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St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 13, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Your generosity last week in the 2nd collection for Hurricane Dorian victims was outstanding. We received \$7,731. You can still contribute: just make sure your gift is marked and we will send it to those in need. We will use most of the funds for people in the Bahamas.

This coming week is Priests Retreat from Monday through Friday. There will not be daily Mass Tuesday thru Friday. We priests are in need of greater prayer time because last year's Retreat was cancelled by Hurricane Florence.

Please keep in prayer the family of Noah Dombkowski who died this past week.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday September 14 at 10:30, after Baptisms. And also on Saturday September 21 at 10:30.

Father Donald Staib
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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

Some words from Archbishop Patrick Pinder of Nassau Bahama after Hurricane Dorian passed through: "I spoke about the hurricane, then invited the people to come up for a blessing and we spent some time in quiet prayer commending to God the many who perished in the storm. It has been a horrific experience, many of them lost dwellings, some of them lost all their possessions; going through a Category 5 hurricane is something not too many of us have experienced.

It is sheer terror and confusion for those who had their homes compromised in the middle of the storm and had to relocate, and all the challenges that poses, and then be taken to places where there were large crowds of people. Many of the stories are stories of terror, fear, pain, loss.

We are thinking now of the long-term efforts and that we will need a huge amount of assistance in dealing with this from other entities and agencies with more capacity and experience.

We live in a hurricane zone in the Bahamas and as a consequence we must always prepare, but preparing alone is not going to stop hurricanes from coming our way nor does it stop the degree of damage hurricanes can do - but preparing certainly prepares us to be in a better position to respond afterwards.

Caring, of course, is what we must do when so many of those around us have been so severely harmed by hurricane such as Hurricane Dorian.

At this time, it is most important for us to remain unified to show our solidarity, our fraternity and care for each other. We rely on the grace of the Holy Spirit to give us the wisdom, the peace of mind and the strength to make it through this most difficult time in the history of our nation.

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)

Elementary Religious Ed

We are still in need of **Catechists** for **PREP**
on Sundays Grade 3 & 4

Class times are Sundays 12pm-1:15pm

All lesson plans & curriculum materials are provided to each volunteer catechist.
Training begins this week.

Opening Day Procedures

Upon arrival to the Education Building lobby (building closest to the playground) you will find your child's name card with room number on their grade table. Take the name card to the volunteer catechist who will use it & keep it for seating assignments. Please introduce yourself & your child to the catechists.

Classrooms do not open until 12:00 noon.

Drop Off Procedures

Grades PK-Grade 3 - Drop off & Pick-Up each week is at the classroom.

Grades 4 after week one (9/22, 9/24, 9/25) - Drop off & Pick-Up is in the lobby.

Every year we request that no student regardless of age is dropped at curbside.

Each family is to park their car & walk students inside. We thank you for your cooperation concerning this matter.

Calendar

The program calendar is posted on www.stmm.church under Elementary Religious Education.

This calendar posts when the programs are not in session.



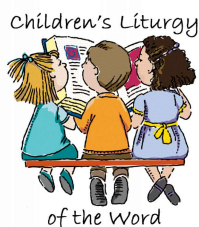
Classes begin the week of September 22, 2019. Keep watch of your email for the PREP Parent Newsletter that will contain first day details.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Classes begin the week of September 22, 2019 and meet in the Atrium located in the Activities Building.



"THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ) begins Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 12:00 pm. Participants should meet in the Gym of the Activities Building.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the Sunday morning liturgies on Sunday, September 22nd. It mirrors the worship experience of the parish community in an engaging and interactive environment. Eligible participants are children 3 - 6 years old. This program is a co-op; dependent upon parishioner involvement. Volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jury at stmmclow@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

Online late registration for all STMM faith formation programs closed on 9/6/19.

The StMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at
<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

First Youth Mass will be 9/22/19 at 6pm,
all parishioners welcome!!!

Opening night for Edge, The Way is 9/22
with Edge from 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym
& The Way from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the church
after Youth Mass.

Excited to start a new year with all our teens!

