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Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 17, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Happy Thanksgiving to all; and to those who plan to travel, be safe in your journey. On Thanksgiving Day we will have Mass at 10 am. We in our parish have much to be thankful for.

In November we remember those who have died. Among the dead are members of our family, our friends, those who have helped to provide for us the enjoyments of our lives. May God give them rest and peace.

This week there is an annual and national 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Campaign for Human Development.

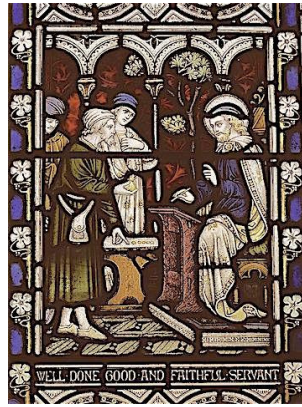
### RECONCILIATION

There will be Confessions on Saturday November 18, but not on Saturday November 25 or December 2.

#### The Advent Penance Services are:

- December 4, Monday - St Bernadette, Fuquay Varina - 7 pm
- December 6, Wednesday - St Michael, Cary - 11 am
- December 6, Wednesday - Lourdes, Raleigh - 7 pm
- December 13, Wednesday - St Michael, Cary - 7 pm
- December 20, Wednesday - St Bernadette, Fuquay Varina - 11 am
- December 20, Wednesday - Holy Name Cathedral - 7 pm
- December 21, Thursday - St Andrew and St Mary Magdalene at St Andrew - 7 pm

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Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities.  
Come, share your master's joy. (Gospel)

Parable of the Talents, St Edward the Martyr's

## 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.

A week ago the Pastor, Parish Council Chair, and Finance Council Chair were asked to meet with the Diocesan Finance Committee and Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama about our long term loan.

Our 15 year Finance Plan is healthy, but right now we are short a considerable amount of cash - near \$1 million. We asked the Diocese for a short term bridge loan until pledge money comes in and new gifts are made from our monthly 'White Envelope.'

In your Christmas gift planning please consider a generous gift to the parish for the new church and for our on-going parish programs.

### **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

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## Reflection

In many churches there is a dramatic circular stained glass window dominating one of the walls. This type of window is called a rose window or a wheel window. Both names refer to the fact that it's made of a series of smaller windows radiating out from the center like wheel spokes or flower petals.

The rose window developed out of the oculus [eyelike opening or design,] a small round window found in Ancient Roman architecture. But it was during the mid-twelfth century with the development of Gothic architecture in France that rose windows came into prominence. Later they spread to many places in Europe, notably Spain and England.

Every element of a Gothic cathedral had meaning. Even the effect of light pouring through the stained glass was not simply decorative but meant to convey and heighten a sense of the divine

pouring in from above. The same is true for rose windows. Their symbolism lies in geometry and the sense that many parts make a whole.

## Pictures of the Week

Almost Finished at Midnight on Thursday!



Speaking to Sparrows Women's Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 11th here at StMM!





## Thanksgiving Food Drive



**Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Collection.** Our parish is collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) in Apex for Thanksgiving Meals for needy families. **If you picked up a donation tag, please bring all donations to StMM before all Masses this weekend; but no later than 10:45am on the 19th to allow time for delivery to WWCM.** All checks for turkeys or complete meals should be made payable to WWCM.

## Eucharistic Minister Training



**EMs of HC in the Sacred Liturgy Training Sessions** - Need a brush up on new procedures? Interested in being involved in the ministry? A training session is set for Sun, Dec. 3rd in the Church from 2-4pm. New to the ministry please arrive at 2pm for complete training. Veterans who would like a brush up newly amended procedures please arrive at 3pm. RSVP to Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net).

## Tis (Almost) the Season



Rediscover the joy of the season with Best Advent Ever, a free e-mail program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a way that will allow you to have a memorable Christmas. You'll receive...short inspirational videos / practical tips / real-life stories of hope. SIGN UP AT [DYNAMICCATHOLIC.com/ADVENT](http://DYNAMICCATHOLIC.com/ADVENT)

## End Of Year Donations



**Stock or Cash End of Year Donations - Tax Deductible in 2017**-Please consider paying off your pledge or making double payments in November or December 2017. Charitable donations made by December 31st can be claimed on your 2017 taxes so long as your check is dated and mailed by December 31, 2017. There is still time to donate stock and it's easy. Use this link [STOCK FORM](#) to download the stock donation form. Your 2017 annual giving statement from St. Mary Magdalene will reflect these payments. Questions, email [sally.cortina@raldioc.org](mailto:sally.cortina@raldioc.org).

## Habitat for Humanity



**Habitat for Humanity-StMM** has joined a coalition of churches for a Habitat for Humanity building project in Fuquay-Varina. Volunteers from our parish are needed to help with construction starting in January. For more information contact Frank Agius at [ftagius@gmail.com](mailto:ftagius@gmail.com) or 919-604-2106.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**-The CLOW ministry guides children ages 3 to 6 years through the Liturgy of the Word in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We are excited to begin offering CLOW at the 9 am and 10:45 am Masses, and to do so we need C-Level Safe Environment Volunteer Leaders and Parent Assistants. Contact Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) to volunteer for the CLOW ministry

## 'Knight's Corner'



**Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales**-Our local Knights of Columbus council will be selling Christmas Cards in the Narthex at each Mass starting this weekend through Thanksgiving. These cards are all religious themed and proceeds from sales will go to the new church fund. Stop by and take a look - get your card shopping done while supporting a worthy cause!



The Knights will be selling limited-edition **StMM Commemorative Christmas Ornaments** before and after all Masses in the Narthex. Purchase yours while supplies last! All proceeds to benefit our new church.



**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](http://www.kofc7186.org) or contact Michael Erpenbach at [mike@erpenbach.com](mailto:mike@erpenbach.com).

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