

### A Note from Father Francis

#### YOU CAN BE BARNABAS (SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT) Why not?

This Wednesday, we celebrated the memorial of St. Barnabas, who is a Levi surnamed Joseph, who lived on the Mediterranean Island of Cyprus, and was one of the earliest followers of Christ. **Joseph**, because of his approachable character and love to encourage everyone to move above and beyond, was nicknamed by the apostles BARNABAS (cf. Acts 4:36), of which in Hebrew/Aramaic is **Ben Nevu**, which means "son of the prophet," also translated as "son of encouragement."

**Barnabas,** a Levi, must have been expected by his tribe to play specific religious duties for Israelites and do political responsibilities as well, because the spirit of the Jewish system was especially strong in the Levites. However, it is believed that he visited Jerusalem for the Pentecost, and his faith in the gospel and as an earlier follower of Jesus, set him on fire. This exposure made him break away from his former strict religious system to embrace Christianity for the love of Jesus, His Church, and neighbor. He sold his field and laid the money at the apostles' feet (Acts 4:37) and also recommended Paul to the other apostles (ref. Acts 9:27), as well as working with him to enrich the early Church (cf. 1 Cor. 9:6).

My concern, as we come from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds with varied faith and liturgical experiences just like Barnabas;

Reflect with me; how would you put to use your experiences?

Do you feel an urge to let go of your individual differences, personal preferences (even at liturgy, hmmm...) to build a more sacred and vibrant faith-filled worshiping community for even those to come?

How much do you put aside for your offertory and other parish community missions?

Gracious Father, give us the wisdom to seek You in everything we do and say for the greater glory of Your name. Amen.

I love you.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

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# Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

#### Saturday June 14

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

#### Sunday June 15 Happy Father's Day

9am- Mass (William McDonnell +)

11am- Mass (Michael Grimaldi +)

#### **Monday June 16**

9am- Mass (Al Mittelmaier)

### Mass This Weekend

Click HERE to Stream our 9am Mass

#### **Music for Sunday Masses**

Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy

Responsorial Psalm: 8 O Lord Our God

Preparation: Who You Say I Am Communion 1: Abba Father Communion 2: Trust in God Communion 3: Jesus I Surrender Sending Forth: Go Make A Difference 6:30pm- Family Rosary

#### **Tuesday June 17**

9am- Mass (Frank Ribaudo +)

#### Wednesday June 18

9am- Mass (Kathy McGinn +)

#### **Thursday June 19**

9am- Mass (Victoria Semprini +) 9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

#### Friday June 20

9am- Mass (Jessica Jones)

#### **Saturday June 21**

8:30am- KofC Blood Drive 10:30am- Confessions 5pm- Mass (Vivian Broll +)

#### **Sunday June 22**

9am- Mass (Deborah Bodei & Arthur Mikucki+)

11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

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This week's altar flowers are **donated by**:

Frank DeMaria in memory of Theodora "Tia" DeMaria

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 <a href="here">here</a>. For questions, contact floralministry@stmm.net

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## Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



### POWER AND PURPOSE CONFERENCE

JUNE 20-22 at Franciscan University
et Jesus renew your heart and refresh your spirit.

At the Power and Purpose Conference, experience the peace and power of the Holy Spirit as you hear from inspiring speakers, join in worship, and gather as a community. Find the healing, hope, and joy to

live in true freedom.
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from StMM and enjoy
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Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held on Saturday June 21st, 8:30am to 1pm in the STMM School parking lot. Reserve your time by clicking on the following link:

https://donor.oneblood.org/don or/schedules/drive\_schedule/ 1652262 Help us save lives!

Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville Ohio on June 20-22. Come experience the power and healing of the Holy Spirit.

Register for the conference here using group ambassador code 25McCleskey Questions? powerandpurposeraleigh@gm ail.com

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

Please click on the link for more information.

### **Church News**

### Ministries, Groups, & Events

Parish Office- Summer Hours 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Mon - Fri  Camp Joshua, a Pro-Life camp for high schoolers, will be held at Our If you need assistance outside these hours, please schedule an appointment.

- Baptism Information
- Safe Environment Training for Volunteers
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)
   For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. New cohort starting on 6/23.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick- Next series starting in Oct
- 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
- Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26
- Sound and Video System Help is Urgently Needed at StMM
- StMM Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is in need of donations to help purchase materials

### School News

• StMM School Tours for Prospective Students

### Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Hearts on Fire- a Charismatic Prayer Group with Deacon Dev will begin on 6/26
- Migrant Ministry will collect clothing and OTC meds after Masses on 6/28
   6/29- Donations appreciated too

- Lady of Lourdes on 6/13-6/14
- Habitat for Humanity- Join other StMM parishioners on Sat, 8/9, to help build homes for those in need.
- Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministrysign up to pray for our priests
- Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville, OH on 6/20-6/22
- 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 Podcast Series will be held during the summer at StMM & a Book Study in Sept
- Encounter Ministry is presenting School of Identity at St. Michael's on 6/27-6/28
- Mother Teresa Catholic Church Annual Yard Sale on Sat, 6/21
- Knights of Columbus Blood Drive on 6/21 at StMM- reserve your spot here
- Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) will be handing out donation bags to help infants through preschoolers on 6/14 & 6/15 for return on 6/21 & 6/22
- Krispy Kreme Donuts will be on sale after both Masses on Sun, 6/22, to support NC State Catholic Campus Ministry's Annual Retreat

### **Pictures of the Week**







Mason Wood was baptized on Saturday, June 7th.

Wesley James Doran was baptized on Saturday, June 7th.

Hadley Marie Kretiv was baptized on Saturday, June 7th.



Alexandra and Grant Mace were married on Friday, June 6th.



StMM children decorated placemats on Service Saturday, June 7, to be used during meals at Kairos prison ministry weekends.



StMM children enjoyed decorating lots of placemats for Kairos prison ministry weekends.



Parishioners volunteered for Brown Bag Ministry on Service Saturday, June 7th, in honor of StMM's 25th Anniversary.



Lots of meals were prepared by our parishioners for Brown Bag Ministry on Service Saturday.



Parishioners from STMM volunteered at Catholic Parish Outreach on June 7, as part of our Service Saturday 25th Anniversary event.

# **THANK YOU!**

to everyone who volunteered their time and talent to make our 25th Anniversary Service Saturday a success. We were able to bless many in our community who are less fortunate.

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### **Faith Formation**

Click HERE for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Calendar

#### **Questions about Faith Formation:**

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

For **THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie at <u>ritchie@stmm.net</u>.or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie at <u>ritchie@stmm.net</u> or 919-657-4800



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For Apostello and the Way (9th-12th grade)- contact Niki Furnier at <a href="mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net">nfurnier@stmm.net</a> or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation-** contact the coordinator at **confirmation@stmm.net** 

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