

A Note from Father Francis

ST. JOSEPH and SILENCE

Before we appreciate the silence of St. Joseph, allow me to take a glance at Scripture. The psalmist asks us to step aside in order to experience God: "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10). Silence helps us to foster spiritual growth, it connects us with God, and it helps us gain new insights, as also depicted in the life of the prophet Elijah. In 1 Kgs 19:1-18, while Prophet Elijah runs away from the fierce battle with the prophets of Baal and the hungry Jezebel, he meets God at Mount Horeb "in the sound of sheer silence" (1 Kgs 19:18). This silence completely changed the perspectives of both Elijah and the kingdom.

Our world generally lacks this silence, as many tend to concentrate all efforts on the socio-ecological challenges, the changing geopolitical landscape, socio-economic pressures, and the modern challenges befalling the family institution.

To marshal these challenges, we need a kind of silence offered by St. Joseph—husband of Mary—who was named Patron of the Universal Church by Bl. Pius IX, Pope. In his silence, St. Joseph was obedient to God, exhibited selfless love and dedication to family, and led by example through his actions. He was able to understand the divine instructions through the angel and the dreams when faced with difficult circumstances, such as taking Mary as his wife despite her pregnancy and fleeing to Egypt with Jesus and Mary to escape Herod's decree. Through his actions rather than words, Joseph demonstrated his faith, kindness, and faithfulness, serving as a model for husbands and fathers to lead by example. Joseph, without a word, demonstrates the importance of being present and involved in the family as a husband and father.

Let us pray for families where husbands and/or fathers are separated due to the nature of their work, those whom the devil has snatched and who have prioritized selfish agendas, and the absentee fathers who have lost hope in their families, that, looking at St. Joseph, they too will be inspired by silence to acknowledge and take up again their roles and responsibilities.

God is good.

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

Mar 21 - 5:30pm KoC Fish Fry
Mar 21 - 7pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 22 - 10:30am Confessions
Mar 22 - 5pm Mass
Mar 23 - 9 & 11am Mass
Mar 23 - 4:30pm Apostello
Mar 23 - 6pm Youth Mass
Mar 23 - 7:15pm EDGE & the Way
Mar 24 - 9am Mass
Mar 24 - 6:30pm Family Rosary
Mar 24 - 7pm Parish Lenten Mission

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm: 103 The Lord is Kind

Preparation: Open My Eyes

Communion 1: Pange Lingua

Communion 2: Like The Deer

Communion 3: Morning By Morning

Sending Forth: Enter The Journey

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Mar 25 - 9am Mass
 Mar 25 - 7pm Parish Lenten Mission
 Mar 26 - 9am Mass
 Mar 26 - 7pm Parish Lenten Mission
 Mar 27 - 9am Mass
 Mar 27 - 9:50am Morning Rosary with CSO
 Mar 28 - 9am Mass
 Mar 28 - Stations of the Cross to follow Mass
 Mar 28 - 10am 25 Hours of Adoration starts
 Mar 28 - 7pm Stations of the Cross
 Mar 29 - 10:30am Confessions
 Mar 29 - 5pm Mass
 Mar 30 - 9am & 11am Mass

Lenten Penance Schedule

Mar 24- 7pm St. Eugene
 Mar 26- 11am St. Catherine of Sienna
 Mar 26- 7pm St. Michael
 Mar 27- 11am St. Mary Magdalene
 Mar 27- 6:30pm Our Lady of La Vang
 Apr 1 - 11am Our Lady of Lourdes
 Apr 1 - 7pm St. Catherine of Sienna
 Apr 2 - 7pm St. Raphael
 Apr 4 - 10am St. Michael
 Apr 8 - 7pm Holy Name of Jesus

reserved.

Altar 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 [here](#). For questions, contact floralministry@stmm.net

Mass Intentions

Mar 22 - Parishioners of StMM
 Mar 23 - 9am- Richard McCarraher +
 Mar 23 -11am- Abby Bachman
 Mar 23 - 6pm- Mike Muller
 Mar 24 - Ida Fiumara +
 Mar 25 - Margaret Chase +
 Mar 26 - Bob and Betty Berg +
 Mar 27 - Terry Shackelton +
 Mar 28 - Helen and Peter Flynn +
 Mar 29 - Parishioners of STMM
 Mar 30 - 9am Jack Gabler +
 Mar 30 - 11am Gloria Jones +

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Open Your Heart, Open a Door

