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A Note From Father Donald Staib

Some early information for our July 15 at 4 pm Dedication ceremony. The ceremony begins outside with the Bishop entering the church first. Our Bishop will be Bishop-elect Ned Shlesinger, priest of our Diocese, recently appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please read the full instructions listed below for complete details.

On July 15 there will be no 5pm Saturday Mass.

Also: please note - there is not daily Mass Wednesday, July 5.

Thank you for the generous response of \$3,026 to last week's second collection for Peter's Pence, the charity fund of Pope Francis.

Next weekend after the Masses, the last in the gym, we will have a procession to bless a new statue [guess who - hint: a pastor's favorite] in the front of our church. It will be our way of saying 'goodbye' to the gym.

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Notes on the New Church

After this weekend we have only 1 more weekend in our worship space in the gym.

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.

This past week we received a check from the 5K Race for \$9,129 and a check from our Women's Guild for \$500. We are grateful.

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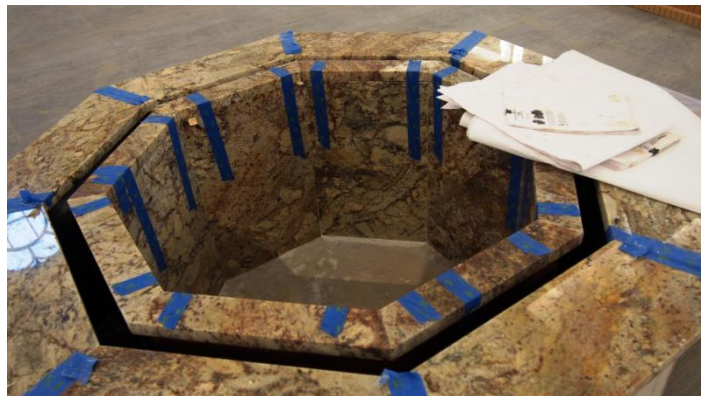
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Pictures of the Week

Sod for the front of the church - labor intensive! - Sod was donated by Parish Athletics!



Baptism font being prepared with the granite from South America in honor of Pope Francis!



Night photo with lights!



Chair set-up crew after work; what will they do when we do not have church chairs?



New Church Videos

[New Church Video Update](#)

New Church Dedication Information

RSVP ATTENDEES

This special day is all about the building. It is celebratory but also solemn.

This 4pm Mass replaces the Saturday 5pm Mass. There will be a collection at the Offertory.

No one can enter the Church until 4pm. A 2pm arrival doesn't guarantee a seating choice.

The entire procession path will be corded off to keep it clear for the procession.

The entire piazza will remain clear until the principal celebrants are in position.

Once the principal celebrants are in position the congregation can move forward onto the piazza.

Volunteers will be positioned on the piazza to invite the congregation forward.

If you choose not to be a part of the procession, the entire processional path as well as the piazza remains clear until principal celebrants are in position.

Once the Church doors are unlocked the principal celebrants & special guests process inside.

The congregation follows behind the 20 usher volunteers who will be right behind the Bishop-elect.

If the RSVP numbers are accurate then, we are moving many people *reverently & quickly*.

Seating Procedure

- Choice of seating is not an option.
- The first 5 rows of each of the front 5 sections will be reserved.
- 16 of the 20 volunteer ushers will guide you to your seats.
- 4 narthex volunteers will have Dedication Worship Aids for you if you didn't get one in the Activities Building or on the processional path over to the Church.
- Volunteer ushers will be directing everyone to move forward & once at the pew, to move to the center & *remain standing*. There are 9 sections of pew seating.
- There are 4 doors at the entrance of the Church. There are 3 glass doors at the entrance of the nave. The congregation will use all doors to enter & then follow the directions of volunteer ushers into the nave & down the aisles to a pew.
- Volunteer ushers will be in place for the 9 communion stations. Please follow their directions.

Rite of Dedication will be approximately 2 hours. Volunteers will be positioned after Mass throughout the Church if you'd like to walk around on your own after Mass. Adult supervision is required at all times.

There is no meal involved with the planned light refreshments of water/lemonade/sweet treat in the Activities Building immediately following the Mass.

All buildings will close no later than 8pm.

Reflection

We hear the call from many quarters to create a welcoming environment for those who are estranged. Hospitality is at the heart of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. God has welcomed sinners, outcasts and strangers to God's loving and welcoming embrace. As people who have been offered hospitality by God, we are obliged to do the same to those who are outsiders and strangers.

There is another side to biblical hospitality we are called to be attentive to. In today's first reading and gospel, we are reminded how often strangers come bearing new life and new energy into a stagnant world. Strangers who are welcomed often come bearing gifts ready to share with their hosts. The Shunemite woman welcomes Elisha by first offering him food. Then, she welcomes him into her home and provides a room for him whenever he is passing through.

ASP THANK YOU

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you from our St. Mary Magdalene Appalachia Service Project group who served 10 families the week of June 18—24.

They were able to serve people from all walks of life who truly love the Lord! Floors, walls, decks, roofs, you name it, they repaired it!

We thank you for your support, donations, and prayers!

LOVE IN ACTION!



New Church Envelopes



StMM has changed envelope companies and parishioners will start receiving their new monthly envelopes for July from the new company. Parishioners that are on automatic draft will receive only the 2nd collection envelopes on a quarterly basis. Any questions or problems, please email lynch@stmm.net

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.

Party on the Lawn



Let's celebrate our beautiful new church opening! **Party on the Lawn: July 29th 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!

StMM Summer Camps



StMM Summer Camps - StMM School will again be offering a variety of Summer Camps for Preschool (Ages 3-5, must be potty-trained) to 8th grade. Camps will be offered from June 12th to July 31st. Click [HERE](#) for camp dates and descriptions. Questions? Email summercamp@stmm.net

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