

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

March 15th-Lenten Reconciliation Service-100pm & 7:30pm

March 20th-St. Patrick's Day dinner-6:00pm

April 4th-Easter Egg Hunt-12:30pm

April 11th-Confirmation-5:00pm

April 17th-May 9th-Annual Catholic Appeal

April 24th-KofC Dinner Dance-6:00pm

May 8th & 9th-Baptism Weekend-All Masses

May 15th-1st Eucharist Celebration-All Masses

May 22nd-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-6:00pm

Presider Schedule

March 13th-14th

5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Maurice
8:00am	Fr. Ward
9:30am	Fr. Maurice
11:30am	Fr. Ward
5:00pm (LifeTeen)	Fr. Maurice

Ushers for March

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Pat Portolese, Capt.	Ed dos Remedios, Capt.
Darwin Rieck	Vern Gestson
Arnold Wheeler	Glen Holberg
Dave McWayne	Niniva Tupua
	Jose Gallegos
9:30am	11:30am
Tom Cooney, Capt.	Manny Juzon, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Capt.	Victor Valle
Adam Weyant	Anne Duncombe
Eddie DeGuzman	Felicisimo Reyes
Jack Geisler	
Hieu Bui	

Altar Servers

March 13th-14th

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Book: Josh B.	Book: Meghan C.
Bell: Michael T.	Bell: Mathew D.
Cross: Daniel J.	Cross: Remy P.
9:30am	11:30am
Book: Tracy B.	Bell: Finn M.
Bell: Melissa H.	Book: Shea M.
Cross: Caitlin M.	Cross: Mimi B.

5:00pm
Book: Megan J.
Bell: David L.
Cross: Theresa H.



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—March 7th-Masses-3rd Sunday of Lent

KofC Pancake Breakfast

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

12:30pm-Multicultural Comm.-Parish Office Meeting Room

1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed. Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass- Youth Reconciliation Service following Mass-Church

Monday—March 8th

6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Maintenance Comm.-Parish Office

7:00pm-Faith Formation Comm.-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

Tuesday—March 9th

6:30pm-CDA Meeting-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Catholicism 101-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

Wednesday—March 10th

6:00am-Mass-Chapel

6:30pm-Confirmation Classes-Youth Room

6:30pm-Faith Formation Class-Library

6:30pm-Benediction & Rosary-Church

7:00pm-9:30am Choir Practice-Chapel

7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room

7:00pm-RCIA-Renggli Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

7:00pm-School Commission-Adult Ed. Room

Thursday—March 11th

9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room

6:00pm-Hospitality Committee-Parish Office

7:00pm-MOM's Group-Library

7:00pm-1st Communion Parents Meeting-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

7:00pm-Stewardship Commission-Parish Office

Friday—March 12th

6:00pm-Stone Soup-Dalton Hall

7:00pm-Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday—March 13th-Mass

Sunday—March 14th-Masses-4th Sunday of Lent

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed. Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight

7:00pm-1st Communion Parent Meeting-Renggli Room

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 Feb. 27th-Feb. 28th

Received: \$20,735.16

Needed: \$20,199.13

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$14,681.27

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

Lenten Donations

This coming Lenten season, we humbly ask your support by sharing some of the following items listed below to those who also need them.

Sunday, March 7th-canned soup and or chili

Sunday, March 14th-paper products

Sunday, March 21st-pasta, spaghetti sauce, and or rice

Sunday, March 28th-diapers and or wipes

You can drop off the items to the donation bin by the Faith Formation Office. Collected items will go to St. Vincent de Paul and Angelorum.

Donations For Easter Flowers

Easter is approaching and the planning for decorating the church and sanctuary is already underway. We would like to continue the tradition here at St. Thomas More of parishioners making a donation in the name of a deceased loved one, or in their own name, for the purchase of Easter flowers and decorations. The names of all those being remembered will be published in the bulletin during the Lenten and Easter seasons. We will have special envelopes in the pews and in the Narthex after all Masses which can be put in the regular collection basket of left at the parish office.

Irish Week

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day for all of IRISH WEEK. To kick it off, Maplewood Presbyterian is hosting Magical Strings, Sunday, March 14th at 7pm for an evening of Irish music, song, dance and spirituality. Suggested donation \$20, seniors \$15, children \$10. On St. Patrick's Day, March 17th at noon, the 29th Annual Mass of Peace will be celebrated at Plymouth Congregational Church in downtown Seattle. Fr. Bill Treacy will be speaking. Our own St. Thomas More celebration will be on Saturday, March 20th, as we join with Maplewood for our annual dinner prepared this year by the Catholic Daughters. For ticket information, contact Shirley Turner at (425) 745-5078. Barry Keating, pastor of Maplewood will speak at the 5:00pm Mass, that Saturday at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, the 21st.

Save the Dates!

Be sure to check out the new Upcoming Events feature above the weekly calendar on page 2.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Operation Rice Bowl and the CRS collection next weekend, unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

Catholics Come Home

You have probably already seen the ads for Catholics Come Home placed by the Seattle Archdiocese on many TV stations. Parishes throughout Western Washington collected money to pay for these professionally produced ads which invite back those who are Catholic but who, for one reason or another, have not been worshipping or celebrating the sacraments with us. The Archdiocese has done its part. Now it is up to us. We are called to be a welcoming community, friendly and accepting to all who join us at Mass or come to our parish hoping to find their way back to parish life. Beyond that, we can be thinking of those we know – sisters and brothers, neighbors, hairdresser, co-workers, who just might welcome an invitation from you to come to St. Thomas More during Lent or the Easter season. Who could you invite to “come home”?

