

A NOTE FROM DEACON DEV

The significance of the resurrection cannot be overstated. It is recorded in all four gospels whereas Christmas is only recorded in two of them. There are at least 15 historical references of the resurrected Jesus meeting, touching, and talking to people. But perhaps the most compelling proof of the Resurrection is that the apostles were willing to die for their belief in it. Would they have done this if they had invented a risen Jesus? No, they did this because they had *encountered* a risen Jesus.

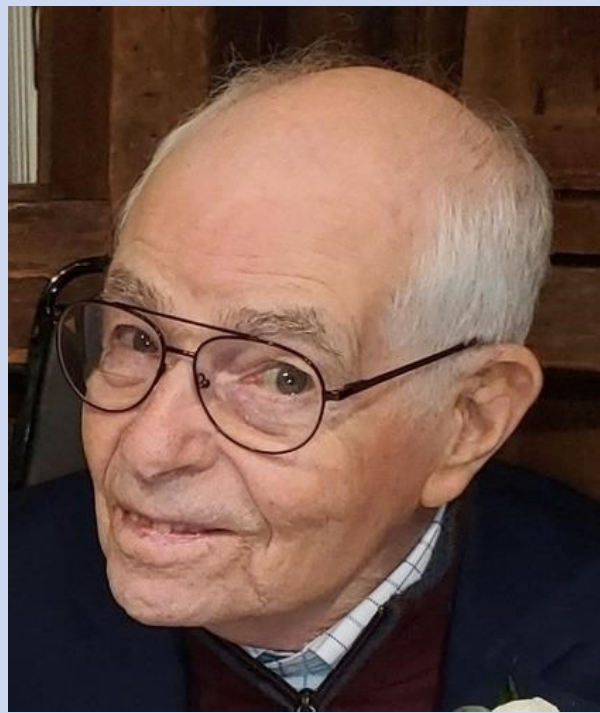
Why is the Resurrection so important? Because without it "... our faith is in vain ... our faith is a delusion, and we are still lost in our sins" (1 Corinthians 15). Without the resurrection, Jesus may have been considered to be a moral teacher, or even a good person who met a tragic end. But given the very serious claims he made, in all likelihood, he would have gone down in history as a liar or even a lunatic and frankly, everything we do in the Church would just be a waste of time.

And so, it was vitally important that the apostles were competent witnesses. Through our baptism, we are also called to be witnesses to the Resurrection – not to the actual one of course, but to the *power* of the Resurrection in our lives. More than apologetics, doctrine, traditions, rituals, the most visible sign in the world of God's power is a *changed or transformed life*.

We are called to be an Easter people. We know that Easter is not just a date on the calendar - it is the assurance that God's love and mercy is greater than anything in the world. The world is hurting and looking for a source of hope. As we continue this Easter Season, let us ask the Risen Christ to continue to transform us so that we can be more effective witnesses to the good news and to the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

[Giving Portal](#)

Deacon Joe LaPierre



October 30, 1931 - April 14, 2026

We remember with gratitude and prayer Deacon Jo LaPierre, who passed away on April 14. During his time at St. Mary Magdalene, Deacon Jo served with a generous heart and a deep love for Christ and His Church. Through his ministry of the Word, service, and charity, as well as his presence in parish life and care for others, he touched many lives in meaningful ways.

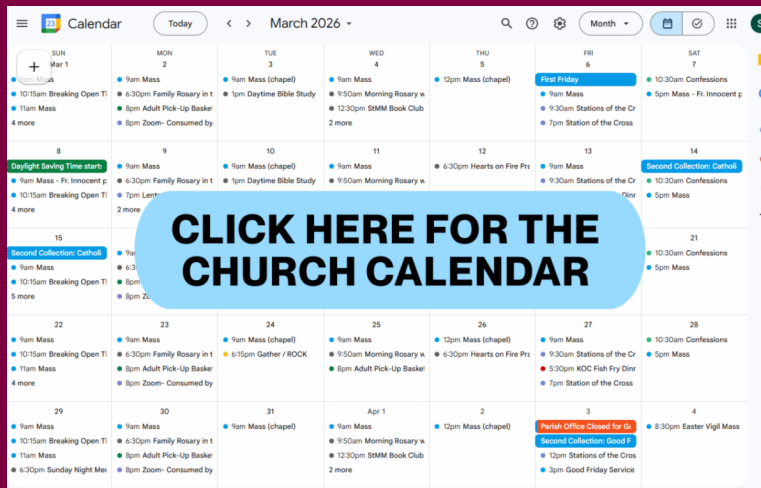
We give thanks for his faithful service and the witness of his vocation. Please join us in praying for the repose of his soul and for comfort and peace for his family and loved ones. May he rest in the peace of Christ.



