

**From the Desk of Father Maurice**



On October 10, 2009, all were invited to a forum on Immigration issues and concerns held at St. Thomas More, in a concerted effort with Holy Rosary, the Office of Catholic Faith Formation and “One America”. This was an opportunity for our community to: learn about the plight of the undocumented immigrants in this country, become informed of our bishops’ position on and understanding of a Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and explore ways in which our communities can best support our brothers and sisters who find themselves trapped in a broken immigration system.

At that gathering, I opened my remarks by echoing Vatican II’s urgent call for a genuine solidarity between the Church and the world of our time (Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, preface, n.1).

As a Church, we minister to the whole person, “body and soul”(Ibid.), and situated in a social context which cannot be ignored lest we compromise the integrity of our mission. This is why the issue of illegal immigration and other burning questions of our time have found their way in the official statements of our bishops.

On the very topical question of illegal immigration, our bishops have outlined their vision for a reform that is both inspired by the timeless wisdom of the Bible and is in accord with the tenets of the social teaching of the Church. They advocate for a reform that promotes the respect of the dignity of the human person through five key initiatives as summed up by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C., in his October 9, 2009 testimony in the US Senate: 1) bring immigrants out of the shadows through a legalization program; 2) preserve family unity through reforms to the family-based immigration system; 3) create legal avenues for migration for migrant workers; 4) restore due process protections for immigrants; and 5) address the root causes of migration.

Clearly, little if not nothing is being done with respect to those five initiatives. Raids and deportations are still uprooting and dislocating families. As your priest administrator, I was saddened to lose one of our families in late July 2009 as a result of those practices. Stories about the mistreatment of illegal immigrants and the inhuman conditions at the detention center in Tacoma, for example, are well documented and, shamefully, shocking.

What can we do? Participants in the forum made recommendations that will soon be posted on our web site. But the insistence was placed on the participation of all in the upcoming debate on Immigration Reform by writing our elected officials, signing petitions and post cards that will be prepared by our Peace and Justice Commission and “One America”.

May we all remember that “no human being is illegal”; all are brothers and sisters.

Fr. Maurice Mamba  
Priest Administrator

**THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS**

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

*All Saints Day*  
First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14  
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3  
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

**Sunday—October 25th-Masses**

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW  
12:30pm-Multicultural Commission-Parish Office  
1:00pm-Parol Frame Making-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room  
1:00pm-Pumpkin Carving-Renggli Room  
3:30pm-Confirmation Parent Meeting-Renggli Room  
5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight  
7:00pm-1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting-Renggli Room

**Monday—October 26th**

6:30pm-Edge-Youth Room  
6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room  
6:30pm-Bingo Night-Dalton Hall  
6:30pm-Welcome Back Session-Renggli Room

**Tuesday—October 27th**

9:30am-Bible Study-Renggli Room  
9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room  
7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office  
7:00pm-Bible Study-Renggli Room

**Wednesday—October 28th**

6:30pm-Faith Formation Classes-Library  
6:30pm-Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary-Church  
7:00pm-RCIA-Renggli Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room  
7:00pm-9:30am Choir Practice-Chapel  
7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room

**Thursday—October 29th**

9:30am-Light Weigh-Youth Room  
7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room  
7:00pm-LifeTeen Band Practice-Music Room

**Friday—October 30th**

6:30pm-All Hallows Eve-Dalton Hall

**Saturday—October 31st-Mass**

**Sunday—November 1st-Masses**

Fil-Am Fundraising Breakfast-Dalton Hall  
Faith Formation Classes-CLOW  
5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight

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**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 Oct. 17th-Oct. 18th  
 Received: \$20,692.21  
 Needed: \$18,833.77  
 Year-to-date: \$280,314.60  
 Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$3,239.02

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

**World Mission Sunday**

Thank you very much for your generous support of World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of our Church and to the well-being of the poorest. Please pray for all those working in the overseas mission of the Church that they may remain courageous in bearing witness to Christ's message and His love for everyone, especially for those who are the most in need.

