

Reflection

CONSIDERATIONS OF LEPERS AND THE LAW IN LEVITICUS AND THE GOSPEL

Both Jesus and the Leper broke the law. When can we break laws?

What allowance do we give people like the Leper, fiercely affected by suffering?

The Leper's community, in good faith to save itself from contagion, isolated people who were already hurting. Do we isolate anyone in our own communities?

The Leper sincerely asked for help; he had no other course of action. He was totally dependent on the goodness and compassion of others. Who are similar people today?

How can we cope with disapproval of people scandalized by our reaching out to lepers? St Paul today gave his reaction to people who were scandalized: 'he tried to please everyone and avoided giving offense.' St Paul was not always successful.

> Mass Today-35 Offertory Helpers— Last Name's A-H Weekend Masses—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am Sunday Youth Mass—Youth Mass Feb. 11 & Feb 25—No Youth Mass Feb. 18 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 continue this weekend to ask for support for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far we have received pledges of \$152,882 from 473 families. I hope we are on our way to a record for our BAA. We are at the 28% level of parish family participation. And we have reached 79% of our parish goal of \$191,507. Many thanks to generous givers, and we look forward to hearing from all members of the parish.

Please consider a pledge of \$187 over a six month period. \$32 per month – the Diocese will send you a reminder each month.

Ash Wednesday Masses this Wednesday are at 8:15 in the morning with the school children and at 7 pm.

ABOUT BAPTISMS: 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 February 17 at 10:30.

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

LENT PENANCE SERVICES: See Parish Dates or top of page 5.

Father Donald Staib

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IMPORTANT

PARISH DATES

February

- 11—2nd Sunday Parish Breakfast—After Sunday Masses
- 11—Youth Mass—6pm—Church
- 14—Ash Wednesday Mass—8:15am & 7pm—Church
- 14—Central & Eastern Europe Collection
- 16—Stations of the Cross –7pm—Church
- 18—2nd Collection—Black & Indian
- 18—NO Youth Mass
- 18—The Vigil Project—6:30pm—Church
- 19—1st Communion Parent Meeting—10:30am or 7pm— Media Center
- 20—1st Communion Parent Meeting—10:30am or 7pm— Media Center
- 23—KofC Fish Fry—5:30—7:45pm—Dining Hall
- 23-Stations of the Cross-7pm-Church
- 25—Youth Mass 6pm—Church

March

- 1—Penance Service—Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral—7pm
- 2—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel
- 2-Stations of the Cross-7pm-Church
- 4—Youth Mass—6pm—Church

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

Mass Intentions

LE CONTRA

Feb. 10—5pm—Luis Bedoya—The Compitello Family
Feb. 11—9am—Betty Bedotto—Jim Bedotto
Feb. 11—10:45am—Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
Feb. 11—6pm—Carol Booth Hoffman—Denise Davidson Dyer
Feb. 12—8:15am—Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish has always made its goal and we hope we soon accomplish the goal this year. The goal is \$191,507. We will pass pledge forms at the beginning of the sermon. You can fill the form today and place it in the collection basket – or bring back as soon as you can.

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 for 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. We are especially grateful for extra gifts that were given at Christmas.

Parish Contacts

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Catechetical Corner

Congratulations to all our parish school family students who received God's pardon & peace during last Tuesday's reception of their First Reconciliation. May they continue to receive this sacrament of healing throughout their lives.

Grade 3 Program Families – The week of February 11th/13th/14th is your week for **C**atholic **P**arish **O**utreach toilet paper contributions. Packaged donations can be left in the lobby of the Education Building before or after class. Please be as generous as your means will allow. May thanks in advance for your support for the poor of Wake County.

Wednesday Program Families – Ash Wednesday is February 14th. All students will be attending the 7pm Mass in the Church. The 6:30 arrival time remains in place in the Education Building so attendance can be taken. Our volunteer catechists will walk their students as a group over to the church. Meet you child there & attend mass with the class. Dismissal will take place from the church **not** from the Education Building.

First Communion 2018 – Each sacrament family has received the dates for this year's liturgical celebrations. Each family chooses their own date & time. Dates are not assigned. Each family will sign up at the next set of scheduled parent meetings. At these meetings each family is to bring an estimated count of number of guests including your immediate family + the first communicant.

