

March 2, 2008

4th Sunday of Lent

Weekday Masses

Mon. Mar. 3rd—11 AM-Funeral Mass-Church
 Tues. Mar. 4th—9 AM-Church
 Wed. Mar. 5th—5:30 PM-Word & Communion—Church
 Thurs. Mar. 6th—9 AM-Mass-Church
 Friday Mar. 7th—9AM-Mass—Church
On days with funerals, no daily Mass. Join us at the funeral.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 10-13a
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel: John 9:1-41

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
 Gospel: John 11:1-45

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Parish Website-www.stmp.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—March 2nd-Masses

KofC Pancake Breakfast
 Faith Formation-CLOW
 1:00pm-Faithful Choir Practice-Music Room
 5:30pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by the Edge and Life Night

Monday—March 3rd

3:00pm-School Rosary Club-Chapel
 6:00pm-Parent Meeting for Registration-Dalton Hall
 6:30pm-Mission Choir Practice-Music Room

Tuesday—March 4th

2:45pm-Faithful & Kidz Choir Practice-Renggli Room
 6:30pm-LifeTeen Band Practice-Music Room
 7:00pm-ESL Class-Community Cntr Meeting Room

Wednesday—March 5th

6:00pm-Parent Club-Dalton Hall
 7:00pm-Spiritual Life and Worship Comm.-Parish Office
 7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room
 7:00pm-RCIA-Library
 7:00pm-Matt Talbot-Parish Office Library

Thursday—March 6th

10:00-Women of Grace-Youth Room
 7:00pm-Haiti Talk-Renggli Room
 7:00pm-ESL Class-Community Cntr Meeting Room

Friday—March 7th

6:00pm-Stone Soup-Dalton Hall
 7:00pm-Stations of the Cross-Church
 6:30pm-Vietnamese Prayer Group-Comm. Center Meet. Rm

Saturday-March 8th-Mass

9:00am-Scripture Study Retreat-Renggli Room
 10:00am-ESL Class-Adult Ed. Room
 2:40pm-Catholic Daughters-Renggli Room

Sunday—March 9th-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW
 5:30 pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by the Edge and Life Night
 7:00pm-Parish Mission

“Conversations with Fr. Bob”

Tune in Tuesday, March 4th to “Conversations with Father Bob”. This week guest host Deacon Patrick Moynihan will speak with **Mal and Elaine Moran**, the co-founders of New World Villages, an organization that seeks to increase the educational level, health and human dignity of impoverished people living in the Americas, along with cancer survivor, **Laurie McClosky**, who will share how she relies on prayer and trust in God to carry her through her trials. “Conversations with Father Bob” is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 PM and Thursday 9:00-10:00 PM. It also airs every Saturday morning, 8:00-9:00 AM on KKNW AM 1150. “Conversations with Father Bob” is an outreach ministry of St. Thomas More Parish and is a listener-supported program. Archived programs can be accessed from www.conversationswithfatherbob.com. Complimentary CD’s of past programs are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a CD home, listen to it and then pass it on to a friend or return it to the Narthex.

Help Wanted

The parish needs an Information Systems Specialist to oversee the Parish Office's computers and computer networks. Examples of work include: maintenance of computers and network servers, development of backup and recovery procedures and the diagnosis and problem resolution of hardware and software problems. Compensation for work performed will be by retainer at an hourly rate. Please call Fred Liebhaber at (425) 743-2929 ext 15 if interested.

Wanted

The parish needs volunteer receptionists to help answer the phone in the parish office. We are in need of volunteers who can work either Monday mornings, Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and or Friday afternoons. Please contact Cathy in the parish office if you can help.

Accountant/Bookkeeper Wanted

St. Thomas More Parish is seeking an Accountant/Bookkeeper to work 3 days per week:

- Full-charge bookkeeper through General Ledger for the School and Parish.
- Maintains personnel records and generates monthly payroll.
- Produces monthly Financial Statements and variance reports. Reviews statements with Department Heads.
- Manages cash accounts to ensure adequate funds in operating accounts.
- Reconciles asset and liability accounts including checking and saving accounts.
- Prepares quarterly and year-end reports.

Assists in the preparation of the Annual Budget and Annual Reports.

The ideal candidate has a degree in accounting, three years work experience and is proficient in various computer applications, including Excel and Word -- working knowledge of PDS a plus. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send cover letter and resume to the Parish Office, attention Fred Liebhaber. Or contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Let Me Introduce You to Our Leader

Stewardship Commission Chair, Laura Bragg advised her parents to join the parish at four years old. She believes she made a good decision then and is still happy 44 years later.

