

A Note from Father Francis

PRAY FOR A NEW POPE;

Many people are very anxious about the next Pope. The Church calls us to pray as our part in participating in the realization of a new Pope, after the heart of Jesus, the true shepherd of his people.

I therefore extend an invitation to each one of us to pray using the fourfold model of St. Catherine of Siena: a prayer for herself (personal conversion), for the reformation of the church, for the whole world - especially for peace among Christians- and for Divine Providence.

St. Catherine of Siena believed that while the nature and character of the Pope matter, a call to personal conversion is central to every Christian's call and vocation in the prophetic mission and reformation of the Church. She observed that the baptized form one mystical body of Christ with many diverse gifts and responsibilities. She also acknowledged that the love of God is impossible without the love of neighbor, and hence a universal call for conversion and courage on the part of the Popes, politicians, political leaders, and everybody.

Friends, the Church, being a rock as Christ willed it (cf. Mt 16:18), is not the effect of experiences or changes in people (Popes keep changing), neither is it an expression of psychological needs, cultural situations at any given time, or mere subjectivity. St. Catherine of Siena encourages us to participate by praying. We should pray more earnestly that the Church remains unshakable in her distinctive role as the dispenser of the objective truth from God for the good of man/woman and societal conscience.

Holy God release your Spirit of truth upon the conclave for the continuity of your Church and for the salvation of human kind.

God is good.

I love you.

Father Francis

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Friday May 2

9am- Mass (Michael L. Douglas +)
First Friday Adoration will be after Mass
in the Chapel until **6pm**

Saturday May 3

No Confessions
5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Baker +)

Sunday May 4

9am- Mass (Annabelle Firrincieli +)
11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
12:15pm- Power & Purpose Conference
information meeting

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon
Responsorial Psalm: 30: I Will Praise You
Lord
Preparation: Two Were Bound for Emmaus
Communion 1: Worthy is the Lamb
Communion 2: I Shall Not Want
Communion 3: Morning by Morning
Sending Forth: This is Amazing Grace

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the music in this service obtained from ONE

4:30pm- Apostello
6pm- Youth Mass (Robert Awrey)
7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

Monday May 5

9am- Mass (Michael Schnorr +)
6:30pm- Family Rosary

Tuesday May 6

9am- Mass (Marjorie Harvey +)
6pm- ASP Meeting
7pm- Forward in Hope

Wednesday May 7

9am- Mass (Ronald Pollick +)
10am- Forward in Hope
7pm- Frassait Young Adult Meeting

Thursday May 8

9am- Mass (Joyce Porter +)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO
7pm- Bible Study

Friday May 9

9am- Mass (Liz Reese +)

Saturday May 10

No Confessions
5pm- Mass (Doris Orozco +)

Sunday May 11 Happy Mother's Day

9am- Mass (Charles Roba +)
11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

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This week's altar flowers are **donated by Christine Agius in memory of Joan Keary**

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

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**
- **Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev**
- **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick begins on May 15th**
- **Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment**
- **Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 6/21 to 6/24**

Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- **Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team**
- **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**
- **May the Fourth be with you! Come to an Open House on 5/4 after Mass to learn more about the Power and Purpose Conference**
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 5/2-5/4**
- **Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events**

- Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage 6/27 to 6/29
- StMM 25th Anniversary Events
- Altar Flowers- click here to donate flowers to beautify the altar at StMM
- 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
- Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion
- Project Rachel Retreat 6/6 to 6/8
- 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

School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students
- 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
- Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry is having their 13th Annual Pig Picking on 4/26
- Forward in Hope- Grief Support Group to begin in May
- JobWorks Career Ministry presents: Inside State Jobs: Landing a Career with North Carolina on 5/8
- Walking with Purpose Podcast Series will be held during the summer at StMM & a Book Study in Sept
- Respect Life Ministry- Prayer intentions collected before & after Mass on 5/3 & 5/4 in the narthex

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Life in the Spirit Seminar on 5/31
- Columbiettes Cookbook- Coming Soon!
- Catholic Women 18 yrs and older- We invite you to join the Mulholland Columbiettes!
- CSO Catholic Senior Organization for women and men 60+
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball
- Knights of Columbus BBQ Dinner Fundraiser for Individuals with Disabilities on Sat, 5/17
- Respect Life Ministry- Every Mother will be given a flower on Mother's Day
- The Diocese of Raleigh's Care for Creation Resources
- CRS Rice Bowls- Please submit your final Lenten donations
- Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26
- NC Right to Life Rally & March on Sat, 5/17 in Raleigh

Pictures of the Week



The wedding of Catherine and Josh McCrackan on April 25th.



The wedding of Caroline and Harrison Callea on April 26th.



The wedding of Mikaela and Max Rerkpattanapipat on April 26th.



This past Sunday, our 5th and 6th graders had a memorable day filled with faith and friendship at the Rock Retreat.



On Wednesday, April 30th, 119 of our high school students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Luis Zarama.



On Saturday, April 19th, Fr. Mike blessed parishioners' Easter food, which was set in front of the altar. Many families brought beautiful food baskets to be blessed.



Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated on Sunday, April 27th, with singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, Benediction, and Reconciliation. Members from the Order of Saint Lazarus reverently processed the Divine Mercy image into our sanctuary for veneration.



Following Daily Mass on Thursday, May 1st, StMM students took part in the May Crowning, honoring our Blessed Mother with flowers in both the church and the garden.

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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!

[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 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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