



Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, February 7, 2010

8:00 AM Soul of Jimmie Lee Cain †
9:30 AM Soul of Mildred Jacoby †
11:30 AM Protection of the unborn
6:00 PM Intentions of the members of STM

MONDAY, February 8, 2010

12:15 PM Intentions of Sam Neese
5:30 PM Soul of Teresa Fogarty †

TUESDAY, February 9, 2010

7:30 AM Soul of Thomas P Danaher, Sr †
5:30 PM Soul of Mae Davis †

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2010

12:15 PM Soul of Diane Ward †
5:30 PM Soul of John Cotter †

THURSDAY, February 11, 2010

7:30 AM Soul of Robert Groffy †
5:30 PM Intentions of the Coughlin Family

FRIDAY, February 12, 2010

12:15 PM Souls of the deceased Giordano Family †
5:30 PM Intentions of the Gonsalves Family

SATURDAY, February 13, 2010

9:00 AM Intentions of Andrew & Gypsy Black
5:30 PM Intentions of the members of STM

SUNDAY, February 14, 2010

8:00 AM Protection of the unborn
9:30 AM Soul of Richard Mende †
11:30 AM Soul of Dragan Divkovic †
6:00 PM Intentions of John Lewis

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS
February 8-13**

Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56
Tue	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13
Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23
Thur	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30
Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37
Sat AM	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS
February 13-14**

1st Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

**ST THOMAS MORE
AUCTION DINNER**

Come spend a **STARRY NIGHT** at the St Thomas More School Auction. Join us Saturday, March 20th at 7:00 pm for an evening of live music by Webster and catering by The OceanAire Seafood Room in Midtown

Live and Silent Auction
Raffle Tickets

Plus More "Surprises" to Come
RSVP for tickets today! Send Name and \$30 per ticket through Kids Mail to:
Michele McHale Pickard c/o Kelly 6K or
McPdimples@bellsouth.net
Phone: 404-284-2800

**MINISTER'S SCHEDULE
February 13-14**

<p>5:30 PM MASS VAN DRIVER Bill DeCocq LECTORS Bob Diebold Marie Diebold ALTAR SERVERS Gabe Hesketh Lily Hesketh Tab Belvedere</p>
<p>8:00 AM MASS LECTORS Geri Cullens Rolando Trujillo ALTAR SERVERS Jason Phillips Ally Phillips Will Phillips</p>
<p>9:30 AM MASS LECTORS Joe Butler Colleen Doyle ALTAR SERVERS David McNabb Liam Pickard Kelly Pickard</p>
<p>11:30 AM MASS LECTORS Mondria Davenport Rose Konouck ALTAR SERVERS Kyle Lewis Ana Cvijetinovic Langston Guyden</p>
<p>6:00 PM MASS LECTORS Okoye Chimex John Walsh ALTAR SERVERS John Evan Laughter Will Laughter Gabe Hosier</p>

The altar server, cantor & lector schedules are available on the parish website
www.stmgaparish.org

February 14
No individual or family has signed up to receive the Elijah Cup at the 9:30 am mass
If a family or individual would like to receive the Elijah Cup the signup sheet is outside the vesting room

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Paula Adams	Connie Hosier
Faith Bachner	John Hunt
Joseph Balegamire	Joseph Hyde
Bill Barran	Ed Kilgore
Theresa Brady	Jose Leyton
Pat White Bryant	Michael Llop
Dwight Buller	Gerard Magri
Paula Camp	Mary Maher
Stan Camp	Genevieve McLendon
Flora Chen	Genny Mitchell
Galo Cimadevilla	Rudolphe Motard
Lilia Comendador	Otavia Muraro
Gerard Dupuis	Fr Peter Rau
Jessica Finley	Ruth Schwab
Jane Gavin	Susan Scaletta
Jody Harrison	Steve Schwab
Lynn Hodges	Nada Sekelja
Betty Hoffmeyer	Tyler Thomas
Charles Hoffmeyer	Sr M Thomasine
Cyrus Troy Horton	Ayleene Turner
	Emmet Walsh, Jr

To add the names of those who are seriously ill or remove names please contact Marie Diebold 404-378-4588 or mdiebold@stmga.org.