Laura Bragg (née Roberge) started her volunteer work with the STM community early. As a STMS student, she was a Bluebird and a Safety Patrol member. Her fondest memory from those early days of STM was learning to sew and cook at the convent—now the parish offices.

Since the school had yet to add a 7th or 8th grade, STMS ended in sixth grade for Laura. Coincidentally, this sent her back to Lynnwood Junior High School where she, along with the other early members of STM, attended mass in the first years of the parish.

As an adult, Laura has continued to be active. Along with her husband Jacque Bragg, she joined the Welcoming Committee in 1990. "I enjoyed helping with the monthly dinners for new parishioners," reports Laura.

Her interest in dinners and good service did not end there. She helped host the Valentine's Day Dance for 5 years and most recently led the Kitchen Committee's effort to increase STM's table service to accommodate 400!

From helping host dinners, Laura moved on to Finance Council. From there, she moved into Stewardship. "I inherited a great commission from the Duffys—for me, Mary and Brian Duffy are STM stewardship."

Laura Bragg believes it was a natural progression to move from Welcoming to Finance and finally to Stewardship. For Laura, it is all about Spirituality. She's quick to point out, "Spirituality drives a parish because it moves people to connect and to give in many ways." Spoken like a true steward and Cursillista.

A Really Big Shoe(s) ...or at least a lot of them

The Moynihans and The Haitian Project thank you for the many pairs of shoes that were brought in these past two weekends. By the end of the month people will be happily walking in them. There is no doubt that STM has a lot of soul!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

(Information stated below is based on Fiscal Year July 2007-June 2008)

Sunday Collections:	02/24/08	February	Year-to-Date
Budget	19,459.58	78,901.78	
Actual	18,250.42	82,737.19	
Better (Worse)	(1,209.16)	3,835.41	(4,626.87)



Connecting in the Catholic World

For Encyclicals [Past and Current] and Papal statements:

<http://www.vatican.va>

For the latest on what the US Bishops are saying:

www.usccb.org

To find topics in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* google CCC [Topic], for example: CCC Scripture. There is also the complete Catechism available at:

www.vatican.va/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Saturday, March 15th at 6pm in Dalton Hall. The tickets are on sale this weekend after all Masses. The tickets are \$20 per person, or \$15 for seniors. All are invited to come and enjoy corned beef and cabbage, authentic Irish dancing and fellowship with our friends at Maplewood. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Maplewood Presbyterian Church, the STM Stewardship Commission and the Knights of Columbus.



Thank You

Thank you, Father Bob and friends at St. Thomas More Parish for all the prayers and cards for Dick. He is making an amazing recovery. The Nicols Family

Women of Grace Study Series

All women are invited to come to an introductory meeting at 10am on Thursday, March 6th in the Youth Room to find out more about Jonette Bencovic's program "Women of Grace" Study Series. See the bulletin insert for more details. If you would like to facilitate an evening group, please contact Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490.

Could You be a Catholic Daughter?

Catholic women are welcome to join the Catholic Daughters in the Renggli Room at 2:30pm on Saturday, March 8th. For more information contact Debbie Olson at 787-2490.

Mass at Calvary Cemetery

The monthly celebration of the Eucharist will be held at Calvary Cemetery on Saturday, March 8th at 10:30am by Fr. Ron Funke, S.J. All families and friends of the deceased are invited to participate in this celebration.

Thank You

Angelorum Pregnancy Services would like to thank Luciann MacDonald and the students of the St. Thomas More Faith Formation Classes for their recent donations. What a wonderful and welcome surprise it was to receive all the baby clothes, blankets and bottles.

Divine Mercy Feast 2008



All St. Thomas More parishioners are welcome to come to St. Luke Parish-322 N. 175th St, Shoreline to again celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, March 30th at 2:30pm. The Choir Director will lead members of the choir in singing the Chaplet with everyone.

After the service there will be a catered reception.

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Menstall at (206) 363-1758.

Save the Date

All married couples are invited to join two upcoming Marriage Enrichment Evenings, Saturday, April 12th and April 26th from 6-9pm at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. These events are free of charge and day care will be available. The evenings will begin with a complimentary "Happy Hour" following the 5pm Mass, with the presentation beginning shortly thereafter. On April 12th, the guest speaker is Fr. Tom Vandenburg speaking on "The Sacrament of Marriage". On April 26th, the featured speakers are Mitch & Kathy Finley speaking on "The Sacred Cycle of Marital Intimacy."

