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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 1, 2019**

#### **A Note From Father Donald Staib**

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. Masses at StMM are 8:15 am with the school children and at 7 pm.

On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm. I am grateful that a group of people have come forth to lead the Stations.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal - last week we received \$5,569 from 24 new pledges. Thank you very much.

And - hooray for us! We have surpassed our goal by \$3,469. So far we have about 35% parish participation and \$194,796 had been given. All funds given/pledged over our goal come back to the parish. Ushers will not pass out pledge forms this week - the forms are in the pew. If you have not yet given, we welcome your help for the BAA and for our parish.

**CONFESSIONS:** In another part of the bulletin there is a schedule for Confessions at nearly parishes during Lent. At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday March 2 at 10:30, after Baptisms, and on Saturday March 9 at 10:30.

Father Donald Staib  
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

### **Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!**

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend Masses.

**CONFESSIONS** - Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

## Reflection

Lent is a season for refocusing on the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will be ready to embrace the good news of the Resurrection.

Why this emphasis on suffering? Because Christ saved us through an act of suffering. He bore in his own person the weight of our sin and died for us on the cross, where suffering and love coincided.

And the Church is the Body of Christ, which participates in Christ. Therefore, we shouldn't be surprised that we will be called upon to suffer out of love. In the economy of grace, God may use our suffering to bear the burden of another member of the Body of Christ, just as one system can take up the work of another, or one organ can support another.

So as we begin with Ash Wednesday, let us resolve to focus on Christ's suffering, and to unite our own suffering-through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and reflection on the Stations of the Cross-with the suffering members of the Church. It is not the destination but the journey that will ultimately transform us.

Bishop Robert Barron

## Financial Matters

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

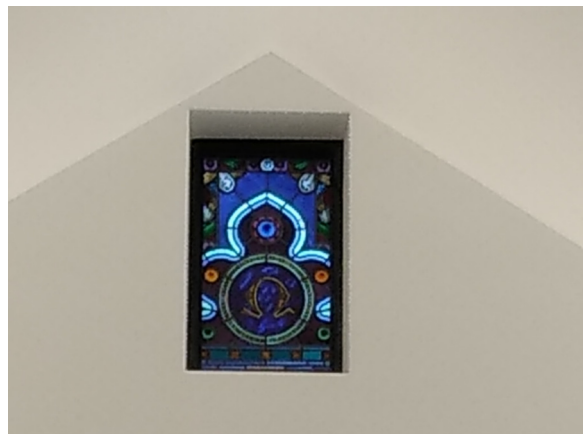
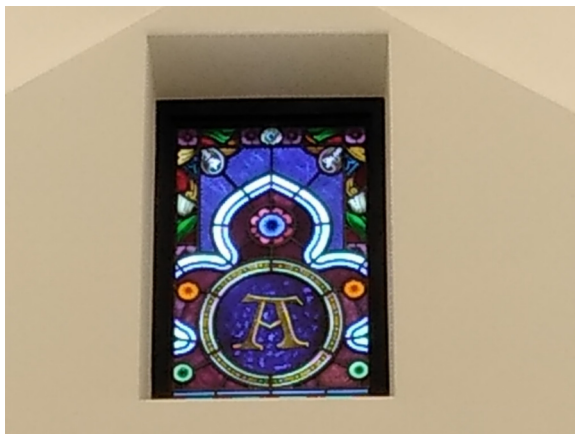
### **DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Pictures of the Week



A parishioner and student at Franciscan University of Steubenville, got an up close view of Pope Francis during this week's General Audience. Pope Francis spoke to the pilgrims about the Our Father and the invocation of "hallowed be thy name".



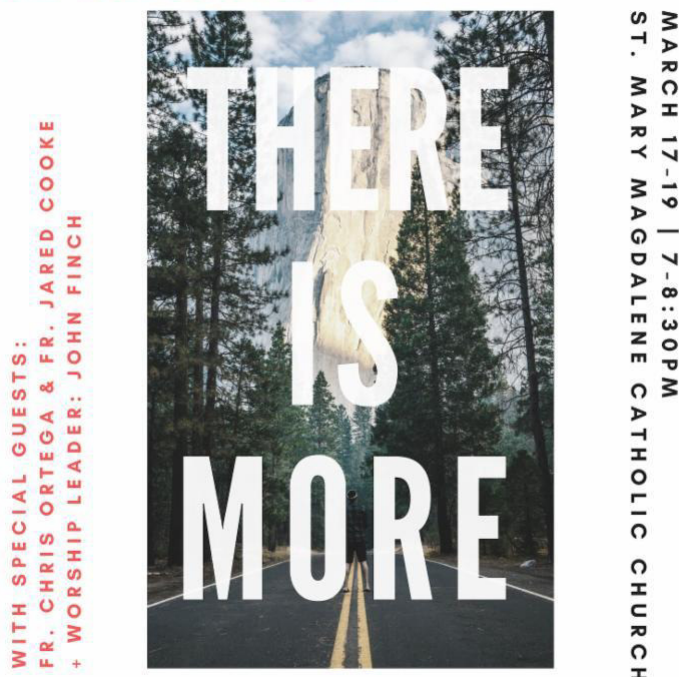
Two stained glass windows were installed in the Narthex this week.

