

Reflection

An ironic dimension of the story is that the power of the message far outshines the messenger. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh at all, but when he was backed into a corner, he went and carried his chip on his shoulder all the way through the great city as he preached. As if to spite him, the people took his message to heart.

St. Thomas Aquinas created an axiom to explain this detail: "Whatever is received is received according to the mode of the receiver." Applied to this story, that explains that the people of Nineveh were more disposed to grace than was Jonah. His preaching saved them, even if it didn't affect him. The underlying message is that God calls for conversion while there is still time to change our ways. - Sister Mary McGlone

> **Offertory Helpers**— Last Name's A—H Mass Today-32 Weekend Masses-Saturday-5pm & Sunday-9am & 10:45am Sunday Youth Mass-Jan. 21 & Jan. 28-No Youth Mass Feb. 4 Weekday Masses- Monday through Friday-8:15AM Reconciliation-After Daily Mass or check the Pastor's Letter in bulletin and the E-News to see if Confessions are on the schedule for this Saturday at 10:30am. Baptisms-See Guidelines on Website-Email the Pastor Weddings-See Guidelines on Website-Email the Pastor

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

We read from the Old Testament Book of Jonah only 3 times every 2 years. Today is one of those days and we pick up the reading in the 3rd Chapter.

On Tuesday evening some members of our parish went to the Bishop's Annual Appeal kick-off dinner. Some details are on page 2 of the bulletin. As has been our practice for several years, we will pass the BAA Pledge Form before Offertory. You can put the completed form in today's collection or bring it back next week.



ABOUT BAPTISMS: Ash Wednesday is February 14. We do not have baptisms during Lent, so the next opportunities will be after Easter. I do have baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses. CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday January 20 at 10:30, after Baptisms. No Confessions on Saturday January 27. Confessions again on Saturday February 3 at 10:30. We will publish shortly the list of Penance Services during Lent at various area parishes.

During this season of flu and colds - use good judgment about using the Communion cup or giving the handshake of peace.

Father Donald Staib

IMPORTANT

PARISH DATES

January

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- 20/21—Columbarium Meeting—After All Masses— Church Meeting Room #1
- 21—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 22-No RCIA Session
- 27—1st Reconciliation Retreat—8:30am—Activity Building
- 28—2nd Collection—Latin America
- 28—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 29—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Meeting Room #4

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- 2—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel
- 4—Scout Sunday—9am—Church
- 4—Safe Environment Training—12noon
- 4-NO Youth Mass
- 5-RCIA-7:30pm-Church Meeting Room #4
- 9—Sweetheart Bingo—7pm—Dining Hall
- 10—Welcome Dinner—6pm—Dining Hall
- 10—Sweetheart Dance—7pm—Gym
- 11-2nd Sunday Parish Breakfast-After Sunday Masses
- 11—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 12-RCIA-7:30pm-Church Meeting Room #4
- 18-2nd Collection-Black & Indian

Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to lynch@stmm.net)

Mass Intentions

Jan 20—5pm—Shawn Mullaney—Veronica Mullaney Jan 21—9am—Dorothy Jonczak—The Lamborn Family Jan 21—10:45am—Raymond Miles 15th Anniv.—Ken & Denise Miles Jan 21-6pm-Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office *****

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The kickoff dinner for our Deanery was last Tuesday. I will begin to promote the BAA this weekend at church. Our parish has always made its goal and I hope we soon accomplish our goal this year. The goal is \$191,507. We will pass pledge forms around at the beginning of the sermon. You can fill them in today and place them in the basket or bring them back next weekend.

Using time-tested parish formulas we can make our goal easily if every parish family considers a gift of \$187, payable over six months. Larger gifts are most welcome. Our Bishop, for his first BAA, noted that he considers the 2 most significant items in the BAA are support for Catholic Charities and for support of our seminarians.

NOW THAT THE NEW CHURCH IS COMPLETED

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope.

Parish Contacts

Pastor—Father Donald Staib, -387-3648, donfs22@aol.com Deacon-Joseph LaPierre, 919 -219-5217, deaconjoe1931@gmail.com Deacon—John Hubisz, 919-302-4345, hubisz@mindspring.com School Principal-Bob Cadran, 657-4800 ext. 7294, Cadran@stmm.net Parish Office—Kathy Lynch,657-4800 ext. 7281, lynch@stmm.net Parish Bookkeeper-Ann Cadran, 657-4800 ext. 7282, acadran@stmm.net





Parish Program Grade 2 Students and Intermediate Sacrament Students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, January 30th & Wednesday, January 31st during their class times.

