



Building Committee Update

Dear Parishioners,

Before I depart St. Thomas More Parish, I would like to provide you with an update on the Building Project.

About 18 months ago, the parish voted to continue to move forward with the plan to construct a new church and convert the existing church into a gym and social hall. Since that time, the Building Committee has been refining the budget to reflect current building costs and defining the scope of the project. Presentations have been made to the Pastoral Council and as a result of their approval a presentation was made to the Archdiocese. St Thomas More Parish was given approval to move ahead with a feasibility study to see if the necessary funds could be raised from the Parish families. As a result of that approval, six fund raising consultants were interviewed and Walsh & Associates was chosen to conduct the feasibility study.

The study is scheduled to begin in late September to early October and will take approximately two months. The study was delayed to give Fr. Francis an opportunity to get settled in the parish and to familiarize himself with the building plans and to form the necessary committees that will support the feasibility study. During this study, a case statement will be developed, graphic material will be designed, several parish members and families will be interviewed, and a parish wide survey will be conducted. At the end of the study, a report will be given to the Parish which will include an expected amount that can be raised as a building fund.

Assuming a positive outcome of the feasibility study, a Capital Campaign will be launched in December, 2010 or January, 2011.

This effort will take everyone's support and prayers for it to be successful. There will be many opportunities to help with this process and become involved in building a new church. If you would like to become more involved please contact the church office and a member of the Building Committee will contact you.

It is my hope that the plan to build a new church will soon come to fruition. Please be assured of my prayers for the success of the campaign and for the strength in faith and hope.

Fr. Maurice Mamba

******UPCOMING EVENTS******

- August 2nd-6th**-Vacation Bible School
- August 9th-13th**-School Summer Academy
- August 21st**-KofC Golf Tournament

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—June 27th

- Baptisms at Mass
- CLOW
- 5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass

Monday—June 28th

- 6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room
- 7:00pm-USCCA

Tuesday—June 29th

- 9:30am-Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary-Chapel
- 9:30am-Bible Study-Renggli Room
- 7:00pm-Bible Study-Renggli Room

Wednesday—June 30th

- 6:30pm-Benediction & Rosary-Church
- 7:00 pm-RCIA-Renggli Room & Comm. Cntr Meeting Room
- 7:00pm-9:30am Choir Practice-Chapel
- 7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room

Thursday—July 1st

- 11:30am-Youth Deanery Meeting-Renggli Room
- 7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

Friday—July 2nd

Saturday—July 3rd

Sunday—July 4th

- CLOW
- 5:00pm-No LifeTeen Mass

Prayer For the Church In Transition

O faithful God,
 As your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition.
 We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth.
 We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.
 Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit.
 Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the church of our time.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
 Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c
 Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

June 27, 2010

Parish News

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

(Information stated below is based on Fiscal Year July 2009-June 2010)

In gratitude to God for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made this return to the Lord.

Sunday collection for the weekend of June 19th-June 20th

Received: \$15,349.19

Needed: \$17,351.10

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$8,487.57

Thank you for your faithful Stewardship of St. Thomas More Parish. May God bless you!

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned pledge envelopes. The results of the fourth weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal are:

Registered Parish households: 1,982

Pledge envelopes returned: 668

% of participating households: 34%

Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$117,850

% of Archdiocesan dollar goal attained: 100%

% of Parish project dollar goal attained: 63%

It is our hope that all Parish families will participate in the Appeal by either making a donation or writing the word "prayer" on the pledge envelope. Again, thank you for a great fourth weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

JustFaith

"We are called to be compassionate as our God is compassionate." (Luke 6:36) What does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world? How do I become a more compassionate person? JustFaith offers a series of courses to help answer these questions through reflection, study, prayer and community. The 30 week course reveals our call to care for our sisters and brothers in need through scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and the riches of our tradition. The 8 week module, Crossing Borders, is an introductory study of the many issues surrounding the topic of migration and immigration. JustSkills offers to those who have embraced Catholic Social Teaching a comprehensive look at strategies and skills in leadership development, community organizing, legislative advocacy, and justice education. For more information or to register contact Randy Dyer at nwdyerfam@yahoo.com or Luciann at luciannm@stmp.org.

