

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 16, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We continue this weekend to ask for support for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far we have received pledges of \$185,037 from 540 families. I hope we are on our way to a record for our BAA. We are at the 32% level of parish family participation. And we have reached 97% of our parish goal of \$191,507. Many thanks to our generous givers, and we look forward to hearing from all members of the parish.

Please consider a pledge of \$187 over a six month period. \$32 per month - the Diocese will send you a reminder each month.

During Lent our Deacons will lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm in the Church.

ABOUT BAPTISMS: We do not have baptisms during Lent, so the next opportunities will be after Easter. I do have baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday February 17 and February 24 at 10:30.

During this season of flu and colds - use good judgment about using the Communion cup and giving the handshake of peace.

LENT PENANCE SERVICES:

See box below!

This weekend we have one of our National and Annual 2nd Collections for Black and Indian missions in the USA.

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Lent Penance Services



March 1st - 7pm - Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh
March 7th - 7pm - St. Bernadette's, Fuquay-Varina
March 8th - 7pm - St. Mary Magdalene (at S. Andrew in Advent)
March 14th - 11am - St. Raphael, Raleigh
March 14th - 7pm - St. Michael, Cary
March 20th - 11am - St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina
March 21st - 11am - St. Michael, Cary

Reflection

DESERTS

What are they for us? The hard testing times when we wander and wonder? Are they the anxiety of losing a job and wondering where God is? Are they the temptations to compromise our ideals? Should we go back on a promise made? Should we cut corners in our lives and live with less integrity? In the desert of the Jews, as they faced temptations and even betrayed God, God stayed with them and lead them out. Genesis reminds us that God sees the sign, the rainbow, and stays faithful to the covenant God made with all living beings. God makes sure that we do not have to pass through our deserts alone and visits us in various "angelic" ways.

Father Jude Siciliano OP

Noteworthy and Big Change Coming



Job Opening - Parish Office Assistant - St. Mary Magdalene is accepting applications for a full time/year-round Parish Office Assistant. Responsibilities include but not limited to-Facilitate communication via phone, email and face to face. Prepare and produce the weekly bulletin (using Microsoft publisher); prepare and distribute weekly Electronic Newsletter. Enter and maintain accurate parish member records using software which includes but not limited to entering parish registrations and weekly contributions. Maintain parish website. Schedule events & maintain parish calendar. Assist Pastor and other parish staff and volunteers.

For a more detailed job description and information on how to apply, click [HERE](#)

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our parish has always made its goal and we hope we soon accomplish the goal this year. The goal is \$191,507. We will pass pledge forms at the beginning of the sermon. You can fill the form today and place it in the collection basket - or bring back as soon as you can.

Using time tested parish formulas we can make our goal easily if every parish family considers a gift of \$187, payable over six months. Larger gifts are most welcome. Our Bishop, for his first BAA, noted that he considers the 2 most significant items in the BAA are support for Catholic Charities and for support for our seminarians.

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. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope. We are especially grateful for extra gifts that were given at Christmas.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

StMM Bell Tower Shadow!



StMM Boy's Basketball team won the
Triangle Catholic Schools Athletic Association Basketball Championship
StMM - 47 Franciscan School - 41
Congratulations Boy!





The Vigil Project - A Lenten Night of Worship



The Vigil Project is returning to STMM for a special night open to all! -This is a special invitation to join us on Feb.18th for an evening hosted by **The Vigil Project** from 6:30-8pm in the church. All ages are welcome to attend this fantastic event which is **FREE & open to all**. The Vigil Project was at StMM 2 years ago and we are so excited to host them again! There will be no Youth Mass because of this special event. The VIGIL Project is a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers that produce multimedia resources for authentic encounter with God and growth in prayer. You can learn more about The Vigil Project and see some of their music videos by visiting their website at www.thevigilproject.com

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church every Friday during Lent at 7pm starting on Friday, Feb. 16th. On Good Friday, March 30th, Stations will take place at 12noon. Please join us!

2017 Contributions Statements



2017 Tax Statements

were emailed to registered parishioners who have a valid email address with the parish. If you receive the E-News you should have received your tax statement. If you did not receive a statement, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you. Be

sure to check your junk mail if you receive the E-News.
You can also follow the instructions below to obtain your statement:

[Tax Statement Instructions](#)

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Friday, Feb. 23rd, March 9th, and March 23rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned French Fries, Parsley Potatoes, or Macaroni and Cheese along with Cole Slaw, Corn Bread and Dessert.

Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

Book Drive



book harvest

StMM Girl Scout Troop 1383 Book Drive Feb. 26th-March 4th-We need your new & gently used children's books! The books collected will be donated to Book Harvest, a Durham-based nonprofit that believes in the power of books to change children's lives.

We need books of all ages, especially board books and picture books for the youngest readers, as well as books in Spanish and bilingual books. Clear your cluttered shelves of books your children have outgrown so they can find new a home with a child who needs them. Look for the Book Collection Bins in the school lobby Feb. 26th to March 2nd and in the Church Narthex the weekend of March 3rd & 4th.

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 are Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm & Mon April 9th at 6:30pm. 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 for the meeting room.

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, March 11th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. 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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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.

Parish Athletics



Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades: Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8th - **Dates:** March to May; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Cost:** PreK \$60; K thru 5th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades: Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4th **Dates:** April to June; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary; **Game Locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kindergartners thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays

Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th **Dates:** March thru May; **Practice/Game locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! **Required Equipment:** Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers

[REGISTER](#) here for any of the Parish Athletics spring sports!

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