You are always most welcome to add names or special intentions in the book outside of the Adoration Chapel.

**STAND FOR THE
RIGHT TO LIFE**

Please, join us during our public prayer vigils at the abortion facility located on Cliff Valley Way on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. Contact Aileen Barreca (Stmcathforlife@aol.com) 404-558-3276 or Jayme Caspall (prolife@decatur-knights.org) 404-578-1623 for information.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Not all moral issues have the same weight as abortion. While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion."
(Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—now Pope Benedict XVI, 2004)

**JOIN THE SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, ATLANTA
FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 28**

What will God accomplish when people of faith across our community and beyond unite for 40 days of prayer and fasting, pulling out all the stops to end the violence of abortion? Christians throughout Atlanta are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 17 through March 28. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the abortion facility or participate in community outreach. Join us for the 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally Tuesday, February 16th at Feminist Women's Health Clinic, abortion facility, 1924 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta, GA at 5:15 pm. *To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact:* Kateri Howard at 770-547-8493 or by e-mail at

atlanta40days@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.40daysforlife.com/atlanta All are welcome!

IN HONOR OF THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE ATLANTA, THE STM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN THEM IN PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL ON FEB 21ST, 28TH, MARCH 7TH, 14TH 21ST AND 28TH STARTING AT 10:45 AM FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS.

CATHOLIC DAY AT THE CAPITAL

The Fourth Annual Catholic Day at the Capital, *Faith in Action*, will take place Thursday, Feb 25th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Archdioceses of Atlanta and Savannah invite Georgia Catholics to the State Capital to exercise our baptismal call as advocates for public policy that protects those who are vulnerable and promotes the common good. Catholic day at the Capital will start with a legislative briefing at 8:30 am at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (48 Martin Luther King Jr Dr SW, Atlanta) and then we will proceed together to the Capital to view the opening of the session and meet your legislators. You will be on your own for lunch. The event is free, but registration is required so that we can communicate last minute changes. Please register online at www.archatl.com/offices/communications/catholicday.php or call Joy Place at 404-885-7201

JOIN "MORE STEPS" AND FIGHT HUNGER

Sign up today for the Atlanta Hunger 5K Run/Walk on Sun, Mar 14. Make a donation or join the St. Thomas More team online at <http://acfb.convio.net/goto/more.steps> For more info e-mail teri.nagel@hotmail.com

a strong foundation  a stronger faith
saint thomas more  capital campaign



**GOAL
\$2.5 MILLION**

**74.6% OF
GOAL MET**

**PLEGGED AS OF
02/1/2010
\$1,870,573.00**

It is never too late to make a pledge (one time, pay monthly, yearly, your choice). Or if you have completed your pledge consider making an extra gift to help us reach our goal. Your pledge or gift whether large or small is an important part of our goal. Thanks

MONTHLY SENIOR GATHERING

The date for the monthly senior gathering will be Wed, Feb 10th (rescheduled due to Ash Wednesday) at 12:45 pm in the St Julie Room Bring your lunch and enjoy a few games of Bingo Drinks and snacks provided. For more info contact John & Helga at 770-939-3683

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The monthly STM food collection will be the weekend of Feb 13-14. Please bring canned & non-perishable food items, including baby food, cereal, formula, 1 qt pkgs dry milk, jelly, sm pkgs corn muffin mix, cereal, rice, tea bags, bar soap and toilet paper and place in the boxes located in the narthex. The proceeds of this collection will go to the Decatur Emergency Area Ministry.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Feb 7 th	SVDP meeting	9:30 am Teacher's Lounge
Feb 7 th	Baptism Class	1:00 pm Media Center
Feb 8 th	Knights of Columbus	7:00 pm Knights Room

WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
Perpetual Adoration	7 days/24 hours Chapel
Holy Hour (Tuesdays)	8:00 pm Adoration Chapel
Nursery	Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 am Mass
Baptism Class (1 st Sun monthly)	1:00 pm School Media Center
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 and 11:30 am
Children's Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Choir Room
Cherub Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Church
Adult Choir (Thursday)	7:00 pm Choir Room
Nursery available for Adult Choir	