Deacon Joe is pictured here at our church dedication on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

A link to Deacon Joe's obituary can be found [HERE](#).

Our calendar is now available online! Click here to view our new Google Calendar, where you can click on each event for more details.



FOR BEST VIEWING, OPEN THE CALENDAR ON YOUR LAPTOP OR PC

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our **9am Sunday Mass** and our **Mon/Wed/Fri weekday Masses**.

Music for Easter Sunday Mass

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm: 16 You Will Show Me

Preparation: Praise You Anywhere

Communion 1: Two Were Bound for Emmaus

Communion 2: I Shall Not Want

Communion 3: Morning by Morning

Sending Forth: This is Amazing Grace

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Would you like to donate flowers to beautify the altar and church for weekend Masses? If so, please go [here](#) to sign up.

Flowers may be donated to mark

a special occasion or made in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Questions? Please email floralministry@stmm.net



SCAM ALERT

You might have received an email that appears to come from Fr. Mike asking for help, money, or gift cards. Please know that these

are phishing emails and they

are a scam. All legitimate emails from Fr. Mike will ONLY come from mcoveyou@stmm.me. If you ever have a question about the legitimacy of an email from Fr. Mike, contact Deb Prewitt, our parish secretary, at prewitt@stmm.net. Thank you!

Parish Life Center

Amount: \$ _____

Envelope No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church - Apex, NC

Are you making a payment to the Parish Life Center?

To help keep everything

organized and ensure your payments are properly credited, please use these designated envelopes when making your PLC contributions for the new building. Using these envelopes helps reduce confusion and allows us to process your gifts more efficiently.

Envelopes are available in the narthex, at the parish office, or can be mailed to you upon request.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Tax Season

Directions for accessing your 2025 StMM tax statement can be found [HERE](#). We are grateful for your continued support of St. Mary Magdalene Parish.

Your generosity sustains our parish and is vital to keeping St. Mary Magdalene running and fulfilling its mission. Thank you!

Would you like to set up an automatic draft to support St. Mary Magdalene?

Directions can be found [HERE](#). Thank you for your generosity, which in turn helps St. Mary Magdalene continue serving and supporting you and our entire parish community.

StMM Ministry and Group Events

APRIL



Please support the upcoming Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, April 18 from 8:30am to 1pm** in the St. Mary Magdalene parking lot. Look for the Big Red Bus!

The need for blood is constant, and your donation can help save lives. Please consider giving this simple and meaningful gift.

Reserve your time here:

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1744350

StMM Community Golf Outing
Hosted by **Parish Athletics**

SPONSOR A HOLE

\$125 BUSINESS & FAMILY SPONSORS WELCOME

All proceeds will support the construction of a new restroom facility at the Apex Parish Athletics Field!
Contact parishathleticsinfo@gmail.com for more information!

