

## A Note from Father Mike

I found something interesting in this weekend's first gospel reading. It starts with the image of Jesus, surrounded by a rag tag bunch of people, throwing their cloaks on the ground as they welcome him as their King. He does not come in power and might. Instead, he comes in peace and hope. Yet in this first gospel passage we do not hear about him entering Jerusalem. I think what happens in the two verses immediately after today's first gospel reading is an essential part of Holy Week. Those two verses that follow are, *"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes.'"*

We see Jesus weeping at the hardness of the hearts of the Jewish leadership. Their hearts are so into this world and so into their own way of thinking that they do not see a God of love and mercy. Yet even this hardness of their hearts does not stop God's work of salvation. Remember that in the time of Pharaoh's army, a time of fear and anxiety as the Israelites were trapped with no way of escape, God rescues them by parting the red sea. Remember that in the time of King Herod, in a time of uncertainty and fear, Jesus was born.

We need to hear again during Holy Week, that this world does not have the last word. We need to know that God is still at work in our world. We need to hear that for times such as these, as people of faith, we are called to always share the good news, using words when necessary. We need to know that just when it seems hopeless, when it feels like it is all too much, the Kingdom of God will always find us. It will meet us where we are.

Palm Sunday helps us to remember that God has worked in the past to save his people and he will do so again. God has never ever left his people in the darkness and he is not about to start now. We can find strength and courage, not in who we are but because of whose we are. We are children of the most powerful and loving God, who came down to earth, who became one of us, and who comes to us again today, riding into Jerusalem to save us from ourselves.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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### Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions Friday 4/11 - Sunday 4/20

#### Friday Apr 11

7pm- Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday Apr 12

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Baker +)

#### Palm Sunday Apr 13

9am- Mass (Sylvelyn Losack +)

11am- Mass (Lazaro Pasigna, Jr. +)

### Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions Monday 4/21- Sunday 4/27

#### Monday Apr 21

Parish Office Closed

No Daily Mass

6:30pm- Family Rosary

#### Tuesday Apr 22

Parish Office Closed

No Daily Mass

#### Wednesday Apr 23

Easter Egg Hunt following 11am Mass  
(Registration required)  
4:30pm- Apostello  
6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
7:15pm- Edge & the Way

#### **Monday Apr 14**

9am- Mass (Debbie Reilly +)  
6:30pm- Family Rosary

#### **Tuesday Apr 15**

Parish Office Closed  
No Daily Mass  
6:15pm- Gather/Rock

#### **Wednesday Apr 16**

9am- Mass (Joshua Morris)

#### **Holy Thursday Apr 17**

No 9am daily Mass  
7pm- Holy Thursday Mass (Healing for  
Melissa Tuning)

#### **Good Friday Apr 18**

Parish Office Closed  
No 9am daily Mass  
12pm- Stations of the Cross  
3pm- The Passion of the Lord

#### **Saturday Apr 19**

No Confessions  
10am- Blessing of Easter food for  
Parishioners  
8:30pm- Easter Vigil Mass (Parishioners  
of StMM)

#### **Easter Sunday Apr 20**

7am- Mass (Gabriel Project Families)  
9am- Mass (Hugh McCloskey +)  
11am- Mass (Earl Frederick, Sr. +)



Parish Office Closed  
No Daily Mass

#### **Thursday Apr 24**

9am- Mass (Cherian KV +)  
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO  
6:30pm- Bible Study

#### **Friday Apr 25**

9am- Mass (Healing for Elaine Lux)

#### **Saturday Apr 26**

No Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Denise and Aaron DeBlois)

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday Apr 27**

9am- Mass (Healing for Collette Thomas)  
11am- Mass (The Wheeler Family)  
3pm- Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration  
3pm- Confessions  
4:30- Apostello  
6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
7:15pm- EDGE & the Way



### **Mass This Weekend**

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

#### **Music for Weekend Masses**

**Gathering:** Adoramus te Christe/Hosanna In  
The Highest

**Responsorial Psalm:** 22: God My God

**Preparation:** O Sacred Head Surrounded

**Communion 1:** Pange Lingua, Ave Verum

**Communion 2:** Create In Me (Kendzia)

**Communion 3:** You Alone

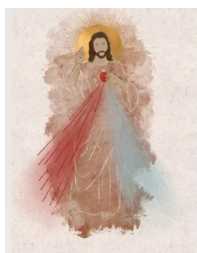
**Communion 4:** O Come To The Altar

**Sending Forth:** Return To The Lord

For Easter Triduum Music, click [HERE](#)

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### **Divine Mercy Sunday**



#### **The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!**

Join us in celebrating this  
special Feast of Mercy on  
**Sunday, April 27th at 3 PM.**  
Everyone is welcome—bring  
your family, friends, and  
children!

