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A Note From Father Donald Staib

My Friends,

Life for Jeremiah the prophet was not an easy one. It seems he lived from crisis to crisis. And he was not reluctant to express his feelings about what was happening to him.

He had some honest discussions with God about his life. Discussions is a calm word; Jeremiah had complaints, called in the Bible laments. But he never gave up and kept trying to understand the ways of the Lord. What kind of conversations with God are we having these days?

We have resumed daily weekday Mass, now at 9:15. Thank you to all who have adjusted to the changes we had to make.

Those who wish to attend are asked to wear a mask. Since I am in a higher end age group a younger person will give Communion and there will be hand sanitizing available.

Use your best judgment about coming to daily Mass.

This week and next week, June 28, we will continue to offer Communion after the live streamed 10:45 Mass. We evaluate each week how we can move forward, depending on Guidelines from our Governor and our Bishop.

I send my prayers to you in these stressful days.

CONFESSIONS - There will be Confessions on Saturday June 20 at 10:30. I will be outside by the Chapel doors, unless weather makes it necessary to go inside.

Father Donald Staib
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Video Message from Father Chris



Fr. Chris message, June 18, 2020

Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

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

Please remember to subscribe to our channel STMM Church Live to receive reminders when events are added and go live.

Music for this week's Mass 6/21/20

Sing of the Lord's Goodness	#562
Psalm 69: Turn to God in your need. Turn to God in your need. You shall live You shall live.	
Preparation: All That is Hidden	#501
Communion: Now We Remain	#506
Sending Forth: City of God	#385

Reflection

We will need to do a little background on the first reading. Jeremiah has spoken bitterly to God in past sections of this book and today's passage is his fifth personal lament. Earlier he accused God of seducing him into being a prophet. He was called by God as a youth and preached for over 40 years. And the message he had to carry for God was a hard one to preach and a hard one for the people to hear. He warned the people of Judah that their infidelity to God would cause their ruin. He preached against Judah's idolatry; his message was strong, uncompromising and thus, unpopular. His fidelity to God and God's message has put him in disfavor with the people and Pashur, the chief temple official, and so, Jeremiah is imprisoned and disgraced. But his warnings come true - the

country falls, Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed and the leading citizens are taken to exile. -
Father Jude Siciliano OP

Distribution of Communion

Hello StMM parishioners,

Until we can gather together as a community again inside the church, we are obligated to abide by the guidelines set forth by both the Governor of NC and the Bishop of Raleigh. Our plan for this Sunday, June 21st and June 28th is to continue live streaming the 10:45am Mass and on our [YouTube channel](#). This week we also invite you to come to the church after the 10:45 Mass to receive Communion. This will begin about 11:45.

The assumption is you will have watched the live stream Mass & then come to church where we will be distributing Communion. Please drive to StMM, park your car, and proceed on foot to one of the Communion stations. We will give Communion until all have received, until 12:15.

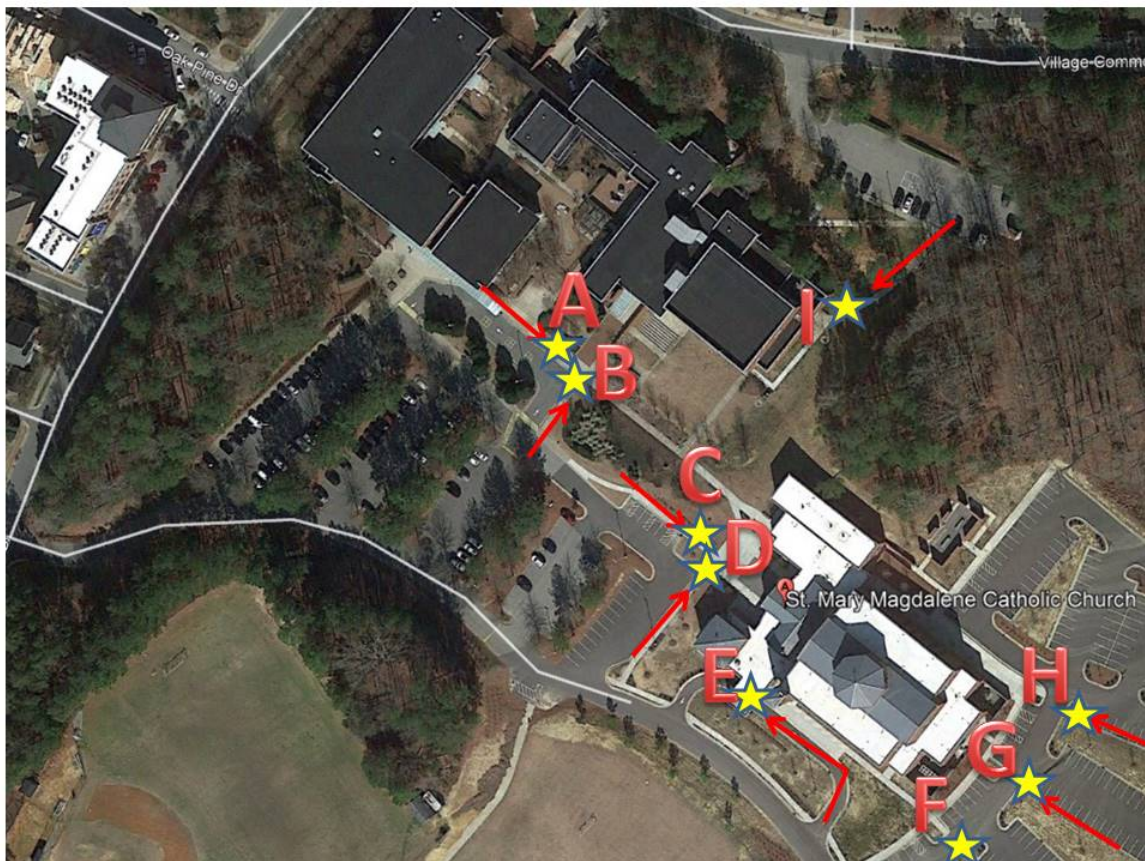
Extraordinary Ministers will be located in different locations to distribute Communion. There will be 9 stations located around the church & school property (please see the map which has the marked spots and the flow for foot traffic)