StMM Community Golf Outing
April 20th
Devils Ridge Golf Club
Hosted by **Parish Athletics**

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StMM Community Golf Outing hosted by Parish Athletics- April 20th Happy April! Our StMM Community Golf Outing is just around the corner! Join us on April 20th at Devils Ridge Golf Club! **Limited foursomes remain- Register HERE to Golf!** Can't make it to the tournament? **Sponsor a hole with your family or business name for \$125-- Register HERE to Sponsor!**

COLUMBIETTES COOKBOOK

Taste & See

Only \$20
At all Masses April 25-26
Supplies are limited

Fr. H. Charles Mulholland
Columbiettes
St. Mary Magdalene Church
Apex, North Carolina

Come get your Columbiettes Cookbook 'Taste and See' sales after all Masses Apr 25-26! The cookbooks are chock full of the Columbiettes' favorite family recipes and a few from our priests and deacons, too! They make perfect Mother's Day, Father's Day, bridal shower, housewarming, hostess gifts! This is the last holiday special close out sale of \$20 per book, while quantities last. They also have combo sets gift wrapped with the incredible tomato slicer knife every kitchen needs!

Once they're gone, they're gone! We take cash, check or charge. Contact Linda Hergenroeder for more details, lhergens@bellsouth.net.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic faith? Are you a baptized Christian looking to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? Then you owe it to yourself to get more information on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church. **The next OCIA journey begins on April 27, 2026 for those who wish to be initiated into the Catholic faith.** Please contact Deacon Rick at stevens@stmm.me or 908-910-0309 for more information or to register. **Advance registration is required.**

Forward in Hope is a grief ministry for parishioners who have lost a loved one, with a new session beginning April 29, 2026. The ministry offers a compassionate, faith centered space where those who are grieving can find comfort, connection, and hope in Christ. Through six week sessions, participants are guided by scripture, invited to share their experiences, and supported by others who understand loss. While each grief journey is unique, this ministry helps connect the bereaved with the Church, the community, and the healing presence of the Lord.



Rooted in Catholic teaching, Forward in Hope places Jesus at the center of the healing journey and invites participants to entrust their loss and loneliness to Him. Please email stmmForwardinHope@stmm.net or call 919-657-4800 ext 7280

May

LIVING THE GOSPEL
THE CATHOLIC
DOCTRINE ON
IMMIGRATION

**TUESDAY
MAY 12TH,
2026** 7:00PM-8:30PM
IN THE CHAPEL

 **Presentation by Deacon
Joshua Klickman, M.A.**

 **Guest Speaker: Father
Francis**

 **Guest Speaker: Consuelo Kwee**

Care for God's Planet Team invites you to join them for a meaningful conversation on immigration and Catholic social teaching on Tuesday, May 12, from 7:00 to 8:30pm. They are honored to welcome Deacon Joshua Klickman, Coordinator of Human Life and Dignity for the Diocese of Raleigh, who will share how our faith calls us to respond with compassion, dignity, and justice. Father Francis will also present on immigration in Uganda, and Consuelo Kwee, Director of Immigration Services with the Diocese of Raleigh, will speak as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, reflect, and engage in dialogue on an important issue. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments provided. [Please RSVP here.](#)

June

Worship. Study. Pray. Grow.



**STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES**

Power and Purpose
JUNE 12-14, 2026

Discover your God given purpose at the Steubenville Conference: Power and Purpose, June 12 to 14, 2026.

This powerful weekend invites you to reignite your faith through dynamic speakers, meaningful worship, and authentic community. Encounter the healing power of the Holy Spirit, be inspired, and grow deeper in your relationship with Christ alongside fellow Catholics.

Join for a transformative experience of worship, study, prayer, and growth. You can register for the conference [HERE.](#)

StMM Ministry News

**Traveling
St. John
Vianney
Ministry**



[Sign up](#) to host one of our beautiful St. John Vianney statues in your home for a month. This is a simple but meaningful way to bring prayer into your home in a special and intentional way.

During his visit, take time each day to pray for our priests, seminarians, and religious using the prayers and resources provided. This devotion offers a powerful opportunity to support vocations and those who serve the Church, while also growing in faith through regular prayer.



Spend time in the peaceful presence of the Lord through **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, a quiet opportunity for individuals or families to pray and reflect before the exposed Eucharist. This beautiful time allows for personal prayer, meditation, and simply being present with the Lord. **Adorers may choose a scheduled one hour time each First Friday or simply stop in as their schedule allows.** The scheduled time is just one hour a month, yet a meaningful way to grow in faith. Adoration typically begins at 9:30am, following daily Mass in the Church, and continues until 7:00pm. Please contact Anita at alanitabecker@aol.com or call 919-280-8931 for more information.

