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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 12, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib



**Happy Mother's Day** to all our Mothers and all who nurture others as a mother does. Jesus said once: 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together, as a mother hen gathers her young under her wings.'

Thank you for last week's generous response to Father Peter Quinto who spoke at the Masses about his mission work as a member of the Rogationist Fathers. We received \$4,075 for his missions. If you wish to contribute, just mark your gift and we will forward to the proper place.

Perhaps you noticed our butterfly logo is now on the peak of the Chapel. It came in during the previous week and the roofers were here to put it up before I had a chance to bring it to Mass.

This past week the floor tiles for the church came in - all the way from Italy.

Donald F. Staib

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## Notes on the New Church

In recent weeks, since we made a special appeal, the generosity of many has brought in \$467,701. This has been a wonderful response and we are grateful as we come to the last months of construction.

For those with outstanding pledges - try to pay those pledges now or as soon as you can, but definitely before May 30, 2017. Of course, any new donations, one time payments, short term

pledges are very welcome.

These gifts help us tremendously as we try to afford everything planned into the church building. We are trying to 'BRIDGE THE GAP' of available cash.

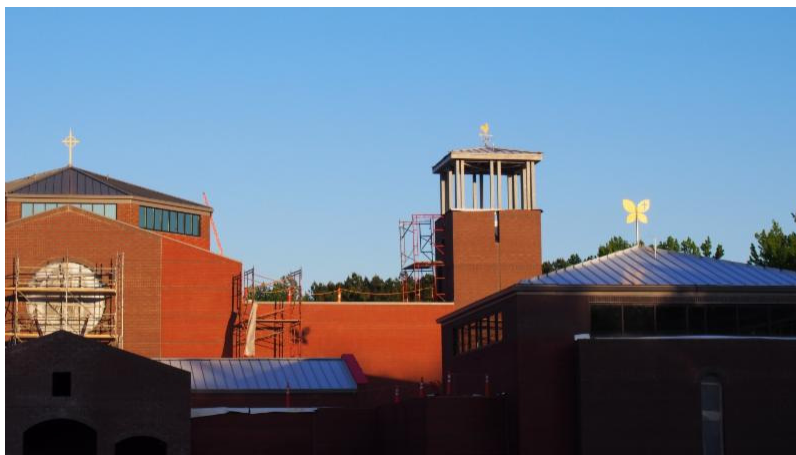
A hopeful number: there are 8 [gulp!] more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church. - Father Donald Staib

## Pictures of the Week

Inside of worship space before floor installed and pews arrive.



All domes now complete - Pictures of 3 roofs.



**[DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH](#)**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

**[Updated Open House Video](#)**

## Reflection

The Acts of the Apostles shows us multiple ways in which the early Christian community took Jesus' trust and call to mission to heart. In today's story from Acts we see the community facing a serious challenge from within. The problem of internal dissension and intramural jealousies presented them with a challenge far more dangerous than persecution from outside. The issue itself was actually simple enough: the community had grown so much that the established leadership couldn't respond to all the needs and one faction was not being attended fairly. The Greek speaking widows were not getting the daily help they needed while the Aramaic speakers were apparently well served. - Sr. Mary M. McGlone

## 9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion

**9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion 5k Race & Walk is THIS weekend  
May 13, 2017 @ 8am Sharp!**



Registration is open for the May 13<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>3/4</sup> event and will be capped at 600.

Families - take advantage of the family discount! Please tell your extended family, friends and neighbors to come and join the fun.

We are continuing to offer 2 courses: the exciting (although more colorful language has been used to describe...) ASTF certified 5K course and a shorter family fitness walk (~1.5 Miles).

For the competitive division, we will have awards by age and gender, and there will be a Children's 100 yard Fun Run after the 5K.

We'll be taking registrations up to 7:30AM on Race Day (May 13<sup>th</sup>).

Go to [MonarchsInMotion.com](http://MonarchsInMotion.com) for more details.

We could not have a race without our sponsors, volunteers and partners. We encourage you to give your business to our race sponsors and say thanks to our volunteers, Town of Apex Partners and Scott's Mill residents whenever possible!

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at [mike5kgrace@gmail.com](mailto:mike5kgrace@gmail.com).