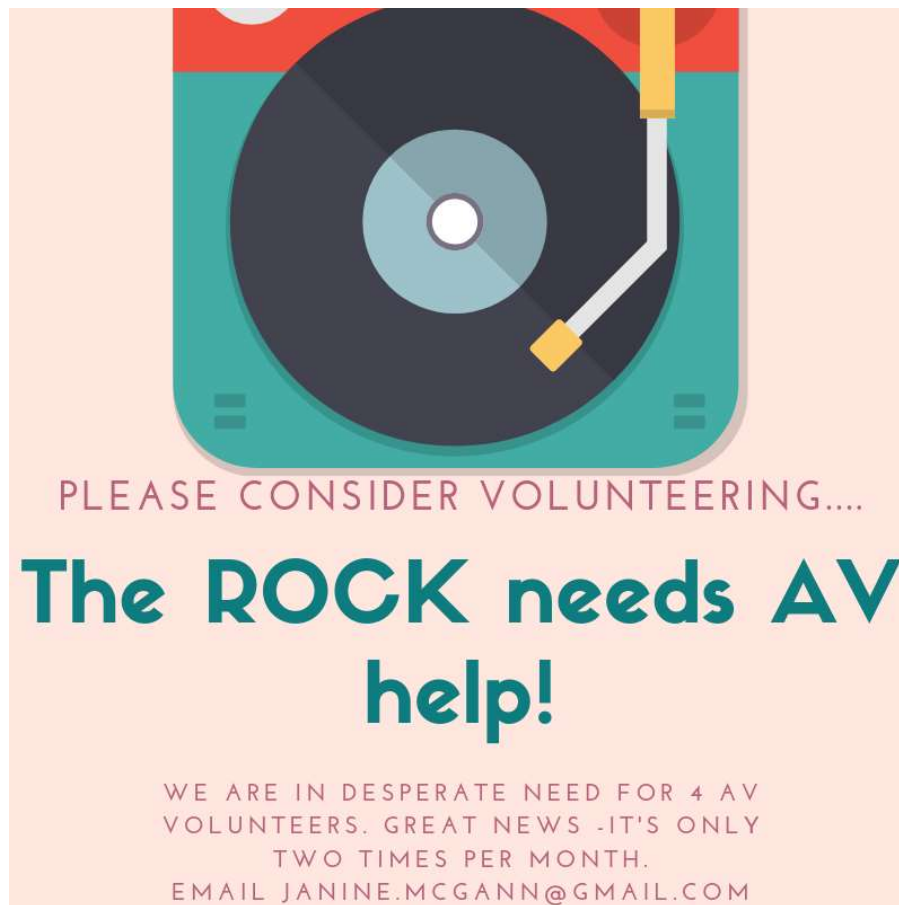
Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were on the beach retreat! We had an amazing weekend and appreciated all the prayers covering us!

For **EDGE**, contact Janine McGann at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

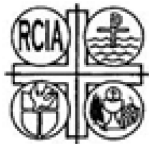
For **Apostello**, **The Way**, & **Confirmation**, contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com,



You can print and fill out a registration form at
<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/middleschool.cfm>



RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The RCIA process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil. Our next session will be Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Room #4 of the church building. It's not too late to join the discussions. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at rcia@stmm.net if you missed the inquiry sessions.

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 Tues, 9/17 at 1pm. 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) to register and to get meeting location.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will begin again on Friday September 6. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. However, it is essential that there are people that are scheduled to be there each hour between 8:30AM and 7:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Discipleship Quads

Being a Disciple is both following Jesus and sharing Jesus (making other Disciples). Franciscan University has created a resource, which is 100% FREE online, to help you accomplish both. Discipleship Quads is a group of four people who journey together for a year, learning about their Catholic faith and how to be a disciple of Jesus. They also receive a process to go forth and make other disciples once the year is complete. For more information, as well as all the free resources needed to get started, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/> Contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernerLhome@gmail.com

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit"

Want to bring a spark to your Christian faith?

Want to have scripture leap off the page with new meaning?

Want to experience a new intimacy in your relationship with JESUS?

ATTEND

St. Mary Magdalene Church



LIVING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Four talks, reflection, small group discussion and an opportunity to be prayed with to stir up of the graces of the Holy Spirit that we receive in Baptism.

October 26, 2019

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

(Continental breakfast provided, bring your own lunch)

Classroom 4

RSVP to Art Klaum artklaum61@gmail.com or
rondatroywatts@gmail.com by 10/19/19

Out of the Darkness Walk

Out of the Darkness Walk (American Foundation of Suicide Prevention) - When you walk with us, you join with hundreds of people from our community to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Most of the funds raised are used here in North Carolina. The walk is September 29th at 1 pm in Fuquay-Varina. For questions or more information on how you can walk with my team, contact Mike Rota at mikerota2018@gmail.com. To donate to my team (Susie's Vintage Monarchs - NC Team) or form your own team, you can visit the walk website: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5961>.

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, September 16, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

"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 lcmmorris0707@gmail.com

Welcome Dinner



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Oct 12th 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 919-303-5803

"Feed-a-Family" Food Drive



Catholic Parish Outreach
A Program of Catholic Charities

Providing Help - Creating Hope - Serving All

"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to Mary Magdalene - Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2018? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a **donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week**. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on **September 14th and 15th**. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappi at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com

CPO Annual H2O for Hunger Challenge

Help us feed hungry families in our community by joining the **CPO 11th Annual H2O for Hunger Challenge** as part of National Hunger ACTION Month! For one week - September 16th - 22nd you can help in 2 ways:

- Drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage. At the end of the week, put your savings together and mail so we can buy food to feed the hungry in your community.
- Or you can just contribute any amount to help the less fortunate in our community.

Every Dollar you give will be matched by CPO Friends up to \$40,000! \$30 feeds a family for a week and CPO serves an average of 8,200 people a month! Catholic Parish Outreach, 2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604 For more information go to www.cporaleigh.org or call 919-873-0245

Knights of Columbus



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 September 28th:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- **Tuesday September 24th:** Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup (5:15pm-6:30pm) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- **Pray the 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
- **Thursday October 3rd:** KofC Council 7186 Business Meeting, 7:30pm in the StMM church building

For more information to becoming a Knight: Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org> Please contact: Grand Knight (Dan Cantrell) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

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