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Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 26, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

This weekend and next weekend we celebrate the First Communion for 128 of the children of our parish. I noticed that I baptized 31 of them 7 years ago or so. We welcome their families today and rejoice on this happy occasion.

July 16 - the day after our Church dedication - at the two Sunday Masses I would like to baptize as many babies as possible. There will be a brief homily that day because I will have depleted my thoughts the previous day. So far there are 7 babies; we have a new baptism font in the church. There was a picture of it in the e-news last week.

In the new church there will be 4 meeting rooms. Other than the Room One, Two, Three, Four - I would like also to give each room a name of a married couple of the Bible. Do you think these couples would be good choices: Sarah and Abraham, Elizabeth and Zachary, Anna and Joachim, Priscilla and Aquila?

On this Memorial Day weekend we are grateful for so many who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom and security. May this day remind us all we should continue great efforts to bring peace to our world.

RIDE NEEDED -A resident of Cambridge in Apex would like a ride to church. If anyone can help, please contact the parish office

Father Donald 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 \$505,829.

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.

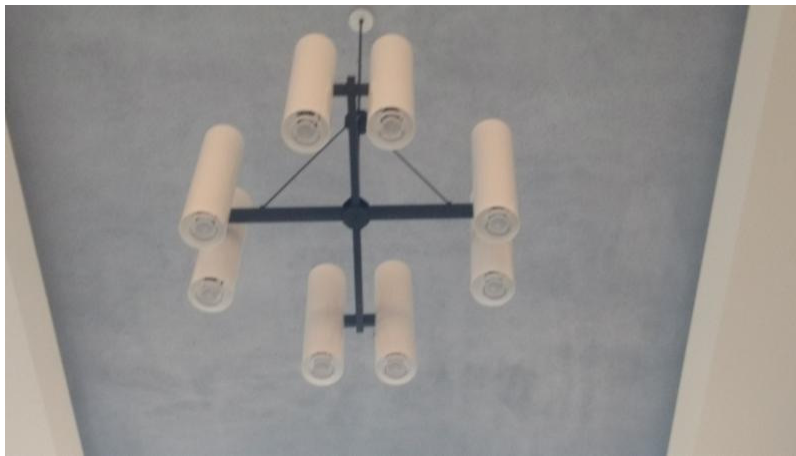
A hopeful number: there are 6 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church. - Father Donald Staib

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

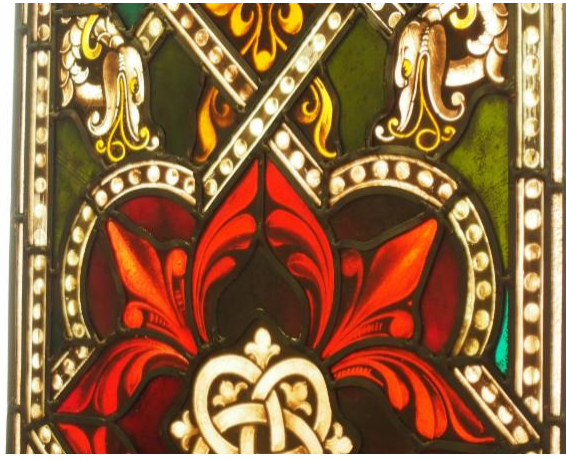
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Pictures of the Week

