June 6, 2025

## A Note from Father Mike

St. Mary 🔀 Magdalen

Happy Pentecost Everyone... (2) We hear in the first reading this weekend about the account of Pentecost. Mary and the Apostles were gathered together in one place, in prayer, when suddenly a strong driving wind and tongues of fire descended upon them from the heavens. The gift of the Holy Spirit came upon them in a very special way. As the apostles proclaimed the good news, everyone heard the good news proclaimed in their own language.

Many scholars claim that Pentecost is the time when the Church came to birth. The moment when God's blessing poured out upon us and the Church. So, what does it all mean for us today? Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the gift of the Holy Spirit moves those who receive it into action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

The account of Pentecost can also help us to understand how God sees creation. Simply put, diversity is one of God's greatest gifts to the world. At Pentecost, God through the Holy Spirit does not erase our differences, but embraces the fact that God has made us all so wonderfully different. I believe the richness of the world's cultures is a great learning opportunity provided by God for us to learn how to love. To love someone that is like us is easy, but to love someone that is different is a true test of love.

Heavenly Father, you have shown us a path that leads to understanding, truth, and love. Help us to truly love you and our neighbor. Teach us to cherish our differences as precious gifts.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

**Giving Portal** 

### Parish Office- Summer Hours

Monday, June 9 – Tuesday, August 5

The Parish Office will be open: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday If you need assistance outside these hours, please contact a staff member to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

#### Friday June 6

9am- Mass (Healing for Elaine Lux) First Friday Adoration will be after Daily Mass in the Chapel until 7pm

#### Saturday June 7

StMM Service Saturday is today! Thank you for volunteering

### lass This Weekend

#### Click HERE to Stream our 9am Mass

#### Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon Responsorial Psalm: 104: Lord Send Out your Spirit Preparation: Refiner Communion 1: We Belong to You Communion 2: Holy Spirit Communion 3: Rest on Us 10am- First Saturday Rosary in the Chapel with Ignited byTruth 10:30am- Confessions 5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Bakers+)

#### Sunday June 8- Pentecost

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM) 11am- Mass (Earl Frederick, Sr. +) 12:30pm- Gabriel Project meeting

#### Monday June 9

Summer Parish Office Hours Start today (10am-2pm) 9am- Mass (Charles Roba +) 6:30pm- Family Rosary

#### Tuesday June 10

9am- Mass (John Santori +) 4pm- Care for God's Planet meeting 7pm- Forward in Hope

#### Wednesday June 11

9am- Mass (Adiel Anghie +) 10am- Forward in Hope

#### Thursday June 12

8:30am JobWorks Career meeting 9am- Mass (Janice Kibler White +) 9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

#### Friday June 13

9am- Mass (St. Anthony)

#### 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 +) Sending Forth: This is Amazing Grace

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This week's altar flowers are donated by: Kathy Hinkston In memory of Theresa Meyer on her birthday and

by Alexandra Demsko, from her wedding 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 <u>here</u>. For questions, contact <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>

### Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



Care For God's Planet-Do you feel called to serve God through social and environmental

action? The Care for God's Planet Team is seeking members to help serve the parish, utilizing Laudato Si' principles to care for our common home - planet Earth. If interested, please contact <u>STMMCareForGodsPla</u> net@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is June 10th at 4pm in church room 4. All are welcome.



Service Project -This summer, 56 volunteers

Appalachia

from StMM will be heading up the mountain to serve in Perry County, Kentucky with Appalachia Service Project. We will serve June 22-28th, 2025. ASP provides home repair to families in central Appalachia, focusing on projects that make homes warmer, safer, and drier. We are honored to represent the love of Christ shared by our StMM family as we serve. Your support will allow us to be best prepared to serve the families and staff that we encounter on ASP. Click HERE for ways you can support ASP.



#### TASTE AND SEE

 The New
Columbiettes
Cookbook "Taste and See" features
favorite recipes
from the

Columbiettes (appetizers, entrées, sides, desserts), and bonus recipes from our priests and deacons! With vibrant photos of St. Mary Magdalene, this beautiful cookbook makes a perfect gift for any occasion.**On sale after all Masses, June 7–8** Proceeds benefit parish and charitable causes. For more information contact: <u>fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@</u> gmail.com

## 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. 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
- We Want Your Input- Please fill out the StMM Parish Engagement Survey to help us grow our community and achieve our mission

#### School News

 StMM School Tours for Prospective Students

### Ministries, Groups, & Events

- First Saturday Rosary in the Chapel on 6/7 by Ignited by Truth
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Gabriel Project is seeking furniture & washer/dryer donations for a

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- Columbiettes' Cookbook are \$22 and available for purchase at the 6/7-6/8 weekend Masses
- Camp Joshua, a Pro-Life camp for high schoolers, will be held at Our 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
- 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
- NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home will have a prayer service at NC Museum of Natural Sciences on Sunday, 6/1
- JobWorks Career Ministry- Tell Me About a Time: Storytelling in Interviews on Thurs, 6/12
- 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

family in Apex

- Migrant Ministry will collect clothing and OTC meds after Masses on 6/28 & 6/29- Donations appreciated too
- Care For God's Planet team invites everyone to their next meeting on 6/10 at 4pm

## **Pictures of the Week**



Laynie Rose Gisondi was baptized this past Sunday, June 1st, by Msgr. Wall.



Fr. Mike and Laura Werner (back row, 3rd and 4th from the right) spent two weeks at Franciscan University completing the first part of a Spiritual Direction course.



The Columbiettes sold their Taste and See Cookbook, along with rosaries, at the Masses last weekend.



Last Saturday, 215 participants from 18 parishes came together for the Life in the Spirit seminar.

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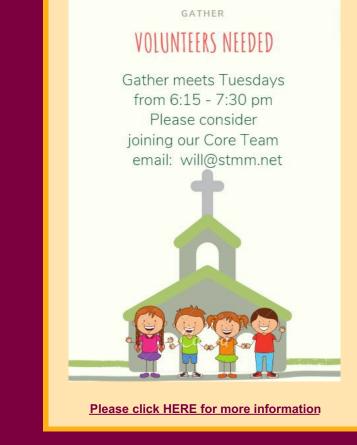


## **Faith Formation**

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 x7307

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

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

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