

## A Note from Father Francis

### VISITATION OF MARY

On May 31st, the Mother Church celebrates the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Allow me in this note to share with you an inspiration I've drawn from this visitation to Elizabeth.

In the Gospel of Luke 1:36, it is said, 'And now your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.' And in verses 39-56, Mary set out and went with haste and significant miracles that heightened the gospel happen with this encounter and kind of ignited the story and shaping of our salvation.

It appears as if Mother Mary is, in one way or the other, asking us to consider charity visits as another method of bringing Christ to the people, other than waiting for them. Our simple visits can mean a lot to the people of God. Just consider the greeting alone; John the Baptist leapt with joy (a gesture of love heals even the unborn- what do you think would happen with those conflicting because of wounded relationships- within family or outside!).

Mary, remembering how her cousin had grieved for so long because of being childless, and, more so, being aware that her cousin would not handle it alone, felt a need to help with household affairs. As schools break for summer, maybe consider spending some time sharing our sorrows and joys with your bigger families, visiting neighbors, or spending time in any humanitarian involvement. Your presence in someone's life may be all that is needed to bring the joy of the gospel.

I pray that the Holy Spirit, who used Mother Mary as mediatrix between God and man for the first time, will use you to bring about the presence of Christ in your neighbor's life.

God is good

I love you.

Fr. Francis

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## StMM Service Saturday on Saturday, June 7th

In celebration of StMM's 25th Anniversary, we're giving back to our local community with a special **Service Saturday**. There are volunteer opportunities available for all ages, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Join your fellow StMM parishioners in sharing your time and talents to support those in need.

[Please click here to see all the volunteer opportunities](#)

Thank you for being part of this special effort to serve others as a parish community. Your willingness to give your time and heart in honor of our 25th anniversary is a beautiful reflection of who we are at StMM.

## Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

### Saturday May 31

9:30am- Life in the Spirit Seminar  
10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Margaret & William Chase +)

### Sunday June 1

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
11am- Mass (Helen Moore +)  
7pm- Gabriel Project Domestic Violence  
Info Zoom Session

### Monday June 2

9am- Mass (Mary & Louis Cavaluchi +)  
6:30pm- Family Rosary

### Tuesday June 3

9am- Mass (Karl Boatman +)  
7pm- Forward in Hope

### Wednesday June 4

9am- Mass (Bill & Carol Gaffron +)  
10am- Forward in Hope

### Thursday June 5

9am- Mass (Seth Washburn for Graduation)  
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

### 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  
10am- First Saturday Rosary in the Chapel with Ignited byTruth  
10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Bakers+)

### Sunday June 8

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

## Mass This Weekend

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

### Music for Sunday Masses

**Gathering:** Alleluia Entrance Antiphon  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 47 God Mounts His Throne

**Preparation:** God Whose Purpose is to Kindle

**Communion 1:** Worthy is The Lamb

**Communion 2:** I Am The Bread of Life/Come follow Me

**Communion 3:** Refiner

**Sending Forth:** Praise

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This week's altar flowers are **donated** by:  
**Geri Cullen in loving memory of my parents, Mary & Louis Cavaluchi and Samuel Wray in memory of Zara Anne Wray.**

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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

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

Please click on the link for more information.

### Church News

- **StMM \*25th Anniversary Event\* Service Saturday on June 7th**
- **Baptism Information**
- **Safe Environment Training for**

### Ministries, Groups, & Events

- **Life in the Spirit Seminar on 5/31**
- **Columbiettes' Cookbook are \$22 and available for purchase at all weekend masses 5/31-6/1 & 6/7-6/8**

### 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

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### School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students

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### Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Domestic Violence Information Zoom Session, hosted by Gabriel Project, on Sunday, 6/1, at 7pm
- Thank you for making The Run For Life a tremendous success
- First Saturday Rosary in the Chapel on 6/7 by Ignited by Truth
- StMM \*25th Anniversary Event\* Service Saturday on June 7th - Sign up Soon!

- 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 Ministry- sign 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
- Project Rachel Retreat 6/6 to 6/8
- 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](#)
- Yard Sale at St. Ha-Sang Paul Catholic Church on Sat 5/31
- 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
- Care For God's Planet team invites everyone to their next meeting on 6/10 at 4pm

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### Pictures of the Week



Samantha and Jacob Keating were married on Saturday, May 25th.



Second-grade teachers Mrs. Davidson-Dyer and Mrs. Gunter show their 'God is Good, All the Time' T-shirts to Father Francis.

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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](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

For **THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

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

For **Confirmation**- contact the coordinator at [confirmation@stmm.net](mailto:confirmation@stmm.net)

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