

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 1, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

This past week we began to have daily Mass in the new Chapel. You can take a look this weekend. I remember last Christmas when I made a special request for additional funds so we could complete this significant part of our new church. At Mass this week I felt a great sense of gratitude to all who responded. Our chapel will serve as a very meaningful part of our parish life.

We are also gradually moving chairs and tables so we can use the other meeting rooms in the church building. Church building rooms will be primarily for Adults.

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the Catholic University. Next weekend we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the people who have suffered so much from Hurricane Harvey. As usual these funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities.

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## Now That The New Church Is Completed!

It is time to move into a new phase of parish life. The generosity of many people made it possible for us to enjoy a new church for worship. It will take about 15 years to complete our debt payments and we will have larger operating costs to challenge us in the days to come.

Now that we do not need to make weekly construction reports we will revise our comments in this space in the bulletin.

Soon we will prepare some information about our parish finances. You will not be surprised to know that we continue to rely on the generosity of parish members. We encourage generosity in our weekly offertory and in the special once a month envelope to help pay for the church construction.

We will provide more information in the weeks to come.

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

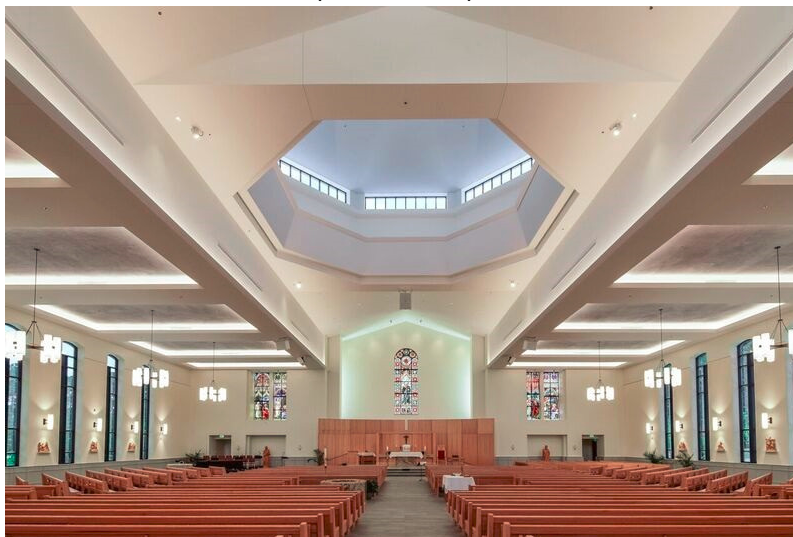
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### **Pictures of the Week**

Our First Chapel Mass!



Inside View of our Beautiful New Church!



Bird's Eye View of Our New Church!



## Reflection

For nearly four minutes Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama walked through much of Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral holding an apostolic letter signed by Pope Francis. The message, was clear. Bishop Zarama was the shepherd of the Diocese of Raleigh.

Pope Francis' words: "Indeed, it is our earnest desire to provide appropriately for the Catholic Church of Raleigh."

At the Prayers of the Faithful, prayers were offered in French, Spanish, Vietnamese, Igbo, Korean, Tagalog, Swahili, English.

In his homily Bishop Zarama said: "The great challenge all of us have is: don't be afraid to let the light of the love of Jesus shine. It's not too much about words, it's most about love. The Lord challenges us, all of us, to go and to live our faith. Jesus is the one who likes to come to us ... through the sacraments. To come to us and to heal our own hearts first. We allow Jesus to come to us and make us instruments in which we will only become the voice that Jesus wants us to use to let the people know that love is possible. Redemption is possible. Merciful is possible."

## 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 sessions will be Sun, Sept. 10th at 12Noon & Mon, Sept. 25th at 6:30PM. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Email Bertha Smith ([bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and to get the meeting room.

## RCIA

**RCIA** is the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** 18+ years. It is the process for becoming Catholic. A candidate for this process would be an unbaptized adult **OR** an adult with Christian baptism. In either case (unbaptized or Christian baptism) the adult is desiring Baptism/ Eucharist/ Confirmation **OR** Eucharist/Confirmation. We meet each Monday from 7:30p-9p in Room 4 of the Church Building.



Use the door behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza to gain access. We begin on Mon, Sept. 11th. **Topic: RCIA is a Process Not a Program** - What is the RCIA? and the distribution of catechetical materials & curriculum. Contact Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) with your questions.

## 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

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**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. We will begin again on October 6th. If you can spend an hour a month with our Lord, contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441, [ALANITABECKER@aol.com](mailto:ALANITABECKER@aol.com). **We must have someone there at all times and help is needed to cover all of the hours!**

## StMM Ministry Fair



**SAVE THE DATE** for the 2017 Ministry Fair, to be held in the Narthax (lobby) of the church after each Mass on the weekend of September 9-10. The Ministry Fair will feature information about many of the Programs and Ministries at St Mary Magdalene, including how interested parishioners can get involved. Donuts and drinks will be provided.

## Feed-A-Family Food Drive



**Feed-A-Family Food Drive**-Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,500 people / month in 2016? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. **We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our clothing ministry.** If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com)

## Commemorative Bricks



**Commemorative Bricks** line the walkway to our Activity Building. StMM will be placing another brick order in September. If you did not make the deadline for the March order you can still have a brick engraved this year. Our deadline will be Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or click here: [Brick Order Form](#)

## Join Cub Scout Pack 224



Inviting all rising Kindergarten through 5th grade boys to join Cub Scout Pack 224. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7-8pm at StMM. The pack activities include the Apex Christmas Parade, Pinewood Derby, Halloween and Christmas parties, family camping, Sleep with the Sharks in Myrtle Beach and so much more! Please visit our website <http://www.apexpack224.org> or contact Robert Ato at [cubmaster@apexpack224.org](mailto:cubmaster@apexpack224.org).

## Parish Athletics Fall Sports!



### Fall T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary)

**Grades** are Coed from Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th grade. **Dates** run from September to October. **Practice Locations** are in Apex & Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** will mostly be in Apex, but some could be in Cary. **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic). **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays. **Format:** Pre-K & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

### Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

**Grades** are Coed from Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th grade. **Dates** run from September to November. **Practice Locations** in Apex or Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** in Apex & Cary. **Cost:** Pre-k, \$55; K - 5th Grade, \$60 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic). **Format:** Pre-K will have practices/games on Saturdays. Kindergarteners through 5th grades will have one weekday practice and games on Friday nights.

[Click here to Register for any of the Parish Athletic Programs!](#)

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