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A Note From Father Donald Staib

This week there is even better news about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received pledges/gifts of \$210,015 which is 110% of our goal. All gifts now come back to our parish. 41% 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.

During Lent our Deacons will lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm 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 3 at 10:30am and on Saturday March 10 at 10:30am - in the Reconciliation Room on the south side of the church. . When you enter the wooden doors from the Narthex, turn right and the confessionals are in the back corner of the church.

The priests of our area strive to be at as many evening Penance Services as we can. The schedule is listed below. Note that StMM will host for the first time on Thursday March 8. We host the Lent Penance Service and St Andrew Parish hosts the Advent one.

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Lent Penance Services



March 7th - 7pm - St. Bernadette's, Fuquay-Varina
 March 8th - 7pm - St. Mary Magdalene (at S. Andrew in Advent)

March 14th - 11am - St. Raphael, Raleigh
March 14th - 7pm - St. Michael, Cary
March 20th - 11am - St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina
March 21st - 11am - St. Michael, Cary

Reflection

The American consensus needs to be constantly argued. If the public argument dies from disinterest, or subsides into the angry mutterings of polemic, or rises to the shrillness of hysteria, or trails off into positivist triviality, or gets lost in a morass of semantics, you may be sure that the barbarian is at the gates of the city. - Jesuit Father John Courtney Murray 1904 - 1967, Adviser at Vatican Council II

Of all the documents produced by the Second Vatican Council, none had more revisions, saw more debate, or garnered more controversy than the "Declaration on Religious Liberty" *Dignitatis Humanae*. This is in part because the document's 15 tightly-packed paragraphs had the burden of boldly defending the rights of conscience while at the same time respecting the teaching of the embattled Church of the 19th century. This was no easy task, so we should be ever grateful to the conciliar Fathers for the declaration as we face challenges to our religious liberty today

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!

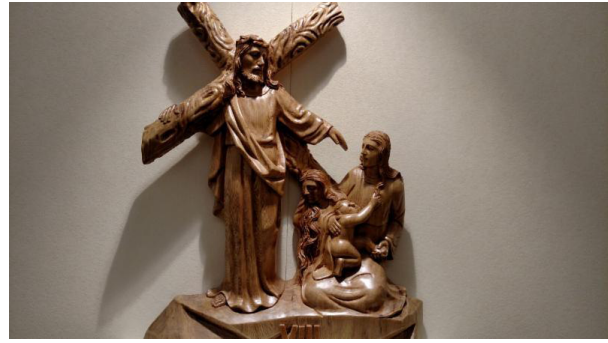
We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years - and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Station #1 (Jesus is condemned to Death) and Station #8 (Jesus meets the Women of Jerusalem) The Stations of Cross at StMM that include children.



Bonnie Agnew & Lori Ozaki (2nd grade teacher & teacher assistant) were named as Teacher & Teacher Assistant of the Year for St. Mary Magdalene and were treated to a luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club. The event was hosted by the Apex Chamber of Commerce and the luncheon included other Teachers and Teacher Assistants from other Apex schools. Congratulations to both!



Commemorative Bricks



Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. StMM will be placing a brick order **THIS MONTH**. Engraved bricks are \$100. **Deadline IS March 16th**. Commemorate a First Communion or a Graduation or any special event with an engraved brick. You can drop the forms with payment in the collection basket or drop them at the church office by March 16th!

[BRICK ORDER FORM](#)

Feed-A-Family Food Drive



Feed-A-Family Food Drive comes to StMM-Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,700 people a month in 2017? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it

on the weekend of March 10/11. We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our clothing ministry. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, contact Kelly Rapp at krapp@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.

Book Drive



StMM Girl Scout Troop 1383 Book Drive Feb. 26th-March 4th-We need your new & gently used children's books! The books collected will be donated to *Book Harvest*, a Durham-based nonprofit that believes in the power of books to change children's lives. We need books of all ages, especially board books and picture books for the youngest readers, as well as books in Spanish and bilingual books. Clear your cluttered shelves of books your children have outgrown so they can find new a home with a child who needs them. Look for the Book Collection Bins in the Church Narthex this weekend.

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 sessions are Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm & Mon 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- We are back!!!... - We apologize for the cancelation of the first Fish Fry due to technical issues, but we are good to go for Fri, March 9th and 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.

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.

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church every Friday during Lent at 7pm starting on Friday, Feb. 16th. On Good Friday, March 30th, Stations will take place at 12noon. Please join us!

Worship & Witness



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:

[Tax Statement Instructions](#)

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, March 11th 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 Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades: Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8th - **Dates:** March to May; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Cost:** PreK \$60; K thru 5th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays.

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

Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th **Dates:** March thru May; **Practice/Game locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! **Required Equipment:** Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers

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

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