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR STM

Please come out to support the upcoming blood drive at St Thomas More Catholic Church on March 7th from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in Mulhern Hall. You can select an appointment time that works best for you online now at www.givelife.org or by signing up after one of the masses beginning the weekend of Feb 21st. Please use the sponsor code "sttmcc" when signing up online. Thank you for your support! It is critical to give blood if you are eligible. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

Christine Anzalone, Stuart & Katherine Bahr & Family, Andrew and Anna Blocha & Family, Maura George, Mike & Mary Hutton & Family, Robert and Janet Linkins & Family, John & Libby Long, Bartolomeo Maldonado, Virginia Perez, Andrew & Anya Robinson & Family, Barbara Stafford, Koert and Marjan Van Ittersum & Family, Steve and Nicole Whatley, Andrew & Christine Hopkins

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

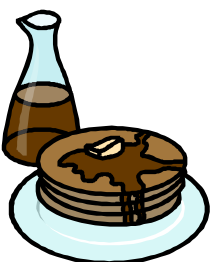
Join us for a last BIG community feast before Lent.

TUESDAY, FEB 16TH

6:00 -7:30 PM

MULHERN HALL

No reservations required. Donations gladly accepted. Profits will go to fund the summer mission trip and other EDGE activities.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do *I* hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am *I* prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"

Parish Offertory Goal	\$24,500.00
January 23-24	\$22,049.00

SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE

The second collection for Feb 13-14 is for the St Thomas More Chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL
APPEAL**

**YOUR  ARE
NEEDED TO HELP US MEET
OUR GOAL**



2010

Parish Goal	\$95,082
Amount Pledged	\$85,809
Pledge percent	90.25%

If you need a pledge envelope they are available in the narthex. Special thanks to all who have already made pledges

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray for the soul of Gerard Magri, son of Leo and Delfa Magri and brother of Julie Magri. May he rest in peace and may his family and all who love him be comforted during this difficult time.

Stop by Mulhern Hall for donuts & coffee after the 8:00 & 9:30 am Masses

ATLANTA BOY CHOIR



The Atlanta Boy Choir, directed by Fletcher Wolfe, is currently seeking boys ages 5-13 with unchanged voices. Auditions are being held on Wednesdays by appointment at the Atlanta Boy Choir

house at 1215 S Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta. To schedule an audition, please call 404-378-0064 or email to info@atlantaboychoir.org. Please include boy's full name and phone number.

LITURGY AND MUSIC AT STM

In just a shot nine days the season of Lent will be upon us starting with Ash Wednesday on Feb 17th. Let us keep in mind that Lent is a season of grace and conversion, of penance and reconciliation, of renewal of our baptismal promises. Lent is marked with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, listening to the word of God and full active and conscious participation in the Lenten liturgies.

Here are a few upcoming dates to remember:

Feb 21st – The Children's Choir will sing at the 11:30 am Mass

March 1st – Will you be able to serve as an Altar Server, Lector or Extra Ordinary Minister during Holy Week and for Easter Masses? If you are willing to serve please add your name to the signup list available in the narthex. Your help in this matter will assure that we have adequate coverage.

March 21st - Our Lenten parish mission will begin with Fr. Simeon Gallagher preaching at all the masses that weekend. A schedule of talks will follow in upcoming bulletin announcements.

Every registered household will receive a Lenten/ Easter Schedule in the mail in the following weeks.

These are only a few of the highlights of upcoming events. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Music Ministry please call Joe Messina 404-378-4588 x120

THE EMMAUS SOCIAL CLUB

(Catholic singles group for 20's-30's) is planning to have a Superbowl gathering Sun. Feb. 7th starting 6:30 pm on at Taco Mac near Lindbergh Marta Station. Fri Feb 12nd a Happy Hour Fri. at 5 Seasons Brewing, 1000 Marietta St Atlanta at 8:30 pm with live music; & Fri Feb 26th a Happy Hour at Chili's near Lindbergh Station. Guests welcome. RSVP at emmaussocialclub@yahoo.com. For directions or more information call 404-844-8098.

YOUTH DOINGS...