We have never done anything like this before so we please request that you show great patience, respect social distancing guidelines, & remain reverent.

If inclement weather should occur, please check the website at www.stmm.net for updated information.

1. Please see the overhead image of St. Mary Magdalene Church for the marked distribution stations located around the property and notice the direction you should follow while waiting to receive.
2. There will be a station under the drive thru portico on the chapel side of the church for anyone who meets the following criteria: Parishioners over the age of 60, anyone in the medically high risk population, & those who require a gluten free host. In the drive thru please stay in your car to receive the Eucharist.
3. According to the CDC guidelines, each person is asked to wear a mask
4. Ushers will be on hand with hand sanitizer at each line. Please sanitize your hands prior to receiving the Eucharist.
5. We ask you not to receive the Eucharist on the tongue, only in the hand. Please extend your hands in a flattened manner stacked one on top of the other.
6. After receiving Communion please return to your vehicle and exit the property safely
7. Do not engage in casual conversation before or after receiving, please remain prayerful as you would in church.
8. Because of Father Staib's age he is advised not to distribute Communion to large crowds

We miss gathering together and look forward to when we can be united again under one roof.



Stations for Communion

Resuming Sacraments of Confession and Baptism

CONFESSIONS

This Saturday, June 20 there will be Confessions at 10:30 am.

I will wear a mask and ask that you do the same.

If the weather is comfortable I will be outside in the piazza.

If weather is not favorable to outside -

- I will sit in a pew near the Baptism Font
- Penitent will sit in a chair
- Those waiting in line stay in the lobby until you turn
- Leave church after Confession

BAPTISMS

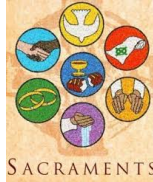
There are 31 awaiting Baptism and I can have only 1 family at a time. Maximum to attend is 9 people.

I will wear a mask when close to the child and parent who holds child should have a mask. Others who attend are encouraged to wear a mask.

At this time I can schedule a Baptism only through the month of June. There are no Saturday opportunities available; we have 2 couples striving to arrange a wedding in June.

I can have Baptisms at other times. I suggest 4pm or 5pm on weekdays. Families can email me donfs22@aol.com to check alternate days/times.

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.

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 13 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.

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Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2019.pdf

For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

Picture of the Week



Faith Formation Programs

Creating a Plan for Re-Opening our Parish Programs

As we move toward the goal of reopening this fall, we'd like to continue the relational aspect as the cornerstone of our parish youth programs. Maintaining our sense of community while offering a safe and enriching environment is key to our mission. We'd like to share with you the steps we're taking to offer our faith formation options for the next school year.

The most pressing questions on everyone's minds have been how and when will we return to campus? In order to determine the answers to these questions, the church has formed a task force to consider the many possibilities and to create a plan for safely reopening the campus. In addition to this core committee, other members of the community will be asked to lend their expertise and advice to us. We aim to be proactive in anticipating and meeting the needs of our families, catechists, core team and volunteers.

