

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

It is hard to believe that my time as your pastor is coming to an end. Next week I start as pastor at St. Mildred in Swansboro, NC. That area is much closer to the ocean, so I will have to get lots of sunscreen and maybe some new swim trunks... 😊

Serving as your pastor has been one of the great blessings of my life. From the moment I arrived, you welcomed me with kindness, supported me with your prayers, and allowed me to walk alongside you in our journey of faith. Together, we celebrated baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings, and countless moments of joy. We have also shared times of sorrow, loss, and challenge, always finding strength in God's presence and in one another.

I thank God for each of you. Your faith, generosity, and commitment to living as an image of Christ has inspired me more than you know. I have learned from you, grown with you, and been continually encouraged by the way you live out Christ's love in your families and this faith community. I do not believe in goodbyes, but more I will see you around. For I am still in the Diocese of Raleigh, and we shall run into each other from time to time.

I have been asked by the diocese to help St. Mildred build a church. They have their masses in their parish hall, just like we had our masses in our school gym for many years. If you get itchy feet or get bored, swing out to Swansboro sometime and stop by one of our weekend masses and say Hi. If you would like to email me, you can reach me at fr.michael.coveyou@raldioc.org.

Continue to support one another, remain faithful in prayer, and keep your eyes fixed on the Lord who never fails because we are precious in his eyes and he loves us. May the good Lord bless you all.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike

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Thank You, Fr. Mike



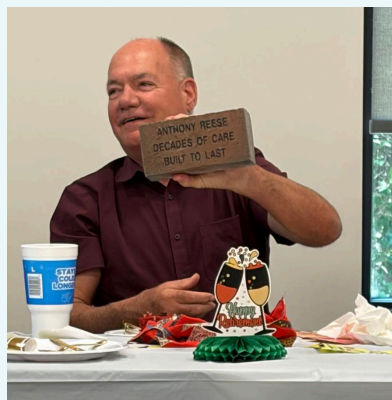
As Fr. Mike begins a new chapter in his priestly ministry, we offer our heartfelt thanks for his faithful service to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish community.

Through his leadership, compassion, and unwavering trust in God, Fr. Mike has touched countless lives and helped our parish continue to grow in faith. Whether celebrating the sacraments, offering words of encouragement, or reminding us to "Take the Time to Pray," his ministry has left a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you, Fr. Mike, for sharing your gifts, your faith, and your heart with us. Please know of our continued prayers as you begin your new assignment. May God bless you abundantly, and may the Holy Spirit guide you in all that lies ahead. You will always be a cherished part of the St. Mary Magdalene family.

As a farewell gift, the St. Mary Magdalene staff presented Fr. Mike with a commemorative brick engraved with his name and his favorite reminder: "Take the Time to Pray." The brick will be placed in the walkway to the Activity Building as a lasting tribute to his time at our parish.

Thank You, Anthony



After 18 years of faithful and dedicated service to St. Mary Magdalene, Anthony Reese will retire at the end of this month. Anthony's hard work, commitment, and quiet dedication have been a blessing to our parish community for nearly two decades.

In gratitude for his many years of service, he was recently presented with a commemorative brick that will be placed in the walkway to the Activity Building as a lasting tribute to his impact on our parish.

While we will miss seeing Anthony on a regular basis, we are grateful that he will continue to be part of the St. Mary Magdalene family in a part time role.

Thank you, Anthony, for your years of faithful service. May God continue to bless you in this new chapter of life.

Save the Date



Farewell Reception for Fr. Mike

As Fr. Mike prepares for his new assignment, all parishioners are invited to join us for 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.

