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Magdalene
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 26, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We continue this weekend to ask for support for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. Last weekend we received pledges of \$35,917 from 94 households in our parish. Many thanks to all. We are at the 5.5% level of participation.

Please consider a pledge of \$187 over a six month period. \$32 per month - the Diocese will send you a reminder each month.

ABOUT BAPTISMS: Ash Wednesday is February 14. We do not have baptisms during Lent, so the next opportunities will be after Easter. I do have baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses.

CONFESSIONS: There will not be Confessions on Saturday January 27, but they will be at 10:30 February 3, after Baptisms. We will shortly publish a schedule of Lent Penance Services in our area.

At St Mary Magdalene we have averaged about 10 funerals a year. This past week we had 2 in one afternoon. I am most grateful to all members of the parish who came to assist for these services. This is a ministry that will always be needed and one of our challenges is that we cannot make a schedule. May God give rest to all who have died. One of the funerals was for Rose Iannone who was one of our oldest and most dedicated parish members.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Desmond Roberto Keenan, a retired priest of the Diocese of Raleigh, who died on Thursday evening.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal

The kickoff dinner for our Deanery was last Tuesday. I will begin to promote the BAA this weekend at church. Our parish has always made its goal and I hope we soon accomplish our goal this

year. The goal is \$191,507. We will pass pledge forms around at the beginning of the sermon. You can fill them in today and place them in the basket or bring them back next weekend.

Using time-tested parish formulas we can make our goal easily if every parish family considers a gift of \$187, payable over six months. Larger gifts are most welcome. Our Bishop, for his first BAA, noted that he considers the 2 most significant items in the BAA are support for Catholic Charities and for support of our seminarians.

Now That The New Church Is Completed!

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years - and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope. We are especially grateful for extra gifts that were given at Christmas.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

The Girl's Retreat had to moved from Emerald Isle to StMM last weekend because of the weather and everyone made the best of it and had a great time!





2017 Contributions Statements



2017 Tax Statements 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

'Souper' Bowl of Caring



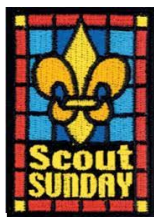
The Nationwide **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** "tackle hunger" event will take place at StMM at all Masses on **Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 3rd and 4th**. More than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. **Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONATIONS before and after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.** Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

Safe Environment Training



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next sessions are Sun, Feb. 4th at Noon & Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith bsmith@stmm.net to register and for meeting room.

Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday - February 4th. The KofC are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the **9am Mass on Sun, Feb. 4th**. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and their families in the cafeteria. There will be a

special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, **please provide the following information to stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com by Jan. 28th**: name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.

Sweetheart Bingo Night



StMM Women's Fellowship invites you to **Sweetheart Bingo Night** Fri, Feb. 9th from 7-8:30pm in St. Martha's Dining Hall in the Activity Building. Bring your sweethearts, family, and friends for a social evening of games and fun- \$5 buys a set of cards to play all 8 games! There will be great prizes for children and adults, a 50/50 Raffle, and snacks available at our concession table. Proceeds benefit StMM Building Fund. Questions- contact Grace at GDanuck@gmail.com.

Welcome Dinner



A **Soup and Salad Welcome Meal** for new members of the parish will be held Sat, Feb 10th in the St Martha Hall in the Activity Building immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries and programs to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803.

Sweetheart Dance



Attention all girls ages **Pre-K-8th grade**, you are cordially invited to attend **The Sweetheart Dance on Sat, Feb. 10th from 7-9pm** in the Activity Building Gym. There will be a DJ, Photo booth, Raffle, and more. Light appetizers, cookies, and drinks will be served in addition to an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or other adult. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 per family, or \$20 per family at the door. For more info email Lisa or Leanne at stmmsweetheartdance@gmail.com.

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The Vigil Project - A Lenten Night of Worship



The Vigil Project is returning to STMM for a special night open to all! -This is a special invitation to join us on Feb.18th for an evening hosted by **The Vigil Project** from 6:30-8pm in the church. All ages are welcome to attend this fantastic event which is FREE & open to all. The Vigil Project was at

StMM 2 years ago and we are so excited to host them again! There will be no Youth Mass because of this special event. The VIGIL Project is a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers that produce multimedia resources for authentic encounter with God and growth in prayer. You can learn more about The Vigil Project and see some of their music videos by visiting their website at www.thevigilproject.com

Columbarium



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Prior communications indicated that the recommended urn program would end December 2017. Apex Funeral Home has recently extended their discounted urn pricing through December 2018. Therefore the Columbarium Committee will continue offering the StMM recommended urn through 2018 at \$150 each. This is a discount in excess of 50% off of retail pricing. Apex Funeral Home is also continuing their program of offering the recommended urn free of charge with a prearrangement contract. StMM is communicating an offer from Apex Funeral Home but is not recommending Apex Funeral Home over any other provider. Urns can be stored in reserved niches at no additional cost. Please visit www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm for guidelines, Q & A, completing reservations and purchasing urns. Communication with the Columbarium Committee: columbarium@stmm.net

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be this Sunday, February 11th 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.



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... Fri, Feb. 23rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.



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.

Parish Athletics



Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades: Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8th - **Dates:** March to May; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Cost:** PreK \$60; K thru 5th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. **Note:** PreK

players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades: Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4th **Dates:** April to June; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary; **Game Locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kindergartners thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays

Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th **Dates:** March thru May; **Practice/Game locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! **Required Equipment:** Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers

[REGISTER](#) here for any of the Parish Athletics spring sports!

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