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St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 9, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

As you know from the E-News this past week, we have the sadness to note the death of our Deacon John Hubisz. Deacon John has been with our parish since our beginning with Mass at Apex Middle School. We are grateful for his service and we will miss him at the weekend Masses. Funeral is on Tuesday at our church with Visitation at 1pm and Mass at 2:30pm. We keep Deacon John and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

This week good news continues for our participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received pledges/gifts of \$218,842 which is 114% of our goal.

All gifts now come back to our parish. 42% 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 10 at 10:30 and on Saturday March 17 at 10:30 - in the Reconciliation Room on the north side of the church.

There is a 2nd collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services. CRS is our church's first responder to crises around the world and in our own country.

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 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

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the debut of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

The connections we make in the course of a life--maybe that's what heaven is. Discovering the truth about ourselves is a lifetime's work, but it's worth the effort.

Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people.

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

One of our parish members Luke McGann, a student at Franciscan University at Steubenville, had the thrill of meeting Pope Francis this past week. Pope Francis seems to be enjoying himself also!



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? Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by returning your bag of groceries or a donation of \$30 this weekend. 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 Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.

EDGE Parent Info Session



Come Join Our Middle School Youth Group! - **EDGE Parent Info Session & Open House for rising 6th graders and anyone new!!**: Do you have a rising 6th grader for the 2018-2019 school year? Or do you have a middle school teen who was not in the

EDGE this year but would like to be next year? We'd love to have you bring your future EDGER to an open house on March 11th, 2018 from 4:30-5:45pm. Your teen will attend the EDGE youth group in the Gym at StMM, while parents will attend a parent info session at the same time to learn more about the EDGE. After the Edge ends, please join us for Youth Mass at 6pm in the church. 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- We are back!!!... - We apologize for the cancelation of the first Fish Fry due to technical issues, but we are good to go for Friday 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 Uisichon@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

St. Mary Magdalene Appalachia Service Project & Youth Music Ministry Presents

WORSHIP & WITNESS

Are you ready to PRAISE & WORSHIP?

Saturday, April 14, 6pm-9pm

Picnic on the Piazza 6pm-7pm
\$7/person or \$20/family

Worship Event is 7pm-9pm & FREE.
Love Donations are greatly appreciated.

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 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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