**St. Thomas More Scouts**

The St. Thomas More Cub Scouts are looking for boys in 1st-5th grade to join them. Please contact Linda D. at LindaD100@verizon.net for more information. Also the Boy Scouts are looking for boys ages 11-17 to join them. Please contact Tim Hogan, Scoutmaster at (425) 367-9111 for more information.

**LifeTeen Potluck**

Everyone is invited to an evening of food and fellowship following the 5pm LifeTeen Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Please bring enough servings of your favorite main dish or salad to feed your own family, and everyone will share. Please contact, Lisa Moore at (425) 745-5601 for questions.

**Bingo and Pizza Fundraiser**

All invited to a Bingo and pizza fundraiser, sponsored by the Fil-Am group of St. Thomas More, on Monday, October 26th from 6:30pm-9pm in Dalton Hall. The proceeds will go toward the relief effort for the victims of the Philippines, Indonesia and American Samoa disasters. The games are \$7 per person and the pizza and soda are \$2 a piece. There will be a raffle and great prizes. Please come and support this worthy cause to help our brothers and sisters in need.

**Lux Mundi**

Lux Mundi will meet on Thursday, Oct. 29th in the Youth Room at 7pm for Movie Night. We will provide the popcorn, entertainment and company, you just have to come. Lux Mundi meets every Thursday from 7-8pm and rotates through faith education and sharing, service and social evenings.

**Diamonds Are Forever**



Diamonds Are Forever, St. Thomas More Gala Dinner/



Auction will be on Saturday, November 14th at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Tickets are on sale this weekend after all Masses through the last weekend before the auction, November 7th-8th, so get yours now. The price of the tickets are \$65/per person. Please come and join us for a very enjoyable evening to help support the children of our parish and school. If you have any questions, please contact John and Kristina Rodabaugh at (425) 745-3506.

**Cell Site Update**

We regret to inform the parish community that the cell provider, Cricket Communications, Inc. decided not to pursue plans to build cell sites in the Seattle market at this time. Therefore, the cell site proposal outlined to parishioners over the course of the past two months will not move forward. Any questions can be addressed to Fred Liebhaber at fredl@stmp.org.

**Aloha**

Come join our brothers and sisters in Christ at Maplewood Presbyterian Church-19523 84th Ave W Edmonds-on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 7pm for an ecumenical contemporary Worship Service featuring the Hula dancing ministry Hula 'Ohana O Ke'alaileiha'aha'a, led by our own STM parishioner, JoanMarie Hughes. Cookies and punch will be served afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

**Ministry Fair a Great Success!**

The Ministry Fair held on 17-18 Oct was an amazing success, with over 400 parishioners attending, and over 50 Ministries represented. The Stewardship Commission would like to thank all of the many ministries for creating wonderful displays and committing their time to being present throughout the weekend. We are especially grateful to those who sponsored the fair as well: Dr. Stephen Lee, McDonald and McGarry Insurance, Kunthara Auto Licensing, Sandi's Solutions, and David Barnhart. You will find Ministry Guides and Commitment cards in the pews, Narthex and on our website. Please sign-up for a Ministry! It takes many, many volunteers to keep all of our activities alive in the parish. Thanks again to all of you for making St. Thomas More such a visible sign of the Real Presence of Christ!

# October 25, 2009

## Parish News (cont.)

### Save the Date

All are invited to a Fil-Am fundraising breakfast in Dalton Hall on Sunday, November 1st after every Mass. The proceeds will be use for the Simbang Gabi reception and Parol making materials.



### Web Site of the Week

Have you ever thought you might have a vocation within the Church? Have you thought of becoming a priest or a sister? Are you aware that this is no longer a decision made by only very young men and women. Some claim these vocations after full lives and even after marriage and raising children. Or perhaps you are called to serve the Church as a lay minister. Explore your potential for this life at <http://www.vocations.com/>.