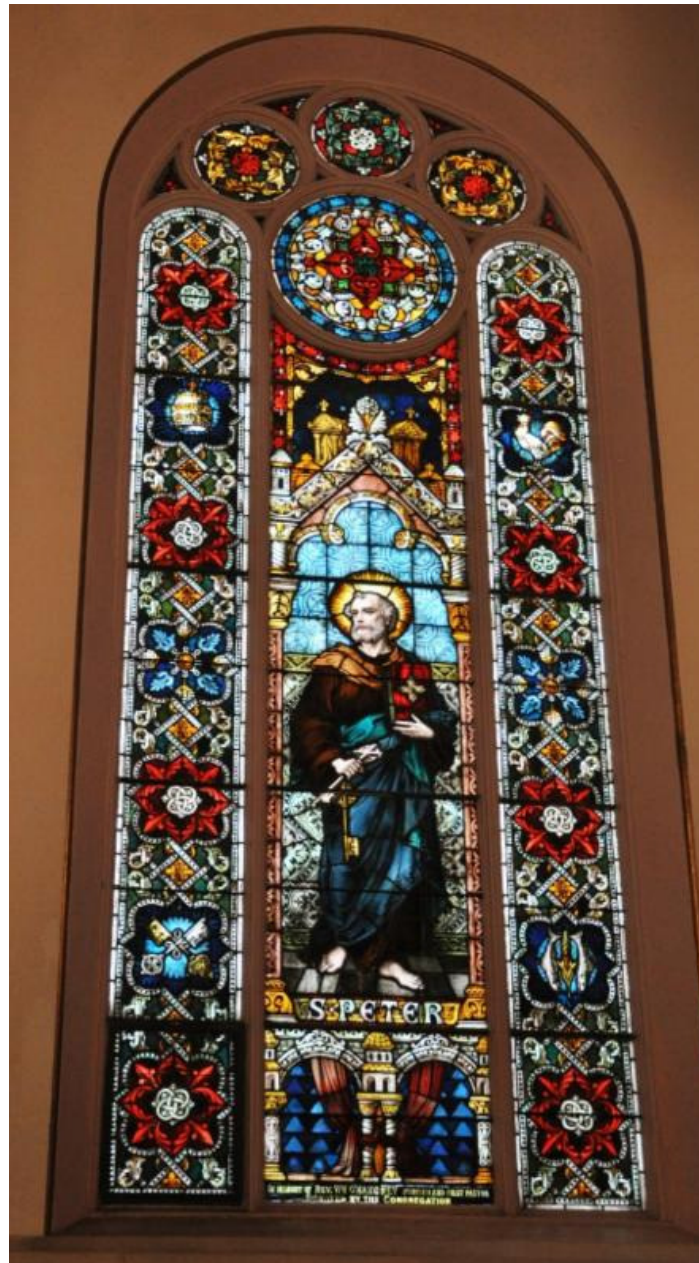
One set of lights has been hung; there will be six of these.



A portion of one of the cleaned stained glass windows.



A cleaned St. Peter waiting in West End, NC to come to Apex.



We went to look for the pot of gold!



Supervisor and his advisors!



Updated Open House Video

Reflection

'The eleven disciples went to Galilee.' Not twelve, but eleven. Judas is no longer among the

company of those who represent the new Israel. This remains a painful reminder that not all followers of Jesus are perfect. We doubt; we drag our feet; we sometimes are not as courageous in carrying forth Jesus' saving mission as we might be. Yet, in spite of our weakness, Jesus has still empowered us to carry on his ministry. His ministry will continue.

There is no end to Jesus' being with us because we take up His work and carry it - and carry Him - forward for all time.

Farewell for Bishop-elect Ned Shlesinger



Join the Diocese in sending off Bishop-elect Ned Shlesinger to his new assignment as Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta on Thursday, June 8th for an Evening Prayer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Newton Grove at 6:45pm followed by a Receiving Line at 7:30pm.

We are happy to note that Bishop-elect Schlesinger will come to lead us in the blessing of our New Church on July 15th.

Men's Fellowship & Faith Formation



Mens Fellowship

The Last Supper. Communion. The Great Feast. Bread and Wine. The Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass-but why? The Friday Morning Men's Fellowship and Faith Formation group will participate in a 10 week program this summer on the Eucharist starting on June 9th. We will meet from 6:15-7:45am and it is no problem if you cannot attend all sessions. If interested or if you would like more information contact Paul Mastropolo pmastropolo@gmail.com or 919-518-7424.

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.

Family Promise!



Family Promise - STMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews June 18-24. Please stop by tables in the lobby this weekend, June 3-4 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 is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://wihn.org/>). **Reminder**-All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.

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

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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