Meetings, Events, & Information

Please click on the link for more details.



We are making improvements to our website!

As we work behind the scenes, you may notice a few minor technical glitches or broken links. Thank you for your patience while we complete these updates.

CHURCH

- Deacon Rick offers an Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep series Please click here for more information.
- Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or donation to our Parish Life Center campaign, enabling us to build a lasting space for our parish family. Campaign and donation information can be found [HERE](#).
- Breaking Open The Word is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.
- Are you gluten-free due to a medical condition and need a low-gluten Communion Host? Click here to learn how to receive low-gluten Communion at StMM.
- The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report and the 2025-2026 Quarterly Report are available on our website.

SCHOOL

- Thinking about a Catholic education for your child? StMM school tours are now being scheduled.
- 2026-2027 School Year Applications are now being accepted for 1st, 4th, and 6th grades.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

- Hearts on Fire, a charismatic prayer group with Deacon Dev, meets in the Chapel at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
- StMM Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The next meeting is on May 6. Everyone is welcome. Click here for more information.
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry-sign up to pray for our priests.
- Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion.
- Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction,

- St. Mary Magdalene's marriage enrichment fellowship group, Chrysalis, provides space monthly for couples to grow in their love for God & their spouse. Childcare is provided.
- Would you like to be an Angel for expectant mothers? Gabriel Project needs Walking Angel volunteers to accompany women facing crisis pregnancies with prayer, practical assistance, and loving friendship.
- Forward in Hope is a grief support group at StMM. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- 2026 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) applications are now being accepted for high school students and adults. Please go [HERE](#) to apply and for more information.
- A Call to Prayer rosary on Zoom is held every Tuesday at noon for human dignity and immigration.
- The 2026 Power and Purpose conference will be held in Steubenville, Ohio, on June 12-14. Click [here](#) for registration and more information.
- Walking with Moms in Need has a national monthly newsletter and this time it highlighted our local Gabriel Project/ Walking with Moms in Need ministry.
- Project Rachel retreat will be held June 12 to 14, 2026. This retreat offers a healing opportunity for individuals in need of post abortion support.
- and EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction have local chapters which meet regularly.
- Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) meets the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday, April 20, at 10:30am.
- Let Your Faith Flow- Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda! St. Mary Magdalene is launching the Uganda Water Project to bring life-changing clean water to the people of Kicheche, Uganda.
- Frassati is the Young Adult group at StMM offering faith, fellowship, and community. Email Nicole at frassati@stmm.net for more information.
- Birthchoice is recruiting volunteers for a new Pregnancy Resource Center which will support parents carrying to term a child with a prenatal diagnosis.
- Join the Triangle Women's Retreat on April 25 from 9:30am to 11:30am at St. Andrew's Care Center in Apex. Grow in faith through prayer and reflection. Click [here](#) to email for information and to RSVP.
- The Worldwide Marriage Encounter helps couples to communicate better in their relationship. Retreats are held throughout NC, including an upcoming weekend on May 1-3 in Raleigh.

PICTURES



What a beautiful Divine Mercy Sunday! 🙏
 Thank you to everyone who joined us for prayer, Adoration, Confession, and the Chaplet. It was a grace-filled time to reflect on God's endless mercy and love. Jesus, we trust in You!



Joel and Rhea Reji were married on Saturday, April 11, with Rev. Fr. Thomas Mangattu Mathai VC and Rev. Fr. Rajeev Valiyaveetil Philip officiating.



On Saturday, April 11, Fr. Mike celebrated the marriage of Henry and Kimberly Smith.

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Faith Formation

[Click HERE for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Calendar](#)



Questions about Faith Formation:

GATHER (K-4th grade)- contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)- contact Sarah St. Aubin at st.aubin@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7307

EDGE (7th & 8th grade)- contact Sarah St. Aubin at st.aubin@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7307

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

Confirmation- contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net

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