
St. Mary Magdalene January 17, 2025

A Note from Father Mike

There are some things in life that we just can't keep quiet about. A new job or a promotion at work. A young couple recently engaged. Parents expecting a child. Your team is playing in a championship game. These are some of the things we get excited about. These are some of the things that we celebrate. Yet, there are some things in life that we should keep quiet about like gossip, rumors, slander. Talking about people behind their backs. Spreading rumors when we do not know all the facts. Saying things that tear people down, rather than building them up. I remember my mom telling us kids that old saying as we were growing up, *"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all"* For sinful thoughts can lead to sinful words that often lead to hurt feelings.

We hear the prophet Isaiah saying in the first reading this weekend, *For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.*" The prophet Isaiah is reminding them that they were God's children. They had the promise of the savior. God had been nothing but good and loving to them. Isaiah is calling the land of Israel to repent and to embrace the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World, that Jesus is the Savior of all people.

Isaiah also calls us in our day to repentance and to seek the greatness that God desires for us. To focus on the things that will keep us close to him, until he takes us to heaven with him. God does not keep quiet about us. May we never keep quiet about God. May we continue to rejoice when we think about the great things God has done for us. May our rejoicing lead to reflecting the Light of Jesus in all that we say and do.

In his Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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Upcoming Events

Jan 18 - 10:30am Confessions
 Jan 18 - 5pm Mass
 Jan 19 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Jan 20 - 9am Mass
 Jan 20 - 6:30pm Family Rosary
 Jan 21 - 9am Mass
 Jan 22 - 9am Mass
 Jan 22 - 6:30pm Adult Faith Refresher
 Jan 23 - 9am Mass
 Jan 23 - 6:30pm Bible Study: Intro to the Torah
 Jan 23 - 7pm Youth Music Ministry
 Jan 24 - 9am Mass
 Jan 25 - 10:30am Confessions
 Jan 25 - 5pm Mass
 Jan 26 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Jan 26 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way
 Jan 26 - Youth Mass

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: God We Praise You

Responsorial Psalm: 96: Proclaim His
Marvelous Deeds

Preparation: Trust in God

Communion 1: The King of Love My Shepherd
is

Communion 2: Restless

Communion 3: O Come to the Altar

Sending Forth: Praise

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Pictures of the Week



Convalidation of Earl and Carly Laing on January 10, 2025



Convalidation of Jessica and Jeffrey Herrschaft on January 11, 2025.



Dr. John Pendergrass, Director of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Raleigh, celebrates Bertha Smith on her retirement after more than 16 years of service as the StMM Safe Environment Coordinator.



Fr. Francis shares the American custom of making gingerbread houses at Christmastime with his family.



Fr. Francis' family



Fr. Francis is with his older brother, youngest sibling, one of his twin brothers, his step mom, and other family members. Three brothers and two sisters are missing from the photo.



Fr. Francis enjoys a home-cooked meal with his family beneath a jackfruit tree.

Mass Intentions

January 17 – Steve Adams +
 January 18 – 5pm – Stephen Hennessey +
 January 19 – 9am – Debi Scherschel +
 January 19 – 11am – Parishioners of StMM
 January 20 – Vera Sciacchicano + |
 January 21 –
 January 22 – Bonnie Hager +
 January 23 – Carolyn Camden +
 January 24 – Janice White +
 January 25 – 5pm – Tatyana Taura +
 January 26 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM
 January 26 – 11am – Carol Ann Vilodas +
 January 26 – 6pm – Nicholas Franzel, Sr. +
 January 27 – Anthony Vaccaro +
 January 28 – Barb Grady +
 January 29 – The Family of Dominik Webb
 January 30 – Hedy Coveyou +
 January 31 – Marcos Benavides +

CSO- Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, January 20, 2025, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3.

For more information, please contact Jim Schultz, 954-649-0194 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email sansone@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Carey Taylor in honor of the wedding of Jacob Gadwill and Alexis Christien.

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, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Adult Faith Refresher & Adult Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick

Do you wish you had a better understanding of your faith so you can lead a more joyful life? Do you feel like you aren't able to connect the dots with all you've learned?

Then come join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic six-week series that will enhance your daily spiritual life.

We typically get a small group of participants together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

The next series begins on January 15 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join! stevens@stmm.net or 908-910-0309

NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

Bingo Night Jan 31st

schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

9 Days for Life



9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. [Sign up here](#) to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev



Weekday Study of the Torah for Everyone

Join Deacon Dev and many of your fellow parishioners on

Thursday evenings for

a unique study of the Torah – the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), also called the Law (or the Pentateuch, in Christianity). See how it all began! The Torah provides important historical and spiritual insights, that will deepen your understanding of the foundational teachings of our own faith. It is an essential part of the Bible and continues to be relevant to us today.

This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Church on Thursday evenings, beginning **January 16, 2025 at 6.30pm**. Please register by accessing the attached link (each person to be separately registered). If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA923A3FCC52-53999241-anintroduction>

Parish Athletics Spring Sports

Apex-Cary Spring Soccer 2025

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade.

Dates: March 22nd - May 17th.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.