Since it will no longer be possible for all programs to congregate on campus on the same day, we are looking at offering each program on a different night of the week. This will eliminate the heavy foot traffic in our buildings and mass gatherings in the school, activity building and the church. Further, some of our non-sacramental grades will consist of a homeschool program. It will also provide for social distancing utilizing all the available space on campus. Here's the proposed schedule:

PreK-K: Home school only

Grades 1 - 2: PREP - On Site on Monday evenings or Home School. CGS tbd

Grades 3 - 4: Home school only

Grades 5 - 6: Rock - On Site on Tuesday evenings

Grades 7 - 8: Edge - On Site on Wednesday evenings

Grades 9 - 10: Way - On Site on Sunday evenings

Grades 11 - 12: Apostello - tbd by small group leader

While we can't predict the future impact of COVID-19, the health and safety of our students, families, and volunteers is paramount. We will continue to make data-informed decisions based on the research, advice and regulatory protocols from the CDC, state and county health officials, and the Diocese of Raleigh. If conditions allow us to gather this fall, we will return to church prepared and committed to offering our parish community a healthy and safe environment.

In the coming weeks and months, you will be receiving updates on our progress to prepare for the fall semester, and we will share specific information about what you can do to register for our programs. For those families who are awaiting sacraments, we are working with our new pastor, while monitoring conditions, to arrange for the sacraments to be offered once it is safe to do so. These updates will be communicated through our e-newsletter as well as our program newsletters.

Please take a moment to complete our survey to share your thoughts and suggestions.

Click here for
Faith Formation
Survey

StMM School News

StMM School Campus Re-Opening Task Force

As we work towards re-opening St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School for the 2020-21 school year, a Campus Re-Opening Task Force has been formed to examine and determine what our school year will look like in these uncertain times. The role of this group will be to explore all possible scenarios. Our goal will be to follow the guidelines provided to us by the CDC, State of North Carolina, and Diocese of Raleigh to safely re-open our school on August 20, 2020. Our Campus Re-Opening Task Force has created a webpage to help keep families informed. The page can be found by visiting our school website, <http://school.stmm.net/>, and clicking on the "Campus Re-Opening" box on the right-hand side of the page or by clicking [here](#).

StMM School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is currently accepting resumes for an **Instructional Technology Resource Teacher**, a **4th Grade Teacher** and a **5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher** for the 2020-21 school year.

For the complete job postings, please visit <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm>. Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to Principal John Mihalyo, principal@stmm.net.

Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area

to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We will continue to operate an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located here in Apex. In the first twelve weekends, we have served over 6,500 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed several hundred bags of non-perishable goods. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our efforts through prayer, financial donations, or contributing to our non-perishable goods collection.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

[Donate by clicking here](#)

Want to help, but don't know how? Here's an easy way

Dear STMM families,

STMM youth programs (Prep, The Rock, Edge, The Way & Apostello) have been looking for a way to help during this difficult time. Our own STMM Knights of Columbus have partnered with Wake County Human Services & several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis. They have set up an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located right here in Apex. In the first two weekends, they have served over 900 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need. Their supplies and funds are running low and we'd like to humbly ask you to help out in whatever way you can during this time. We realize that not everyone is in a position to give goods or financial donations, and if that's where you find yourself right now please just join our efforts through prayer.

If however, you are in a position to help here are 2 ways we need you:

1) The KOC are putting together bags with a list of food items in them. There will be tubs located under the drive through portico on the chapel side of the church starting Monday until Thursday of each week. One tub will be labeled "Completed bags" and the other will be labeled "Bag items". If you cannot fill an entire bag, please just give what you can and we'll put bags together out of whatever we collect. This allows for a 'no contact' way to help out during this difficult time.

Here are the items for one completed bag:

- 1 Rice or dried beans
- 1 Pasta & 1 Small Canned Sauce
- 1 Boxed Meal (hamburger helper or Mac-N-Cheese)
- 1 Canned Vegetable
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 6 Snack Items (individually wrapped)
- 1 Breakfast Items
- 1 Hygiene Item
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

Please bag these items at home and only include "like" items from above. We are not able to date check the donations, so please fill these bags with in-date items we can hand directly to folks in need. Please make sure everything fits into ONE bag which can be double knotted!

2) If you would like to help by just a financial donation, you can go to this link and donate online: [Donate by clicking here](#)

We will keep this going over the upcoming weeks so if you can't participate this week, know you will have a chance in the weeks to come. This is a great family service project too and is an example of one of the corporal works of mercy to feed the hungry.

If you know of anyone within our parish that is sick, in need of food or any other kind of assistance with getting groceries, picking up prescriptions, etc. Please contact either Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net, Janine at janine.mcgann@gmail.com or Liz at liz.sams@gmail.com.



Collection Bins are located by the covered driveway at the Church

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

STMM ADULT MINISTRY OPTIONS: The season of Pentecost is a time to open yourself to the Holy Spirit's call to grow closer to God. STMM offers a wide variety of adult faith formation ministries, and some are continuing to meet virtually during this time of quarantine. Prayerfully consider how you can grow deeper in your faith and contact the ministry lead to learn more. [Click on this link to learn more](#)

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