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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News May 17, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

We welcome all families and friends who have come to celebrate First Communion with our children this weekend. And we have great gratitude to all our staff and volunteers who have helped the children in our Faith Formation classes. May the joy of this celebration stay with our children for many years.

We also welcome Msgr. Anthony Frontiero who has come to join with us at Saturday 5 pm Mass.

Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama last Wednesday. I commend them for their faithful preparation for this Sacrament and our parish is grateful to all who have helped them along the way. Additional thanks to our Choirs who have taken time to prepare and be here for the Mass.

Thank you for generosity in last week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Catholic Communications; we received \$2,795

I am grateful to our staff for providing morning Communion Services on Monday and Tuesday while I am away.

**CONFESSIONS:** At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday May 18 at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will not be Confessions on Saturday May 25 because of a wedding.

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

**Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!**

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

## 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, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church.

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

## Reflection

In the Gospel reading Jesus reveals to the disciples that he will not be with them for much longer. They begin to see that their relationship with Jesus will have to change. Jesus gives them a new commandment: 'Love one another.' With this new commandment Jesus transforms his friends' understanding of their role in the world: no longer simply followers of a teacher they must keep Jesus alive by taking up his mantle.

Here are some questions to take into prayer this week as you consider how to be an agent of sacred questioning: what elements of the status quo do I take for granted? Where might God be challenging me to think differently about some part of my life or my world? -- Angela Butel

## Financial Matters

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 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.

### **DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Picture of the Week



First Communicants who received on 5/12/19 at the 9:00 am Liturgy



128 high school students received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday from Bishop Zarama.

## Parish Religious Education Program

**First Communion** - Congratulations to all the children who received their first communion this weekend. A special thank you to their Teachers, Catechists and Parents for helping prepare and support them along their journey.

**Catholic Parish Outreach** - Thanks to all the families who participated in our service project and donated 261 pounds of toilet paper over the school year to benefit the poor of Wake County.

**Religious Education Programs** are finished for the school year. We are most grateful to all the Catechists who gave of their time and talent to teach the Gospel to our children.

## Extraordinary Ministers Training



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training date is set for Sunday, June 2nd from 2p-4p in Church Room 4. Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Lisa at [lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com](mailto:lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com) by Friday, May 31st, if attending.

## "Prayers & Squares"



"Prayers & Squares" A prayer quilt group - We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer quilt is a lap blanket with ties. A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All quilts are blessed by Father Staib. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating fabric or would like to make contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at [lcmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

## Family Promise



**Family Promise** - StMM Supporting Homeless Families - StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrew June 16-22. Please stop by tables in the lobby the first weekend of June (June 1-2) to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise of Wake County provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://www.familypromisewake.org/>). Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew Please contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## Safe Environment Training



**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 Thurs, 5/23 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 meeting room.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration**-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. Join us on June 7th. This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or [AlAnitaBecker@aol.com](mailto:AlAnitaBecker@aol.com)

**Children's Adoration:** We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday June 7th. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions [m.brinkley@hotmail.com](mailto:m.brinkley@hotmail.com)

## Welcome Dinner



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A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday June 8th in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5:00pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-

## New Brick Order



The batch of newly engraved bricks has now been placed in the sidewalk at the entrance of the Activity Building.

## Health Promotions Committee



Health Promotion Committee will be Meet on Sunday May 19 at 10am immediately following the 9am service in room 1. Newcomers welcome.

## Men's Rosary Group



"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis. Join the men of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel. No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Joe Sebik, [joeysebik@gmail.com](mailto:joeysebik@gmail.com).

## Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, May 20, 11am - 1pm, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## Knights Corner



*Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus  
"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"  
4 Principles: Charity / Unity/ Fraternity / Patriotism*

**Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in:** Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive & Paint Project, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects (i.e. Church rose circular window, Project Light, Columbarium prayer garden, etc.), Boy Scout Eagle Projects, Free Throw Championships, Chess Tournament, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter, raise funds to assist people with intellectual disabilities in NC thru "Least Among My Brethren," (LAMB) foundation. *Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

### Calendar of Events:

- **Saturday May 25th:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>

- **Tuesday May 28th:** Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup (5:15pm-6:30pm) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- **Men's Rosary** - Every Thursday at 7pm in StMM Chapel - No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus.
- **Rosary for Life** - Fourth Saturday of every month from 8:00 - 10:00AM at Drake Circle in Raleigh

***For more information to becoming a Knight:***

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

Please contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at [gkkofc7186@gmail.com](mailto:gkkofc7186@gmail.com) or contact our Membership Committee at [MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com)

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