

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

We begin third week of Lent - here is a list of area Penance Services:

Mon, March 13 - St. Francis, Raleigh - 7pm  
 Thurs, March 16 - St. Francis, Raleigh - 11am  
 Thurs, March 16 - Cathedral, Raleigh - 7pm  
 Wed, March 22 - St. Bernadette, FV - 11am  
 Thurs, March 23 - St. Andrew, Apex - 7pm  
 Mon, March 27 - St. Michael, Cary - 11am  
 Wed, March 29 - St. Bernadette, FV - 7pm  
 Wed, April 5 - St. Michael, Cary - 7pm

Keep in mind we do not have Baptisms during Lent, but I welcome babies for baptism for the Easter Sunday Masses and for the Masses July 16, the Sunday after Dedication.

Thank you for your generosity to two recent collections; we received on Ash Wednesday \$2,561 for Eastern Europe and \$4,436 last weekend for the Black and Indian Mission in our own country.

And a big thank you for all who gave to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received \$192,929 from 630 families. We are over our parish goal, receiving 105% of goal from 38% of families. I thank you. The Diocese thanks you. And the new Bishop, whenever he comes, or whoever he is, thanks you.

## About Our Current Funding Needs

In just three short weeks, your generosity has brought in \$205,995 of new donations and/or paid in on outstanding pledges. That is outstanding and while it is a lot of money, that doesn't 'BRIDGE THE GAP' we have at this time but does help us tremendously.

So, thank you to everyone that has already contributed and please for those with outstanding pledges - try to pay those pledges now or as soon as you can, but definitely before May 30, 2017.

Of course, any new donations, one time payments, short term pledges are more than very welcome.

A hopeful number: there are 17 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church

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## Reflection

Last week, temptations; this week, transfiguration. Such contrasts these first two Sundays of Lent set before us! 'Lord it is good that we are here.' In both temptation and transfiguration we are with Jesus.

The promise of the Gospel is that when we resist temptation to be other than who we are - that leads us to a glory that is far greater than the false promise temptation sets before us.

Resisting temptation is our journey to transfiguration, our participation in Jesus' own glory. It is our journey into the fullness of Life that conforms us more perfectly to Jesus. And, Lord, how good it is that we are here!

## Feed-A-Family Food Drive



### "Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to StMM!

Did you know that CPO gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of **8,500 people /month in 2016?** Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by returning your food and monetary donations this weekend, **March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com).

## StMM Parish Mission

St.MM parish invites you to a  
**Lenten Parish Mission hosted by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR**  
March 20, 21, & 22  
7pm-8:30pm  
St. Mary Magdalene Gym  
Free & Open to All Ages!

St. Mary Magdalene will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission from March 20th-22nd, 2017 led by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. Fr. Dave is an internationally popular speaker and spends much of his time helping others come to know God's love for them through his dynamic preaching, writing, CDs, and other spiritual outreaches. Fr. Dave's books include *Spiritual Freedom: God's Life Changing Gift*, *Hiking the Camino: 500 Miles with Jesus*, *Breath of God*, and *Encounter Jesus: Discovery to Discipleship*. He held several ministry positions at Franciscan University and also served as the director of Seminary Formation for his Franciscan community in Washington, D.C. You can see his latest 14 part video series about the Holy Spirit at: <http://thewildgooseisloose.com/> All are welcome to attend all or any of the evening missions at St. Mary Magdalene!



Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR

## 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).

## New Member Welcome Dinner



**A Soup and Salad Welcome Meal for New Members** of the parish will be held Sat, March 25th in the St. Martha Dining Hall immediately after the 5pm Mass. Any family registered in the Parish that has not attended a previous dinner is invited to join us. We encourage representatives of StMM 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 contact Christine Agius at [ceagius@gmail.com](mailto:ceagius@gmail.com) or 919-303-5803.

## KofC Fish Fry



**Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some Fish and Chips with the KofC on Friday, March 17th** in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online 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 KofC. Our next and final Fish Fry for 2017 will be Friday, March 31st.

## Our Columbarium



As Construction of Our Columbarium begins, we would like to provide the parish some insights into cremation, urns, inurnment and perpetual care. Over the next few weeks the information will specifically address the adopted guidelines of STMM columbarium.

Over the last few weeks we reaffirmed: 1. That cremation within the Catholic Church has been allowed since 1963. 2. The family has the option of having Mass with the body present or Mass with only the cremains. 3. Cremains may not be scattered, divided up or kept at home but rather must be stored in a sacred, Church-approved resting place. 4. Placement of the columbarium is in a courtyard setting next to the new Church. 5. Guidelines supporting extended family reservations pricing.

You will find that the reservation price is covering a space suitable for two urns, all engraving of the faceplate, opening & closing on day(s) of inurnment, perpetual care of the columbarium and surrounding courtyard. The urns are not part of the reservation price, nor are any funeral expenses. The pricing of niches is itemized in the columbarium pamphlets in the lobby.

The columbarium will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there will be wheelchair accessibility. The STMM Columbarium is the property of the Roman Catholic Church, under the Bishop of Raleigh. The use of the columbarium does not constitute a sale of the property, but merely the provision of an inurnment for eternity. That is why the term reservation pricing is being used.

If you are going to make a reservation in 2017 please consider doing so as early as possible to support construction costs. Make your reservation and find more information at [www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm) After Mass information sessions are scheduled for Mar.25 & 26, April 22 & 23 in the Adult Room.

## 9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion



### **Save the Date, May 13, 2017 @ 8am Sharp!**

Registration is now open for the 9<sup>3/4</sup> Annual 5k race and walk. We are continuing to offer family discounts to promote participation. Registration information and forms are available at [MonarchsInMotion.com](http://MonarchsInMotion.com). Volunteers, Sponsors and Staff are also needed! Look for details on the website, before or after Mass or contact [volunteers\\_stmm5k@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteers_stmm5k@yahoo.com). Questions, contact Mike Grace at [mike5kgrace@gmail.com](mailto:mike5kgrace@gmail.com)

## **St. Patrick's Day 2017**



**Msgr. Michael Shugrue, diocesan administrator, has provided the following message regarding the observance of the Memorial of Saint Patrick this year:**

In celebration of the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2017 (a Friday in the Lenten season this year), a commutation from the Lenten observance of abstaining from meat on that day is granted. This commutation means that in order to maintain the Lenten spirit of prayer and penance, the faithful are directed to transfer the abstinence from eating meat to some other day during that week.

## **New Church Open House Virtual Tour**

In case you missed our Virtual Open House, here is the link to the video we showed a few weeks ago.



Open House Virtual Tour

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