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (9th to 12th Grade)

FEB 5-7 Confirmation retreat at Tiger, GA

If you can volunteer for planning, leading or sponsoring one big event per year for the youth, let Cindy Palmer know at cpalmer@stmga.org

Those interested in working with our youth, please see our website for an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28th Newcomers & visitors reception 7:00 pm

March 28th – Confirmation class to see Atlanta Passion Play

Sr High Youth Leaders will meet weekly at 5:15 pm in the Youth Room next to the gym. If you are interested in being a Youth Leader, please fill out the application on the STM website (stmgaparish.org)

Questions about the Senior High Youth group contact Mrs. Cindy Palmer at cpalmer@stmga.org

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (6th to 8th grade)

Feb 16th 6:00 to 7:30 pm EDGE hosts the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper in Mulhern Hall.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our EDGE lock-in is planned for April. You must have attended or participated in 6 EDGE functions during the year to be eligible to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EDGE night: Lent is MORE than just giving up candy! Feb 28th EDGE hosts Youth Mass at 6:00 pm followed by food and open gym.

March activities include Ice Cream, Cars and Christ, a Habitat Build (ages 14 & over), back to basics, a day trip with a picnic at the Monastery

Questions about the Edge Middle School Youth group contact Mrs McP 404-378-4588 X119 or email Youth@stmga.org

For Youth activities check out the parish website www.stmgaparish.org

the lighter side

CHIEF THUNDERCLOUD: Son, our ancestors used to do a rain dance when there were serious droughts. Sometimes it would take days before the skies opened up. Fortunately, today I can make the rain pour down in an instant!

LITTLE BEAVER: Gee, Pop, what do you do nowadays to make it rain so quickly?

CHIEF THUNDERCLOUD: I take out my golf clubs.

Bulletin



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STAFF

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 Ms. Marie Trujillo, Director Religious Education
 Mr. Joe Messina, Music Director
 Ms. Marie Diebold, Parish Secretary
 Mr. Vince DeSantis, Plant Manager
 Ms. Terry Collis, Principal, S.T.M. School
 Ms. Cindy Palmer, Senior High Youth Minister
 Ms. Michele McHale Pickard, Edge Middle School Youth Minister

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 9:00 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm
 Daily Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:15 & 5:30 pm
 Tue & Thurs: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Seven days a week, 24 hours

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00–5:00 pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For information concerning Baptism, call the parish office at 404-378-4588.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements with the Church should be made at least 6 months in advance.

SPONSORS

Those wishing to act as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation please note the requirements.

1. The person must be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months.
2. They must be active in the parish community by Mass attendance and by support of the church.

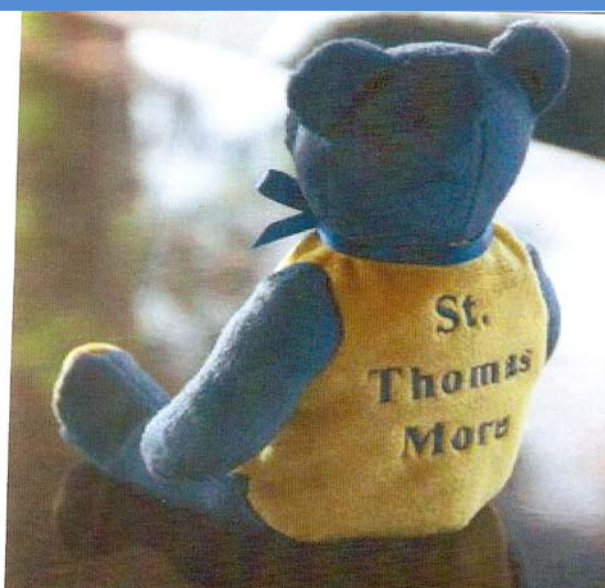
SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for bulletin notices is Monday by 9:00 a.m. in writing. Inserts must be scheduled with the parish secretary.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new families and individuals to our parish. Registration packets are available in the parish office Mon–Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, by asking a priest or usher after the weekend Masses, or in the Immaculata Gift Shop. Those who move away, change addresses, phone numbers, or family status are asked to notify the parish office.

EDGE STM'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS



STM BEAR - ONLY \$10.00

(PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EDGE MISSION TRIP)

YOU CAN ORDER THIS LOVEABLE (LIMITED EDITION) BEAR IN THE NARTHEX EVERY WEEKEND UNTIL FEB 28 OR IN THE IMMACULATA SHOP