Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, March 7, 2010
8:00 AM Intentions of Flora Chen
9:30 AM Intentions of the members of STM
11:30 AM Protection of the unborn
6:00 PM Soul of Greg Hughes †

MONDAY, March 8, 2010
12:15 PM Souls of Dorothy & Henry Butler †
5:30 PM Soul of Donna Mae Gilliam †

TUESDAY, March 9, 2010
7:30 AM Soul of David Barrett †
5:30 PM Intentions of Fr Cregan

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010
12:15 PM Intentions of Sharon Braunstein
5:30 PM Soul of Mae Amoroso †

THURSDAY, March 11, 2010
7:30 AM Soul of Jean Bonanno †
5:30 PM Soul of Rosemary Fumei †

FRIDAY, March 12, 2010
12:15 PM Soul of Mary Ann Lottes †
5:30 PM Soul of Clarence Werner, Jr. †

SATURDAY, March 13, 2010
9:00 AM Soul of Richard Ourth †
5:30 PM Soul of Arthur DeMatters †

SUNDAY, March 14, 2010
8:00 AM Protection of the unborn
9:30 AM Soul of John Layer †
11:30 AM Soul of George Zarour †
6:00 PM Intentions of the members of STM

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS
March 8-13

Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30
Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thur	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
Sat AM	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS
March 13-14

1st Reading	**Joshua 5:91, 10-12**
2nd Reading	**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
Gospel	**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated following the 5:30 pm Mass in the church

ALTAR SERVERS DID YOU KNOW?

The "monstrance' is the large ornate vessel used to hold the Blessed Sacrament for Benediction, Eucharistic processions, and perpetual adoration

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE
March 13-14

5:30 PM MASS
VAN DRIVER
Bill DeCocq
LECTORS
Mattie Wicklin
Helen O'Leary
ALTAR SERVERS
Morgan Titak
Patrick Keyes
George Madathany

8:00 AM MASS
LECTORS
Chris Kayser
Brian DiNapoli
ALTAR SERVERS
Jason Phillips
Ally Philips
Will Phillips

9:30 AM MASS
LECTORS
Bob Sherman
Adelina San Juan
ALTAR SERVERS
David McNabb
Denden Mussie
Fevin Mussie

11:30 AM MASS
LECTORS
Stephanie Bialek
Joe Butler
ALTAR SERVERS
Claire Monsour
Noh Menigsteab
Merih Menigsteab

6:00 PM MASS
LECTORS
Youth Mass
Youth Mass
ALTAR SERVERS
Youth Mass
Youth Mass
Youth Mass

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

March 14
The Rochefort Family will receive the Elijah Cup at the 8:00 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

Suzanne Batman	Connie Hosier
Richard Benson, Sr	John Hunt
Yates Bouirgeois	Michael Llop
Flora Chen	Nada Sekelja
Jody Harrison	Sr M Thomasine
Cyrus Troy Horton	Emmet Walsh, Jr

IF YOUR LOVED ONE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST AND YOU WISH TO HAVE THE NAME PUT BACK ON THE LIST, PLEASE CONTACT MARIE DIEBOLD AT 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

"…four of 23 patients diagnosed as being in a vegetative state showed signs of consciousness on brain-imaging tests. Even more significantly, one patient was able to answer yes and no questions using the researchers' technique..." The researchers "…plan to continue refining functional MRI scans as a communication tool in the hope of eventually letting vegetative patients participate in their own care." (A new study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* as reported in *The Wall Street Journal*, Feb 4, 2010)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS

Mar 12th, 19th & 26th
SERVING 6:30 – 8:00 PM
IN MULHERN HALL

Come and enjoy a baked or fried fish dinner with your STM family and friends! As always, we will get you through the service lines FAST so you can enjoy more time eating and visiting with friends!

Adults $7.00 **Children $3.00**

ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE LENTEN FISH FRY FOODS PLUS A KIDS MEAL INCLUDING FISH STICKS, TATER TOTS, AND APPLE SAUCE

Take Out Available

WHAT DO THE KNIGHTS DO WITH THE MONEY THEY RAISE?

Donate to Charities- St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Birthright, K of C Wheelchairs for Veterans, MS Society to name a few

Community Service- Sponsor Essay and Poster Contests, Teacher Luncheons, Easter Egg Hunts, Student Sports Competitions, Cub Scout Lunches, Assist with More Fest and much more.

GARDENING ANGELS WORK DAY

The Gardening Angels will have a work day on March 13th from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to help dig in the dirt. Bring gardening tools, shoves, gloves, etc.

ATTENTION ALL WRITERS! (OR ANYONE WHO LIKES TO WRITE)

St. Thomas More is in the process of starting a stewardship newsletter. We are interested in short profiles of special ministries or individuals who have contributed their time and talents to STM over the years. If you would like to contribute an article, or have an idea for a story, please email Rebecca Rakoczy at rrakoczy@bellsouth.net. **The first deadline is Wednesday, March 17.**

a strong foundation | a stronger faith
saint thomas more | capital campaign

GOAL $2.5 MILLION

74.6% OF GOAL MET

PLEDGED AS OF 03/01/2010 $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

JOIN THE SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, ATLANTA

Christians throughout Atlanta are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort through March 28. For more info contact: Kateri Howard at 770-547-8493 or 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

The STM youth, aged 14 and up, will have another day of service doing a Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday March 13. A pizza lunch is provided and transportation from STM to the site and back is available. Contact Phil Kloer at pkloer@gmail.com to sign up.

the lighter side

How can you tell if an Irishman heard a good joke?

