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St. Mary Magdalene E-News **March 17, 2017**

A Note From Father Donald Staib

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

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.

I offer my thanks and admiration for all the recent gifts to the church following our appeal to totally finish the construction of the new church. For all who can help at this time, please do.

And a big thank you for all who gave to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received \$194,930 from 637 families. We are over our parish goal, and the parish will receive all overage funds back for our own use. 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 recent weeks, since we made a special appeal, your generosity has brought in \$276,218 of new donations and/or paid on outstanding pledges. Last weekend alone we received \$70,223.

These gifts are most helpful as we try to fit everything into the church building. The parish response 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 16 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

Father Donald Staib

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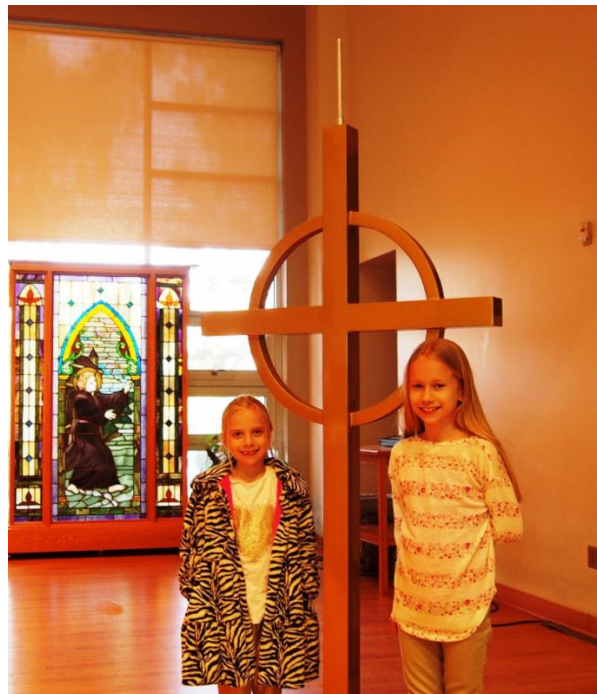
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Pictures of the Week

Foundation Work for Columbarium



Ashlynn and Ainsley Coulmas pose for a picture with the Celtic Cross which will soon be placed on the dome of our church. We brought the Cross to the Masses last weekend.



Reflection

The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit.

From the first time I heard this it stirred something in my heart. Yes, there is a wildness to the Holy Spirit. The dominant images of the Holy Spirit are a meek dove or a flickering flame of a candle, both of which are in one way accurate. But the Holy Spirit is more than that. God's Spirit is power and blows not merely like a gentle breeze but at times like a raging wind. Sometimes, this power makes us nervous. We like the idea of the Holy Spirit as a flame on a candle but a raging fire often causes anxiety. Our first instinct is to get it under control. It's hard to control a wild goose; believe me, I know.

-- Father Dave Pivonka, TOR -- who will be with us this weekend and for our Lent Parish Mission.

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!



Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR

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!

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.

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 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. 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.

ASP Sponsorship Opportunities

We are officially accepting Sponsorships for this year's mission trip!

4 levels:

Family [\$100], Silver [\$300], Gold [\$500], and Platinum [\$2500]

Please take a moment to review the available sponsorship opportunities and consider how your support can make a difference in the communities we serve over the summer. Not only does your sponsorship make ASP possible, it ensures the warmth and safety of families in the mountains right in "our backyards." Since its inception, only four years ago, St. Mary Magdalene's youth on ASP have helped over 26 families. This year, we plan on helping 10 families all in one week!



If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested in being a sponsor for ASP, please email Taylor Wray at stmmasp@gmail.com. Deadline is April 28!

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

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 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^{3/4} Annual 5k race and walk. We are continuing to offer family discounts to promote participation. Registration information and forms are available at 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. Questions, contact Mike Grace at 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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