2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date and Invite Friends! The 2010 Vacation Bible School is on August 2nd-6th from 9am-Noon. The theme this year is The High Seas: Exploring the Mighty Love of God! More details to come on our adventure on the High Seas!



Peace and Justice Commission

Some may wonder, why have a Peace and Justice Commission? Actually, Catholic Social Teaching has often been characterized as the Church's best kept secret. Social justice has always been an integral part of the church's teaching. The Scripture is filled with examples of Jesus caring for the poor, the needy and the marginalized. The modern sense of Catholic Social Teaching began with Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "Rerum Novarum" in which he rejected socialism, but defended the rights of workers and a workers right to a living wage. Since then Popes have advocated for social justice. Pope Paul VI is credited with the slogan, "If you want Peace, work for Justice". John Paul II spoke of preferential option for the poor and Benedict XVI speaks of Hope in Action.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive on Monday, July 5th in the Renggli Room from 1pm-7pm. Please contact Theresa O'Leary at (425) 481-0602 for an appointment. As always, walk-ins are welcome.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome with great joy nine children into our Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. To be baptized at the Saturday evening Mass are Elizabeth Allen, child of Brent and Jennifer Herrmann; Jacob Preston, child of Jonathan and Stephanie Heavner; and Kalia-Mae, child of Julmar Golveo and Katherine Mendoza.

To be baptized at the 9:30 Mass are William Aaron, child of Jacob and Emily Hanson; and Ella Victoria, child of Leonard and Richele Rapanan. Grace Mary and Clare Riley, children of Kathleen and Rick Kolesar; Valerie Thao Hien, child of Ann Nguyen and Kevin Yang; and Benjamin Belay, child of Germaine Houshmand and Maurice Ivy will be baptized at the 11:30 Mass.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Prayer...Formation...Service...Hospitality

It goes against our grain to live out a commitment to stewardship one choice at a time: What shall I do this afternoon? Do I really want to spend another weekend coaching youth basketball—or visiting my in-laws? There are no right or wrong answers here, just thousands of choices made every day that define who we are and what we value. Here are 3 criteria for making choices that help us remain faithful to our commitment to walk with Jesus.

1. Do my choices express my heartfelt gratitude, or do I make them grudgingly out of a sense of obligation or entitlement? 2. Am I ready and willing to render an account of my decisions (how I used all of God's gifts), or do I have some things to hide (talents that have been buried or neglected)? 3. Am I truly generous with my time, my abilities, and my money, or do I share reluctantly and without joy?

All parishioners are invited to visit the "Stewardship Living Center" in the Narthex. Please help yourself to any of the available literature which is there for your use and contemplation.

Please contact Pat Edge to sign up your ministry for the Ministry of the Month at peteedge@comcast.net, call (425) 355-9195, or sign up on the parish website, www.stmp.org.



Youth News!

Join us for Life Teen Mass at 5 p.m.!

Life Teen will continue through July although there will be NO Life Teen Mass on the 4th of July.

No Youth Group or Edge this week. We are now on Summer Schedule so keep checking for events.

Upcoming events:

The Youth Appreciation BBQ has been postponed until August so we can spend the 27th sending Fr. Maurice off to his studies in New York. More info will come next month

***Join us Sunday at 5 pm for LIFE TEEN MASS ***

Contact Angela if you have questions about anything above or just general questions at 743-2929 x106 or at angelac@stmp.org

Ongoing Opportunities

Been Away?

Are you someone who has returned to Mass after months, years, or decades away? Do you have questions about the Mass or Sacraments? Are you interested in learning more about Scripture Sharing groups or wonder about Cursillo, St. Vincent de Paul or various Councils and Commissions? Would you like a guide to answer your questions and help you connect to our parish community? Parish members have been asked to act as Ambassadors for those interested in reconnecting with a Catholic community and they are eager to do so. If this idea appeals to you, please call Luciann at (425) 743-2929 or Mary at (425) 774-3703 to be matched with an Ambassador.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Or boring you to death? Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help. To learn more, call (206) 706-2608, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

If you need assistance with individual or relational issues, leave a message on the confidential line for our parish counselor, Connie Brousseau, MA LMHC at 425-742-6752. Insurance, sliding scale and parish assistance available.

