dangers to be avoided and the wise decisions to make.

The Law revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai, however, was not the final word of God. On the Mount of the Beatitudes, Jesus has recognized its validity, but, considering only one phase, he indicated a new goal, a more distant and boundless horizon: the perfection of the Father who is in heaven.

The one who does not practice the new justice, vastly superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees, stops halfway and does not enter into the kingdom of God.

To internalize the message, we repeat:

"Show me, O Lord, the way of life, I will follow to the end."

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