

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

To you dearly beloved young brothers and sisters as you enjoy this summer vacation, remember to take some moments away from this technologically sophisticated society to relax. Engage yourself in some of these existential questions so as not to get drained and lose your identity and also to be able to draw a line between your personal life while guarding against the overwhelming external pressures. As some of you are graduating, some are starting to consider their career and vocation, these questions become even more pertinent; Who am I? What is the purpose of my life? And about freedom; How free am I? What am I free from and or free to? Such questions can help to make your choices and the values you stand for, that ultimately will keep you true to yourself.

Friends, you are unlike the existentialists, who believe that we are born without a predetermined purpose and therefore define our own essence, meaning and values, through our own choices and actions. You don't need to be reminded that you are a child of God, who gave your life meaning and purpose and that your identity is unchanging like the nature of your God in whose image you are created. The psalmist in Psalm 138:8 says "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me." And in Eph 2:10 "We are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." You can therefore be sure that your purpose is not something that you have to invent but rather established in a lifelong relationship in God. God cares about you and challenges us to respond.

I pray for you to God whose intentions for your life as in Jeremiah 29:11 is for your hope, a prosperous future and ultimate wellbeing.

I love you all.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

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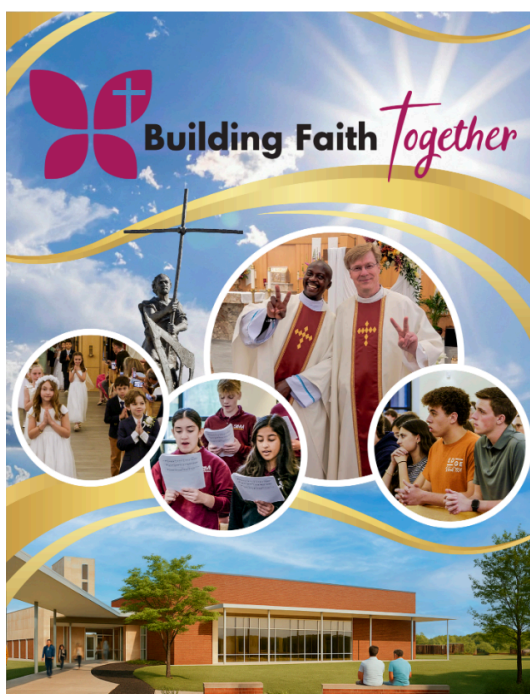


Farewell Reception for Fr. Mike

As we prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Mike, all parishioners are invited to join us for either cookies or donuts after all Masses on Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28.

Please stop by to thank Fr. Mike for his faithful service and the many blessings he has brought to our parish. Enjoy some refreshments, share fellowship with one another, and join us as we celebrate Fr. Mike's ministry and wish him God's abundant blessings in his new assignment.

Parish Life Center Update



Thank you to all that have pledged, contributed, or are discerning their support for the Parish Life Center.

With all the generous pledges already raised, we have begun to move the project from a concept to a reality on paper!

The architect team is busy doing construction drawings off of the design of the building.

The civil engineer has been working with the Town of Apex on issues like water supply, drainage, sidewalks, fire hydrant placements.

The electrical engineers are working on their drawings, same for the structural engineers, plumbers and others.

We have completed a traffic analysis, which is part of the Town of Apex requirements for this project to move forward.

We are planning to soon host a meeting for our community neighbors to educate them on our plans and answer their questions.

Next big step is to finalize potential cost of the construction and then seek Diocese of Raleigh approval for a construction loan.

The Town of Apex reports that the review process for a project this size will take 7-9 months so we hope to hear positive answers in early 2027.

If we get approval in early 2027, then ideally, we can begin site work in Spring 2027 and finish the project in Fall 2028. (All timelines are still tentative of course)

Your continued prayers of support and [financial commitments](#) will help to bring this project to fruition – so Thank you again!

Uganda Water Project

LET YOUR FAITH FLOW

Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda

Please watch the ***NEW*** video below where Fr. Francis shares how access to clean water especially helps women and young girls be able to stay in school.



