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**St. Mary Magdalene E-News**  
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## A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

Last weekend, especially on Saturday before Mass, we had the difficult experience of water from Hurricane Matthew. But parts of our Diocese to the south and east had devastation. You no doubt saw images, even on national TV. This weekend we will have a 2nd collection to help our Catholic Charities in places of difficulty.

## Report from Bishop Burbidge Regarding Efforts from Our Diocese

UPDATE ON THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE MATTHEW IN THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH AS OF 10/10/16

I write to provide an update to you on the impact of Hurricane Matthew and of the relief efforts by Catholic Charities:

- Sadly, there have been 20 storm related deaths in North Carolina
- 42 counties have declared a state of emergency
- 47 shelters are currently open serving 3,744 individuals
- 9 counties have evacuation orders
- 2,276 rescues have occurred
- Flood waters continue to rise in parts of the state

Listed below are some updates on the relief efforts by Catholic Charities in the Cape Fear and Fayetteville Deaneries as of Wednesday evening:

### Cape Fear Deanery [Wilmington]

- Over 135 individuals were assisted in Pender County
- Relief efforts included distribution of thousands of diapers, food gift cards, non-perishable food items, bottled water, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.

### Fayetteville Deanery

- The Knights of Columbus Council from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fayetteville made

a significant donation to the Catholic Charities Fayetteville, Newton Grove, and Greenville offices, as well as to St. Francis de Sales parish in Lumberton. In addition, a member of the same Council has transported disaster food cards from Catholic Charities to the pastor of St. Francis de Sales in Lumberton in order to address immediate needs there.

- The Knights of Columbus Council from St. Patrick, Fayetteville has provided funding that Catholic Charities is using to provide food for those in need.

- Plans are underway between Butterball Foods and Catholic Charities to distribute food to assist victims of the storms.

In parts of the Fayetteville and Newton Grove Deaneries, there has been flooding, power outages, and an evacuation order that has impacted various areas. The local Catholic Charities office in Goldsboro is not able to be open today because of the safety conditions, but in the interim the disaster case manager is responding to phone calls for assistance. Two parishes are providing temporary housing in parish facilities. There has been water damage at St. Ann in Clayton, damage to the rectory at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Raeford, and downed trees at St. Mary in Goldsboro and St. Mary in Laurinburg.

In Bertie County in the Albemarle Deanery, the town of Windsor is expected to be impacted by rising waters, as are other portions of the Albemarle and Tar River Deaneries. The Catholic Charities staff will be reaching out to pastors to assess needs. Holy Redeemer in Kitty Hawk sustained roof damage and Holy Trinity in Nags Head lost siding at the rectory.

In the Cape Fear and New Bern Deaneries, there are reports of flooding and wind damage. St. Brendan the Navigator parish has had water leaks and metal sheets that have been ripped from the church building.

In the Raleigh Deanery, there are downed trees, power outages, and water damage to various parish facilities, including Our Lady of Lourdes in Raleigh. Catholic Parish Outreach is without power and is expected to be without power until Sunday. However, it is still operating and distributing food that does not require refrigeration, and has moved perishable food to another site.

The Piedmont Deanery thankfully has not reported significant damage.

#### US BISHOPS' CALL TO PRAYER CONTINUES

Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the particularly urgent need for wise, moral, civic leadership in addressing them, the USCCB's Call to Prayer has been adapted to focus for nine weeks on the upcoming elections. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the week's intention and for our civic leaders and upcoming elections.

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13  
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is a document published by the American Bishops on voting. It can be found on the USCCB web site.

## Pictures & Notes about Our Church

Pictures of our blue church and the laying of the first bricks



A hopeful number: there are 38 more weekends to 'stack chairs two high' after 10:45 Mass until we worship in our new church. We will not be stacking the pews.

Bricks have arrived and are being placed on the north wall first. The grass for our 2<sup>nd</sup> playing field may be finished this weekend. Thanks to our students and others who one by one picked up the small stones.

Thank you to all who have made donations or increased pledges in recent weeks to help with the expenses as we near the  $\frac{1}{2}$  way milestone. New funds are helpful as we add enhancements: stained glass items for the chapel, wood panels in church, and help make up for pledges people have been unable to fulfill.

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## 9th Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K



Hello Monarchs In Motion Nation!

By now you've heard about the challenge with our original race date of October 15, 2016. The race team has made the very difficult decision to **not** have the race and have decided to cancel the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K race/walk.

That said, the race t-shirts are printed and we are going to make t-shirt pick up available at the following times:

- Friday, 10/14 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Adult Room at St Mary Magdalene
- After each mass this weekend, Saturday at 5:00, Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45. Keep in mind those are Mass start times and pick will be available after Mass.

As the race registration waiver states, we do not provide refunds for the race. This specific scheduling event was outside of our control. However, what we want to offer is  $\frac{1}{2}$  price registration for the next race, the 9 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  Annual Monarchs In Motion 5K, which we are targeting for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. As we get closer to finalizing that date and getting the necessary approvals, etc...we'll share the details on how that will work.

We're so grateful for the continued support and encouraging words we've received during this challenging time. We all agree that it's much easier to have the race, than to cancel it!

## Children Singers Needed for Christmas Jam



Does your child like to sing? Have they ever wanted to perform on stage in front of hundreds of adoring fans? If yes, we have a great opportunity for them to be a part of a

children's group at the StMM Christmas Jam on Sat, Dec. 10th. For more info and to volunteer, please reach out to Jaquie Isadore at [jacqueline31@mac.com](mailto:jacqueline31@mac.com) by Mon, Oct. 24th.

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