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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 23, 2018

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Our first Holy Week in the new church. Yes, I'm nervous - we have never done the ceremonies here before. And they are the most complicated of the entire liturgical year. This weekend, on Palm Sunday, it is appropriate that we gather on the piazza outside and then process into church with our Palms. On the piazza we hear a reading from the Gospel and bless the palms.

On Holy Thursday at 7 pm we will celebrate the Eucharist, with the washing of feet, as Jesus did for the Apostles at the Last Supper. As of mid-week, I am still in need of 5 more volunteer Apostles. At the end of Mass we carry the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel in procession.

Deacon Joe will have Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday.

The Good Friday service is at 3 pm. We hear the Passion, have veneration of the Cross, and then receive Communion from the hosts consecrated the day before.

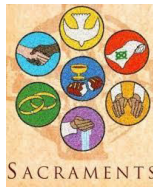
Holy Saturday begins near 8 pm with the Blessing of the fire in the piazza, followed by the procession with the Easter candle into the darkened church. There are readings from the Bible and the reception into the church of the RCIA folks either by Baptism or Confirmation. Our Holy Saturday service usually lasts a little over 1.5 hours.

Easter Sunday is our regular Sunday schedule. There will be no daily Mass Monday or Tuesday April 2 and 3. The entire StMM campus will be closed.

There will be Confessions at 10:30 on Saturday March 24. No Confessions on Holy Saturday or on April 7. There will be Confessions on April 14.

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## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend Masses.

**CONFESSIONS** - Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually at 10:30 on Saturdays, sometimes following the Saturday morning Baptisms.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

## Reflection

Palm Sunday raises at least two important spiritual questions for Christians: What does it mean to be like Jesus? And what does it mean to take up our crosses, just like He did? First, you don't need to go looking for your cross. Life gives them to you. Whether it's an illness or a tough family relationship or trouble in school or problems on the job. The real cross is the one that you don't want. Because it's hardly a cross if you want it. Just like it was for Jesus. Second, we are asked by Jesus to accept our crosses.

Now, what does that mean? Well, first it means accepting that suffering is a reality in your life, and being honest about it. Perhaps more importantly, it means not passing along the bitterness that you feel. That doesn't mean that when you're with friends or family members or counselors, you can't talk about it or complain about it or even cry about it. That's both healthy and natural.

But it does mean that if you're angry about your boss or about school or about your family, you don't pass along that anger or bitterness or meanness to others. Your cross is your cross. It shouldn't become someone else's. - Father James Martin, SJ

## Financial Matters

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - Thank you to all who have participated. We have now reached 115% of our goal. We have 44% of parish participation. Any funds over goal come back to help our own parish.

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

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## Pictures of the Week

StMM's 6th & 7th grade students recently went on a Field Trip to see the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet.



## KofC Fish Fry



### KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry

Our **LAST** Fish Fry this Lenten Season 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](http://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.

## 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](mailto:GDanuck@gmail.com).

## Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday! - Come to the Chapel at 3pm to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with prayers, Adoration and Benediction. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and to bring friends and family. Plan to arrive a few minutes early, we will begin promptly at 3pm.

## 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) to register and for the meeting room.

## 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](mailto:stmmaspg@gmail.com) or talking to the band, ROOTED, after any Youth Mass. We look forward to worshipping with you!

## Single/Single Again



StMM is exploring the interest in starting a **Singles/Singles Again** meeting group which will work in conjunction with the Raleigh Diocese group. The StMM group is for singles who are 35 years and older. The group will conduct activities like dinners, plays, concerts, sporting events, day trips, attend church etc. You can attend any event that you would like and are encouraged to bring fellow parishioners or friends. The inaugural StMM meeting will be at **Ruckus** in Cary, 8111-208 Tryon Woods Drive, Cary. (919-835-2002) at 5:30pm on Sat, April 14<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Mike Burger, S/SA Ministry by calling him at 919-349-2500. Look forward to seeing you.



## EDGE Parent Information 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Janine.mcgann@gmail.com) with questions.

## StMM Spring Festival



It's time for the annual **StMM Spring Festival** on Fri, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3-7pm on the Athletic Fields! Bring family, friends, & chairs for an evening of fun! Activities include inflatables for all ages, rock wall, cake walk, & more! Bring cash for concessions. **Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$10/child by emailing [anneburge143@gmail.com](mailto:anneburge143@gmail.com) or for \$12 at the door.** Wristbands provide unlimited rides & games - adults and children 2 & under are FREE! The Spring Festival will take place rain or shine, and no refunds will be honored. Adult and teen volunteers needed! Contact Anne (above) to volunteer. See you there!

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## 2017 Tax Statements



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receive a statement, contact [lynch@stmm.net](mailto: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:

### [Tax Statement Instructions](#)

## '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.



**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](http://www.kofc7186.org) or contact Michael Erpenbach at [mike@erpenbach.com](mailto:mike@erpenbach.com).

## Parish Athletics



**Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades:** Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4<sup>th</sup>  
**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 8<sup>th</sup> grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays

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

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