



The 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is under way and well off to a good start. This year again, we were reminded of our call to support the broader mission the church here in Western Washington.

One of the aspects of that mission is the ever present and pressing issue of Immigration, which is highlighted this weekend with meditation, prayer and action for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Our church provides a “range of legal immigration services” to those who choose, or are forced to choose to call America their new home.

Yet, and we know, questions have arisen concerning the Immigration process in place. More and more people have voiced frustration with the current system and called for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. This weekend, we join in with our brothers and sisters throughout the nation to pray for a more just and humane immigration system, one that respects the human dignity of all God’s children. With the passing of “the Arizona SB1070, which criminalizes undocumented immigrants”, and the fear that other states might follow suit, there is need for more prayer and action from the followers of Christ and all men and women of good will to help repair the current broken immigration system.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are being challenged to live out our discipleship in more concrete ways, namely by loving one another. It is through love that the world will know that we are indeed Jesus’ disciples. Our love has no boundaries: it reaches beyond our ethnic backgrounds, skin color, and language, social or economic status. More precisely, “how we welcome our immigrant brothers and sisters speaks loudly of who we are and who we wish to become...Our love for sisters and brothers who come here, legally or not, tells others in the clearest way that we are followers of Jesus Christ”(Office of Peace and Justice, Archdiocese of Seattle, May 2, 2010). Can others see that we are Jesus’ disciples by the way we relate to immigrants at work and in our community? What is our attitude towards undocumented immigrants?

What can we do? I would encourage all to follow the discussion, seek the right information about Immigration Reform as our bishops understand it in light of the Sacred Scripture and the Social Doctrine of the Church. We could also send postcards to our senators and urge them to support an immigration reform that “keeps families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status register with the government and begin the path to citizenship”.

Now is the time to act. A workshop on Immigration will be held at St. Thomas More on June 12, 2010. All are encouraged to attend and learn from reliable sources.

Fr. Maurice Mamba
Priest Administrator

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

- April 17th-May 9th**-Annual Catholic Appeal
- May 12th**-Apologetics Class-7:00pm
- May 15th & May 16th**-1st Eucharist Celebration-All Masses
- May 20th**-Tom Curran Talk and Dinner-6:00pm
- May 22nd**-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-6:00pm
- June 13th**-Youth Appreciation BBQ-12:30pm
- June 6th**-New Comers Brunch-12:45pm
- June 21st-25th**-School Summer Academy

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—May 2nd

- Pancake Breakfast
- Faith Formation-CLOW
- 9:30am-May Crowning-Church
- 1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed Room
- 1:00pm-Called To Protect Class-Renggli Room
- 5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

Monday—May 3rd

- 6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall
- 6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room
- 7:00pm-Faith Formation Comm.-Library
- 7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—May 4th

- 6:30pm-CDA Officers Meeting-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room
- 7:00pm-Discernment-Renggli Room
- 7:00pm-Justice & Peace-Parish Office
- 7:00pm-Baptism Class-Library & Church

Wednesday—May 5th

- 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
- 7:00pm-Liturgy Commission-Parish Office

Thursday—May 6th

- 9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room
- 7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

Friday—May 7th

- 9:30am-Adoration-Chapel
- 6:00pm-Bingo Night-Dalton Hall

Saturday—May 8th

- 12:30am-Adoration-Chapel
- 8:00am-Benediction followed by Mass & Anointing-Chapel
- 5:00pm-Baptisms at Mass-Church
- 6:00pm-Father/Daughter Dance-Dalton Hall

Sunday—May 9th

- Baptisms at Mass-Church
- No Faith Formation-CLOW
- 12:30pm-Multicultural Commission-Parish Office
- 1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed Room
- 5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

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 Apr. 24th-Apr. 25th

Received: \$19,429.40

Needed: \$18,005.81

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$11,139.45

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: 120

% of participating households: 6%

Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$117,850

% of dollar goal attained: 24%

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 first weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Bingo Night

Don't miss the fun and prizes of the St. Thomas More Bingo Night on Friday, May 7th at 6:00pm hosted by the STM Youth Ministry. This is an evening of fun for kid and adults, so please invite family and friends to join you. There will be pizza and pop available for purchase. The proceeds will benefit the STM Youth Ministry.

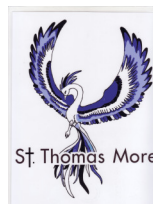
Lux Mundi

What is our role in the community, the nation, the world? What does the Church teach about injustices? What does God call us to DO? Lux Mundi, the young adult community, will meet on Thursday, May 6th at 7pm in the Youth Room to learn about and discuss Catholic Social Teaching. Archbishop Brunett has called the Church's teaching on justice and life issues "earthshaking"...it pertains to the essence of being Catholic." See you at Lux Mundi. Check out our website at www.stmp.org/community/lux-mundi for more information about the group.

