

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Easter & New Church March 31, 2016

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

I am grateful to all who help make Holy Week and Easter prayerful and beautiful. I also welcome into our parish community those who were baptized and received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. They encourage us all to grow in our faith and commitment.

The Easter Vigil is always a beautiful and moving ceremony. We began with the lighting of the candles outside - as you can see from the pictures here:



Easter Sunday was very crowded - and as I mentioned at Mass - we will still be in our same worship space next Easter. Maybe the parking lots will be available.

## New Church

The construction officials have asked that people not cross the fences and walk on the construction site. There are liability issues that come into play.

Rebars for the foundation were delivered this past week. And there is still some dirt to move for the parking lots.

## Chapel

At Easter, considering Jesus' Death and Resurrection, I called attention to the changing practices of funerals. I did not dwell on the topic - but every one of us will have a funeral of our own and probably be responsible for the funeral of a loved one.

Our Chapel has been used very frequently, though it has a limit of about 50 people which makes the space quite crowded.

The Chapel in our new building will seat 120 and I know it will be used for most Masses or services for the deceased. The Chapel is in our construction plans, but it is not yet in the budget.

At the Foot Washing on Holy Thursday and again on Easter I noted this: In washing the feet of his inferiors Jesus did something *'never before recorded in history.'*

The Chapel would be quickly added to the budget if we could persuade those in the parish - about 47% - who have never given to the building fund. I ask them to consider doing something they have never done before. A good reason to give: every member of the parish will someday ask to use it for a funeral service.

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## StMM Spring Festival



Fun for the whole family will take place on **Friday, April 15th, from 3:00pm-7:00pm** (rain or shine) on the athletic fields and parking lot. There will be more than 10 inflatables for all ages, a rock wall, jousting, sports games, plus lots more! All rides and games are included with admission. Food will be available for purchase.

Wristbands can be purchased for **\$10 per child after all Masses the weekend of April 9th and 10th, or for \$12 at the door.** Wristband purchase includes unlimited rides and games! Adults and children ages 2 and under are free. We need volunteers! Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaaa82a1-2016>.

Contact Anne Burge at [anneburge143@gmail.com](mailto:anneburge143@gmail.com) with any questions. Hope to see you there for lots of fun and fellowship!

## The Vigil Project Concert



*Prayer and Music like never before!*

Join us as The Vigil Project comes to Apex, NC to share deep prayer and an authentic encounter with God all produced by a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers.

**When: Sunday, April 24, from 6:30pm-8pm**

**Where: STMM Gym**

**FREE!**

**HOSTED BY STMM CHURCH**

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*



Watch The Vigil Project perform Greg & Lizzy's wonderful song, "Lord Have Mercy"

Click [HERE](#) to check out The Vigil Project's website.  
Hope to see you there!

## 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](mailto:lynch@stmm.net)

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