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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News June 9, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

So many thanks to all who helped to prepare and bring to fruition the First Communion of our 128 children the past two weeks.

July 16 - the day after our Church dedication - at the two Sunday Masses I would like to baptize as many babies as possible. There will be a brief homily that day because I will have depleted my thoughts the previous day. So far there are 8 babies to baptize in our new baptism font in the church.

Please note the new information in the 'Notes' as written below. We want everyone to know we will keep our promise to recognize those who have been so generous to our new church.

Also - the July 15 4 pm Dedication ceremony begins outside with the Bishop [Bishop elect Ned Shlesinger, priest of our Diocese, appointed auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Atlanta] entering the church first. Please read the New Church Dedication full instructions below for complete details.

Father Donald Staib

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## Notes on the New Church

In August 2012 our parish began a Capital Campaign called 'Our Church Our Time' and we asked each parish family to consider a 5 year pledge of \$5,000. Many parish members did so and some gave more. We are especially grateful to them.

In our Dedication Program we will include the names of all who have given to our new church. If you do not wish to have your name listed in the Program please email [lynch@stmm.net](mailto:lynch@stmm.net) before June 16.

**This is a change from information we published in the last two weeks because we wanted to recognize everyone who made a contribution to our new church in this Dedication Program.**

In the new church we will have a Memory Wall to recognize those who completed their gifts of \$5,000 or more. The Memory Wall will be placed in the church about a year from now. Between now and then there will be more information about the Memory Wall. - Father Donald Staib

## **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## **Pictures of the Week**

The Piazza takes shape.



St. Peter window is in!



## **New Church Videos**

[Stain Glass Window Part 1](#)

[St. Peter Window Install](#)

## New Church Dedication Information

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to all who have already signed up to help on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

There are a few slots left. Use <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45adab2c7-stmm>.

All volunteers will be contacted by June 30<sup>th</sup> with details for your volunteer spot. In general most are simply spots where volunteers will stand & guide the pathway to the Church piazza as well as general welcoming to all who are coming to the dedication.

### **ATTENDEES**

Regardless of what time you arrive or even if you are volunteering, the Church will be locked. No one enters earlier than 4pm.

There will be a designated procession from the Activity Building to the piazza. The congregation is last in the procession entering the church. Even if you choose not to be part of the procession and just gather in front of the church, you too will be guided into the Church.

Parking assistance will be provided.

Accommodations, if needed, have been arranged for our senior parishioners & any attendee needing wheelchair assistance. There are 12 wheelchair spots designated inside the church.

The convenience of the Activities Building opening at 2pm on July 15 is for waiting comfort from the July heat or inclement weather.

Coming at 2pm does not mean you will be seated up front.

The entire front of the church, across all four sections has been reserved for special guests and visiting clergy. The reserved pews will be clearly marked with a visual.

Once the church doors are unlocked & the procession continues into the church, parish staff & parish volunteers will be posted inside the church guiding special guests & all attendees to their seats.

The Rite of Dedication will be approximately 2 hours.

The simple light refreshments after the dedication are lemonade/water/cookies.

There is no meal involved.

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

All buildings will be closed by 8pm.

Sunday liturgies are at 9am & 10:45am.

## Reflection

### QUOTATIONS OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ON THE TRINITY

Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.

We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves.

The truth that God is three and one is altogether a matter of faith; and in no way can it be demonstratively proved.

## Eucharistic Minister Training - UPDATE



**EM of HC in the Sacred Liturgy Information/Training UPDATE** - Sessions are set for Thurs, June 15th OR Wed, June 28th from 10a-12p OR 7p-9p in the Adult Room. Veterans are strongly encouraged to attend ONE of the sessions as procedures are changing in our new space. New parishioners are welcome to join the ministry as we will need 14/16 ministers at each Mass. Contact Celeste [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) with your questions and please RSVP by June 12th for the June 15th session or June 26th for the June 28th session.

## Bracelets to Help The Apparent Project



**Bracelets to help The Apparent Project** (<https://apparentproject.org>) as well as The Children's Village of Dugue, a Haitian orphanage will be sold for \$10 each after both Masses this Sunday, June 11th. Please stop by and support this cause. For more information, contact Elizabeth Pedersen at [ejpeds98@gmail.com](mailto:ejpeds98@gmail.com)

## Commemorative Bricks



The latest **Commemorative Brick** orders are engraved and in the ground outside of the Activity Building!

## Family Promise!



**Family Promise**-STMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews June 18-24. We could not do this without you. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://wihn.org/>). **Reminder-All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's.** Please contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## Boy Scout Windshield Wash Fundraiser

StMM Boy Scout Troop 224 will hold their annual **Windshield Wash Fundraiser** on June 24th & 25th during the weekend Masses. Donations from the Windshield Wash help Troop 24 with things such as summer camp, troop activities and needed gear throughout the year. Your support is greatly appreciated!



## 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](mailto:summercamp@stmm.net)

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