

## A Note from Father Francis

### BIBLICAL 40 DAYS

Traditionally, we know the 40 days of Lent primarily as the penitential season in which also we are encouraged to do intensive prayer, giving alms and practice self-mortification-fasting as we join Jesus in the desert.

Allow me to take you through the many other occasions in the bible where forty days are referred to and with varying effects, for a deeper appreciation and personal engagement. In Gen 7:4- 8:, we read about the 40 days of the flood (destroyed sin but along with life, only Noah's family and a representation of creation was saved), Exodus 24:18/34:28, Moses was on Mount Sinai forty days and forty nights not eating any bread or drinking any water before receiving the Decalogue (preparing), Numbers 13:25, the Israelite spies returned after 40 days of spying Canaan land (working with hope), 1 Kings 19:8, Elijah travelled 40 days and forty nights to Horeb the Mount of God (running to rescue his life from evil), in Deut 8:2-5 the Lord God led the Israelites for forty years through the wilderness to humble them and test them if they could keep the commandment of God, in Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil,(won for you and for me). In Acts 1:3 forty days and nights passed between Christs' resurrection and ascension (complete transformation and restoration) and the list can go on and on.

Dear reader, you might have acknowledged that the forty days in the bible take different shapes, to mention but not limited to preparation, testing (including destruction) transformation and restoration. All these generally challenge us to rely on God for worse for better, we are called to draw closer to God, to strengthen our relationship with Him through prayer for physical and spiritual nourishment.

I invite you my brother/sister to take a moment of introspection and reflect upon your personal life and in line with the commandment of love in its double dimension. I wish you the very best of this Lent. Lord God, let this Lent be a life transforming period in my life and the world around me. Amen

God is good.

[Giving Portal](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Mass This Weekend](#)

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  
Mar 10 - 9am Mass  
Mar 10 - 6:30pm Family Rosary  
Mar 11 - 9am Mass  
Mar 11 - 6:15pm Gather/Rock  
Mar 12 - 9am Mass  
Mar 13 - 9am Mass  
Mar 13 - 7pm Lenten Penance Service at StMM  
Mar 14 - 9am Mass  
Mar 14 - Stations of the Cross to follow Mass  
Mar 14 - 7pm Stations of the Cross  
Mar 15 - 10:30am Confessions  
Mar 15 - 5pm Mass  
Mar 16 - 9am & 11am Mass  
Mar 16 - 4:30pm Apostello  
Mar 16 - 6pm Mass  
Mar 16 - 7:15pm EDGE and the Way

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## 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

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Mass

### Music for Weekend Masses

**Gathering:** Entrance Antiphon

**Responsorial Psalm:** 91: Be With Me Lord -  
Joncas

**Preparation:** Return To The Lord

**Communion 1:** Pange Lingua

**Communion 2:** Hosea

**Communion 3:** Come Alive (Dry Bones)

**Sending Forth:** We Belong To You

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## Altar Flowers



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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

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## Mass Intentions

Mar 8 - Joseph & Agnes Baker +  
Mar 9 - 9am Charles Roba +  
Mar 9 - 11am Margaret Elizabeth Letteer +  
Mar 9 - 6pm Parishioners of StMM  
Mar 10 - Debbie Reilly +  
Mar 11 - Judy Bobeck +  
Mar 12 - Eugene Henry Bobeck +  
Mar 13 - Terry Shackelton +  
Mar 14 - Patti Bryant +  
Mar 15 - 5pm George Franklin +  
Mar 16 - 9am Frederick Schantz +  
Mar 16 - 11am Pamela Cole +  
Mar 16 - 6pm Parishioners of StMM

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## Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Open Your Heart, Open a Door*