Learn More About Our Poorest Neighbors

Come to an informative slide show about our friends in Haiti on Thursday, March 6th at 7pm in the Renggli Room. The Moynihans will share experiences and answer questions about what it's like to live in a third world country. Come try on these "shoes" for size!

Ministry Fair

Calling all committees and commissions! Save the date for the annual Ministry Fair **April 26th-27th**, sponsored by the Stewardship Commission. Each committee and commission will have a spot to share their ministry with the whole parish community. There will be more information to come.

Matt Talbot Fellowship meets Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish Office Library. Our focus is, "Following Matt's path to sobriety, we are Christ to each other."

Faith Formation For All

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Preparation for Confirmation for those over 18 begins March 18th. Confirmation is required to be a Godparent, to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, and in some parishes, to be married. For information call Luciann. Confirmation will be celebrated here April 20th.

Faith Formation Classes are held for Pre-K, K, and 1st grade during the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, and between those Masses for 2nd through 5th grades. For information or to register call Luciann.

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. All children 2nd through 5th grade are welcome. A few more grown-up helpers would be appreciated, especially during the 11:30 Mass.

RCIA meets on Wed. evenings, 7:00, in the Community Center Library. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring becoming Catholic please call Luciann.

Children seven and older who are not yet baptized and want to explore receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are prepared in our RCIA process. If you have such a child and wish to learn more about this please call Luciann at 743-2929, ext. 21.

Baptisms for infants and young children are scheduled for the weekends of May 11th and June 22nd. Parents must be registered in the parish and take a class to prepare them for their role as Catholic parents. Godparents must be Confirmed Catholics and take classes before the baptisms. Call Luciann for more information.

Faith Formation Office 743-2929.
Luciann, Pastoral Asst. for Faith Formation Ext. 21
lucianm@stmp.org

World Day of Prayer

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 7th at 10:00 AM. World Day of Prayer for South Snohomish County area will be held at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 196th Street SW & 84th Ave W, Edmonds. This worldwide ecumenical program, celebrates unity in diversity, and works and prays for a world of peace and justice. Let your prayers join with millions throughout the world on this day.

Vigil For Life

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on Saturday, March 8th at the Knights of Columbus Hall #676-722 E. Union St- for Mass at 8am followed by a peaceful prayer vigil to Planned Parenthood-2001 E. Madison. For more information call Matt Ulrich (Director of Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Seattle Chapter) at (206) 546-3923, or visit the website: www.seattlehelpers.org.



Tonight is an ALL AGES show! We will be talking about forgiveness and Reconciliation. Fr. Ward will be available for Reconciliation during the Life Night.

Confirmation class is tonight.

Thank you to all the Parishioners who supported our P3 Progress Subscription. We appreciate your support for our program.

Junior High Students: The Junior High Rally is on March 8th at Highline Community College. 6th-8th graders are invited to attend this day long rally with other youth from our Archdiocese. The day includes workshops, keynote speakers, Mass and a dance.

For more information about Edge or LifeTeen events, contact Angela Northquist, Pastoral Assistant for Youth and Young Adults (425)743-2929 Ext 22.

Family Potluck

Please join together to Break Bread following the LifeTeen Mass on March 9th. You can drop off your main dish in Dalton Hall prior to the Mass. This event is being sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

Fr. Treacy's Book

Signed copies of Fr. Treacy's book "He Is My Brother" are on sale in the Parish Office for \$20. Please stop in and purchase your copy today. If paying by check, please make it out to: Camp Brotherhood.

This Week at STM School:

In-service

Monday, March 3rd is half day for teacher in-service. Students may wear free dress and will be dismissed at noon.

Chocolate Sale

The annual chocolate sale ends March 5th. Please contact a school family to order your Easter chocolate!

2nd Trimester

The trimester ends on Friday, March 7th. Report cards will go home on March 19th.

Speech Tournament

Thank you to all who judged our Speech Tournament on Feb 27-28!

Coming Events:

- Student participation in Stone Soup March 12th
 - In-service March 14th Noon Dismissal
 - Ice Cream Social March 19th
 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross March 21st at noon.
- No school on Monday, March 24th.