

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Note From Father Donald Staib

At 4pm on Sunday we welcome our students and parents of St Mary Magdalene School to the annual Back-to-School Mass. We wish everyone an enjoyable and fruitful year.

Our new Bishop, Luis Raphael Zarama, will arrive for his installation ceremony on August 29. I received this information from our Diocese:

On Monday, August 28, 2017, Vespers will be celebrated at 7 pm at our new Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. No tickets are necessary for this liturgy, as seating will be made available to all the faithful and visitors who wish to attend. Following Vespers, Bishop Zarama will greet in the Narthex of the Cathedral those in attendance. Light refreshments will be made available directly outside the Narthex of the Cathedral.

For the Ceremony at 2 pm August 29 tickets are required and there are very few available for the 96 parishes of the Diocese.

Today is a 2nd collection - our August collection every year is for the support of the retired clergy of our Diocese.

On Tuesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day. Masses will be in the Church at 8:15 am & 7 pm.

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Notes on the New Church

Many thanks to all who have made the new church a reality for our parish. We still have cash flow challenges - so we welcome additional gifts, the larger the better. But all gifts are gratefully accepted.

You have noticed some portions of the building are not complete; and we have no furnishings or meeting room window treatment at this time. So we have lots of opportunity to use new donations.

The contractors estimate that the Chapel will be completed by the end of August. Some additional furnishings arrived this past week and we expect some more in the days to come.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

'August Moon' Video

Please enjoy this video of the moon coming over the Church!

'August Moon' Video

New Church Dedication Video

If you wish to see the 2 hour video of our church dedication, here it is:

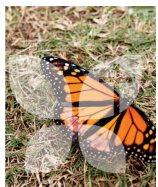
Dedication Day Video

Reflection

The entire Christian journey is a matter of walking on water: it is a journey of faith and trust. On our own, we are overwhelmed by the storms of uncertainty, the waves of doubt, the winds of opposition.

A wonderful thing about this Gospel incident is that it is not a success story. It is a salvation narrative. This story speaks of the courage necessary for discipleship. It's OK to be frightened in a storm. It is downright heroic to risk stepping out of the boat and into the raging waters. Most of all, when self-confidence has dangerously overstepped its limits, the ability to call for and receive help is the real sign of faith.

Our Columbarium



Progress continues towards completion of all 552 niches.

Walls Number 5 and 8 are complete. Pending inurnments in those two walls can be scheduled with Father at your convenience.

A total of 72 niches have been reserved across all 10 walls. A new link on the columbarium website gives you a view of which niches have been reserved without going into the reservation process. The columbarium is always open for visitation.

In wall 3 the Church has reserved 2 niches for use by families that experience a preborn or infant death. A brass cube urn has been selected and will be provided to the family by the Knights of Columbus. The niche will have room for up to 6 urns. The family determines if the name of the child is engraved in the faceplate. Arrangements are made directly with Father. The columbarium

committee will then make all arrangements for the niche and urn.

The completion of all walls in the columbarium is targeted by the end of September 2017. Our supplier ran into unexpected manufacturing issues which are now resolved.

The preferred urn program with Apex Funeral Home continues through December 2017. The discount is over 50% of retail. If interested, all transactions are on line, and you pick the urn(s) up at the funeral home. If you complete a pre-planning agreement with Apex Funeral Home the same preferred urn is provided at no charge.

If you are interested in exploring the option of a niche within Our Columbarium, please contact the committee through columbarium@stmm.net. If you would like to start the reservation process please go to www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm. The online reservation process will automatically show you what niches are available. Once you make your choice the system is updated real time.

Family Promise Volunteer Opportunity



STMM will support **Family Promise** by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews Aug. 20-26. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://www.familypromisewake.org/>).

Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.

Commemorative Bricks

Brick Order Form



Commemorative Bricks line the walkway to our Activity Building. StMM will be placing another brick order in September. If you did not make the deadline for the March order you can still have a brick engraved this year. Our deadline will be

Sept. 29th and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or click on **[Brick Order Form.](#)**

Eucharistic Minister Training



EM of HC Needed! Our new space will now provide 9 sections of seating for 1,350 people. Each of our weekend Masses will need 16/17 ministers of Communion at each Mass. Please consider training to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Requirements: completely initiated (Baptism/Communion/Confirmation) practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. Training will take place every

Tuesday from 7p-9p & every Wednesday from 10a-12p in the months of August & September in the Church. RSVP to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net.

Safe Environment Training

Safe Environment Training- Adults wishing to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment training. Our next sessions will be Wed, Aug 23rd



at 1pm; Mon, Aug 28th at 6:30pm & Thurs, Aug. 31st at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Email Bertha Smith, bsmith@stmm.net to register and get the meeting room location.

Join Cub Scout Pack 224



Inviting all rising Kindergarten through 5th grade boys to join Cub Scout Pack 224. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7-8pm at StMM. The pack activities include the Apex Christmas Parade, Pinewood Derby, Halloween and Christmas parties, family camping, Sleep with the Sharks in Myrtle Beach and so much more! Please visit our website <http://www.apexpack224.org> or contact Robert Ato at cubmaster@apexpack224.org.

Parish Athletics Fall Sports!



Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades are Coed from Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th grade. **Dates** run from late August to October. **Practice Locations** will be in Apex or Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** are in Apex & Cary. **Cost:** Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th Grade - \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic). **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week

Fall T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary)

Grades are Coed from Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th grade. **Dates** run from September to October. **Practice Locations** are in Apex & Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** will mostly be in Apex, but some could be in Cary. **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic). **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays. **Format:** Pre-K & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

Grades are Coed from Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th grade. **Dates** run from September to November. **Practice Locations** in Apex or Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** in Apex & Cary. **Cost:** Pre-k, \$55; K - 5th Grade, \$60 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic). **Format:** Pre-K will have practices/games on Saturdays. Kindergarteners through 5th grades will have one weekday practice and games on Friday nights.

[Click here to Register for any of the Parish Athletic Programs!](#)

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