First Communion 2018 Parent Meetings are set for Monday, February 19th OR February 20th at either 10:30am OR 7pm. All meetings will be held in the Media Center **NOT** the church as previously communicated. One parent attends only one of the 4 meetings. No one is excused from attending even if you have attended in the last 2 years. *This is the first set of First Communions in the new worship space so all families need to be informed.*

Parish First Communion Dates for 2018 are April 21st/22nd & April 28th/29th at all weekend liturgies.

Parish Families with 1st Graders in 2018-2019!! – First Reconciliation & First Eucharist are typically received in 2nd Grade. It is a twoyear preparation. Kindergarten is optional & does not meet sacrament requirements. Grade 1 is required for Grade 2. If your child is starting 1st Grade in 2018-2019 then you need to register for class instruction with the parish in our Traditional Religious Education Elementary Program. A Catholic baptism is required. Updated information will be posted in May, 2018 for the new year. You can still access <u>www.stmm.church</u>. Select Religious Education. Select Elementary, Click on informational links to get a feel for the days & times class sessions are offered. You pick only one session & attend the same session each week.

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



Youth Ministry

StMM YM schedule for February 11th: EDGE meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm in the Gym Apostello meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm in the Media Center Youth Mass at 6pm in the church The Way meets in the Church from 7:15pm-8:30pm

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

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on April 25th, 2018 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at stats.com

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

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2018-2019 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to this link: <u>http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm</u> The dates for the 2018 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows: **March 12th, April 24th, & May 9th**. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in the school Media Center.

2nd Semester Youth Masses will held: Feb. 11 & 25, March 4, 11 & 18, April 8, 15 & 22 (Senior Recognition Mass) **No Youth Masses** Feb. 18th (we are hosting The Vigil Project from 6:30-8pm in church (see page 7). March 25th & April 1st due to Palm Sunday & Easter, all programs are off.

Next session FOR THE PARENTS is 2/11/18!: Even if you missed the first one you can still come to any session! - 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 these sessions on the following dates: 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/18. On each date the same session will be offered twice: During Apostello & Edge from 4:30pm-5:45pm & During The Way from 7:15pm-8:30pm in Room #3 in the church & all are welcome!



RCIA

Our next session is February 12th and our topic is 'Temptation: Entering the Spiritual Desert.' If you are interested in RCIA, please contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net with your questions.



NOTEWORTHY AND BIG CHANGE COMING—Kathy Lynch, who has been our Parish Secretary since the beginning will be leaving the parish in May. She is relocating to South Carolina with her husband, Ed. Kathy knows everything about our parish, whether in her computer or in her memory, and it will be an enormous challenge to find ways to move forward. Kathy is the voice on our phone and the email contact when people connect with the parish. I am most grateful for her 19 years of service and wish her family well in their new endeavors. -Father Donald Staib [PS: a small group of advisors is helping me in regard to staff changes and staff development for the days to come and we will soon have more specific information]



"Second Sunday" Parish Breakfast - Come enjoy breakfast expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sun, Feb. 11th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Dining Hall. Cost is \$8/adults

& \$5/children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every 3rd Monday of the month, Sept. through May. Our next meeting will be eniors Mon, Feb 19th, 9:30—11am in Church meeting room on the Go! #1. Our speaker will be Allie Prelaske from the Apex

Community Center. The CSO knitting and crocheting group will meet on Mon, Feb 26th, 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



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 Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm & Mon April 9th 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 the meeting room.

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church eve-STATIONS ry Friday during Lent at 7pm starting on Friday, Feb. 16th. On Good Friday, March 30th, they will take place CROSS at 12noon. Please join us!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry ... Fri, Feb. 23rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned French fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with Cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.



StMM Columbarium—Prior communications indicated that the recommended urn program would end December 2017. Apex Funeral Home has recently extended their discounted urn pricing through December 2018. Therefore the Columbarium Com-

mittee will continue offering the StMM recommended urn through 2018 at \$150 each. This is a discount in excess of 50% off of retail pricing. Apex Funeral Home is also continuing their program of offering the recommended urn free of charge with a prearrangement contract. StMM is communicating an offer from Apex Funeral Home but is not recommending Apex Funeral Home over any other provider. Urns can be stored in reserved niches at no additional cost. Please visit www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm for guidelines, Q & A, completing reservations and purchasing urns. Communication with the Columbarium Committee: columbarium@stmm.net

Prayer Line—Miriambeck24@gmail.com, 919-924-1413



Parish Athletics

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; Note: PreK has a combined practice/game on Sat. Kdg thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Sat. 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;; Note: PreK has a combined practice/game on Sat; Kindergartners thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Sat. Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th Dates: March thru May: Practice/Game locations: Apex only; Cost: \$65; Note: All meetings will be on Sun. 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.