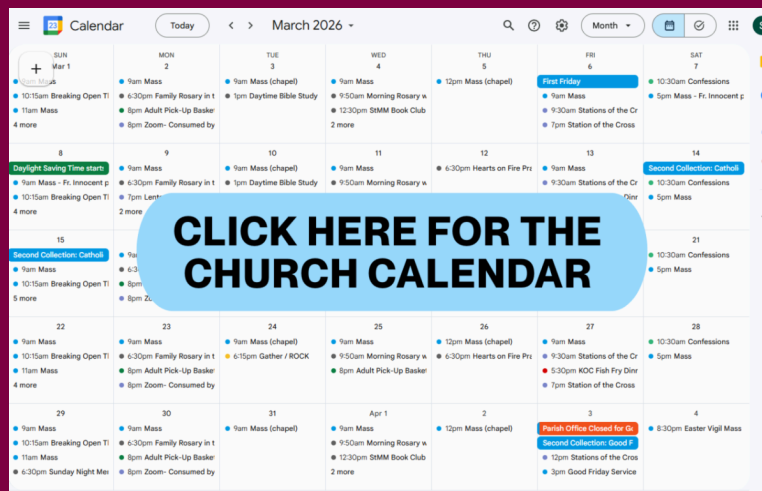
Fr. Francis has been deeply moved by the incredible generosity, prayers, and compassion shown by our parish family for his homeland. Every donation, every prayer, and every act of support helps make a life changing difference for families in need.

Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ by helping bring one of life's most essential blessings to those who need it most.

Uganda Water Donation

More information about the Uganda Water Project, plus videos of Father Francis' friends and family gathering water, can be found on our website [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 the weekend Masses

Gathering: Gather Your People

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100 We are His People

Preparation: Reckless Love

Communion 1: On Eagles Wings

Communion 2: I Shall Not Want



This week's altar flowers are donated by: **Frank DeMaria** in loving memory of Theodora "Tia" DeMaria

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

**Communion 3: I Know A Name
Sending Forth: Your Love Defends Me**

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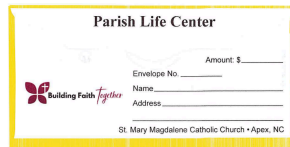
Please note that over the summer, our Parish Office and Chapel hours will be from **9am to 2pm**. Regular Parish Office and Chapel hours will resume on August 3. We wish everyone a safe and blessed



Road construction and resurfacing work will be taking place in neighborhoods surrounding St. Mary Magdalene in the coming months. This work is part of the Town of Apex's ongoing street maintenance efforts and may impact traffic patterns in the area. We will share more specific dates and updates as they become available. Information on the road construction may be found [HERE](#).



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.



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!**

StMM Ministry and Group Events

June



~COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND~

CPO is gathering a **specific list of items for baby, toddler and preschool aged children** who are underserved in our area. **Please only donate the items listed HERE**, as CPO is tight on space. **The following can be gently used or new:** Clothing **0 - 6T ONLY** (3T-5T are the greatest need), little kids shoes sizes 2 - 12, picture books infant to pre-school. Also needed: Formula, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), baby food, & baby wipes.

The Collection Date for the items will be June 13 & 14 at the CPO truck in front of church before and after all Masses. Financial donations can be dropped off at the CPO truck by cash, check, using the QR code on the CPO truck, or online at cporaleigh.org (Please note STMM).

Thank you for helping us serve our children in need!

Want to help build someone's future!? Literally BUILD it!

StMM's Habitat For Humanity social ministry has a build opportunity approaching on **Saturday, June 20th**. A Habitat build is a GREAT experience filled with hard work, service, and camaraderie. The site is in East Raleigh, near the Walnut Creek neighborhood. We start our day with donuts, how could you say no to that!? No previous build experience required, must be at least 16 years old to participate.

Click this link to sign up, make sure to select the **Old Poole Place** option **NOT Wendell**. Contact [Chris Inzirillo](#) for more details, or if you'd like to help with taking photos and preparing lunch.



July



If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you do not have to walk the journey alone. Forward in Hope is a Christ-centered faith sharing group that provides a caring community through prayer, Scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship.

A new session begins Wednesday, July 15.

For more information, contact

stmmForwardInHope@stmm.net

or call the parish office at 919.657.4800 ext. 7280.

StMM Ministry News



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS ARE IN!!!

The 2026 commemorative bricks have been installed! Take a stroll outside the Activity Building to find yours and see the many names and messages that help tell the story of our parish community.

The next order will begin Spring 2027. The order form will be made available on the website at that time.

Contact hoffman@stmm.net with any questions.