He's Dublin over with laughter.

SENIOR GATHERING

The monthly senior gathering will be March 17th at 12:45 pm in the St Julie Room. Wear your green, bring your lunch and come play a few hands of cards. For More info contact John & Helga at 770-939-3683

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

March 8th	Knights of Columbus	7:00 pm Knights Room
March 11th	Penance Service	7:00 pm Church
March 12th	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm Church
March 12th	K of C Fish Dinner	6:30 pm Mulhern Hall

WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
Perpetual Adoration	7 days/24 hours Chapel
Holy Hour (Tuesdays)	7:00 pm Adoration Chapel
Nursery	Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 am Mass
Baptism Class (1st 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	

YOUTH DOINGS...

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (9th to 12th Grade)

MARCH 7 – The Youth Group will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Youth Lounge. We dine together, learn about the Gospel together, pray together and play sports together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14th Youth Mass – (high school youth to host)
March 28th Confirmation class to see the Atlanta Passion Play

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

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

MARCH 7- EDGE Rock Band Finals are THIS SUNDAY March 7th 7- 8:30pm in the Music & Band room. Come out and cheer on your favorite band as they battle for the title of BEST BAND.
Snacks provided, bring $1 per slice for pizza!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14th Youth Mass – Edge meets for food & fun with open gym 7:00-8:30 pm
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

STM PLAYGROUP

Thank you for all the interest in starting a playgroup at St. Thomas More. Our first get together will be Friday, March 12th, at 10:00 am in the STM nursery. If you have any questions, please email Colette Shadix (coletteshadix@hotmail.com) or Amy Oldham (aoldham@gmail.com). We're looking forward to meeting all of you! ~Colette & Amy

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Parish Offertory Goal	**$24,500.00**
February 20-21	**$25,262.37**

SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE

The second collection on the weekend of March 13-14 is for Catholic Relief

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

The Gospel of John is constructed around the number 7: Jesus delivers 7 discourses, performs 7 miracles, and offers 7 "I AM" declarations. We will examine the seven miracle stories in the Gospel (only one of which is repeated in the Synoptic Gospels), beginning with the wedding feast at Cana and culminating with the raising of Lazarus. The miracle stories will be examined as vehicles of John's unique theological outlook and presentation of Jesus' public ministry.

The sessions will be offered on Sundays and Thursdays **Thursdays -** March 10th and April 1st in the parish library at 7:00 pm and on **Sundays** - March 7th, 14th and 28th in the Music room at 9:30 am

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

2010

Parish Goal	**$95,082**
Amount Pledged	**$87,904**
Pledge percent	**92.30%**

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School will be July 12-16. Watch the bulletin for more information.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY MARCH 11TH – LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE (Sacrament of Reconciliation) at 7:00 pm. There will be visiting priests available for individual confessions.

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH - LADIES MORNING OF REFLECTION FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON IN THE PARISH LIBRARY. LADIES! PLEASE JOIN US for STM's Annual Lenten Women's Morning of Reflection. Louanne Bachner will lead us with the topic, ***"FINDING GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES"***. Come enjoy good fellowship and thoughtful Lenten contemplation with other women of the STM community. For questions or to RSVP to this free event, please contact Eileen at 404.534.1117 or eileencorey@bellsouth.net.

MARCH 13-14 - There will be a collection for food donations that will benefit the St Vincent De Paul Society.

MARCH 20-21 – There will be a collection of bathrobes or slippers for both women and men (all sizes). These will be given to the patients of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home

MARCH 27-28- There will be a collection of **soft** chocolates and twin size or lap blankets. The collection for this weekend will also be given to the patients of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home

FOR ADDITIONAL IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE DURING LENT CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE AT www.stmgaparish.org/lent

March 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th
PARISH MISSION

The Theme of the mission is "The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic" This mission will consider the great challenge of growth in Faith as Cardinal J. H. Newman once said: "The only evidence of life is growth. " This principle must be applied to all levels of life including the Faith-Life. Using the insights of the Scriptures, Twelve-Step Recovery programs and the writings of St Ignatius of Loyola this theme of Freedom and Growth will be explored. The Mission will be presented by Fr Simeon Gallagher.

Morning Conference begins with Mass at 9:00 am with talk to follow Mass

Evening Conference begins at 7:00 pm

The nursery will be available for the morning and evening sessions.

March 22nd – First Conference "Stories of Escape from Self"

March 23rd – Second Conference "Escape from False Values and Religious Adolescence"

March 24th – Third Conference "Quest Stories: Humanity as Grace"

March 25th – Fourth Conference ""Love Stories: The Freedom Only Christ Can Give"

SAINT THOMAS MORE

Bulletin

SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH & SCHOOL
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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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARISH CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 13th

[following the 5:30 pm Mass]

in Mulhern Hall

RSVP by signing up in the narthex, call the parish office at 404-378-4588 or email mdiebold@stmga.org

Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served

Please bring a dish that will serve 10 to 12 people

A to D bring SALADS

E to P bring SIDE DISHES (potatoes, vegetables, etc.)

Q to Z bring DESSERTS

Entertainment will be provided

Wine & Beer available (donations accepted)