The afternoon will include  
uplifting music, prayers,  
Adoration, and Benediction. This year, we're  
excited to offer **Reconciliation** as well. Doors

### **Divine Mercy Novena**

#### **The Divine Mercy Novena**

begins on  
Good Friday, April 18th  
and concludes  
Saturday, April 26th. In  
private revelations to  
St. Faustina, Jesus  
asked that the Feast of  
Divine Mercy be  
preceded by a novena  
praying for nine  
intentions with the



open at 2:40 PM, and we will begin promptly at 3PM. For any questions, please contact [hoffman@stmm.net](mailto:hoffman@stmm.net)  
We look forward to seeing you there!

Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The novena can be accessed online at [DM Novena](#).

## Church News, School News, Lent & Easter information, Ministries, Groups, and Events

Please click on the link for more information.

### Church News

- [StMM Tax Statements for 2024](#)
- [Baptism Information](#)
- [Safe Environment Training for Volunteers](#)
- [OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults](#)
- [OCIA Prayer Corner](#)
- [Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev](#)
- [First Friday Eucharistic Adoration](#)
- [Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick](#)
- [Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment](#)
- [Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 6/21 to 6/24](#)
- [Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage 6/27 to 6/29](#)
- [StMM 25th Anniversary Events](#)
- [Seeking Medical Volunteers for new StMM Safety Committee](#)
- [Altar Flowers- click here to donate flowers to beautify the altar at StMM](#)

### School News

- [StMM School Tours for Prospective Students](#)
- [Creative Calm: A Mindful Workshop for Teens 11-14yrs, on 3/18 to 4/22](#)
- [Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30](#)
- [StMM School Summer Camps -6/9 through 6/27- Open to Parishioners- \\*Registration deadline extended to 5/9](#)
- [Newsies, the School Spring Musical](#)

### Ministries, Groups, & Events

- [Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13- Register HERE](#)
- [Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball](#)
- [CSO Catholic Senior Organization for women and men 60+](#)
- [Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry](#)
- [Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team](#)
- [40 Days for Life- Sign up for Vigil Hours during Lent](#)
- [Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused](#)
- [Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests](#)
- [Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville, OH on 6/20-6/22](#)
- [Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 5/2-5/4](#)
- [Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events](#)
- [31st Annual Run for Life benefiting Birthchoice on 4/12](#)
- [Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion](#)
- [Creative Calm: A Mindful Workshop for Teens 11-14yrs, on 3/18 to 4/22](#)
- [Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30](#)
- [Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction](#)
- [EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction](#)
- [Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry is having their 13th Annual Pig Picking on 4/26](#)

is this Fri 4/11 and Sat 4/12  
Showtime at 6:30pm, doors open at  
6pm. Tickets at the door.

## Lent & Easter

- Stations of the Cross will be held on 4/11 and 4/18
- Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever
- Hallow Pray 40
- Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13 -Register [HERE](#)
- Forward in Hope- Grief Support Group to begin in May
- Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed outside A Woman's Choice abortion clinic 4/18-4/26
- Tenebrae: A Service of Shadow and Light will be at Mother Teresa Catholic Church on 4/16

## Pictures of the Week



The Knights of Columbus were hard at work preparing food for the Fish Fry on Friday, April 4th.



Many families had a great time socializing and catching up with friends at the Fish Fry.

Father Mike and Vic Marchioni were the official door holders at the Fish Fry.



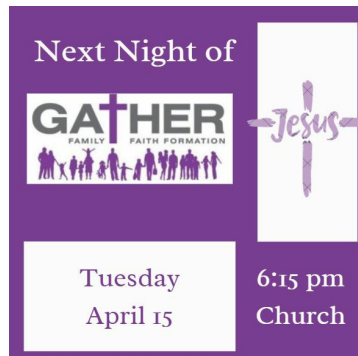
On Wednesday, April 9th, a group of ladies from Waltonwood Senior Living Community on Cary Parkway visited St. Mary Magdalene School to read *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt to our students. Their visit brought smiles all around and made for a truly special day!





## Faith Formation

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



**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



The ROCK Retreat, "Meant for Greatness" is **rescheduled** for **Sunday, April 27th**, at StMM from 1:00pm to 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.**

**[Click here to register](#)**



**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](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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