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St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 16, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

I wish to thank all those members of the parish who helped at Deacon John's funeral last Tuesday. May God bless all who took the time and effort to assist. Funerals are one of the aspects of parish life that cannot be planned, so I am aware that people must adjust their personal schedules to help out.

During Lent Deacon Joe will lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm in the Church.

This week good news continues for our participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received pledges/gifts of \$220,330 which is 115% of our goal. All gifts now come back to our parish. 43% of the parish has responded - so we still have the opportunity to increase our participation.

Pledge forms are still in the baskets in various places in the church.

ABOUT BAPTISMS: 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 be Confessions on Saturday March 24 at 10:30. There will not be Confessions on Holy Saturday. Also: remember there is no 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday. The Mass will begin about 8 pm with the Blessing of the Fire outside.

The priests of our area strive to be at as many evening Penance Services as we can. The schedule is in this bulletin.

Thank you for your generous response last weekend for Catholic Relief Services. We received \$5,195.

On Holy Thursday we have the Foot Washing of 12 people. Volunteers - contact me. This is for adults and children in 3rd grade and up.

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Lent Penance Services



March 20th - 11am - St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina
March 21st - 11am - St. Michael, Cary

Reflection

Prayer of Covenant Faithfulness

God of righteousness and God of grace, teach us always to live in agreement with your Holy Word which you have written in the laws of nature, in your holy word by your prophets, and on our hearts and minds through the power of your Holy Spirit. While we journey through this temporal life, give us the strength to do your will and to keep your commandments.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

WE DID IT !!!

In record time we have reached our Parish Bishop's Annual Appeal goal.

Thank you to all who participated. Let's try to reach the other goal: 100% parish participation. The forms are still in the church.

And any funds over our goal come back to our parish - we always have a good use for funds not in our regular budget. Again many, many thanks

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 for 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.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Deacon Joe walking the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 7pm



StMM students were inducted into the 2018 Junior National Honor Society last week.



Eucharistic Minister Training



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training Session is set for Tuesday, March 20th in Church Room #4 from 10:30am-12pm OR 7-9pm. Please RSVP to Celeste by Sun, March 18th at Usischon@stmm.net if interested in attending. If you are already a trained EM and would like a brush up, please arrive at 11am or 8pm on the training days.

Easter Egg Hunt



Annual StMM Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 12:15pm. Ages 2-4 will be meeting at the front of the playground by the Rose Garden; ages 5-7 will be at the back of the playground; and ages 8-10 will meet on the soccer fields. Inclement weather: join us outside of the cafeteria at 12:15pm. Questions: contact Grace at GDanuck@gmail.com.

We need your help to make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success for the children! We request volunteers to help set up the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 11am (Egg Hunt starts at 12:15pm). We also need help stuffing the eggs on Tues, March 20th from 7 -8pm in the Adult Room of the Activity Building. (older children are welcome to help for service hours) Contact Grace at GDanuck@gmail.com if you can help on either day.

Feed-A-Family Food Drive



Feed-A-Family Food - StMM Church and School did a great job collecting food for CPO and the needy in our community. The church collected \$2,930 and 2,361 pounds of groceries and the school collected \$50 and 1,882 pounds of groceries. Thank you for your support!

EDGE Parent Info Session



EDGE Parent ONLY Info Session! - Will you have a middle schooler next year? Interested in having them participate in an active thriving youth group? Were you not able to attend the Edge open house this year? Then come and join us to learn more about the EDGE. We will be hosting an information night on Tues, April 24th from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Youth Room of the Activity Building. This is for PARENTS ONLY. You will learn all about what's available to, not only your teens but also you as parents. Contact Janine McGann at Janine.mcgann@gmail.com with questions.

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 session is Monday, April 9th 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 the meeting room.

KofC Fish Fry



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry

Our next Fish Fry is Friday, March 23rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. 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 & Cheese along with Coleslaw, cornbread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting the worthy community causes championed by the KofC.

Girl Scout Book Drive THANK YOU



Girl Scout Troop 1383's book drive was an incredible success! We would like to thank everyone who donated books and supported our efforts. The girls collected 2,695 books to donate to Book Harvest! We are very grateful for the amazing generosity of both the StMM school & parish families who made this possible.

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday! Come to the Chapel on Sunday, April 8th at 3pm and celebrate God's greatest attribute - His Divine Mercy. There will be prayers, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Jesus told St. Faustina "In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me."

Worship & Witness



Come and celebrate a night of worship music on Saturday, April 14! Start with a picnic dinner on the piazza from 6pm-7pm provided by STMM's ASP 2018 teams. Live music in the church will then be provided from 7pm-9pm courtesy of STMM's Youth Music Band, ROOTED. Tickets for dinner will cost \$7/person or \$20/family. You can purchase your tickets after mass on March 10&11, March 24&25, and April 7&8. The concert will be offered to you for FREE! All proceeds and donations will go directly to STMM's ASP 2018 Youth Ministry Mission Trip. You can learn more about this event and about STMM's ASP group by emailing Taylor Wray at stmmaspg@gmail.com or talking to the band, ROOTED, after any Youth Mass. We look forward to worshipping with you!

2017 Tax Statements



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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. You can also follow the instructions below to obtain your statement:

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, April 8th 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.



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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 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

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

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