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Magdalene
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

October 6, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Last weekend we received \$12,029 for those who suffered from the devastation of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Thank you for these generous gifts; we will send the funds to be distributed through Catholic Charities. It will be a long process of recovery and we pray people will continue to help.

October is Respect Life in our church. On this 2nd Sunday, when the Gospel describes a murder, we can consider the issues of capital punishment. Our American Bishops state their position in these words: 'It is time for our nation to abandon the illusion that we can protect life by taking life. When the state, in our names and with our taxes, ends a human life despite having non-lethal alternatives, it suggests that society can overcome violence with violence. The use of the death penalty ought to be abandoned not only for what it does to those who are executed, but what it does to all society.'

I will be available for the Sacrament of Confession on Saturday October 14, at 10:30am; I will be in the Reconciliation Room on the south side of the church. I will try to offer this time as often as I can.

Father Donald Staib
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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.

Here is a snapshot of the giving patterns of our parish during the past 12 months for Offertory [payments on pledges to the new church is a separate account]. The amounts below are the sum of

all offertory received in the past 12 months.

12 over \$10,000	25 over \$6,000	35 over \$4,000	85 over \$2,000
345 over \$1,000	300 over \$500	382 over \$100	155 over \$3.00

We are so grateful to those who have helped us. We are blessed with generous people who provide for our ministries and buildings.

As careful administrators of people's gifts, each year we review our membership rolls. One item that is easy to analyze are the gifts to the parish. We could not find a record of any gift in the past 12 months for about 325 names on our current list.

We have written this folks recently - snail mail - asking their intentions to continue membership in the parish. If we do not hear back in a reasonable time, we will remove them from our active list.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Some pictures from our Sunday, 6pm Youth Mass on October 1st!



Celebrating Respect Life Sunday on the Piazza!



Reflection

Feast of St Francis, October 4

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have part in human life. God who confers his gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them symbolic reminders of the gifts of salvation.

Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah. The paschal lamb brings to mind the Passover sacrifice and the deliverance from the bondage of Egypt; a giant fish saved Jonah; ravens brought bread to Elijah; animals were included in the repentance enjoined on humans. And animals share in Christ's redemption of all of God's creation.

We therefore invoke the divine blessing on these animals through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. As we do let us praise the Creator and thank him for setting us over other creatures of the earth. Let us also ask him that, remembering our human dignity, we may walk always in his law.

Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October. 8th at 1:25pm in the Church Piazza near the statue of Jonah.

Holy Land Olivewood Crafts



On the weekend of October 7th and 8th there will be a display of beautiful Olive Wood hand carvings from the town of Bethlehem in the Narthex. These carvings are made by Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy land used to be more than 30% of the population, now they are less than 1.5% because of the situation. You can support them by purchasing these carvings. By sending the proceeds back to the craftsman's families, this solution has allowed Christian families to remain in their homeland and work at their traditional crafts. The money flowing back to the families has allowed them to maintain a stable way of life and allowed them to work at what they know best

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration- Do you hear our Lord calling to us? He speaks to us in the silence. Bring your cares, sorrows and prayer intentions. Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Chapel on the First Friday of the month starting after morning Mass and ending at 8pm. Our next Adoration is November 3rd. If you can spend an hour a month with our Lord, contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441, ALANITABECKER@aol.com. **We must have someone there at all times and help is needed to cover all of the hours!**

Family Promise

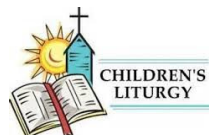


STMM will support **Family Promise** by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews Oct. 22-28. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of Oct. 7-8 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need 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://www.familypromisewake.org/>).

Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's Questions please contact mbwire@gmail.com, 919-749-8932.

Family Promise - Donations Needed to Pay for Unexpected Expenses-The Family Promise property in Raleigh has experienced two unfortunate and expensive incidents involving water pump failure and structural damage due to a fallen tree. They are seeking donations to cover the \$10,000 needed for repairs and tree removal. Donations can be made on the website <http://www.familypromisewake.org/> or you can mail your check to Family Promise of Wake County at 903 Method Road, Raleigh, NC 27606.

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 to volunteer for the CLOW ministry

Chrysalis



Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com.

Fall meeting dates are October 22 and November 19 from 12-1:15 pm in the New Church Meeting Rooms. Onsite childcare is available for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested.

Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and**

responsible, energetic youth volunteers (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead activities and care for the children during monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Thank you!

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary



One hundred years ago "Our Lady of Fatima" appeared before Lucia Santos, Jacinto & Francisco Marto. She asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray 'the Rosary every day.'" Thousand's then witnessed the "Miracle of the Sun" as it danced in the sky. Now is our time to come and answer Our Lady's request. **Join us on Oct. 14th at StMM at 12noon as we pray the rosary.** Bring your family. All are welcome.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a44afa92d6-fatima>

'Knight's Corner'



"Second Sunday" Pancake Breakfast this Sunday! Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the KofC, on Sunday, Oct. 8th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses. 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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2017 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - All Catholic students currently in grades 8 - 12 are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This year's theme is **"Going to the Peripheries"**, inspired by Pope Francis' repeated call for us to become missionary disciples. **First place wins \$100!**

Submissions due by October 15. For details, visit www.kofc7186.squarespace.com/youth or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com.



KofC Blood Drive-The Rex Bloodmobile will be here on Sat, Nov. 4th from 11am-2pm. Sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/stmm>. Slots are filled on first come first serve. One pint can save up to three lives. Give blood to honor our military members and veterans. Please remember to eat and drink well before your appointment and bring a photo ID. Questions contact Bob Wolf at bobwolfpcs@yahoo.com, 352-397-9793.



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.

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