

**St. Mary
Magdalene**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 22, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We will have a 2nd collection today to do our part to help those whose lives were disrupted by Hurricane Irma. As we always do, the funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities.

We keep in prayer all those who continue to be harmed by new storms.

During the past week on our annual clergy Retreat we priests kept all members of our parishes in prayer - and we know we are blessed with so many dedicated people who help our parish life.

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 will write to these folks soon - 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

Beautiful picture of Jonah and the Fish!



Bird's Eye View of Side of the Chapel and Drop Off area!



Reflection

We are actively awaiting God's call when we remain persistent in prayer and when we patiently listen to others in their need to go on and on about their life difficulties. We await God's call when we

engage in careful discernment about something important in our life rather than act on a hasty decision.

When we hear and respond to God's call to the vineyard, we are reminded that the work is not a burden: nor should we compare ourselves to how much and how long others work.

We serve a wonderful, generous and loving God and our service isn't a burden but a gift.

Feed - A- Family Food Drive!



Thank you, St. Mary Magdalene parishioners, for your generosity in donating 1,789 lbs. of groceries to the CPO "**Feed A Family**" Food Drive! The School also collected 4,338 lbs. of groceries, and a total of \$1,822 was donated from the parish and school to help families in need. We also greatly appreciate the children's book donations! This is such a blessing to the families we serve.

CPO H2O For Hunger Challenge



Do you want to help feed hungry families in our community? **\$25 feeds a family for a week and CPO serves an average of 8,500 people a month!** CPO Friends will match funds up to **\$35,000!** Help us reach this goal! 25% of NC children under 5 go to bed hungry. You can help by joining Catholic Parish Outreach's **H₂O for Hunger Challenge** this September as part of National Hunger Action Month. **For one week - September 18-24-drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage..** At the end of the week, put your savings together and send it to CPO so we can buy food for the hungry.

Catholic Parish Outreach
2013 N. Raleigh Blvd.,
Raleigh, NC 27604

For more information go to www.cporaleigh.org or call 919-873-0245

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

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.

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. 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. **We must have someone there at all times and help is needed to cover all of the hours!**

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. 29th and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or click here: [Brick Order Form](#)

Chrysalis

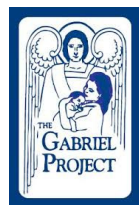


Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com.

Fall meeting dates are September 24, 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!

Gabriel Project



The Gabriel Project here at StMM provides on-going support to women who are in the midst of a crisis pregnancy or who are struggling to care for a newborn baby. We are looking for a new ministry head. If you are interested, please contact Kristen Drake at kmdrake4@gmail.com.

Holy Land Olive Wood 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

'Knight's Corner'



"Second Sunday" Pancake Breakfast - Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the KofC on Sunday, October 8th following the 9am & 10:45M 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.

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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