All proceeds go to the StMM New Church Fund, so bring you family out and help as we race to the finish line and the completion of the new church in July!!

## KofC Blood Drive



The KofC will host their First Blood Drive of 2017 this Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm in the Adult Room. Please register at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=stmm>. Thank you to the donors that have signed up for the blood drive. However we have to have 25 people signed up or the event will be cancelled. Remember one pint of blood saves three lives. Let's get behind this drive and save over 100 lives. If you have any questions, please email Bob Wolf at [bobwolf5679@yahoo.com](mailto:bobwolf5679@yahoo.com). Finally, we welcome new donors.

## Western Wake Crisis Center Food Drive

The shelves at Western Wake Crisis Ministry need our help to fight hunger in our community this summer. Food items needed include pasta sauce, canned fruit, vegetables and beans, cold cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter, tuna and 6 packs of apple sauce. Bring any food donations to Mass and place them in the Helping Hands bins in the lobby.



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## NEW Marriage Ministry



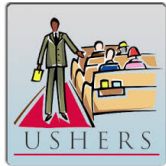
Weddings are Coming to StMM! - There will be an interest meeting on Thurs, May 25th at 7pm in the Adult Room for anyone interested in learning more about the new Marriage Ministry. Wedding volunteers are an essential part of all weddings celebrated in the Church to assist the wedding couple at their rehearsal and on their wedding day. Contact Julie Hoffman at [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## The Greeters Need You!



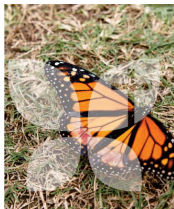
**The Greeters need you!** - Chances are this bulletin was handed to you by a smiling member of the Greeters ministry. Our goal is to make every person who visits our church feel welcome and part of our parish community. Why not join us? It's a great way for ANYONE to get involved. For more information contact Markus Schneider at [stmm.greeters@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.greeters@gmail.com) or 919-335-3316.

## Ushers Will Be Needed



**Ushers Will Be Needed!** - We will need many more **Men & Women** as we move into our new worship space. Ushers serve the Church by tending to worshippers needs, helping them find a place, gathering the collection, assisting with processions, & bidding worshippers farewell when services conclude. On Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30pm in the Adult Room there will be a general gathering of all women & men interested in this important ministry in our new worship space. Please RSVP to Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) by May 21, 2017.

## Our Columbarium



Our Columbarium continues to move forward not only in construction, but also in the sales of niches (which is currently at 61), and a preferred urn.

As stated in previous bulletins, St. Mary Magdalene and Apex Funeral home are co-sponsoring pre-planning seminars. Members of the columbarium committee have attended this session and found it very informational on what considerations and decisions are needed to meet family needs during this very trying time.

Two sessions will be held in the Adult Room on May 18, 2017. One seminar starts at 11am and includes lunch; the other starts at 6pm and includes dinner. Seating is limited, so RSVP is required; please RSVP by Friday, May 12th by calling Apex Funeral Home at 919-362-8233. A columbarium committee member will be on hand to answer columbarium questions if they come up.

Please refer to [www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm) for columbarium and urn guidelines as well as pertinent information related to the upcoming pre-planning seminar. This is also where you can make your columbarium reservation or purchase an urn. If you have plans on making a columbarium reservation in 2017, we respectfully request you do that as early as possible this year to help offset

construction costs.

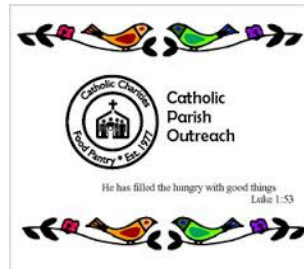
The committee would like to make it clear that this is not a recommendation of Apex Funeral Home over any other funeral / cremation service in the area. As a neighbor to our church, Apex Funeral Home is certainly interested in being our provider of choice, but that will always be your individual decision.

## 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)

## CPO Needs Your Plastic & Paper Grocery Bags



Catholic Parish Outreach is VERY short on plastic & paper grocery bags. This winter and early spring we've been blessed to receive a lot of produce donations.....the only downside is that we use many plastic bags distributing the produce.

Please continue to save your bags for CPO. You can put them in the bins in the lobby of the Activity Building. Thanks in advance for your help!

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