Catechetical Corner

Parish School Grade 2 Students will receive First Reconciliation during class time on Tuesday, February 6th at 10am.



First Reconciliation Retreat is set for all students in Grade 2 and our Intermediate Sacra-**RECONCILIATION** ment Program on Sat, Jan. 27, 2018 from 8:30am-12noon. The retreat will take place in

the Activities Building. Please continue to work on the Family Time Poster received at the parent meetings. The completed poster is due the day of the retreat. Opportunities to volunteer at the treat are still available. All parish program sacrament families have been emailed general info about the retreat.

Inclement Weather—Our parish elementary programs do not follow the decisions made by Wake County or StMM School. When decisions are made to cancel sessions it will be posted on www.wral.com; www.stmm.church; and an email will be sent & a message left on 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

First Communion Parent Meetings are set for Mon, Feb. 19th & & Tues, Feb. 20th at 10:30a OR 7p in Church Rooms 1 & 3. Parents are to pick only 1 meeting to attend. At this meeting you will sign up for what Mass you want for First Communion. Masses are not assigned. You choose. The dates are 4/21; 4/22; 4/28; 4/29 at all six parish liturgies. You will also bring your total guest number including the immediate family & the communicant. The student banner kit to complete at home & return the day of the First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 14th will be distributed. If you attended in 2016 or 2017 with an older child, you are not required to attend. Please be sure to contact Celeste with your liturgy choice & guest #.

Grade 2 Families - The week of January 21/23/24 is your assigned toilet paper contribution for Catholic Parish Outreach. Please leave all donations in the lobby before or after class. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Direct all questions to Celeste Usischon at Usischon@stmm.net





Youth Ministry

Our schedule for Sunday, January 21st is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass at 6pm The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm

STMM YM Calendar for 2017-2018 can be found at this link:http:// www.stmm.church/2017-2018_Youth_Ministry_Calendar(1)_2.pdf

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation lituray will be held on Wednesday, April 25th in the church at 6:30pm.

Youth Masses—Jan 21st & Jan 28th. No Youth Mass on Feb. 4th

The Youth Mass Crew is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during Wednesday night rehearsals and Sunday night Youth Masses. We would like to have people to start training as soon as possible. This training will happen during traditional Mass times with one of our sound technicians. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in training for this, please contact stmmsoundministry@gmail.com.

FOR THE PARENTS ONLY! WOOT! WOOT! - For many years Janine and I have felt called to find ways for us to partner with the parents of the teens in our programs. Most of us have been raised that we go to church to receive our sacraments, get married, have kids and while our kids attend faith formation, we fit in as many errands as we can until pick up time. Jesus speaks in scripture of a very different kind of church where people join together to walk this journey as a community, where people prayed and learned about the faith together. We realize these are busy times, but we feel like these times it is more important than ever to stay connected to the 'vine'. It is with that desire that we are so excited to offer our parents an opportunity to come together while their teens are at our youth programs for some time to gather, pray, and grow in their own faith. Don't drop and run, drop and stay! We will be offering sessions on Jan 21 & 28, Feb 11 & 25 March 4 &, 18. On each date the same session will be offered twice: During Apostello & Edge from 4:30-5:45pm & During The Way from 7:15-8:30pm In Room #3 in the church

High School Retreat Registration is open! - Our high school retreat is open to both guys and girls in grades 9-12 and will be held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. The cost is \$170 per teen & includes all travel & lodging costs. This retreat will be led by our good friend Mary Bielski with worship leader Rita West as well. This retreat does meet the Confirmation retreat requirement & is limited to 53 teens who ride the bus. Our retreats include time for fun, worship, sleeping, eating, playing, laughing, and all the good stuff that goes along with a retreat. Email Liz at liz.sams@gmail.com for a form to either be mailed into the office or dropped off in the lobby before The Way on Sundays. A 50% non-refundable deposit is due with the form to hold a spot. The complete balance must be paid in full by Jan. 22nd, 2018.



RCIA

There is no RCIA Session on January 22nd. Our next session is January 29th and our topic 'Conversion & Reconciliation: The Power of Grace' If you are interested in RCIA, please contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net with your questions.





StMM Music Ministry is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during all Masses including the Youth Mass! We would like to have someone start training as soon as possible. This training will happen

during the traditional Mass times with one of our sound technicians. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in this training, contact stmmsoundministry@gmail.com.



The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CARING all Masses on Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 3rd and 4th. More than \$90 million has been raised for

local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONA-TIONS before and after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.



A Soup and Salad Welcome Meal for new members ne of the parish will be held Sat, Feb 10th in the St Martha Dinnet Hall in the Activity Building immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries and programs to attend and to intro-

duce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803.



