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St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 6, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Happy week after Easter. We enter now into an eventful part of our parish year with First Communion preparations, Confirmation, Graduations.

I said before Easter I was nervous about the ceremonies in the new church. With gratitude to all those who helped - everything went very well. Everyone should know there is much behind the scenes work that generous people do for us.

Thank you also for the generous gifts to the parish at Easter. Also the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land was \$3,492.

CONFESSIONS: There will NOT be Confessions on Saturday April 7. There will be Confessions on Saturday April 14 at 10:30 am.

COMING WEEKEND ATTRACTIONS - Apostles of the Resurrection
St. Mary Magdalene and St. Thomas the Apostle

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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

"Jesus, You have allowed me to know and understand in what a soul's greatness consists: not in great deeds but in great love. Love has its worth, and it confers greatness on all our deeds. Although our actions are small and ordinary in themselves, because of love they become great and powerful before God" - Diary of St. Sister Faustina Kowalska

In addition to the joy of discovery, engaging religious pluralism will open up insights about God and everything connected with God that will bring joy. - Father Peter Phan, professor at Georgetown

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.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(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

Preparing for the Easter Vigil



An Easter Baptism!



After the Baptism - Children at the Baptismal Font!



Migrant Worker Ministry Collection



This weekend there will be a donation table in the Narthex at all Masses to help St. Bernadette's collect needed donations for their summer **Migrant Worker Ministry**. Parishioners can stop by the table and pickup a donation tag for the various items needed. All donations are due back the following weekend, April 14 & 15. We will collecting items such as long sleeve shirts and hats as well as needed items such as sunscreen, toothpaste & toothbrushes.

Divine Mercy Sunday



This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday! - Wash Away Your Sins; Attend Sunday Mass; Venerate the Divine Mercy Image; Receive the Eucharist; Go to Reconciliation (within 20 days before or after); Earn a Plenary Indulgence. All are welcome, come to the Chapel Sunday, April 8th at 3pm for Prayer, Homily, Adoration and Benediction.

Second Sunday Parish Breakfast



"Second Sunday" Parish Breakfast-Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast is this Sunday, April 8th following the 9 & 10:45am Masses in the Dining Hall. Cost is \$8/adults & \$5/children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the new church.

Worship & Witness



Come and celebrate a night of worship music on Saturday, April 14! Start with a picnic dinner on the piazza from 6pm-7pm provided by STMM's ASP 2018 teams. Live music in the church will then be provided from 7pm-9pm courtesy of STMM's Youth Music Band, ROOTED. Tickets for dinner will cost \$7/person or \$20/family. You can purchase your tickets after mass on March 10&11, March 24&25, and April 7&8. The concert will be offered to you for FREE! All proceeds and donations will go directly to STMM's ASP 2018 Youth Ministry Mission Trip. You can learn more

about this event and about STMM's ASP group by emailing Taylor Wray at stmmaspg@gmail.com or talking to the band, ROOTED, after any Youth Mass. We look forward to worshipping with you!

Single/Single Again



StMM is exploring the interest in starting a **Singles/Singles Again** meeting group which will work in conjunction with the Raleigh Diocese 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 friends. The inaugural StMM meeting will be at **Ruckus** in Cary, 8111-208 Tryon Woods Drive, Cary. (919-835-2002) at 5:30pm on Sat, April 14th. RSVP to Mike Burger, S/SA Ministry by calling him at 919-349-2500. Look forward to seeing you.

EDGE Parent Information Session



EDGE Parent ONLY Info Session! - Will you have a middle schooler next year? Interested in having them participate in an active thriving youth group? Were you not able to attend the Edge open house this year? Then come and join us to learn more about the EDGE. We will be hosting an information night on Tues, April 24th from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Youth Room of the Activity Building. This is for **PARENTS ONLY**. You will learn all about what's available to, not only your teens but also you as parents. Contact Janine McGann at Janine.mcgann@gmail.com with questions.

StMM Spring Festival



It's time for the annual **StMM Spring Festival** on Fri, April 20th, from 3-7pm on the Athletic Felds! Bring family, friends, & chairs for an evening of fun! Activities include inflatables for all ages, rock wall, cake walk, & more! Bring cash for concessions. **Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$10/child by emailing anneburge143@gmail.com or for \$12 at the door.** Wristbands provide unlimited rides & games - adults and children 2 & under are FREE! The Spring Festival will take place rain or shine, and no refunds will be honored. Adult and teen volunteers needed! Contact Anne (above) to volunteer. See you there!

Health Promotion



Are you taking care of your health? Simple changes can make a difference. We are proposing a new program at StMM called "**Health Promotion.**" Our parish and community has many resources. We welcome your input. Looking for volunteers of all ages, with or without medical experience, to organize a Health Fair. If interested, contact dana_conte@yahoo.com.

2017 Tax Statements



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were emailed to registered parishioners who have a valid email address with the parish. If you receive the E-News you should have received your tax statement. If you did not receive a statement, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you. Be sure to check your junk mail if you receive the E-News. You can also follow the instructions below to obtain your statement:

[Tax Statement Instructions](#)

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Mathias Michael

'Knight's Corner'



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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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