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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 28, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Congratulations to all those who participate in our Youth programs. The Sunday evening Mass was a full church even though the rain did its best to get us wet.

Also the Friday Spring Festival sponsored by our school is always a most enjoyable afternoon. I am jealous we never had those bouncy things to jump in when I was small; our children surely do like them.

Next weekend we will have a visiting priest talk about the mission work of the Rogationist Fathers. Every year in all parishes of our Diocese a mission community is invited to speak on a weekend. We were able to schedule this year's visit early because we have some other parish activities to take care of this summer.

On Friday of this week we will have Confirmation for about 100 of our young people. Since we do not have a Bishop, pastors in all our parishes will do the Confirmations this year.

Pastors normally do Confirmation at the Easter vigil for the RCIA people, but this will be the first [and probably the last] time I will be called upon when we do not have a Bishop. If we do not have a new Bishop in the next 2 weeks, my guess is we will not have one until after the Dedication of the new Cathedral. It is a guess - I have no inside information.

Last week we received \$3,170 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Home Missions. Thank you very much.

## Photos of the Week

Our bell tower dome rooster and weather vane has been installed.



## BELL TOWER BELL ARRIVES

This weekend the bell will be in our worship space. I will make reference to it in my sermon. [It is always helpful to have something to show you]

I showed it to the school children at their Thursday morning Mass, and Joseph Bishop and Grace Augusta posed with me and the bell for this picture.



## Notes on the New Church

In recent weeks, since we made a special appeal, the generosity of many has brought in \$425,084. This has been a wonderful response and we are grateful as we come to the last months of construction. Thank you!

For those with outstanding pledges - try to pay those pledges now or as soon as you can, but

definitely before May 30, 2017. Of course, any new donations, one time payments, short term pledges are more than very welcome.

These gifts help us tremendously as we try to afford everything planned into the church building. We are trying to 'BRIDGE THE GAP' of available cash.

A hopeful number: there are 10 [gulp!] more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

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## **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

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## **Updated Open House Video**

## **Reflection**

Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Brazil 2014 on today's Gospel:

We need a church of people unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a church capable of meeting people on their way. We need a church capable of entering into the conversation. We need a church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning.

## **Helping Hands Collection**

**STMM Helping Hands Ministry** will be collecting toiletries and household supplies this weekend to help homeless men, women, and children in Wake County. **To support this ministry, all donations must be brought to StMM before or after Masses this weekend, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; but no later than noon on the 30<sup>th</sup>.** These items will be distributed to the homeless down at Oak City Outreach in Raleigh. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com).



## **9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion**

**Save the Date, May 13, 2017 @ 8am Sharp!**

Registration is now open for the 9<sup>3/4</sup> Annual 5k race and walk. We are continuing to offer family discounts to promote participation. Registration information and forms are available at [MonarchsInMotion.com](http://MonarchsInMotion.com). Volunteers, Sponsors and Staff are also needed! Look for details on the website, before or after Mass or contact [volunteers\\_stmm5k@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteers_stmm5k@yahoo.com). Questions, contact Mike Grace at [mike5kgrace@gmail.com](mailto:mike5kgrace@gmail.com).



## NEW Marriage Ministry



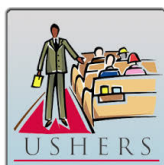
Weddings are Coming to StMM! - There will be an interest meeting on Thurs, May 25th at 7pm in the Adult Room for anyone interested in learning more about the new Marriage Ministry. Wedding volunteers are an essential part of all weddings celebrated in the Church to assist the wedding couple at their rehearsal and on their wedding day. Contact Julie Hoffman at [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## The Greeters Need You!



**The Greeters need you!** - Chances are this bulletin was handed to you by a smiling member of the Greeters ministry. Our goal is to make every person who visits our church feel welcome and part of our parish community. Why not join us? It's a great way for ANYONE to get involved. For more information contact Markus Schneider at [stmm.greeters@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.greeters@gmail.com) or 919-335-3316.

## Ushers Will Be Needed



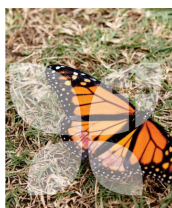
**Ushers Will Be Needed!** - We will need many more **men & women** as we move into our new worship space. Ushers serve the Church by tending to worshippers needs, helping them find a place, gathering the collection, assisting with processions, & bidding worshippers farewell when services conclude. On Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30pm in the Adult Room there will be a general gathering of all women & men interested in this important ministry in our new worship space. Please RSVP to Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) by May 21, 2017.

## KofC Blood Drive



The KofC will host their **First Blood Drive of 2017 on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm in the Adult Room.** Please register at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=stmm>. Remember one pint of blood saves three lives. Let's get behind this drive and save over 100 lives. If you have any questions, please email Bob Wolf at [bobwolf5679@yahoo.com](mailto:bobwolf5679@yahoo.com). **Finally, we welcome new donors.**

## Our Columbarium



Our Columbarium continues to move forward not only in construction, but also in the sales of niches (which is currently at 61), and a preferred urn.

As stated in previous bulletins, St. Mary Magdalene and Apex Funeral home are co-sponsoring pre-planning seminars. Members of the columbarium committee have attended this session and found it very informational on what considerations and decisions are needed to meet family needs during this very trying time.

Two sessions will be held in the Adult Room on May 18, 2017. One seminar starts at 11am and includes lunch; the other starts at 6pm and includes dinner. Seating is limited, so **RSVP is required**; please RSVP by Friday, May 12th by calling Apex Funeral Home at 919-362-8233. A columbarium committee member will be on hand to answer columbarium questions if they come up.

Please refer to [www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm) for columbarium and urn guidelines as well as pertinent information related to the upcoming pre-planning seminar. This is also where you can make your columbarium reservation or purchase an urn. If you have plans on making a columbarium reservation in 2017, we respectfully request you do that as early as possible this year to help offset construction costs.

The committee would like to make it clear that this is not a recommendation of Apex Funeral Home over any other funeral / cremation service in the area. As a neighbor to our church, Apex Funeral Home is certainly interested in being our provider of choice, but that will always be your individual decision.

## StMM Summer Camps



StMM Summer Camps - StMM School will again be offering a variety of Summer Camps for Preschool (Ages 3-5, must be potty-trained) to 8th grade. Camps will be offered from June 12th to July 31st. Click [HERE](#) for camp dates and descriptions. Questions? Email [summercamp@stmm.net](mailto:summercamp@stmm.net)

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