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next sessions are Sun, Feb. 4th at Noon & Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm. The session will last ap-

prox. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Must register to attend. Email Bertha Smith bsmith@stmm.net to register and for meeting room.



StMM Women's Fellowship invites you to Sweetheart Bingo Night Fri, Feb. 9th from 7-8:30pm in St. Martha's Dining Hall in the Activity Building. Bring your sweethearts, family, and friends for a social evening of games

and fun- \$5 buys a set of cards to play all 8 games! There will be great prizes for children and adults, a 50/50 Raffle, and snacks available at our concession table. Proceeds benefit StMM Building Fund. Questions- contact Grace at GDanuck@gmail.com .



The Columbarium construction is now complete. A total of 80 niche reservations/contracts have been completed. There have been eight inurnments services held. Approx. 30 parishioners have taken advantage of the pre-

ferred urn program that has been extended till the end of Dec. 2018. If interested take advantage of this discounted offer. After each Mass this weekend. Jan 20-21 the Columbarium Committee will hold information sessions, including a listing by wall of current niche reservations, the reservation process, and answering any questions. Visit www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm for guidelines, Q & A, and completing reservation. Communication with the Columbarium Committee: columbarium@stmm.net

Scout Sunday-The KofC are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the 9am Mass on Sun, Feb. 4th. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and

their families in the cafeteria. There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, please provide the following information to stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com by Jan. 28th: name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919 -924-4888.



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every 3rd Monday of the month, Sept-May. Our next meeting will be Mon, Feb Seniors 19th, 9:30—11am in Church meeting room #1. Please enter through the door closest to the columbarium.

Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, Jan 22nd from 1-3pm in meeting room #1. For more info contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.



Parish Athletics—Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades: Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8th - Dates: March to May; Practice Locations: choose between Apex & Cary. Game Locations: Apex & Cary. Cost: PreK \$60; K thru 5th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. Note: PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays. Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades: Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4th Dates: April to June; Practice Locations: choose between Apex & Cary; Game Locations: Apex only; Cost: \$65: includes medal, shirt, and picnic: Note: PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kindergartners thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays. Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th Dates: March thru May; Practice/Game locations: Apex only; Cost: \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; Note: All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! Required Equipment: Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers. Register at http:// www.parishathleticsnc.org.



Respect Life News



Pray the Rosary for Life at 10:10am on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is Sunday, February 11th. It is a beautiful way to

start the day whether you come before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.

Project Rachel Support Group Abortion is History one of the most common procedures in the ABORTION US, experienced by millions of women, many

of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive women, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in February. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to http:// projectrachelnc.org/ (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



NCPriest.org presents '18 Seminary Pilgrimage—Feb. 16-18, 2018. Depart Friday at 6am from Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral and return Sunday at 9pm. If you have been thinking about the Priesthood, this trip is a perfect way to see what seminary is like, meet guys from other dioceses and seriously discern your call. Open to College & High School guys 17 & up. More info at 919-821-9731 or vocations@raldioc.org

The Diocese of Raleigh is hosting a Mother-Daughter Tea Sat, Feb. 17th from 8:30am—12pm at Saint Michael's in Cary. This "girl only" event is designed to address the topic of adolescence for grades 5th -7th. The day will include presentations from the Family Life and Evangelization Office, a local Pediatrician, and a college student from UNCW who will lead discussions around the physical, social, and emotional changes that girls experience during the pre-teen years, particularly with the view of God's plan for us. Come enjoy time with your daughter, fellowship with other moms, refreshments, and a special craft. Cost is \$20 for mother/daughter pair and \$5 for each additional girl. Pre-registration is required. Please register before Feb. 12th. https://raldioc.configio.com/go/motherdaughter-tea Inquiries: Diocesan Contact: Suzanne Carter 919-821-8149 suzanne.carter@raldioc.org

Focus on Women-Dr. Amina White, board certified Ob/gym and bioethicist will speak about: "A Holistic Approach to Women's Health' on Sat, Feb. 3rd from 10am-2pm at St. Michael's Parish Center. \$15 Advance \$20 at the door (Seating is limited) Cost of Admission includes Free Raffle Tickets & Refreshments. To register go to www.stmichaelcary.org and click on 'Parish Life' then click on 'Register for Event' Proceeds benefit Birthchoice Pregnancy Center. For more info contact eileen@birthchoicewake.org.

Catholic Charities is looking for a gualified bilingual (English & Spanish) individual to serve the Newton Grove Deanery as a clinical counselor. The position will provide culturally competent individual, marital, and family counseling services from St. Ann Catholic Parish in Clayton. For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/NG-Counselor.