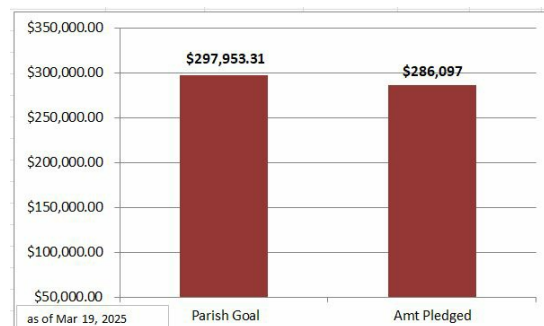
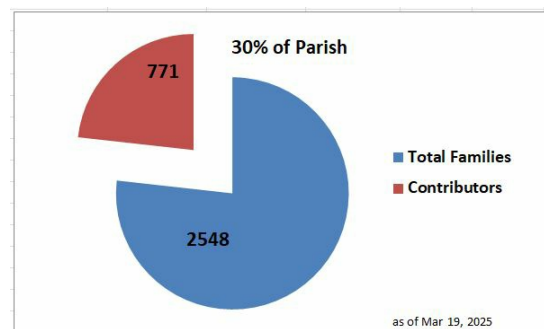


A Door to Hope for All

We are deeply grateful for your support of the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal! So far, we've **raised \$286,097 toward our**

goal of \$297,953.31, with 30% of our parish families contributing. Thanks to your generosity, **we're now at 96% of our goal, and just under \$12,000 away from reaching it!** Your contributions are making a **significant difference** in supporting the Diocese of Raleigh's essential programs and we are thankful for your support. If you haven't had the chance to donate yet, we invite you to prayerfully consider **making a gift today** to help us close the final gap. Every donation, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful impact.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



~PARISH LENTEN MISSION~

The Parish Lenten Mission will be from
March 24-26,
starting at 7pm each night.

Everyone is invited to come for an incredible experience of Reflection, Adoration, Preaching, and Confession.

Father Innocent, from The Franciscan Friars of Renewal, discusses the Jubilee Year theme for our Parish Lenten Mission.



Monday, March 24- Jubilee and the Eucharist
Tuesday, March 25 - Jubilee and Mercy
Wednesday, March 26 - Jubilee and Healing with a Eucharistic Healing Procession

Whether you come for one night or all three, you will be deeply blessed by the experience and leave with a renewed sense of faith and spiritual strength.

Confessions will be heard all three nights.



St Mary Magdalene's 25th Anniversary Celebration **25 Hours of Adoration in the Chapel** **March 28th through 29th**



Please join us and spend some time with our Lord in Adoration! As part of our 25 Year celebration, we will be holding **25 hours of Adoration** in the Chapel, from Friday, March 28 through Saturday, March 29. **We need a few more adorers to fill all the time slots .** For more information, or to sign up, please click [HERE](#). Thank You!

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**

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on 3/21, and 4/4- PreOrder Now**
- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Winners**

Volunteers

- Commemorative Bricks
- 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
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training 4/5 & 4/7
- Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment
- Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 6/21 to 6/24
- Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage
- StMM 25th Anniversary 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
- 40 Days for Life-Listen to Dr Robinson, a former abortion doctor on 3/22
- Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests

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
- Monarch Masters Golf Tournament on 3/24- Registration is Open
- StMM School Summer Camps Open to Parishioners - 6/9 through 6/27
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 3/21-3/23 or 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
- Family Honor's Real Love & Real Life: Living the Faith 3/28-3/29

Lent & Easter

- Lenten Mission with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on 3/24-3/26
- Stations of the Cross will be held twice a day on the Fridays in Lent
- Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever
- Ignited by Truth Catholic Conference in Raleigh on 4/4-4/5
- Hallow Pray 40
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on 3/21 and 4/4- PreOrder Now
- Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13 -Register [HERE](#)
- Pysanky Workshop to Decorate Eggs on 3/30
- 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
- Monarch Masters Golf Tournament on 3/24- Registration is Open
- Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction
- Encourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction
- Respect Life Monthly Prayer Guide for March 2025
- CPO Thanks You for your generous food donations
- Girl Scout Troop 1161 invites girls PreK to K, to learn about their troop

Pictures of the Week



The baptism of twins, Shepherd Sibley Petty and Elle Moore Petty, on Sunday, March 16th.



The wedding of Aoi and Brian Tirgrath on March 14th.



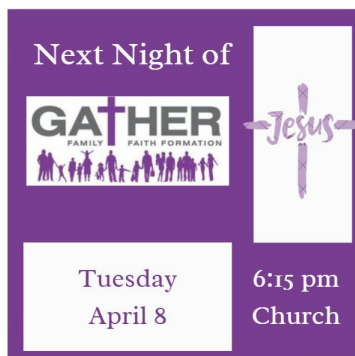
The convalidation of Kyle and Brooke Passione on March 17th.

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Faith Formation

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar



Questions:

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

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at 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!



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](#)

[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](#)

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 confirmation@stmm.net

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