

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News July 7, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Luis Rafael Zarama

6th Bishop of the  
Diocese of Raleigh



Early Wednesday morning we received word that Pope Francis has appointed as our new Bishop the current auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta - Luis Rafael Zarama. Bishop Zarama knows of our church Dedication, but he is unable to attend. We will welcome him at another time.

Some information for our July 15 at 4 pm Dedication ceremony. The ceremony begins outside with the Bishop entering the church first. Our Bishop will be Bishop-elect Ned Shlesinger, priest of our Diocese, recently appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please read the full instructions on the inside back of this bulletin for complete details.

On July 15 there will be no 5 pm Saturday Mass.

Because we recently changed church envelope companies you received two envelopes for the Peter's Pence 2nd collection. In total we received \$4,023. Pope Francis uses these funds for charity, as he did this week in providing assistance to victims of an earthquake in Greece.

This is our last weekend to worship in the gym. As a way of saying goodbye to the gm and to bless our new statue of the prophet Jonah - after Mass we will process with baptism water to bless Jonah. We will walk from the gym to the piazza of the new church.

Jonah was commissioned and created especially for St. Mary Magdalene Parish by Shelley Kolman Smith, LLC - Portraits and Liturgical Art - Flying Paint Ranch Sculpture Studio, Poetry, Texas. Shelley and her husband Patrick will be with us as we dedicate this statue of Jonah.

May we remember that the word of the Lord comes to us as the word came to Jonah. And then when we enter the church to worship we also know that there is something greater than Jonah here.

Father Donald Staib  
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## Notes on the New Church

Some changes at Mass in the new church -

- \* Kneeling instructions in our hymnal.
- \* We will change children offertory helpers from grades to last names in alphabet.
- \* There will be fewer children offertory helpers but need for more children helpers with collection.
- \* Follow instructions of ushers for Communion lines

Many thanks to all who have made the new church a reality for our parish. We still have cash flow challenges - so we welcome additional gifts, the larger the better. But all gifts are gratefully accepted.

Many people have spent hours preparing for our Dedication and some are taking off work this coming week to help get everything ready. We are most grateful for the generosity of so many to bring us to our Dedication Day, which will be an enormous part of our parish history.

### **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Pictures of the Week

JONAH HAS ARRIVED



We will go to the statue after each Mass this weekend for blessing!

## New Church Videos

[Stacking the Chairs One More Time Video](#)

[From Rendering to Reality Video](#)

## New Church Dedication Information

### RSVP ATTENDEES

This special day is all about the building. It is celebratory but also solemn.

This 4pm Mass replaces the Saturday 5pm Mass. There will be a collection at the Offertory.

No one can enter the Church until 4pm. A 2pm arrival doesn't guarantee a seating choice.

The entire procession path will be corded off to keep it clear for the procession.

The entire piazza will remain clear until the principal celebrants are in position.

Once the principal celebrants are in position the congregation can move forward onto the piazza.

Volunteers will be positioned on the piazza to invite the congregation forward.

If you choose not to be a part of the procession, the entire processional path as well as the piazza remains clear until principal celebrants are in position.

Once the Church doors are unlocked the principal celebrants & special guests process inside.

The congregation follows behind the 20 usher volunteers who will be right behind the Bishop-elect.

If the RSVP numbers are accurate then, we are moving many people *reverently & quickly*.

### Seating Procedure

- Choice of seating is not an option.
- The first 5 rows of each of the front 5 sections will be reserved.
- 16 of the 20 volunteer ushers will guide you to your seats.
- 4 narthex volunteers will have Dedication Worship Aids for you if you didn't get one in the Activities Building or on the processional path over to the Church.
- Volunteer ushers will be directing everyone to move forward & once at the pew, to move to the center & *remain standing*. There are 9 sections of pew seating.
- There are 4 doors at the entrance of the Church. There are 3 glass doors at the entrance of the nave. The congregation will use all doors to enter & then follow the directions of volunteer ushers into the nave & down the aisles to a pew.
- Volunteer ushers will be in place for the 9 communion stations. Please follow their directions.

Rite of Dedication will be approximately 2 hours. Volunteers will be positioned after Mass throughout the Church if you'd like to walk around on your own after Mass. Adult supervision is required at all times.

There is no meal involved with the planned light refreshments of water/lemonade/sweet treat in the Activities Building immediately following the Mass.

All buildings will close no later than 8pm.

**Parishioners requiring wheel chair accommodations, in one of the wheel chair compatible seats, there will be a coordinator located outside of the church. Please proceed to the Wheelchair tent located by the side of the piazza. The wheel chair coordinator will assist the wheelchair parishioner and their escort to a wheelchair compatible seat. There will be handicapped parking available for the dedication; upon arrival, please speak to a parking attendant who will direct you to the reserved area.**

## Reflection

## VERSES FROM JONAH AND THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The word of the Lord came to Jonah  
Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish  
This great storm has come upon you because of me  
Out of my distress I called to the Lord  
The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time  
The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast  
The gourd plant cost you no effort

There is something greater than Jonah here

## Eucharistic Minister Training



**EM of HC Needed!** Our new space will now provide 9 sections of seating for 1,350 people. Each of our weekend Masses will need 16/17 ministers of Communion at each Mass. Please consider training to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Requirements: completely initiated (Baptism/Communion/Confirmation) practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. Training will take place every

Tuesday from 7p-9p & every Wednesday from 10a-12p in the months of August & September in the Church. RSVP to Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net).

## Party on the Lawn



Let's celebrate our beautiful new church opening! **Party on the Lawn: July 29th from 6:00-9:00pm** on the StMM Athletic Fields. There will be food trucks, bounce houses, games, music, and FREE Rita's Italian Ice! Bring your chairs, picnic blankets, shade tents, and lawn games to share! Join the StMM parish community for fun and fellowship!

## CPO Baby Shower



**Baby Drive Comes to StMM!** Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 9,600 people a month in 2015? We also distribute baby items (including formula, baby food, diapers and clothes Newborn up to 6T). July 22nd & 23rd volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on July 29th & 30th. If you have questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com).

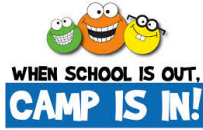
## Join Cub Scout Pack 224

Inviting all rising 1st grade through 5th grade boys to join Cub Scout Pack 224. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7-8pm at StMM. The pack activities include the Apex Christmas Parade, Pinewood Derby, Halloween and Christmas parties, family camping, Sleep with the Sharks in Myrtle Beach and so much more! Please visit our website <http://www.apexpack224.org> or



contact Robert Ato at [cubmaster@apexpack224.org](mailto:cubmaster@apexpack224.org).

## StMM Summer Camps



StMM Summer Camps - StMM School will again be offering a variety of Summer Camps for Preschool (Ages 3-5, must be potty-trained) to 8th grade. Camps will be offered from June 12th to July 31st. Click [HERE](#) for camp dates and descriptions. Questions? Email [summercamp@stmm.net](mailto:summercamp@stmm.net)

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