

A Note from Father Mike

It is amazing how fast time goes by. It is hard to believe that lent starts this week. To have ashes placed on our foreheads as we hear those words, "*Repent and believe in the Gospel*." Those same words that the apostles used as they preached.

In the second reading this weekend, we hear from the first letter to the Corinthians. It takes place in the ancient city of Corinth. St. Paul is addressing a group of early Christians who have gathered to hear his teachings. The crowd is probably a mix of men and women from various backgrounds, some of whom are new believers, while others have been following the Christian faith for some time.

Paul's message is one of hope and encouragement, reminding the believers that through Christ's victory over death, they too have the promise of eternal life. He urges them to stand firm in their faith, knowing that their labor in the Lord is not in vain. His message is one of unity and faith, as the believers are strengthened and encouraged by Paul's words to continue living out their faith in the midst of a world filled with challenges and uncertainties. There can be many challenges and obstacles that we may face in our daily lives, which can shake our faith and cause us to possibly question our beliefs. However, St. Paul reminds us to be steadfast and immovable in our commitment to Christ. To walk by faith, and not by sight.

Paul's message to the Corinthians resonates with timeless truths that can continue to inspire and uplift us today. He affirms to us the victory over death and sin that Jesus has secured for us. One of the hardest things we may grapple with in life, is the loss of a loved one. St. Paul's message can bring much comfort by assuring us that death is not the end but a transformation into new life through Christ. When we pray, believe and trust in God, we know our loved ones will be transformed and reunited with us in the presence of God. This hope offers peace and purpose, anchoring our hearts in the promise of eternal life. So, let us live today, and every day, knowing victory is already in our hands through Jesus Christ.

In His Love.

Fr. Mike Coveyou

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

Mar 1 - 10:30am Confessions

Mar 1 - 5pm Mass

Mar 2 - 9am & 11am Mass

Mar 2 - 4:30pm Apostello

Mar 2 - 6pm Youth Mass

Mar 2 - 7:15pm EDGE and the Way

Mass This Weekend

Click **HERE** to Stream our 9am Mass

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Alleluia

Responsorial Psalm: 92 Lord it is Good to

Give Thanks

Preparation: The Lord is My Light Communion 1: Only This I Want

Mar 3 - 9am Mass

Mar 3 - 6:30pmFamily Rosary

Mar 4 - 9am Mass

Mar 4 - 6:15pm Gather/Rock

Mar 5 - 9am Ash Wednesday Mass

Mar 5 - 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Mar 6 - 9am Mass

Mar 6 - 6:30pm Bible Study

Mar 6 - 7pm Youth Music Ministry

Mar 7 - 9am Mass

Mar 7- 9:30am Stations of the Cross

Mar 7 - First Friday Adoration to follow Stations

Mar 7 - 5:30pm KoC Fish Fry

Mar 7 - 5:30 & 6pm KoC Free Throw Contest

Mar 7 - 7pm Stations of the Cross

Mar 8 - NO Confessions

Mar 8 - 5pm Mass

Mar 9 - 9am & 11am Mass

Mar 9 - 4:30pm Apostello

Mar 9 - 6pm Youth Mass

Mar 9 - 7:15pm EDGE and the Way

Lenten Penance Schedule

Mar 11- 11am St. Bernadette

Mar 13- 11am St. Luke

Mar 13- 7pm St. Mary Magdalene

Mar 19- 7pm St. Francis

Mar 20- 7pm St. Bernadette

Mar 24- 7pm St. Eugene

Mar 26- 11am St. Catherine of Sienna

Mar 26- 7pm St. Michael

Mar 27- 11am St. Mary Magdalene

Mar 27- 6:30pm Our Lady of La Vang

Apr 1 - 11am Our Lady of Lourdes

Apr 1 - 7pm St. Catherine of Sienna

Apr 2 - 7pm St. Raphael

Apr 4 - 10am St. Michael

Apr 8 - 7pm Holy Name of Jesus

Communion 2: Gratitude

Communion 3: Jesus I surrender It All Sending Forth: Your Love Defends Me

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Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by the Curry/Bleggi Family in memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather Kevin A. Curry.