## Lenten Penance Services

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| Wednesday March 13 (11 AM) | St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina |
| Thursday March 14 (7 PM)   | St. Mary Magdalene            |
| Monday, March 18 (7 PM)    | St. Francis, Raleigh          |
| Wednesday March 20 (11 AM) | St. Francis, Raleigh          |
| Monday, March 25 (7 PM)    | St. Raphael, Raleigh          |
| Tuesday, March 26 (11 AM)  | St. Raphael, Raleigh          |
| Tuesday, March 26 (7 PM)   | Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral  |
| Monday, April 8 (11 AM)    | St. Michael the Archangel     |
| Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM) | St. Michael the Archangel     |
| Thursday, April 11 (7 PM)  | St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina |

## Parish Lenten Mission 2019

### 2019 LENTEN MISSION



We'd like to invite you to join us at our annual parish Lenten mission. This year's mission will be held March 17, 18, 19 from 7:00pm until 8:30pm in the church. Our guest speakers will be Fr. Chris Ortega, Fr. Jared Cooke and our worship leader will be John Finch from the Vigil Project.

## Parish Religious Education Program

**Ash Wednesday** is March 6, 2019 - Wednesday Religious Education Students should arrive at their classroom at their regularly schedule time of 6:30 pm and will attend the 7:00 pm mass as a class with their Catechists. Parents are welcome to join us at church. Pick up will occur from the church, not the school, following mass at approximately 7:45 pm.



**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** will be distributed this week. This lent, please encourage your children to practice almsgiving and give whatever your means will allow. Contributions are due back in the form of a check made payable to StMM the week of 4/7/19. Please write "CRS '19" on the memo line.

**Grade 5 Assistant Catechist Needed** for Sundays 12:00 - 1:15 pm Program runs through May 5<sup>th</sup>, excluding Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday.

**First Eucharist Parent Meetings** are set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am **OR** 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. The same meeting is repeated on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:30 am **OR** 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. *If you attended this sacrament meeting in 2017 or 2018 you do not need to attend. However, all parents please stop by the Parish Office to sign up for their liturgy choice and pick up all their materials the week of March 11th.* You will be required to submit a guest number including your immediate family and first communicant at that time.

**First Eucharist Liturgies** are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. Parents can sign up for their choice of liturgy at the **First Eucharist Parent Meeting (see above for details)**

## High School Confirmation

*If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 15th, 2019 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at [stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.com)*

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the church at 6:30pm.

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2019-2020 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

*The dates for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows:  
March 13th, April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

## Haiti Mission Fundraiser

**Haiti Mission Fundraiser** - <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/>. Funds are being raised to provide basic food resources to Haitian families. A \$35 donation will provide flour, sugar, beans, rice and \$20 Haitian currency to a single family. 100% of your donation goes directly to the family. If interested, please make checks payable to HMI and give to Liz Sams or Janine McGann by **March 15th**.

**Haiti Mission - Clothing and Household Goods Drive** - We are collecting new or gently used items for distribution in Haiti.

- Clothes, shoes and hats
- Carry bags - reusable grocery bags, back packs, purses

- Stackable plastic storage containers
- Durable, plastic plates, bowls, cups and kitchen utensils
- Tennis balls, soccer balls (deflated)
- Nail polish, sunglasses
- Disposable razors or tooth brushes

A collection box is located in the church lobby. Please make all donations by **March 15th**.

## Worship and Witness



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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration-StMM** has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. Join us on March 1st. This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people

for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or [AlAnitaBecker@aol.com](mailto:AlAnitaBecker@aol.com)

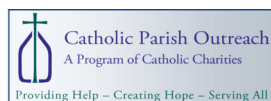
**Children's Adoration:** We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday March 1st. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions [m.brinkley@hotmail.com](mailto:m.brinkley@hotmail.com)

## Safe Environment Training



**Safe Environment Training** - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session is Thurs, 3/14 at 6:30pm. The session will last approx 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith ([bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and for meeting room.

## "Feed a Family" Food Drive



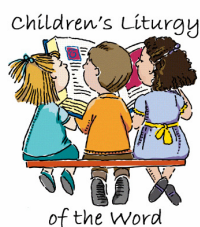
"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to StMM - Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2018? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on March 9th and 10th. We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our children's clothing ministry. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rapp at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com)

## Health Promotion Committee



The Health Promotion Committee will be meeting in Room 1 at 10am on March 10 after 9am Mass. Plan to discuss our next event. All are welcomed.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



CLOW will be celebrating the season of Lent with children ages 3 years through first grade at the Sunday morning Masses when volunteers are available, please join us! Families, please note that CLOW will not be gathering on Palm Sunday or Easter, so that the children can join in the activities in the sanctuary with the congregation. Please send any questions about this co-op ministry to [stmmclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmmclow@gmail.com).

## Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, March 18, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## KofC Fish Fry



**KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry...** - Fri, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th 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 Knights of Columbus.

## 'Knight's Corner'

**Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus**  
"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"



Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter. ***Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.***

***Event: Save the Date for "KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry" - Friday, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out).***

***For more information to becoming a Knight:***

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

Please Contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at [gkkofc7186@gmail.com](mailto:gkkofc7186@gmail.com) or our Membership Committee at [MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com)

### Calendar

- **Saturday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chess Tournament at StMM in Classrooms (lunch served by Knights 11am-12Noon)**
- **Friday Mar 8th, Mar 22nd & Apr 5th: Annual Lent Fish Fry in Dining Hall (5:30pm-7:45pm)**
- **Saturday Mar 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Mar 10<sup>th</sup>: StMM Food Drive (Before & After Sat 5pm, Sun 9am & 10:45am Mass)**

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