



From the Desk of Father Maurice

Dear Parishioners,

After soliciting the parish for input and consulting with the Liturgy Commission, a decision was made on how best to commemorate our founding pastor, Fr. Joseph Doogan. In November an order was placed for a marble statue of St. Thomas More to be carved for a shrine in Fr. Doogan's memory. The statue arrived just two weeks ago.

We plan to create a shrine in the center of the present Rose Garden and to have it ready to be dedicated on June 20, 2010, the Sunday before the Feast of St. Thomas More. Talented and dedicated parishioners are hard at work preparing the space and creating the shrine to be a place that not only remembers Fr. Joe but that also invites prayer and reflection, is a place of beauty, and provides a focal point for our parish. Having seen the statue and the architect's drawing, and seeing all our builders and planners at work, I am confident that you will be very pleased. It is our great hope that this will be a fitting and lasting tribute to the priest who founded our parish and who lovingly served here for sixteen years.

As we get closer to the dedication date, we will provide more details but plan now to mark your calendar for Sunday, June 20, after the 11:30 Mass and join us for this joyous event.

Fr. Maurice Mamba
Priest Administrator

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17
Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23b-26

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15



Pentecost

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

- June 6th**-New Comers Brunch-12:45pm
- June 7th**-8th Grade Graduation-7:00pm
- June 9th**-Apologetics Class-7:15pm
- June 12th**-Immigration Forum-9:00am
- June 19th**-Senior Options Seminar-9:00am
- June 21st-25th**-School Summer Academy
- August 2nd-6th**-Vacation Bible School
- August 9th-13th**-School Summer Academy

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—May 23rd

- 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-Renggli Room

Monday—May 24th

- 6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall
- 6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room
- 7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—May 25th

- 9:30am-Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary-Chapel
- 7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

Wednesday—May 26th

- 6:30pm-Benediction & Rosary-Church
- 7:00pm-8th Grade Play-Dalton Hall
- 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 27th

- 9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room
- 7:00pm-Pastoral Council-Parish Office
- 7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

Friday—May 28th

- 9:00am-School Kinship Mass-Church

Saturday—May 29th

Sunday—May 30th

- 12:30pm-Fil-Am Group-Parish Office
- 5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass

Masses at Holyhood Cemetery

Please join in prayer and the celebration of the Mass at Holyhood Catholic Cemetery-205 NE 205th St Shoreline for the Memorial Day weekend. Annual Filipino Mass and Pilgrimage honoring Our Lady of Antipolo On Saturday, May 29th at 10:30am, refreshments will follow. Memorial Day Mass, Most Rev. Alex Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle presiding on Monday, May 31st at 10:30am. Vietnamese Mass on Monday, May 31st at 1:00pm, refreshments will follow.

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 15th-May 16th

Received: \$19,631.27

Needed: \$18,205.64

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$13,942.43

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 third weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal are:

Registered Parish households: 1,982

Pledge envelopes returned: 531

% of participating households: 27%

Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$117,850

% of Archdiocesan dollar goal attained: 98%

% of Parish project dollar goal attained: 0%

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 third weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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 21st. Classes are 3-days, 5-days, or 8-days long. 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.

If You Want Peace: Work For Justice

According to the Archdiocese publication, Many Gifts, One Spirit, the purpose of the Justice and Peace Commission is to assist the parish in the promotion and implementation of Catholic social teaching. Presently, our focus is on immigration reform. There has been much publicity and perhaps much confusion over this issue. Because there are many differing views on this subject there needs to be an opportunity for education and dialogue on immigration. St. Thomas More is offering such an opportunity by sponsoring a forum on immigration on Saturday, June 12th. Further information to come.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday, June 4th-5th. 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.

May 23, 2010

Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; grant that I May strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign; be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

Amen.

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

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.

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!

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Advertiser of the Week:

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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.

Retreat For Returning Catholics

Maybe you've been away from the Church for awhile. Maybe you're not sure if you want to return, but you are willing to at least take a second look. Come on a retreat for Returning Catholics on the week-end of May 28th-30th at the Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way. It will be a faith sharing retreat with large group presentations and communal prayer. For more information, or for a scholarship, call 1-800-330-7622 or visit www.seattlearch.org/palisades.

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

Pentecost

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



- The track meet for students in grades 4-8 is Tuesday, May 25th. Students will need to arrive at school early that day in order to catch the bus.
- Thursday, May 27th is the last day of pre-school for AM 4 and PM 3.
- Friday is the last day for PM 4.
- The Kinship Mass is Friday, May 28th for students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. This is a special Mass that the first grade prepares in honor of all the special people in our lives.
- All library books are due Friday, May 28th.
- Registration for Summer Academy classes is still being accepted. We extended the deadline. Come join the fun! Forms are available on the website or in the school office.
- Join the STM school community in September. Call the school office for more information or to set up a tour at 425-743-4242.
- There is no school on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

**Presider Schedule
May 29th-30th**

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

Ushers for May

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am	9:30am
Al Meucci, Capt.	Juan Marzo, Capt.	John Weith, Capt.
Ray Michlig	Ed dosRemedios	Dick Ptacek, Capt.
Devin Meucci	Don Dowling	Oly Javidando
Jack Webster	Adonis Escelicas	Jose Garcia
		Donna Kalaw
		Matt Gomez
		Kimchi Nguyen
		Kristy Nguyen

**Altar Servers
May 29th-30th**

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am	9:30am
Book: Emily C.	Book: Victoria S.	Book: Jessica A.
Bell: Madison C.	Bell: Martin B.	Bell: Nicholas P.
Cross: Charmaine L.	Cross: Nick M.	Cross: Maddie D.

11:30am	5:00pm
Book: Jacob J.	Bell: Peter H.
Bell: Leanna T.	Book: Joshua M.
Cross: Mark T.	Cross: Amanda C.