

A Note from Father Mike

Happy Fourth Sunday of Easter...☺ In this weekend's readings we see the beginning of Paul's missionary journey. It is important to note that Paul and Barnabas did not begin this journey based on their own ideas. They were called by the Holy Spirit to this work. The church had fasted, prayed, laid hands on them and sent them on their way. They did not have success in every place they preached. Far from it, for they were run out of Antioch of Pisidia. In shaking the dust off their feet, they were saying they did not want to take anything of that city with them. They did not take the rejection from the people of the city personally, and they did not doubt God's mission for them. They just moved along to the next town.

Often, when we feel called to do something for God, we may begin with stars in our eyes. We think that if God has called us to do something, then we will have nothing but success. Then when resistance comes, or when we experience what we interpret as failure, we withdraw from the work, thinking that we must have misinterpreted God's call.

I think there is a good life lesson here. When we try to do what is God's will, what is right, just, and true, what is morally good, we should expect resistance. We may ask ourselves "Why" does this happen if we are trying to do God's will? We need to keep in mind that the enemy does not want the works of God to advance. We are in a spiritual battle when we are laboring in God's vineyard. An important thing to remember is that we are not in the battle alone. If God has called us, he is with us. And if he is with us, if he is on our side, if he is for us, who can be against us? In other words, it does not matter if we have opposition, because God's purposes will always prevail in the end. We should persevere in our Christian faith despite challenges and temptations. Remember what St. Paul said, "*fight the good fight of faith*". Sure, there may be struggles and setbacks, but those are the times when we should rejoice like the apostles, because it is then that we have confirmation that we are on the right track.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

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)

Monday May 12

9am- Mass (Robert Riccardi +)

6:30pm- Family Rosary

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm: 100: We are His People

Preparation: Morning by Morning

Communion 1: O God My Soul is Thirsting
(Psalm 63)

Communion 2: Holy Spirit

Communion 3: I'm The Good Shepherd

Sending Forth: Your Love Defends Me

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7pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday May 13

9am- Mass (Dorothy Lerro Nelke +)

7pm- Forward in Hope

Wednesday May 14

9am- Mass (Lizzie Reese +)

10am- Forward in Hope

Thursday May 15

9am- Mass (David Lambeth, Sr. and

David Lambeth Jr +)

9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

6:30pm- Bible Study

Friday May 16

9am- Mass (Thomas Rokoske +)

Saturday May 17

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Tatyana Taura +)

5pm to 7:30pm- Knights of Columbus

BBQ Dinner Fundraiser at StMM

Sunday May 18

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

11am- Mass (Kyle Luther)

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This week's altar flowers are **donated by:**
Christopher Navolio and Karen Kovacs - God Bless Ashton Walker on his First

Communion and remembering Helen D. Lukesh, mother, grandmother and great grandmother

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

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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 Wed, May 14th**
- **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**
- **StMM 25th Anniversary Events**
- **Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from**

Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- **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**
- **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**
- **Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events**
- **Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion**

4/28/26 through 5/8/26

- Sound and Video System Help is Urgently Needed at StMM
- Commemorative Bricks are now installed outside the Activities Building- New Brick order in 2026

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

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!

- 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
- Forward in Hope- Grief Support Group to begin in May
- Walking with Purpose Podcast Series will be held during the summer at StMM & a Book Study in Sept
- Respect Life Ministry- Every Mother will be given a flower on Mother's Day
- The Diocese of Raleigh's Care for Creation Resources
- 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



Araceli Ximena Garcia Witchger was baptized on Sunday, May 4th.



Andrew John Tascione was baptized on Saturday, May 3rd.



Congratulations to Seraphina North, who made her First Communion on Monday, May 5th.



Abby & Max Pataky made their First Communion on Friday, May 2nd, with their Core Team Leaders Jackie Centamore and Katie Lowell.



Congratulations to everyone who made their First Communion on Saturday, May 3rd and on Sunday, May 4th.



Fr Francis visited the NC Zoo with StMM's 3rd graders last week.



Fr Francis joined parishioners at a Durham Bulls game on Friday, May 2nd.

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Faith Formation

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Questions about Faith Formation:

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

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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