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### A Note From Father Donald Staib

After the Sunday Masses this past week I went away with some of my family for a few days at the beach. The scenes of the Dedication last Saturday and the baptisms on Sunday revolved in my mind.

The generous service of all who helped in getting ready for this day was outstanding. Thank you all so much. And again, thank you.

Some of the Stations of the Cross from Vietnam came with bumps and bruises. Thanks to Bob Reardon, who at the last moment repaired them and then devised a way to hang them before the Dedication. Below are some pictures from the Dedication.

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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.

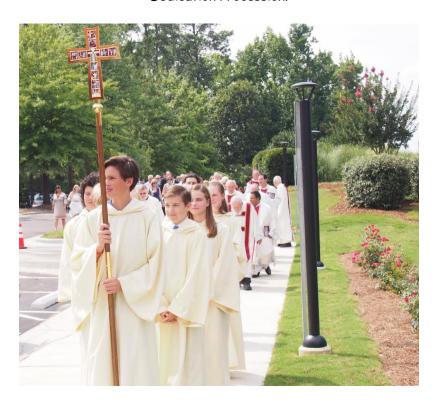
You have noticed some portions of the building are not complete; and we have no furnishings or window treatments at this time. So we have lots of opportunity to use new donations.

# DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

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### **Pictures of the Week**

## **Dedication Procession!**



Father Staib Receiving the Keys to our New Church!



Children bringing the Gifts to Bishop-Elect Ned Shlesinger!



Dedication Congregation.



Father Staib's Family



# **New Church Videos**

Let Us Build A House Where Love Grows

Raleigh to Rome Video

From Rendering to Reality Video

## Reflection

#### Prayer of Church Dedication

Father in heaven, source of holiness and true purpose, it is right that we praise and glorify your name. For today we come before you to dedicate to your lasting service this house of prayer, this temple of worship, this home in which we are nourished by your word and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is favored, the dwelling place of god on earth: a temple built of living stones, founded on the Apostles with Jesus Christ as its corner stone.

# **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 <u>usischon@stmm.net</u>.

# Party on the Lawn



Let's celebrate our beautiful new church opening! Party on the Lawn: July 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm on the StMM Athletic Fields. There will be food trucks, bounce houses, games, music, and FREE Rita's Italian Ice! Bring your chairs, picnic blankets, shade tents, and lawn games to share! Join the StMM

parish community for fun and fellowship!

# **CPO Baby Shower**



Baby Drive Comes to StMM! Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 9,600 people a month in 2015? We also distribute baby items (including formula, baby food, diapers and clothes Newborn up to 6T). July 22nd & 23rd volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our

community by taking a bag and returning it on July 29th & 30th. If you have questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at <a href="mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com">krappl@nc.rr.com</a> or Kathy Barnack at <a href="mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com">kbarnack@nc.rr.com</a>.

# Join Cub Scout Pack 224

Inviting all rising 1st grade 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

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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 <a href="http://www.apexpack224.org">http://www.apexpack224.org</a> or contact Robert Ato at <a href="mailto:cubmaster@apexpack224.org">cubmaster@apexpack224.org</a>.

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