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Click here. For questions, contact floralministry@stmm.net

Mass Intentions

Mar 1 - Mr. & Mrs. Gil +

Mar 2 - 9am - Barb Leinbach +

Mar 2 - 11am - Richard McCarraher +

Mar 2 - 6pm - Parishioners of StMM

Mar 3 - John Karpian +

Mar 4 - Maurice Lynch +

Mar 5 - 9am Memory of departed soul of PC

Mathai

Mar 5 - 7pm Todd Langenbach +

Mar 6 - Nora Smith

Mar 7 - Ezra Joseph Lobo (1st Birthday)

Mar 8 - Joseph & Agnes Baker +

Mar 9 - 9am Charles Roba +

Mar 9 - 11am Margaret Elizabeth Letteer +

Mar 9 - 6pm Parishioners of StMM

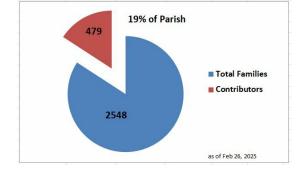
Bishop's Annual Appeal Open Your Heart, Open a Door

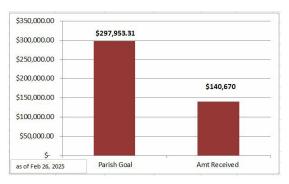


Your Gift Can Open a Door to Christ's Love

This year, as we participate in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are called to "Open Your Heart, Open a Door." Your donation will make a tangible difference in the lives of countless people throughout the Diocese of Raleigh—whether it's through educational programs, outreach to the needy, or formation for our seminarians. Together, we can open doors to a brighter future for our Church and bring Christ's love to all. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider your support for the Appeal and make a gift.today.

Thank you for helping to open the door to a future full of hope!





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~We have a NEW format for the E-News~

Church News, Lent information, Ministries, Groups, and Events can now be viewed by clicking on their link.

CHURCH NEWS

- StMM Tax Statements for 2024
- NC Opportunity Scholarships for Private Schools
- Baptism Information
- Safe Environment Training for Volunteers
- Commemorative Bricks
- OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
- OCIA Prayer Corner
- StMM Lost and Found
- Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Eucharistic Holy Hour on March 18th
- Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-PreOrder Now
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
- Knights of Columbus Membership Drive 3/1-3/2
- Mulholland Columbiettes
 Membership Info & Ceremony 3/17
- Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13
- Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball
- Parish Athletics 20% Coupon for Dicks Sporting Goods 2/28-3/3
- CSO Catholic Senior Organization for women and men 60+
- Prayers & Squares Ministry
- Prayer Team

• StMM 25th Anniversary Events

SCHOOL NEWS

- Job Opportunities at StMM School
- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students

LENT & EASTER

- Lenten Mission with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on 3/24-3/26
- Stations of the Cross
- Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever
- Ignited by Truth Catholic Conference 4/4-4/5
- Hallow Pray 40
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-PreOrder Now
- Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt

- 40 Days for Life with Bishop Zarama on 3/6
- StMM Day of Prayer for Raleigh Lenten 40 Days for Life on 3/13
- Feed a Family Food Drive with CPO 3/1-3/2
- Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry
- Power & Purpose Conference 6/20-6/22
- Respect Life Ministry Meeting Rescheduled for 3/10
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 3/21-3/23
- Changes and Challenges on 3/7-3/8
- Care for God's Planet Meeting 3/11
- Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events
- Gabriel Project Luncheon on 3/9
- 50th Anniversary -Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Pictures of the Week





Seminarian Rob Lane gave a fantastic talk last Monday on "Community: The Desire in Your Heart, the Heart of the Mass, and the Call to Love" as part of St. Mary Magdalene's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Faith Formation

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar





Questions:

For GATHER, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the ROCK contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net.or 919-657-4800 x7307

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry





Please sign up <u>HERE</u> for the ROCK "Meant for Greatness" retreat being held on **Sunday**, **March 16th** 2025 at StMM from 1:00-5:45pm



Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church serves each summer with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Appalachia Service Project is a nonprofit ministry focused on relationship building and home repair, making homes warmer, safer, and drier. StMM will serve in Appalachia from June 22-28, 2025.

Click here to register

Camp Hidden Lake deposit:

Open to all current 6th- 8th graders for summer 2025! All those interested in summer camp please secure your spot. The link below is \$100 deposit for camp in Georgia. DUE: February 3rd!

Click here to pay the deposit



Life Teen Camp Covecrest: Want to join us at camp? Contact Niki for more information! Registration and deposits can be completed by clicking the link below.

Click here to register

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For Apostello and the Way, contact Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For Confirmation, contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net





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