Teen Feed Help Needed

The Teen Feed program needs volunteer help for the summer months. The team prepares and serves food for the homeless teens in the U district. Help is needed on the following Sundays; July 4th, August 1st and September 5th. Please call or email Bob or Sue Cram at (425) 745-3209 or suecram@msn.com, for more information or to reserve a spot on the team.

Soccer Camp

Adventure Soccer Camp will be held at the St. Thomas More soccer field for kids ages 5-12 from June 28th-July 1st(1-4pm) at a cost of \$79. This soccer camp will develop technical skills through a series of skill stations, while emphasizing good character, team play and sportsmanship on the field. Registration is online at www.adventuresoccer.org. Contact Matt at (360) 568-1256 if you have any questions.

Project Rachel

If you are hurting from a past abortion experience, the Church is calling you home to heal. Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Please call Valerie at 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) for more information.

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Faith Formation For The Parish

Every young parishioner from K-5th grade is invited to join in the **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** every Sunday during the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. The celebration starts with the dismissal of the children from the assembly, followed by an opening prayer, proclamation of the Sunday readings, Responsorial Psalm, homily reflection, Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience the Word of God. Volunteers are also needed to run the **CLOW** program, please contact Sharon Guerrero at (425) 743-2929 ext 114, or email sharong@stmp.org. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex as well.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekend of Sept. 5th and Oct. 31st. Parents and godparents must take two classes to prepare for raising children in the Catholic Faith. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are celebrated when children are in 2nd grade or higher. **(They must be in their second year of religious education, at the parish school or in Faith Formation classes.)** They prepare for the sacraments in a family setting.

Becoming Catholic

Those who would like to explore becoming Catholic are invited to join the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, which meets on Wed. evenings at 7:00 in the Renggli Rm.

For more information on any of the programs, please contact Luciann at ext 111 or email luciannm@stmp.org or Sharon at ext 114 or email sharong@stmp.org.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism: Held during Mass six times a year. Call the Faith Formation office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage: Notification of intent to marry must be given to the Pastoral Associate at least six months before the date you wish to be married.

Sacrament of the Sick: This Sacrament is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, injured, or preparing for surgery.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick are available to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the Pastoral Associate to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick or for a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick.

Funeral Masses are celebrated on Mon., Tues., Wed., or Fri. at 11am. To schedule, call the Parish Office.

Our Catholic Cemetery is: Holyrood Cemetery
205 NE 205th St. Seattle Phone (206) 363-8404.

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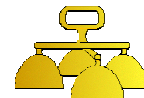
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Aloysius
8:00am	Fr. Ward
9:30am	Fr. Thumbi
11:30am	Fr. Aloysius
No 5:00pm (LifeTeen) Mass	

Ushers for July

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Pat Portolese, Capt.	David Kowalski, Capt.
Patrick Wessels	Rob Balen
Vincent Nguyen	John Balch
David McWayne	Niniva Tupua
9:30am	11:30am
Jonas Mitchell, Capt.	Rick Jorgensen, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Capt	Robert Wongkaren
John Alexy	Andra Amador
Donna Alexy	
John Abate	
Hieu Bui	

Altar Servers July 3rd-4th

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Book: Riley D.	Book: Abraham L.
Bell: Emily C.	Bell: Elianna L.
Cross: Madison C.	Cross: Remy P.
9:30am	11:30am
Book: Theresa H.	Bell: Neit G.
Bell: Kayla F.	Book: Mimi B.
Cross: Vivek M.	Cross: Allyssa R.
5:00pm	
Book: Theresa L.	
Bell: Ellie O.	
Cross: Megan J.	



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