

A NOTE FROM DEACON RICK

I remember when I was a kid, nighttime was a time of heightened anxiety. Going to bed and turning off the lights invited all kinds of scary scenarios.

I was convinced that demons were lurking all about my bedroom. Just waiting for me to go to sleep so they could do something awful to me.

The two locations with the greatest potential for this impending disaster were under the bed and in the closet. As I laid there awake for what seemed like hours, I kept close watch on the closet door looking for any signs of door knob movement.

This was kind of silly as, in my mind, the threat was always extra-wordly. Which means whatever or whoever was lurking behind that door would have the power to come out without opening it.

Under the bed was a different story. I was convinced that was where the boogey man lived. At least that's what my friends always told me.

All of this added up to one thing. Fear.

In our Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus talks about this debilitating emotion. Because there are always going to be times in our life when we feel unsettled, insecure or uncertain.

So he sets about preparing us for these situations and how to deal with them. He tells us not to worry or give in to feelings of inadequacy or unworthiness.

Why? Because we are under the care and watch of our heavenly Father who wants to hold us close and console us through challenging moments.

All God asks of us in return for his loving care is trust. Trust that he is always looking after us. And we know this from bible stories like the parable of the lost sheep. Even though the shepherd has 99 sheep in the fold, he is not satisfied because the one is still lost.

Though it might seem sometimes that God has more important matters to attend to, Sunday's gospel reading reminds us that we are very special in our own way. If God cares that much about a lowly sparrow, think how much He cares for those who love and worship Him.

So no matter what dangers lurk in our closets or under our beds, we should not let fear overcome us. Moments like these will always be part of our everyday lives. But when we build a relationship of intimate communion with God, it's the boogey man who should be filled with fear.

Deacon Rick

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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.**

Following each Mass, Fr. Mike will be available to speak and visit with parishioners. As we honor his ministry to our parish, please enjoy refreshments, share fellowship with one another, and celebrate Fr. Mike's faithful service as we wish him God's abundant blessings in his new assignment.

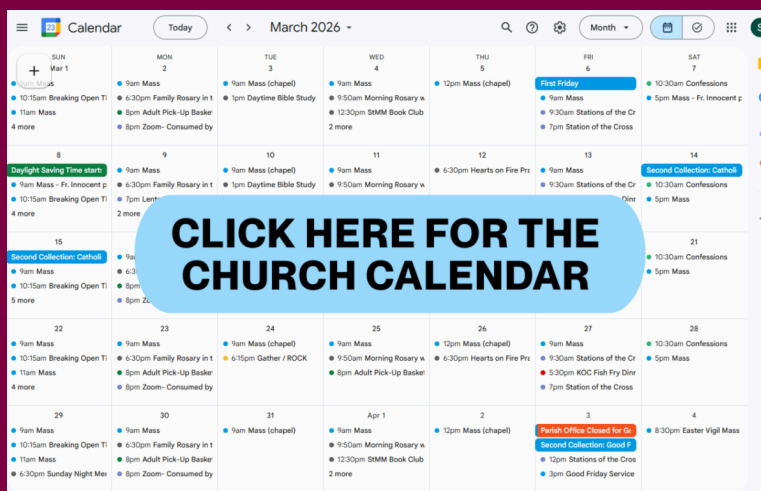


Join us at **Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM** as three of our parishioners, Joe Sebik, Joe Werner, and Jorge Rosende, are ordained to the Permanent Diaconate.

All are welcome to attend this special celebration as we give thanks for God's call in their lives and pray for them as they begin their ministry of service to the Church.

To learn more about each of these men and their journeys to the diaconate, visit 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.



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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: Rain Down

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69 Lord in your Great Love Answer me

Preparation: All That is Hidden

Communion 1: Take and Eat

Communion 2: Trust In God

Communion 3: Morning By Morning

Sending Forth: Holy Forever

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This week's altar flowers are donated by: **Magi Wilson** in loving memory of **Robert and Michael Mountel**.

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

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



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

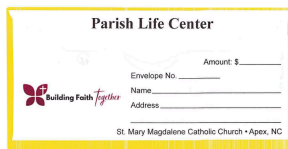
summer!



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



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 at 10am. There will also be an evening class option.

For more information, contact stmmForwardInHope@stmm.net or call the parish office at 919.657.4800 ext. 7280.

StMM Ministry News



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.
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry. Sign up to pray for our priests.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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



The Columbiettes celebrated another year together on June 10 with guests Father Mike, chaplain Deacon Rick, district deputy Marg Young and KofC officers Scott Nadeau, Joe Doran (not shown).

Columbiette Officers for '26-27 were installed on June 10 (L to R): financial secretary Lenore Miller, past president Kathy Lynch, president Darcy Hull, sentinel Kim Bossman, secretary Diana Hutchinson, vice president Gina Murray, treasurer Judith Kinsella (not shown).

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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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