

A Note from Father Francis

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

I remind you, brothers and sisters, as you are leaving us for Campus/University, as previously I postulated, that relationship is obvious and friendship is by choice. Now to recognize a fact that everyone God placed in your life is there for a purpose; some a great warning while others a blessing. Therefore, it is important and I encourage you to know your identity as a child of God in order to relate freely and contract meaningful friendships.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians 2:19 affirms that, "You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household." This proves that we are all part of God's family and so meaningful relationships should start by recognizing and celebrating that. And much more than that, as for you, in his letter, 1Pt 2:9 says, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." Beloved in Christ Jesus, inquire into the life of the person, if you are going to win him/her for Christ or if he/she will help you to encounter Christ in a more beautiful way, then you admit him or her into your life.

Relatedly, it will also be good to first search for every available opportunity at campus; Catholic community/programs, Chaplains and mentors as the most fertile grounds for meaningful friends. And while with them, find time for the word of God just as the gospels commend; Mt 17:5, "This is my Son, the beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him."

I pray that you will find Jesus in your relationships at campus and find favor in listening to His voice, to live an impactful life to the glory of the Father in His Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

God is good.

I love you.

Fr. Francis

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday Aug 9

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Arthur Fessenden †)

*Second collection for [Priest Welfare & Retirement](#)

Sunday Aug 10

*Second collection at all Masses for [Priest Welfare & Retirement](#)

Mass This Weekend

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

Beginning in August, we will [livestream Daily Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays](#).

*Please note that the schedule may occasionally change due to unforeseen circumstances, and we appreciate your understanding.

[Music for Sunday Masses](#)

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (Louis Bramante Sr. †)
12:30pm- Gabriel Project Meeting
4pm- Back-to-School Mass

Monday Aug 11

9am- Mass (Dave Watson †)
6:30pm- Family Rosary
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday Aug 12

9am- Mass (Tracey Lynn Santori-Hrabak †)

Wednesday Aug 13

9am- Mass (George Melonis †)
10am- Forward in Hope
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday Aug 14

9am- Mass (Jonathan Carr)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO
6:30pm- Hearts on Fire Prayer Meeting
7pm- Care For God's Planet Meeting

Friday Aug 15- Feast of the Assumption

*Parish Office Closed
9am- Mass (Graziano & Kolodzieski Family Members)
7pm- Mass (The Sansone Family)

Saturday Aug 16

10:30am- Confessions
5pm- Mass (Sandra Sansone †)

Sunday Aug 17

9am- Mass (Charles Roba †)
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

Gathering: Though The Mountains
Responsorial Psalm: 33 Blessed the People
Preparation: Morning by Morning
Communion 1: I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)
Communion 2: Trust in God
Communion 3: Canvas And Clay
Sending Forth: Your Grace is Enough

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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

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLL AT MASS?

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING STARTS IN SEPTEMBER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, AND LECTORS.



Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary ministers assist the Presider with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. All parishioners who are practicing confirmed Catholics may become extraordinary ministers. If you would like to be trained to



Altar Servers

Altar serving is a great way to take an active role in the Mass! All who are

3rd grade and up and have received their First Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry.

Training sessions for new servers will be held on

Sat, Sep 6 at 6pm and Sat, Sep 13 at 6pm in the Church. If any existing servers



Lectors

Being a lector is a great way to deepen your appreciation for Sacred Scripture as

well as assist your fellow parishioners to clearly and prayerfully hear the Word of God.

If you would like to be a lector, or if you just need a refresher, training has been scheduled on:

Sun, Sep 7 at 4:30pm,

be an extraordinary minister, or if you just need a refresher, training has been scheduled on:
Mon, Sep 8 at 6:30pm,
Tues, Sept 16 at 6:30pm, or
Sat, Sep 27 at 6pm.

Please choose one session and RSVP to Ellen O'Rourke at elleno1182@gmail.com

need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join in.

Please choose one session and RSVP to Andree Genez at stmmaltarservers@gmail.com
Parents are encouraged to attend!

Tues, Sep 10 at 6:30pm, and
Tues, Sep 17 at 6:30pm.

Please select one session and email Mark lasiello at isellom@charter.net

Church News, School News, Ministries, Groups, and Events

Please click on the link for more information.

Church News

- [Baptism Information](#)
- [Safe Environment Training for Volunteers](#)
- [OCIA \(Order of Christian Initiation\)](#)
For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Please click here to learn more.
- [First Friday Eucharistic Adoration](#)
information may be found here.
- [Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick](#)- Next series starting in Oct.
- [Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment](#)- more information can be found by clicking here.
- [Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain](#) from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26.
- [Our Sound and Video System](#)
Ministry needs help with Masses, Funerals, and Weddings. The hours and commitment level are flexible. Can you help us out?
- [Breaking Open The Word](#) is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.
- [Interested in becoming a Deacon in the Diocese of Raleigh?](#) Two information sessions will be held on Sat 9/13 at the Catholic Center. Click here for more information and to register.
- [Holy Hour & Social Hour](#) on Aug 19th in honor of our 25th Anniversary! Join us for Adoration at 7pm, led by Deacon Rick, followed by refreshments.

Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- [Habitat for Humanity](#)- Join other StMM parishioners on Sat, 8/9, to help build homes for those in need.
- [Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry](#)
- [Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry](#)- sign up to pray for our priests.
- [Project Rachel Support Group](#) - for hope and healing after abortion.
- [Courage](#) - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction.
- [EnCourage](#)- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction.
- [Walking with Purpose](#)- Come visit us in the Narthex this weekend to learn more about WWP, our great community of women, and our upcoming 22 week bible study. Look for the pink table cloths!
- [Parish Athletics Fall Soccer and Baseball Registration is Now Open.](#)
- [Are you gluten-free due to a medical condition and need a low-gluten Communion Host?](#) Click here to learn how to receive low-gluten Communion at StMM.
- [The Columbiettes](#) have a few more "Taste and See" cookbooks and Gift Sets left for purchase. All proceeds benefit StMM parish, school, and local charities.
- [Pitch for Charity](#) and cheer on the Durham Bulls! Enjoy a night out and support Catholic Charities at the same time on Thurs, 8/14.

- There will be a Healing Mass at StMM on Sept 5th at 7pm. Mass, Adoration, and Healing Prayer will be celebrated with Fr. Mike, Fr. Francis, and priests and deacons around the diocese.

School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Calling all artists and crafters! St. Thomas More's annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe craft show is on Dec 6th and table space is available for purchase. All proceeds benefit StTM School.

- Hearts on Fire, a charismatic prayer group with Deacon Dev, meets in the Church at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
- Calling all Prayer Warriors- StMM's Prayer Team needs an organizer. Will you help us out?
- JobWorks Career Ministry Meeting is presenting 'Networking Without the Cringe- Warming up to Networking to Achieve your Career Goals' at St. Michael's on Thurs, Aug 14, at 8:30am.
- The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct 24-26 at Emerald Isle will help you to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Sign up today!
- Care For God's Planet Team is seeking members to help serve the parish utilizing Laudato Si' principles. Click here for more information. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug 14. at 7pm. All are welcome!

Pictures of the Week



Joseph Paul Selzer was baptized on Saturday, August 2nd.



Camryn Rose Bailey and Andrew Peter Nachajski were baptized on Saturday, August 2nd.



Last week, our middle schoolers had an amazing time at Life Teen Camp Hidden Lake!



Our high schoolers had an incredible time last week at Life Teen Camp Covecrest!



The convalidation of Adam and Lauren Leviner was celebrated on July 31st.






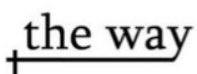

The wedding of Sarah and Pedro Hernandez was celebrated on August 2nd.

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Faith Formation

[Click HERE for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Calendar](#)

				
<p>Grades K – 4 & Parents</p> <p>Parent Enrichment</p> <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>6:15 – 7:30 pm</p> <p><u>StMM Church & School</u></p>	<p>Grades 5 & 6</p> <p>Parent Enrichment</p> <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>6:15 – 7:30 pm</p> <p><u>StMM Gym</u></p>	<p>Middle School – Grades 7 & 8</p> <p>Sunday Evenings</p> <p>7:15 – 8:30 pm</p> <p><u>StMM Gym</u></p>	<p>High School – Grades 9 & 10 Pre-Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday Evenings</p> <p>7:15 – 8:30 pm</p> <p><u>StMM Church</u></p>	<p>High School – Grades 11 & 12 Post Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday Evenings</p> <p>Time & location determined by small group</p>
<p>Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar)</p>				

GATHER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gather meets Tuesdays
from 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Please consider
joining our Core Team
email: will@stmm.net



[Please click HERE for more information](#)

GATHER

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EDGE

**Registration is open
Register Now**

Late Fees apply after 8/30/25

www.stmm.church/religious-ed

Questions K-4: will@stmm.net
Grades 5-8: ritchie@stmm.net
Grades 9-12: furnier@stmm.net

[Please click HERE to register for Religious Education](#)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School
Beach
Retreat**



AUGUST 15-17, 2025

FORT CASWELL
OAK ISLAND, NC

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1ST
\$250

[Please click HERE to register or for more information](#)

Questions about Faith Formation:

GATHER (K-4th grade)- contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)- contact Sarah St. Aubin at st.aubin@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7307

EDGE (7th & 8th grade)- contact Sarah St. Aubin at st.aubin@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7307

Apostello and the Way (9th-12th grade)- contact Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

Confirmation- contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net

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