### Gluten Intolerant?

If you have Celiac Disease or another condition that makes you gluten intolerant, you may want to receive gluten-free hosts for Communion. If you wish to participate in this option, please call or email Kathleen at 425-743-2929 ext 103, [kathleenk@stmp.org](mailto:kathleenk@stmp.org).



### Youth News!

Senior High Youth group tonight! Come join us for dinner and a night about Global Solidarity. We will begin in the Hall following Mass (6:00).

Junior High EDGE tomorrow night at 6:30 in the Hall. Come check is out!

YOUTH CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS are HERE! Join other Catholic youth from around our state for this years convention. It is the weekend of November 7th and 8th at Bellevue Community College. There are TONS of workshops to choose from. Pick up your registration after Mass or contact Angela.

If you missed the Confirmation youth/parent information night Wednesday, come join us for another meeting today (Sunday) at 3:30 in the Renggli room.

Registrations for all youth programs are available in the faith formation office or in the back of the narthex by the youth bulletin.

\*\*\*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](mailto:angelac@stmp.org)**

## Ongoing Opportunities

### 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.com). Please call (206) 706-2608 for more information and to register.

### Marriage Encounter

A good marriage requires maintenance. Learn how to increase your love, appreciation and respect for each other on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Register today. The last weekends in 2009 are Nov. 6th-8th in Everett and Dec. 4th-6th in Centralia. Call Bruce and Judy White at (425) 771-9003 or Rory and Dawn Myers at (206) 772-2344 to register or for additional 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.

### Stephen Ministry

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of compassion who is willing to be an active listener. Many people have a situation, health concern or a story and would benefit from a listening ear and a Christian partner to journey with them so that a decision can be reached by them as to what is best for their situation. For more information or questions, please call Karen Biermanski at (206) 920-0174.

### Light Weigh

Would you like to eat your favorite foods while you learn how to lose weight? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. The meetings will be held on Thursdays from 10-12pm. Please call Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490 for more information on joining the Light Weigh Bible Study.

### Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary

Please join us for Benediction and Rosary every Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the Church.

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# October 25, 2009

## 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 Nov. 15th and Jan. 10th. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Meeting for 1st Reconciliation** will be on Sunday, Oct. 27th at 7pm in the Renggli Room. 1st Reconciliation will be celebrated Dec. 5th, and 1st Eucharist 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](mailto:luciannm@stmp.org) or Sharon at ext 114 or email [sharong@stmp.org](mailto: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 STM School



- Thank you to all parents who attended Parent Conferences last week. Please remember to return signed Progress Reports.
- The Cookie Dough Sale begins on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Gift Wrap Sale ends Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Our All Saints' Day Mass will be on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a full-dress uniform day.
- Pumpkin Fest for grades K-5 will be on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear costumes: No weapons, No masks, No inappropriate messages.
- See you at the All Hollow's Eve celebration Friday night at 6:30PM. Be sure to preorder pizza for dinner (order form in the office) There will be fun and games for the whole family.



### **Presider Schedule**

**October 31st-November 1st**

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

### **Ushers for November**

<b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
Al Meucci, Capt.	Juan Marzo, Capt.
Ray Michlig	Ed dosRemedios
Devin Meucci	Don Dowling
Jack Webster	Adonis Escelicas
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
John Weith, Capt.	Gael Reedy, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Co-Capt.	Zarina David
Oly Javidando	Chien Chang
Jose Garcia	Vincent Obino
Donna Kalaw	Devron Lam
Matt Gomez	

### **Altar Servers**

**October 31st-November 1st**

<b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
Book: Riley D.	Book: Elizabeth D.	Book: Espi G.
Bell: Casey D.	Bell: Remy P.	Bell: Jacinta G.
Cross: Josh B.		Cross: Maddie D.
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	
Book: Nicole G.	Book: Madeline J.	
Bell: Claire O.	Bell: McKenna W.	
Cross: Reid O.		