2018 Women's Retreat on Charisms and Contemplative Prayer Led by Angela Neumann Feb.23rd - 25th, 2018 Avila Retreat Center, Durham. The gorgeous grounds of the Avila Retreat Center provide the perfect backdrop to strengthen our faith life. Through insightful sessions and discussion, Angie will help us improve our contemplative prayer life and learn our charisms, or gifts, that we can use in lives of service and faith as women of grace. Presented by Full of Grace Women's Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes. Cost is \$180 for 2 nights, including meals -- checks payable to OLL. Contact Ami Robbins arobb20@gmail.com to register.

Divorced? Remarried? Planning to marry someone who is divorced? Do you have questions about freedom to marry in the Catholic Church? Did you know that the Tribunal is available to answer these and any other questions you may have about remarriage in the Church? Please contact Mrs. Vikki Newell 919-821-9759 with your questions, or you may wish to visit our website http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/ tribunal for further information. We welcome the opportunity to help you.

COURAGE is a prayer and fellowship group that assists individuals with same-sex attractions (or SSA) to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is main-For more information tained. email: courage.sacred.heart@gmail.com. Or call: (919) 289-9489.

EnCourage is the affiliate support group for parents, friends and family members of loved ones with SSA. EnCourage helps members to focus on their own spiritual development and offers a supportive environment to share information and guidance for maintaining healthy relationships with our loved ones. more information, email For encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com. Or call: (984) 221-0730. Strict confidentiality is maintained.

News From Other Organizations

A Special Needs Mass will be held at St. Andrew's in Apex on Sat, March 3rd at 11am. Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama will preside. A reception will follow after Mass in St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Registration is required online at <u>raldioc.configio.com/</u> <u>go/special-needs-mass</u>

Struggling to stay in your marriage? Hurt? Angry? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that want the hurt and anger to stop. Your privacy is respected as the presenting team tells you their own journeys from misery to healing. You will not be sharing your personal struggles. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a weekend February 2, 2018, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at <u>retrouvaillenc@msn.com</u>, or visit the web site at <u>www.retrouvaille.org</u>.



"Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are:

Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <u>https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or contact us at <u>applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or 704-315-2144.



"Padre Pio Prayer Group—Join us the 1st Sunday of every month for 8am Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. Exposition, prayers, and confession at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Raleigh. Our next meeting

is Feb. 3rd. All are Welcome. Contact Mary O'Connell at mary.oconnell76@gmail.com



couples and families. The Raleigh office has a bilingual therapist. Catholic Charities uses a subsidized fee scale based on income and number in the household. If you have insurance, Catholic Charities will file it for you. To make an appointment, call 919-790-8533 (Raleigh) and 919-388-3065 (Cary). Office hours are Monday to Thursday.

For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community—A sign language interpreted Mass is celebrated every 8:30am Mass at St. Michael's in Cary. Our **Traditional Ukrainian Luncheon** has been RESCHED-ULED for Jan. 27th, 11am—2pm at All Saints Orthodox Church Hall, 520 Buck Jones Road, Raleigh. Dine in or take out. Plates are \$11 in advance & \$13 at the door. For more info and to place advance orders visit <u>http://</u> www.saintnicholasraleigh.org/ukrainian luncheon rescheduled for january 27 2018



Single/Single Again Ministry – If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, you are invited to join us at our monthly Mass held at Cardinal Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30 pm. A potluck social follow Mass. 2018 Masses are: Feb.

11, March 18, April 22, May 20, and June 17. For more information contact Celia at <u>ckeator@nc.rr.com</u> or visit <u>www.singlesingleagain.com</u> or on facebook www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh

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'Nonetheless, I'd appreciate it if you'd stop upsetting folks by asking "Is that your *final* donation?' "

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School

Presents



The Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2018

STMM Gym 7-9:00pm

DJ, Photo Booth, Ice Cream Sundae Bar, Raffle, and more!



Girls from PreK-8th grade are cordially invited to a magical evening of dancing and fun! Girls may be escorted by DAD, GRANDPA, UNCLE, or any other ADULT.

Please return the RSVP portion below in an envelope marked "Sweetheart Dance" indicating how many will be attending and the appropriate payment for tickets (cash or check) by Sunday, February 4, 2018 to the drop box labeled "Sweetheart Dance" in the church lobby.

Light appetizers, cookies, and drinks will be served in addition to the Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Daughter(s) Name(s)

Daughter(s) Name(s

Date's name

Prepaid Tickets are \$15 per family (Checks payable to STMM PSO)

Total Number of Guests Attending _____

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$20 per family

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