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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 1, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

This is the 6th week of our distant worship. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we are grateful for all who care for us in these difficult days. We hear a Gospel of the flock together and cared for. We as church are not able to be together, but we know people are caring for one another. Our parish is blessed. We asked if there were families in need and no one responded, but we have had many offers of help for others. And I commend those who are collecting food and bringing food to those in our community who are in need.

We have been advised not to have Confessions during this time. Also, we must wait until we know how to proceed with Baptisms, First Communions, our RCIA group, and Confirmations. These groups are constantly on my mind and I hope we can soon find ways to help them complete what they have been preparing for during the past year.

Unfortunately there is some other disturbing news; there are people who are very clever and are sending emails and texts in my name. Always check with me or the parish office before responding to unknown emails and texts.

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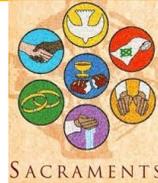
Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

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Music for this week's Mass 5/3/20

Canticle of the Sun	#425
Psalm 23: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life.	
Preparation: Pastures of the Lord	
Communion: Pescador de Hombres	#502
Sending Forth: Rain Down	#600

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

Peter replied to Jesus 'Metanoeo.' That is Greek for 'revolutionize your ways of thinking, acting, being.'

Translating metanoeo as 'repent' is akin to referring to a Category 5 hurricane as a rainstorm. The verb metanoeo means 'turn your thinking inside out and let your feelings and behavior follow suit.'

The Easter disciples were not teaching dogma; they were trying to spread a contagious state of grace. - Sister Mary McGlone

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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Video of the Week



Greetings from Father Staib

Parish Office

The Parish Staff is working remotely from home. We have access to email and will be responding during normal business hours.

The Church campus and offices remain closed indefinitely.

Click [here](#) for online spiritual resources.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be live streamed on Friday, May 1st from 9 am - 5 pm.

[Click here to live stream Adoration.](#)

StMM School News

Distance Learning Update - Following the directive from Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina's public health leadership, and in coordination with the Diocese of Raleigh Catholic Schools Office and Bishop Luis Zarama, Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will not return to on-campus instruction for the remainder of the 2019 - 2020 school year. For grades PK - 7th, academic instruction and opportunities to grow in faith will continue through distance learning until Friday, May 29th. Our 8th grade class will end their school year as originally scheduled on Friday, May 15th.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to all of our teachers! We honor and applaud your hard work, commitment and dedication that make you such wonderful teachers and role models for our students. We have been faced with challenges and obstacles during this pandemic, and you have met them head on, ensuring that our Monarchs continue to receive a complete and quality educational experience. Hats off to you!

Commemorative Brick Order

BUY A BRICK
FOR SOMEONE
SPECIAL

Due to the current Stay-at-Home order, Commemorative Bricks will not be installed this April as expected. The deadline will be extended until May 30th and the bricks will hopefully go in sometime in the summer. We will communicate when they are installed, thank you for your patience.

Parishioner Assistance

The pandemic has impacted our brother and sister parishioners in many ways and to varying degrees. As a parish family, we have the opportunity to support to each other. Some of us may be quarantined and unable to run errands such as going out and picking up groceries, prescriptions or other needs. Some may benefit from someone to talk to during this time of isolation as well as request prayer support. Having over-the-phone tech help with online purchases or social media would be beneficial.

If you are in need of or would like some help, please contact Jim Wall at jim_wall@rocketmail.com who is part of the Parish Assistance Program. He has generously offered to connect requests with volunteers whether it be running errands, participating in a call list, or technical help.

If you have prayer intentions, you may reach out to members of our Prayer Line by contacting Miriam Beck at 919-924-1413. In spite of all this turmoil, know that God has joined us in community - for each other.

Face Masks - Referrals

As we continue to deal with a new normal in our lifestyles, face masks are likely to become more necessary. Mabel Kuehy-McLaren has volunteered to make a limited number of reusable, personal face masks for those who are interested. Please contact her directly and let her know how many you need at mabelkmc@gmail.com. She can discuss patterns with you and/or direct you to CDC instructions for making themselves if that is of interest to you.

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've setup an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located right here in Apex. In the first two weekends, we have served over 900 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need.

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.



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