[Click here to register](#)

BINGO NIGHT REGISTRATION CLOSED

Due to a hugely enthusiastic response, registrations for our BINGO Night on Jan 31 are now CLOSED as we have reached our capacity limit for the cafeteria. Those registering after January 10 will be wait-listed, and will be notified if we receive cancellations. We ask those who are registered but are unable to attend, to please cancel your RSVP on the Sign Up Genius or email cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com. Only registered guests will be admitted into the cafeteria. We thank you for your understanding!

The Mulholland Columbiettes

Walking With Purpose



walking with purpose

Are you looking to grow in relationship with our Lord and other Catholic women? There are two upcoming opportunities to learn more about Walking With Purpose: **Webinar on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 12:30pm and 8:30pm** and in person Connect Coffee on **Thursday, Jan 30 from 10:00am-11:30am** in Room 3 in the church building. Questions? e-mail us at walkingwithpurpose@stmm.org

March for Life Bus Trip

Friday, January 24 National March for Life in Washington D.C. We're invited by Mother Teresa Church to join their bus trip to stand in solidarity with thousands of others from across the country in support of life from conception to natural death.

Departure Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, **804 High House Rd., Cary, NC**

Departure Time: Early morning, January 24

Return Time: Late evening, January 24

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$80

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

[REGISTER FOR SOCCER HERE](#)

Apex Spring Baseball 2025

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 2nd grade.

Dates: March 29th - May 24th.

Practice/Game Location: Apex

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K thru 2nd grade - \$70

Note: PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st and 2nd grade play machine pitch. Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners – 2nd grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

[REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE](#)

Mass for Life

Diocese of Raleigh Mass for Life at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

When: Saturday, January 18th

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Rosary begins at 10:30AM.

Events are bilingual.

Click [HERE](#) for the livestream

Prayers & Squares Ministry

Cost: \$50 per person (non-refundable, includes bus seat and light snacks)

Seating: Limited—reserve your spot soon!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Safe Environment

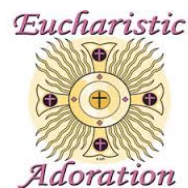
Returning Volunteers

All returning volunteers should have completed the annual Safe Environment Training module by September 15. The Diocese has started to "suspend" or "archive" those who are not compliant. If you missed the deadline and would like to volunteer, please contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net).

New Volunteers

To become approved to volunteer, please go to the [StMM Safe Environment web page](#). See the *New Volunteers - Church and School* paragraph for information and required paperwork. See the [Diocese of Raleigh Safe Environment Training calendar](#) for upcoming training dates. There are other meetings on the calendar, so look for "Safe Environment Training". To register, select the one you'd like to attend. Please contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) with any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **February 7th 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord?

Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Please join Deacon Rick for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.



The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on the idea that there is power in prayer to comfort in times of need. The ministry makes quilts for anyone who is in need of this prayer and comfort. The quilt is blessed and prayed over by the parishioners. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone please contact Lorraine Morris at lc Morris0707@gmail.com

Forward In Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin in January



If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith

sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am beginning mid-January. For more information or to register, please email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

Prayer Team



For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through intercessory prayer. As we pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net.

Request Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry. * [Share Prayer Updates via email](#). *



This sacred time is an opportunity for a deep, personal encounter with Christ: Pope Francis recommends

Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by evening prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of The Hours which represents the official prayers of the Church. We give thanks for the day and praise God. Adoration continues followed by Benediction.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, January 28 , from 6:30pm - 7:25pm

OCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Kaitlyn, Ashton, Michael, Mark, Michael, Jessica, Earl, Montana, Christine, Victoria, Jose, Henry, Lincoln, Taylor and Danny who have started their OCIA journey.

Please pray for all of those who are considering starting the OCIA journey.

Join the Prayer Team

OCIA





Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and

Confirmation? The next module of the OCIA process at StMM is starting in February 4, 2025. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Deacon Rick Stevens at stevens@stmm.net and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: *"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you"*.

Faith Formation

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar

Next Night of



Tuesday
Jan. 28

6:15 pm
Church

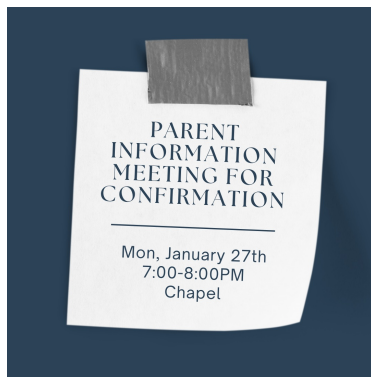
Questions:

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

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



Mountain Retreat is now full! Please email Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net to be added to the waitlist.



Parent Information Meeting for Confirmation: Monday, January 27th at 7pm in the Chapel

If you have a teen receiving Confirmation this Spring, this is your **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to attend a Parent Information Meeting for Confirmation. For parents of 8th graders and freshmen, there will be more opportunities next year.



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](#)

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 StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com



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](#)

School News

Interested in joining St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School for the 25-26 school year? Tours are now open! Click [HERE](#) to visit us on campus to learn how we pray, learn, and care in our preschool, elementary, and middle school classrooms! Contact Lisa Portland, portland@stmm.net, with any questions!



TOURS
OPEN

25-26 School Year

Serving
PreK3
through
Eighth
Grade



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