Apex-Cary Fall Soccer 2026- Register [HERE](#)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade. **Dates:** August to October. **Cost:** Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$85 **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Apex Fall Baseball 2026- Register [HERE](#)

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 4th grade. **Dates:** September to October. **Cost:** Pre-K/K- \$65; 1st thru 4th grade - \$70 **Note:** PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st - 4th grade play machine pitch. Pre-k and Kindergarten players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. 1st - 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays. 3rd/4th grade may be combined to one big team

that will practice and scrimmage together.



StMM is looking for new volunteers to join our Usher Ministry at the 9:00 AM Mass. If you can offer a warm smile, greet fellow parishioners, and help with the collection, you already have what it takes to serve!

Volunteers aged 12 and older are preferred, but younger children are welcome to serve alongside a parent or guardian. If you are interested in helping, please email Mike Fiedler (fiedler.mf@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.

Meetings, Events, & Information

Please click on the link for more details.

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 Nine Month Report are available on our website.

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. Please note that there will be no meetings in July.
- Forward in Hope is a grief support group at StMM. Please click here for more information.
- A Call to Prayer rosary on Zoom is held every Tuesday at noon for human dignity and immigration.
- The Knights of Columbus invite you to be part of a brotherhood of men dedicated to faith, service, and fellowship. Contact Steve at stevefitzhenry@outlook.com for more information.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Feast Day Mass of St. Josemaría Escrivá on Friday, June 26, 6pm, at St. Michael's with Bishop Luis.
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry. Sign up to pray for our priests.
- Project Rachel Support Group: hope and healing after an abortion.
- Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction, and EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction, have local chapters which meet regularly.
- Frassati is the Young Adult group at StMM offering faith, fellowship, and community. Email Nicole at frassati@stmm.net for more information.

- Walking with Moms in Need (Gabriel Project) is seeking volunteers to help connect mothers with local resources, including transportation, and to offer a steady, caring presence.
- Mother Teresa is holding their annual yard sale on Saturday, June 20, from 8am to noon.
- The next Summer Migrant Dinner will be held on June 28. Monetary, clothing, and OTC medication donations are greatly appreciated.
- The St. Andrew chapter of St. Vincent DePaul is accepting vehicle, boat, and RV donations, whether they are running or not.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is a great way to spend meaningful time with our Lord. Adorers are needed, so please consider signing up for one hour once a month. Email Anita at alanitabecker@aol.com.
- Belmont Abbey's Summer Schola for High School Students offers their summer program Great Books, Great Adventure the week of July 5-11.
- Join Bishop Luis Zarama on a Catholic pilgrimage to Hungary and Poland, October 4-14, 2027 and journey together through lands rich in faith, history, and witness.
- Did you miss the Immigration Talk? You can still watch it online! The recording of Living the Gospel: Catholic Doctrine on Immigration is now available. The event was sponsored by the Care for God's Planet Team and the Diocesan Immigration Concerns Task Force.
- The Annual Diocesan African Heritage Mass and Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 23, at 4:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.
- The next Triangle Women's Retreat, Jesus, Loving Him Above All, will be on Saturday, June 27 at St. Andrew's Care Center.

PICTURES



Hearts on Fire honored Fr. Mike at their meeting on Thursday by inviting him to share his journey to the priesthood and presenting him with a group photo of the Hearts on Fire participants as a farewell gift.



John and Lois Derry received a special blessing from Fr. Mike during the 5:00 p.m. Mass last Saturday in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.



Congratulations to Sammi Smith and Paul Pechie, who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on June 6, 2026. The wedding was celebrated by Fr. Sean Koehr.



Felix Lewis Monk was baptized on Saturday, June 6.



Henry Russell McGann was baptized on Sunday, June 7.



Earlier this week, Fr Francis was appointed as the Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council 7186 for the upcoming fiscal year. Congratulations Fr Francis! We appreciate all your support!



The Knights of Columbus reverently welcomed five new brothers into our STMM Council this week through a solemn Exemplification Ceremony held in our chapel. Revised: Pictured left to right: Manny Garcia, Denis Carter, Steve Fitzhenry, Mike O'Rourke, Faidi Sief, Joe Crowe, Brian Knab, Scott Nadeau, Joe Hite, Roy Alberti, David Hinds, Frank Soccoli, Edward Acot, Jim Poulin, Christopher Tamplin, Joseph Owens, Joe Doran, Yogin Lean.

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Faith Formation

*Our *NEW* 2026-2027 Faith Formation Calendar is available [HERE](#).*



Questions about Faith Formation:

Gather (K to 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 to 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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