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St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 20, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We received some additional gifts for the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. We have sent a check for \$9,655 to help people in their recovery efforts.

This week we begin our Sunday evening 6 pm Mass which is offered each week there are Youth and Faith Formation classes. May God bless all our adults and children who gather each week to learn about our faith and to find ways to follow the way of Jesus in their daily lives.

I write these words early in the week as I am with about 100 priests of our Diocese of Raleigh on our annual Retreat. As I listen to other pastors I am conscious of how much we depend on members of our parishes to be with us and to help us in our ministry as pastors. You are in our prayers at daily Mass.

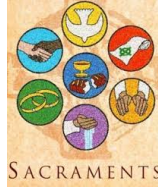
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday September 21 at 10:30. But there will not be Confessions on Saturday September 28 because there is a wedding.

Father Donald Staib
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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

The purpose of a spiritual retreat, as an addition to daily spiritual activities, is to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we all face for a time long enough to allow relaxation and for an inner change to occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to deepening faith.

Retreat comes from the Latin verb "to pull back." So retreat is a place and time where you pull back from the world.

The forty days which Jesus Christ passed in the desert after His baptism is an example which has found many imitators in all ages of the Church.

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

New Year Begins this Week - Sundays/Wednesdays

We are looking forward to seeing everyone who is returning to religious education classes with us. We welcome all who are new to our parish and program and look forward to our meeting this week.

Many, Many Thanks! To all adults who answered the call to volunteer each week. We are always successful because of your enthusiasm and support.

Opening Day Procedures - 9/22 & 9/25

All classes are held in the Education Building (building closest to the playground). Upon entering the lobby, please find your child's name card with room number on their grade table. The room numbers are labeled on the outside of each classroom. Room numbers in the 100s are on the first floor. Room numbers in the 200s are on the second floor. 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 and pick up is at 1:15 at your child's classroom.

Building Door Policy Following the children's arrival to PREP classes, the front door of STMM School will be locked until five minutes prior to dismissal. If you wish to enter the building during class time, you will need to ring the security buzzer, located outside the main entrance of the School to the right of the doors labeled with the blue dot and will be buzzed in.

Sundays - Start Time 12:00 pm - doors locked at 12:10 & unlocked at 1:10 for parents to enter for dismissal

Wednesday - Start Time at 6:30 - doors locked at 6:40 & unlocked at 7:40 for parents to enter for dismissal

Drop Off Procedures

Grades PK-Grade 3 - Drop off & Pick-Up each week is at the classroom. Grades 4 after week one (9/22, 9/25) - Drop off & Pick-Up is in the school lobby. Every year we request that no student regardless of age is dropped at curbside. Each family is asked to park their car & walk students inside. We thank you for your cooperation concerning this matter.

Helpful Information to Stay Informed www.stmm.church

Select "Religious Education", Select "Elementary" for links about Inclement Weather Policy/Yearly Calendar/First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Dates/Monthly CPO Grade Contributions Service Project.



Classes begin the week of September 22, 2019.

Weekly Class Times:

Sunday 12-1:15 pm

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:45 pm



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

Weekly Class Times:

Sunday Level I - 8:45 - 10:00 & 10:30 - 11:45 am

Sunday Level II - 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Wednesday Level III - 5:00 - 6:00 pm



"THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ) begins Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 12:00 pm. Weekly classes are Sundays 12-1:15 pm. Participants should meet in the Gym of the Activities Building. Keep watch of your email for parent newsletter.

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin during the Sunday morning liturgies at 9:00 & 10:45 am on Sunday, September 22, 2019. 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.



Refresh - An Adult Program held during PREP. Apex is a great place to live, but the number one city for you is where you can build your village. Get to know those around you at Mass. Meet other StMM families. Have a cup of coffee. We're meant to live in community, to connect with others. If it takes a village, let's build one! Join us on Sundays at Noon in the school's Teachers' Lounge while your child is in PREP. Questions? Contact Nicole, nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe, jsebik@icloud.com.

WELCOME BACK EDGE & THE WAY TEENS!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO KICK OFF OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR THIS SUNDAY WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

4:30PM-5:45PM EDGE MEETS IN THE GYM FOR GRADES 7TH AND 8TH

4:30PM-5:45PM APOSTELLO MEETS IN THE MEDIA CENTER FOR 11TH & 12TH GRADERS
ALREADY CONFIRMED

6PM YOUTH MASS IN THE CHURCH. ALL PARISHONERS WELCOME!

7:15PM-8:30PM THE WAY MEETS IN THE CHURCH

The STMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at this link on the right side of the page:

<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: STMM YM is looking for 15 teens who are 12 years and older to be 'buddies' for Miracle League on Saturday, October 12th from 10:45am-12:45pm. Please contact Liz Sams for a buddy form to complete and bring with you to the field on 10/12. Miracle League is a wonderful organization that pairs buddies with special needs kids to enjoy a great day playing baseball!! Awesome service opportunity! Games are played at Adams Elementary in Cary near Cary Towne Center

Registration has now closed for all STMM YM programs
Please contact Janine or Liz directly if you missed our registration period.

Janine McGann can be reached at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

Liz Sams can be reached at liz.sams@gmail.com



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 23, 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.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be on Friday October 4. 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, October 21, 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 lmorris0707@gmail.com

StMM Book Club



StMM Book Club: All are invited to join the StMM Book Club that meets the first Wednesday of the month in Meeting Room 1 in the church. We are a group that enjoys reading a selection of fiction and non-fiction books and sharing our thoughts. If you have questions or want to join us, contact Ann Dudzinski at amdudzinski@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

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
