

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 25, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Please take note of the letter from Deacon John in this E-News. We wish Deacon John and his wife Jola all God's blessings in the move they will be making. They have been part of our parish from our beginning and have been generous supporters of our new parish church and all our activities. We will miss them, but we know they will find a welcoming community at St Bernadette Parish.

Our new Bishop, Luis Raphael Zarama, will arrive for his installation ceremony this week. On Monday, August 28, 2017, Vespers will be celebrated at 7pm 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.

On the front wall of our church there are or soon will be two signs with electronic hymn numbers. We will continue to print them in the bulletin also, at least for a while. Also - I will not announce anymore the Offertory Helpers. The children seem to find a way to check that out each week.

On Thursday we had the first school Mass in the new church. It was a much different experience from the gym. In the gym the younger students sat on the floor, with the older grades in the bleachers. When talking to the students after the Gospel I was standing in the middle of them. I will have to get used to the more formal atmosphere in the new worship space.

Thursday was the feast of St Bartholomew. He was invited by the Apostle Philip to 'come and see' Jesus. That is a good invitation for students to come and see new classmates, new teachers, new textbooks, new topics to learn. We elders are also invited to 'come and see.'

### **A question about our new church Will there be holy water fonts at the entrance?**

Taking holy water and blessing ourselves coming into church is a reminder of our baptism. Since our real Baptism Font is central to our worship space [a unique feature of St Mary Magdalene] -- when

entering the church walk first to the Font for the Baptism Water. Then proceed to your chosen pew.

Putting the Baptism Font in the center of our worship space was intended to make this significant reminder of the waters of baptism very visible and help us remember this is where our journey as a Christian began.

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## Now That The New Church Is Completed!

It is time to move into a new phase of parish life. The generosity of many people made it possible for us to enjoy a new church for worship. It will take about 15 years to complete our debt payments and we will have larger operating costs to challenge us in the days to come.

Now that we do not need to make weekly construction reports we will revise our comments in this space.

Soon we will prepare some information about our parish finances. You will not be surprised to know that we continue to rely on the generosity of parish members. We encourage generosity in our weekly offertory and in the special once a month envelope to help pay for the church construction. We will provide more information in the weeks to come.

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## Farewell Letter from Deacon John Hubisz



Dear Folks at St. Mary Magdalene Parish,

My wife Jola and I have thoroughly enjoyed our service here at St. Mary Magdalene. Now the time has come to make a change. About a year ago, we moved from Apex to Fuquay-Varina. At first, this did not seem to be a radical change, but the time and distances do add up. It is 25 minutes one way and 24 miles round trip, plus tolls, from our home to STMM. It is no longer a "quick trip" in response to a phone call. We had been thinking about this for some time, but did not want to make any changes while we were building a church. Now the beautiful plans have become real, and we feel we can leave with pride and smiles for you all as you continue to make this new church a vibrant, holy, and caring place. You are truly an amazing group!

I understand that although I am not the oldest deacon in our Diocese, I am the longest serving deacon (42 years and counting). Moving closer to home will be easier for us, as St. Bernadette is only three miles away from our home in Fuquay-Varina. I have spoken with Fr. Fernando Torres and look forward to working with him and the parishioners of St. Bernadette.

Many thanks to Celeste Uisichon for her work with RCIA. It has been a special joy for me to help. I hope to continue helping when needed.

Deacon Joe LaPierre and I will continue to meet regularly, along with any other deacons who might

wish to join us.

I first met Father Staib at Father John Wall's many years ago when I learned that Father Staib was getting a new parish. Father Wall suggested that I help out at St. Mary Magdalene whenever I could. I assisted at one Mass a week starting at Apex Middle School for a while and was assigned to St. Mary Magdalene by Bishop Gossman in 2006. I have been thankful to Father Wall for the suggestion and especially to Father Staib for taking me on, ever since.

Best wishes, Deacon John Hubisz

## Pictures of the Week

Our First School Mass in the New Church!



Jonah Statue engravings are finished - stop by and take a look!



Youth Ministry Beach Retreat 2017 last weekend was a great success!



## New Church Dedication Video

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

[Dedication Day Video](#)

## Reflection

Filmmaker Ken Burns and his production partner Lynn Novick unveil their latest documentary, *The Vietnam War*, a new 10-part, 18-hour series. It joins their other collaborations, which include *Baseball*, *The Civil War*, and *Prohibition*.

All wars are fought twice, writer Viet Thanh Nguyen has said—first on the field of battle and then in our memory.

Ken Burns noted: The seeds of many of the troubles that beset us today—alienation, resentment and cynicism; mistrust of our government and each other; breakdown of civil discourse and civic institutions—were sewn during the Vietnam War.

Until we find a way to come to terms with this unsettled and enormously consequential event, its ghosts will continue to haunt us. At this fractious moment we are obligated more than ever to study the complicated history of the war, to rediscover what we have forgotten, reexamine what we remember and misremember and to learn what we never knew.

## 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 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) to register and get

the meeting room location.

## RCIA



RCIA is the Rite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults. It is the process for becoming Catholic. **Inquiry Sessions** for all interested in becoming a Catholic our last inquiry session is **Aug 28**. We will meet in **Room 4 in the Church Building**. Use door behind Jonah statue on the piazza to gain entrance. Sessions will run from 7:30-8:30pm. RSVP to Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net). **Topic:** Welcoming/Why Come? Are You Thinking About Becoming a Catholic? Share your story. Marriage: Contract or Covenant?

## Respect Life Ministry



**Respect Life Ministry is looking for new coordinators** to take on a leadership roles in this important ministry. The responsibility is fairly minimal and there is already a strong foundation in place. If you are interested and want more information to make a good decision, please contact Nicol Frewerd at [nicol.frewerd@gmail.com](mailto:nicol.frewerd@gmail.com), 919-819-7812.

## Commemorative Bricks



**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. 29<sup>th</sup> and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or click here: [Brick Order Form](#)

## StMM Ministry Fair



**SAVE THE DATE** for the 2017 Ministry Fair, to be held in the Narthax (lobby) of the church after each Mass on the weekend of September 9-10. The Ministry Fair will feature information about many of the Programs and Ministries at St Mary Magdalene, including how interested parishioners can get involved. Donuts and drinks will be provided.

## Lay Ministry Sunday



Click on this [LINK](#) to read a Letter from the Diocese on Lay Ministry Sunday

## StMM School Part Time Postions

**StMM School has two part time positions available for the After School Program**-The positions are from Mon-Fri. from 3pm to 6pm. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and should have experience in child care. Applicants will also have to pass a background check and attend a 2 hour



Safe Environment class. Perfect job for college students. The positions need to be filled immediately. If you are interested, please contact Gary Callus at [callus@stmm.net](mailto:callus@stmm.net)

## 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](mailto: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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