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St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 27, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Congratulations to those in our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama on Wednesday evening. There are requirements for those who receive this sacrament, and I commend the efforts of the students and our volunteers and staff for the many hours dedicated to the preparation for this Sacrament.

We keep in our prayers the children who received First Communion last weekend and those who will receive their First Communion this weekend. Blessings on their parents and teachers who have prepared them for this memorable Sacrament.

Meditate on this sentence from today's Reflection: *we are part of something greater than ourselves.*

There will be one of our annual 2nd collections this weekend for Catholic Home Missions.

StMM parishioner, Kelly Rappl, has been selected to replace Terry Foley as the Director of Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO). Kelly started at CPO as a volunteer and has been serving as the Assistant Program Director for the past 7 years. We congratulate her and wish her well in her new endeavor.

CONFESSIONS: There will **NOT** be Confessions on Saturday April 28, but there will be on Saturdays May 5 and 12 at 10:30 am.

I have discovered that I am having trouble with emails to my AOL address. If you do not hear back from me in a day, try again. In June I will have more time to deal with my current troubles.

Father Donald Staib
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Note From Our Bishop to Pastor and Members of StMM

It is with gratitude that I congratulate you and the community of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish for exceeding your parish goal for the 2018 Bishop' Annual Appeal. This generous response reflects the commitment of your community of faith to our Lord, His Church, and our neighbors in need.

These funds support the faithful in our Diocese and our neighbors across eastern North Carolina. Please know that I am humbled and grateful to serve as your Bishop. Thank you for your priestly service and leadership. May Our Lord Jesus bless you and may Mary our Mother watch over you and your parishioners always.

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 in the Church.

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

Reflection

In Jesus' image of the vine and the branches, we are connected to one another. We are branches of the same vine planted by the Father, the vine grower. In Christ we are sustained in God's grace throughout time and space. Despite our different races and creeds, our nationalities and cultures, we are branches that draw life from the same root.

On the night before he died [the setting of this weekend's Gospel] Jesus reminds his disciples of every time and place that in his love we are grafted to one another in ways we do not completely realize or understand. As branches of Christ the Vine, we are part of something greater than ourselves, something that transforms and transcends the fragileness of our lives.

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 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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(Click on the above link to Donate)



As you consider your offertory giving, we remind you that we offer **Electronic Giving** as a way to automate your contributions. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the parish. Collection basket contributions can fluctuate significantly from week to week, especially in the summer, but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady basis. Electronic giving helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our parish receives in the year ahead. You can fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket when you come for Mass. Any questions, contact info@stmm.net.

Electronic Giving Authorization Form

Pictures of the Week

Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama speaking with our Confirmation Candidates on Wednesday night!



StMM school children celebrating Earth Day!



Mission Trip to Haiti

StMM's Youth Ministers (Janine McGann & Liz Sams) went to Haiti on a mission trip from April 8th-16th with Haiti Missions, based out of Louisiana. They were based out of Jeremie, Haiti which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Here are some pictures from their mission trip:





Habitat for Humanity Program



The **StMM Habitat for Humanity Program** is in search of volunteers to help Korisha Bonn and her 16 month old daughter Kynlea reach their dream of home ownership. Korisha works at Peak Cardiology and will live in Fuquay-Varina. We are in search of volunteers for three dates in May including the 5th, 12th and 26th. Please join others from StMM and the Southwest Wake Faith Coalition in making an impact. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested in helping Korisha and your community please contact Terry Loding at stmmhabitat@gmail.com or 919-376-6714.

Singles/Singles Again



StMM now has a **Singles/Singles Again** meeting group! The StMM group is for singles who are 35 years and older. The group will conduct activities like dinners, plays, concerts, sporting events, day trips, attend church etc. You can attend any event that you would like and are encouraged to bring fellow parishioners or non-parishioner friends if you would like. The inaugural StMM meeting was held on April 14th and was a great success! Our next event will be dinner at Los Tres Mexican Restaurant, 1301 E. Williams St, Apex on May 4th. Please RSVP to Mike Burger by calling or texting at 919-349-2500. Look forward to seeing you!

Eucharistic Adoration



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 8pm. 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. On all of the other Fridays throughout the year we have 1 hour of Adoration after the 8:15am daily Mass. 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.

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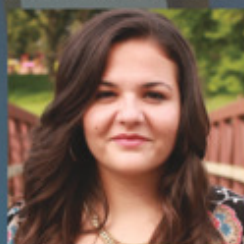


Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

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Mark Hart



Dana Catherine

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\$10 STUDENT**

Vigil Mass celebrated by
Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

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Dana Catherine



Mathias Michael

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, June 10th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal

includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



Become a Knight! Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit www.kofc7186.org or contact Michael Erpenbach at mike@erpenbach.com.

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