

May 16, 2010

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

May 28th-School Kinship Mass-9:00am

June 13th-Youth Appreciation BBQ-12:30pm

June 6th-New Comers Brunch-12:45pm

June 7th-8th Grade Graduation-7:00pm

June 9th-Apologetics Class-7:15pm

June 12th-Immigration Awareness Workshop-9:30am

June 19th-Senior Options Seminar

June 21st-25th-School Summer Academy

August 2nd-6th-Vacation Bible School

Presider Schedule

May 22nd-23rd

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

Ushers for May

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Al Meucci, Capt.	Juan Marzo, Capt.
Ray Michlig	Ed dosRemedios
Devin Meucci	Don Dowling
Jack Webster	Adonis Escelicas

9:30am	11:30am
John Weith, Capt.	Gael Reedy, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Capt.	Zarina David
Oly Javidando	Chien Chang
Jose Garcia	Vincent Obino
Donna Kalaw	Devron Lam
Matt Gomez	
Kimchi Nguyen	
Kristy Nguyen	

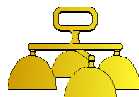
Altar Servers

May 22nd-23rd

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Book: Michael T.	Book: Remy P.
Bell: R.J. D.	Bell: Elianna L.
Cross: Dawit K.	Cross: Abraham L.

9:30am	11:30am
Book: Zachary J.	Bell: John M.
Bell: Vivek M.	Book: Tina D.
Cross: James J.	Cross: Neit G.

5:00pm
Book: Katey M.
Bell: Theresa L.
Cross: Colan L.



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—May 16th

1st Communion w/Reception-Church/Dalton Hall

Faith Formation— No CLOW

1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

Monday—May 17th

6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—May 18th

9:30am-Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary-Chapel

7:00pm-Finance Council-Parish Office

Wednesday—May 19th

6:30pm-Faith Formation Class-Library

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—May 20th

9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room

5:30pm-Mass-Church

6:30pm-Tom Curran Talk & Dinner-Dalton Hall

7:00pm-MOM's Group-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Youth Commission-Parish Office

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

Friday—May 21st

9:30am-Adoration-Chapel

Saturday—May 22nd

12:30am-Adoration-Chapel

8:00am-Benediction w/Mass following-Chapel

9:00am-Feed My Sheep-Dalton Hall

6:00pm-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-Dalton Hall

Sunday—May 23rd-Pentecost

Faith Formation—CLOW

1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed Room

1:00pm-Multicultural Commission-Parish Office

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

6:30pm-Youth Trip to D.C. follow-up 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 May 8th-May 9th

Received: \$18,842.14

Needed: \$21,871.87

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$11,614.18

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 first weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal are:

Registered Parish households: 1,982

Pledge envelopes returned: 473

% of participating households: 24%

Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$117,850

% of dollar goal attained: 87%

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.

Welcome To the Table

On May 2nd we welcomed to the Eucharistic Table, Paula and Sarah Balasa and Laura McFadden. Many thanks to their catechist, Kathleen Morris, who prepared them for the Sacraments.

St. Thomas More Summer Academy

STMP offers two Summer Academy Programs.

The enrichment program offers fun classes such as Calligraphy, Beginning Band, Guitar, Creative Card Making, Beyond Babysitting and much more! Classes begin June 21! Classes are 3-days, 5-days, or 8-days.

Catalogs are in the school office or on the school website. The deadline for registration has been extended, but do not delay. Some classes are filling quickly.

The Summer Academy academic program offers, reading, math, and grammar for one week beginning August 9th.

These blue catalogs are also available in the school office or on the website, www.stms.org. Classes are open to all parish children. Students do not have to attend St. Thomas More Parish School in order to attend STM Summer Academy.

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!



2010 Auction



Help build an instant wine cellar for the 2010 Auction. For the month of May, for each bottle of Northwest wines donated, the procurer will be entered to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card. There is no limit on how many times you can be entered. You can donate your wine at the same time you donate items to the Parish and School's Rise of the Phoenix Dinner and Auction. You simply need to fill out the procurement form found at either the STMPS website or in the STMPS office and return it to the parish or school along with your items and bottle of Northwest wine by May 28th. The drawing for the Starbucks gift card will be held on June 1st. The winner will be contacted directly, so be sure to write your contact information on the procurement form.