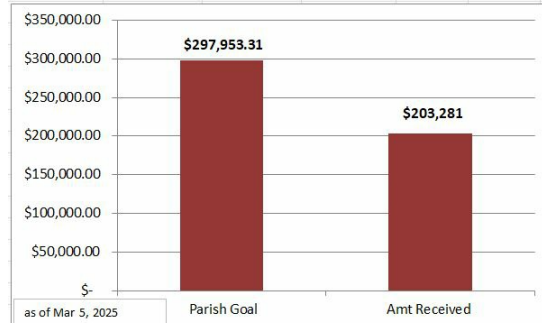
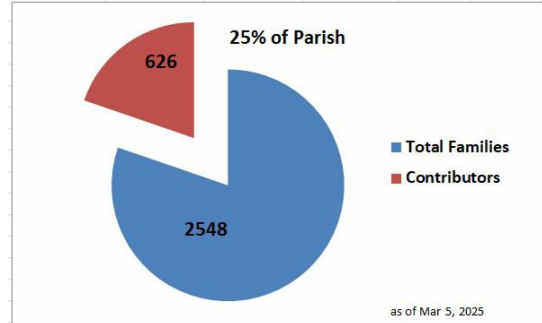
### A Door to Hope for All

The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal is a reminder that, as



disciples of Christ, we are called to “Open Your Heart, Open a Door.” Through your generous gifts, you help the Diocese of Raleigh provide essential programs and services that

touch the lives of so many—whether through assistance to the poor, support for seminarians, or faith formation for all ages. As we continue to respond to God’s call to serve, let us open our hearts and our doors to those in need. Please consider [making a gift today](#). Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ in our community



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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](#)
- [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](#)
- [Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training 4/5 & 4/7](#)
- [Divorced Catholics Seeking an](#)

**Ministries, Groups, & Events**

- [Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on 3/7, 3/21, and 4/4- PreOrder Now](#)
- [Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest- Today- Friday 3/7](#)
- [Mulholland Columbiettes Membership Info & Ceremony 3/17](#)
- [Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13- donations appreciated](#)
- [Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball](#)
- [CSO Catholic Senior Organization for women and men 60+](#)
- [Prayers & Squares Ministry](#)
- [Prayer Team](#)
- [40 Days for Life- Sign up for Vigil Hours during Lent](#)
- [StMM Day of Prayer on 3/13 - Raleigh Lenten 40 Days for Life](#)
- [Women's Retreat for those who have](#)

## Annulment

- StMM 25th Anniversary Events

## School News

- Job Opportunities at StMM School
- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students
- Creative Calm: A Mindful Workshop for Teens
- Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades
- Monarch Masters Golf Tournament on 3/24

## 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 on 3/7, 3/21 and 4/4- PreOrder Now
- Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13 -donations appreciated
- Pysanky Workshop to Decorate Eggs on 3/30

been sexually abused

- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry
- Power & Purpose Conference 6/20-6/22
- 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
- 31st Annual Run for Life benefiting Birthchoice on 4/12
- Project Rachel Support Group
- Family Honor's Real Love & Real Life: Living the Faith 3/28-3/29
- Creative Calm: A Mindful Workshop for Teens
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## Pictures of the Week



Ralph and Dee Cecchetti, along with their family, on their 70th wedding anniversary celebration and blessing on Saturday, March 1st.



The baptism of Riley Mae Wipperman on Saturday, March 1st.





The baptism of Aidan Maverick Martin on Saturday, March 1st.



The baptism of Banks Oakley Cotton on Saturday, March 1st.

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### Faith Formation

**Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar**

Next Night of



**Tuesday**      **6:15 pm**  
**March 11**      **Church**

**Questions:**

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

### StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



Please sign up [HERE](#) for the ROCK "Meant for Greatness" retreat being held on **Sunday, March 16th 2025** at StMM from 1:00-5:45pm



**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](#)



**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.**



**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](#)

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**Questions:**

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Furnier at [nfurnier@stmm.net](mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact the coordinator at [confirmation@stmm.net](mailto:confirmation@stmm.net)

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