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## **Parish News**

### **A Note From Father Donald Staib**

Dear People of St Mary Magdalene Parish

Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; habemus Papam.

Those are the Latin words used when there is a new Pope.

We do not have a new Pope, but our Bishop Luis has announced we at StMM have a new pastor. He is Father Chris Koehn. We rejoice at this news of great joy.

Father Chris has given me a very brief biography and picture I share with you.

I am delighted in this appointment; it was a secret for about a month and Father Chris and I have met several times to prepare for the transition which will take place in the summer.

Changes are always a challenge and this year the challenge is even greater considering the times in which we now live. Together we will find ways.

This Sunday we will hear the reading from Acts of the Apostles of how the early church found ways to minister when circumstances required them to come together as community to discern because of new challenges. We can follow their example.

There will be more to share in the days ahead. For now my prayers are with you and your families.

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## **Fr. Chris Koehn**

Fr. Chris is from a military family, born in England and raised in Virginia, the youngest of four brothers. He earned a B.B.A. in Accounting and a minor in History from James Madison University. Fr. Chris had a full career as a project manager and took an early retirement from Chesapeake Hospitality before receiving a Master of Divinity from Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. Since ordination in 2018 he has been serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas More Church in Chapel Hill.