Returning Catholics

Are you a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while? Are you wondering about the changes? Have you been hurt in some way by the Church and want to talk about it? Do you want to reconnect? Or do you have a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, or relative who has left the church and might want to return? WELCOME BACK may be the answer. We will begin meetings soon. For more information, please contact Luciann at (425) 743-2929 ext. 111, or email luciannm@stmp.org, or marypduffy@comcast.net.

Father Aloysius

Good News, Fr. Aloysius will be joining us again and this time he will be staying for 2 months, June and July. Please help us raise the money needed to pay for his airfare to Seattle. If you can find it in your heart to help Father, please make checks out to St. Thomas More and note in the lower left corner that it is for Father Aloysius' plane fare and drop it off ASAP at the front desk or give it to Cathy Bellande.

March 7, 2010

Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

Stewardship helps us recognize that both the ordinary experiences of daily living and the most profound moments of our life and death are gifts from God to be cherished and shared with others. Since God never stops giving, our opportunities to respond from the heart are truly endless. That's why stewardship is a way of life—and a lifelong source of grace and deepening spirituality.

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.

Thank You!

Please thank and support the bulletin advertisers, whose generosity provides this bulletin free to the Parish.

Advertiser of the Week:

Bellacure



Youth News!

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

Tonight is our monthly potluck following the 5pm Life Teen Mass. Join us!

Tonight is our Lenten Youth Reconciliation Service following our Potluck. All Jr. High and Senior high youth are invited to participate.

Monday night is The Edge from 6:30—7:45 in Dalton Hall. Come check us out!

Confirmation class this Wednesday night, at 6:30 in the youth room.

If you missed Thursday's meeting about our Junior High mission trip, please contact Angela.

Next Friday evening join our youth for their annual Passion Play in the Church at 7:00 pm

***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

Food Bank Donations in March and April

During March and April, Alan Feinstein of Rhode Island, gives away \$1 million to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country. Your gift to your local food bank will be matched. So the more you give in March and April, the more matching funds the food bank will receive. Monetary donations, as well as food items are counted. The 3 food banks in our area are in Edmonds-828 Caspers St-778-5833, Lynnwood-5320 176th St SW-745-1635 and Mountlake Terrace-4700 228th St SW-778-7227. You can either send a monetary donation, or call for someone to pick up donated food.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday, March 20th-21st. Adoration begins at 10am on Friday morning and ends at 8:30am Saturday morning with benediction and a Mass. You can now sign-up for Adoration on the Parish website at stmp.org. If you don't have internet access, please call John Alexy at (425) 742-0239.

Next Step Pregnancy Services

Next Step Pregnancy Services, a Ministry of Angelorum is having an open house on Sunday, March 14th from 12-4pm. All are invited to come and see the new Lynnwood facility located at 17602 Hwy 99, Suite 170. Fr. Robert Egan will be there to bless the new office around 2pm. This would be a good time to drop off any items for the Auction, which is June 19th.

MOMs Fellowship

MOMs Fellowship meets again on Thursday, March 18th from 7-9pm in the Renggli Room. They will be continuing their "Sisters In Scripture" bible study. For information, contact, Kelly Costinett at (425) 741-3510, or email Kellyscraps@cozz.net

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Faith Formation For The Parish

Catholic parents promise at Baptism to bring up their child to know God and follow His Commandments. Catholic parishes provide both Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs so that the development of the Faith is available to all.

Faith Formation classes are available to children of our parish from age 4 through 5th grade, when they then enroll in the Edge for Jr High faith development. Many of our Sunday morning classes are full, but there is still room in the Wed. evening class.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekends of May 9th and June 27th. 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.

Parent Meetings for **First Communion** will be Thursday, March 11th or Sunday, March 14th at 7pm in the Renggli Room. Retreats are on April 24th, and the celebration is the weekend of May 16th.

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.

This Week at STMP School

A special thank you to all those who participated in our Speech Tournament as judges. Thank you for spending time with us!



Congratulations to all students who were semi-finalists and finalists in the Speech Tournament. We will publish the entire list soon.

The annual Mandatory Parent Meeting is this Monday, March 8th in Dalton Hall at 7:00PM. Registration and Tuition contracts for next year will be available at this meeting.

The second trimester ends on Thursday, March 11th. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 24th.

Faculty and Staff will be making and serving Stone Soup this Friday at 6:00 PM in Dalton Hall before the Stations of the Cross. Please join us.

Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

Moms Weekend Retreat

Holy Family of Kirkland mothers group is sponsoring a retreat for Catholic mothers of all ages on March 12th-14th. It is focused on the spirituality of motherhood and will be in Longbranch, WA, which is about 1.5 hours south of Seattle. The retreat costs \$160 (which covers food and accommodations). There are also partial scholarships available. To register, email Allissa long at cissa.volleyball@gmail.com.

2010 Census Jobs

There are still U.S. Census jobs available. There are flyers in the Narthex on how to apply, or call the toll-free jobs line at 1-866-861-2010.

Job Opening

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is seeking a dynamic person to fill the full-time position of Pastoral Associate for Administration. The purpose of this position is to promote parish community, to foster goodwill and cooperation, and to insure efficiency of the parish office. Accounting knowledge; proficiency in preparing financial statements, budget preparation, ADP Payroll system, and computer experience required. Please call (425) 481-0303 for qualifications and application packet.

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