Dr. Tom Curran

Dr. Tom Curran is speaking in Dalton Hall on Thursday evening, May 20th hosted by the Cascade Serra Club. There will be Mass celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by fellowship time, a delicious catered dinner and the presentation. Dr Curran is the Director of Trinity Formation Resources, a non-profit ministry dedicated to helping Catholics understand, live and explore their faith more deeply. He is the host of the local radio program "Sound Insight" on Sacred Heart Radio, and is the author of several best selling books. The mission of the Serra Club is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome, so please come and invite your friends. The cost is only \$15 per person. Forms are available in the parish office, or email ratassani@comcast.net.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday, May 21st-22nd. 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 and leave a message.

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Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

A mature disciple of Christ is a responsible person who reflects in daily living a profound awareness that we are stewards (not owners) of all God's gifts and must, therefore, take special care of them. A mature disciple is generous—not in a condescending way but out of a firm conviction that God's gifts are to be shared freely with all our brothers and sisters in the family of God. A mature disciple of Christ takes the gifts and talents God has given and makes them grow so that what is returned to the Lord on the last day is greater than what was received at the beginning.

The Ministry of the Month featured the weekend of June 5th & 6th is the Stewardship Commission.

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.!

Youth Group tonight. We are making our summer calendar so join us and get you input in!

Edge on Monday in the Hall at 6:30.

We will be selling Rosaries and jewelry after all Masses so stop by and see what you like. All proceeds go towards our WYD Pilgrims.

****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

Thank You!

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

Advertiser of the Week:

Applebee's



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.

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.

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.

United States Catholic Catechism

Sessions on the study of the United States Catholic Catechism will be held on Mondays from 7pm-9pm in the Renggli Room. There are also sessions Thursday mornings from 9:30am-12noon in the Youth Room. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490 or email her at debieolson@comcat.net.

MOM's Group

Moms give yourself the gift of time this Mother's day. Join our MOM's Fellowship group here at St. Thomas More. We meet monthly for fellowship, prayer and sharing. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 20th at 7pm from 7-9pm in the Renggli Room. We will be continuing our Bible study. For more information, contact Kelly Costinett at Kellyscraps@cozz.net or call (425) 741-3510. Mothers of all ages are welcome.

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.

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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.

The last day of Sunday Faith Formation Classes for this school year will be on Sunday, May 23rd. The last Wednesday Night Faith Formation Class will be on Wednesday, May 26th. The end of the year Mass celebration for Faith Formation families will be at the 5pm LifeTeen Mass on Sunday, June 6th.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekend of 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.

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 lucianm@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

- Congratulations to all children who received their First Eucharist this weekend.
- 6th and 7th grade leave for Camp Hamilton on Tuesday May 18th and will return Friday, May 21st. Please pray for their enriching experience in the environment.
- Friday, May 21st is the Primary Track Meet at St. Mary Magdalene School in Everett.
- Friday, May 21st is also the last day for students to check books out from the school library.
- The deadline for Summer Academy Enrichment registration has been extended. There are some creative and exciting classes listed in the catalog. Some classes are almost full!! Catalogs are in the school office or on the school website.
- **Coming Soon:**
- May 25: Track Meet grades 4-8 At Everett Memorial Stadium
- May 26: Last day for pre-school
- May 28: Kinship Mass at 9AM
- All library books due
- May 31: Memorial Day, No School



Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

Always Our Children Support Group

Are you affected by someone in your life that is gay? A child? A friend? A family member? Are you seeking information and loving support? Join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. All are welcome. For more information please call Jacques or Laura Bragg at (425) 743-3423.

Immigration Workshop

An Immigration Workshop, lead by Susan Francois, CSJP at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center-1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, will be held on Sat., May 22nd from 1-4pm. This workshop will examine the complex issue of immigration including economic and legislative issues, faithful citizenship, and the call to act with justice. This is a free event, but a free-will offering can be given. To register, or for more information, please contact Sue Nies, CSJP at (425) 451-1770 ext 115, or email her at snies@csjp-olp.org.

The Sick and Homebound

Are you aware of someone who is sick, homebound or otherwise unable to get to Mass? Arrangements can be made to bring Communion to them. We have several trained Eucharistic Ministers who are available to visit. Call Kathleen in the parish office for this ministry, 743-2929 ext 103

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