Lent Penance Services

March 1—7pm—Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh March 7—7pm—St. Bernadette's, Fuquay—Varina March 8—7pm—St. Mary Magdalene (at S. Andrew in Advent) March 14—11am—St. Raphael, Raleigh March 14—7pm—St. Michael, Cary March 20-11am-St. Bernadette, Fuguay-Varina March 21—11am—St. Michael, Cary



2017 Tax Statements were emailed to registered parishioners who have a valid email address with the parish. If you receive the E-News you should have received your tax statement. If you did not receive a statement, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you. Be sure to check your junk mail if you receive the E-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 one PE of the most common procedures in the US, experi-REGRETION enced 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 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.

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 maintained. For more information 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. For more information, email encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com. Or call: (984) 221-0730. Strict confidentiality is maintained.



Diocesan News

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 St. 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. https://raldioc.configio.com/go/mother-daughter-tea Inquir-12th. Suzanne Carter 919-821-8149 su-Diocesan Contact: ies: zanne.carter@raldioc.org

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.

The Opportunity Scholarship Program expands school choice in North Carolina through financial grants for eligible children in kindergarten through 12th grade. This program provides funding of up to \$4,200 per year for eligible children who choose to attend a participating nonpublic school. For information, go to http:// www.ncseaa.edu/OSG.htm

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 visit our website http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/ offices/tribunal for more information. We welcome the opportunity to help you.

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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 raldioc.configio.com/ go/special-needs-mass



"He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy". The next Worldwide Mar-

riage Encounter (WWME) weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill and Nov 9-11, 2018 in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.



"Padre Pio Prayer Group—Join us the first Saturday of every month for 8:00am Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. Exposition, prayers, and confession, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Raleigh. Our next meeting

is March 3rd. All are welcome!



Catholic Charities offers counseling in Ra-CATHOLIC CHARITIES leigh & Cary. Each location has licensed clinical social workers who treat adults, children, 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 (Carv). Office hours are Monday to Thursday.



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 pot-luck social

follow Mass. 2018 Masses are: Feb. 11, March 18, April 22, May 20, and June 17. For more information contact Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com or visit www.singlesingleagain.com or on facebook www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh



CPO Needs Volunteers! - We are in need of volunteers to help distribute food and children's clothing. Volunteer opportunities are available Monday—Friday from 9:30am-1:30pm. For information about volunteering see our website,

www.cporaleigh.org or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Barnack at 919-847-1466 weekdays between 9am & 5pm.

Search Retreat for 10-12 Graders-Don't miss this opportunity to interact and share

TREAT your faith with other Catholic teenagers from across the Diocese of Raleigh on March 9-11, 2018, at Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC (near Fayetteville). "Search" is a peerled retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Raleigh, which has touched the lives of teenagers for more than 40 years. Participants are led through a series of witness talks and activities prepared by a team of high school students who encourage participants to seek and find Christ in their own lives and in one another on their journey toward Christian maturity. To register follow the link, https://raldioc.configio.com/go/search-189 and click on the appropriate registration type, youth or adult. The final day to register is March 4. Cost for the Search weekend is \$120; however, no one is denied participation because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is available, please work with your parish. Adult chaperones must be 25 years old and Safe Environment trained. The cost for adults is covered. For more information, please contact the diocesan directors of Search, Monique and Joe Wertis at 919-426-6608 at 919- 520-7059.



Room at the Inn Catholic Maternity Home-Please help support our moms and babies through our upcoming raffle! Tickets are \$100 each. We will only sell 300 tickets. The grand prize is \$5,000! We

would love to have you at our silent auction and event at "The Public" in Greensboro, but you do not have to be present to win. There is more info about the raffle and event on our website under the "events" tab at www.roominn.org. You can also buy tickets at our website. For more info, contact Marianne Donadio at 336-391-6299 or mdonadio@roominn.org.



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