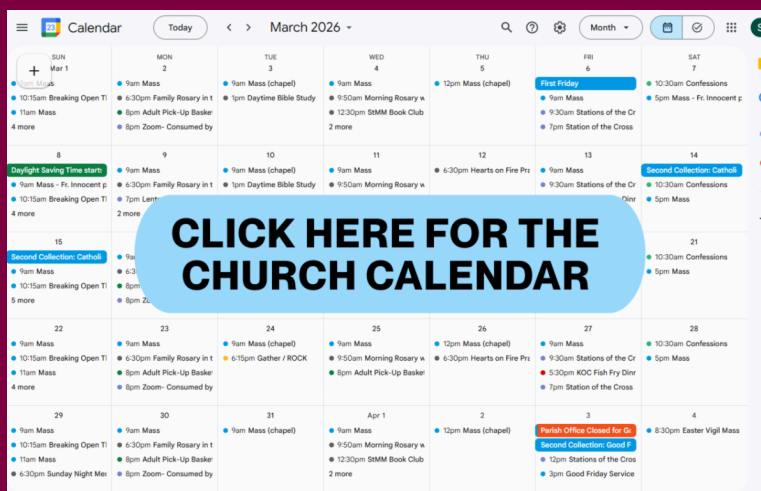


Join us at **Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM** as three of our parishioners, Joe Sebik, Joe Werner, and Jorge Rosende, are ordained to the Permanent Diaconate.

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: Our God Is Here

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89 Forever I will sing The Goodness

Preparation: Praise You Anywhere

Communion 1: Center of My Life

Communion 2: Gratitude

Communion 3: I Know a Name

Sending Forth: Your Grace is Enough

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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



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



Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9am, however

First Friday Adoration will not be held and the chapel will be closed.

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](#).

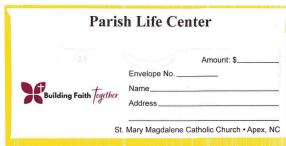


Over the summer, our Parish Office and Chapel hours will be from **9am to 2pm**. Regular Parish Office and Chapel hours will resume on August 3. We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer!



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

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 and Group News



Looking for a beautiful way to support our priests and religious? Host the traveling St. John Vianney statue in your home for a month! We provide the statue and all the prayer resources—you just provide the hearts and prayers for vocations.

With 3 statues now circulating, we have open slots ready to be filled. Let's cover our shepherds in prayer! Please sign up for a month [HERE](#).



Thank You for Supporting the Baby Items Drive

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Mary Magdalene Baby Items Drive benefiting Catholic Parish Outreach. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish donated 1,100 pounds of baby items and \$1,725 to help local families in need.**

In 2025, Catholic Parish Outreach provided a week's worth of groceries to more than 140,000 people. This vital ministry would not be possible without the generosity of our parish community and others throughout the Diocese. Thank you for helping care for those facing food insecurity.



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.
- 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.

Campaign and donation information can be found [HERE](#).

- The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report and the 2025-2026 Nine Month Report are available on our website.

SCHOOL

- StMM School is looking for substitute teachers for grades 6-8 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- StMM School is hiring a part-time Teacher Assistant for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- JobWorks next meeting will present Speak Different: Tell

- Lily of the Valley Catholic Ministry is hosting a retreat designed to help women encounter Christ in the midst of their lives.

Powerful Career Stories That Open Doors at their next meeting on July 9 at St. Andrew.

- Join Divine Mercy Radio every Monday and Thursday after the 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet on Catholic 540AM for Divine Mercy Kids, a program designed to help children learn about virtues and saints.

PICTURES



Congratulations to Hudson Karolkowski on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, June 20.



Congratulations to Henry Nicholas Will, who was baptized on Saturday, June 20.



Fr. Mike cuts the cake during the Hearts on Fire prayer group's first anniversary celebration.



Father Mike blessed the Appalachian Service Project volunteers last Sunday before they headed out to Whitesburg, KY to build and repair homes for those in need.



Congratulations to the 16 parishioners from St. Mary Magdalene who attended this year's Power and Purpose Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Through prayer, worship, and inspiring speakers, they experienced a weekend of spiritual renewal where chains were broken, relationships were healed, and lives were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Are you interested in learning more about Power and Purpose? Come for an informational meeting on **Sunday, July 19**, after the 11am Mass to hear more about this life changing conference.

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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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