Ministry of the Month

The Ministry of the Month for the weekend of May 1st-2nd is the Youth Commission. Please drop by their table in Dalton Hall during the KofC Pancake breakfast to find out more about this ministry.

2010 Auction



Yes, it's that time again-time to start procuring for the 2010 Auction. We are asking the parishioners to not only help with procuring, but to also think about sponsoring this year's event. If you would like information on sponsorships or need procurement forms, they can be picked up in the school office. This year's auction theme will be "Soaring to Greater Heights—Rise of the Phoenix" in recognition of the new STM school mascot-the Phoenix. The auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th at the Lynnwood Convention Center, so mark your calendars to join us at this great fundraising event to support our school and parish education programs.

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, and registration is due by May 14th. Forms are available in the parish office, or email ratassani@comcast.net.

CD Player

Is there a CD player on the shelf in your family room or in the back of your closet collecting dust? Our Faith Formation classes could sure put it to good use. If you have one to donate, please bring it into the parish office or on Sunday to the Faith Formation office in the breezeway. Thank you.

May 2, 2010

Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

Stewardship Commission Prayer: Lord God, we stand in need of your blessing and grace, and so we pray: For our parish, that we will be a beacon of Your love in this community,. For all the people of our parish, that our work may touch them and help them to live out more fully Your call to discipleship. For our pastor and leaders of our parish, that they will have the strength and wisdom to shepherd Your people. For all those who work at our parish, that we may work effectively in concert with them. For all those who serve on councils, commissions and committees here in our parish, that working together with them we may faithfully bring your message to all in our parish. For all those who are touched by the ministry that our efforts support, that they will recognize You as the ultimate source of that help. O gracious God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep enter of gratitude. Remind us often of how abundantly You have offered gifts to us, especially in our greatest need. Amen.

The Ministry of the Month featured the weekend of May 1st-2nd at the KofC Pancake Breakfast is: The Youth 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.!

Potluck tonight!

Join us for Youth Group tonight! We will be talking more about vocations. Do not be afraid to join us!

Edge on Monday in the Hall at 6:30.

Come support the WYD Pilgrims as we assist the K of C in serving breakfast on Sunday Morning.

Join us for Bingo on Friday May 7th at 6:00 pm in the Hall!

Friday May 14th STM we will be hosting a Junior High Dance for all 6-8th graders and their friends. Dance starts at 7pm and ends at 10. Cost is \$7 at the door and snacks and drink available for sale. Please dress modestly with no shorts, tank tops or short skirts. Those not dressed appropriately will not be allowed into the dance. Permission slips required and available at the door.

****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

St. Mark Auction

St. Mark Parish invites you to both their Family Night and Gala Annual Parish Auctions-18033 15th PL NE Shoreline. The Family Night Auction is on Wed., May 5th at 5:30pm. This is a casual evening for the whole family with good food, fun activities, a large silent auction and a mini-live auction. This is a free event, no reservations are needed. The Gala Auction is on Sat., May 8th at 6:00pm. There is a champagne preview, gourmet formal dinner and premier silent and live auctions. The theme is prom and it is for adults only, \$55 per person, and reservations are required. To purchase tickets, please go to www.stmss.org and select the link for reservations.

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, May 7th-8th. 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.

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.

5th Sunday of Easter

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.

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.

The 1st Communion celebration is the weekend of May 15th and 16th at all Masses.

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



- Monday, May 3rd will be a half day for students. Teachers will be participating in an in-service that afternoon. This is a free-dress day for students.
- The Parents' Club's Father/Daughter Dance is Saturday May 8 6-8:30 PM.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us with the jog-a-thon on Friday. All funds raised will go towards remaining pieces of the new playground.
- Progress Reports for the last mid-term of the year will go home in the Wednesday envelopes this Wednesday.
- Remember: Our Spring Concert is May 12th at 7PM in the Church.

**Presider Schedule
May 8th-9th**

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

Ushers for May

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Al Meucci, Capt.	Juan Marxo, 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	Zarinna David
Oly Javidando	Chien Chang
Jose Garcia	Vincent Obino
Donna Kalaw	Devron Lam

Matt Gomez
Kimchi Nguyen
Kristy Nguyen

**Altar Servers
May 8th-9th**

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am	9:30am
Book: Daniel J.	Book: Martin B.	Book: Esti G.
Bell: Fallon B.	Bell: Victoria S.	Bell: Jacinta .
Cross: Margaret C.	Cross: Elizabeth D	Cross: Stephen G.

11:30am	5:00pm
Book: Nicole G.	Bell: Megan J.
Bell: Finn M.	Book: Ellie O.
Cross: Shea M.	Cross: Peter H.