



# St. Thomas More

September 10, 2017/The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH & SCHOOL

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### PARISH OFFICE

404-378-4588

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Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sun. 9:00—12:00 Noon

Closed for Lunch  
12:00-12:30 PM

### SCHOOL

404-373-8456

### EMERGENCY NUMBER

678-337-8910

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

#### SATURDAY

5:30 PM (Vigil)

#### SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

12:00 Noon

5:30 PM

#### MON—FRI

5:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM  
or by appointment

Nursery Available during  
9:30 AM and Noon Masses



## STM MAKES DONATION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

STM has made a donation of \$2,500 to Catholic Charities USA for hurricane relief in Texas. This gift was made possible by your generous support of STM through your Offertory gifts.

We encourage parishioners who wish to supplement this STM gift to donate to Catholic Charities USA on-line at:  
<https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>.

Click on the "donate to hurricane relief" button at the top of the CCUSA home page.

## UPCOMING RETREAT AT IGNATIUS HOUSE

Sept. 13—Day of Reflection—Praying the Beatitudes  
Directed by Carl McColman

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) are the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, so they are central to Jesus's message of radical love, mercy and forgiveness. With plenty of time for silence and prayer, we will reflect on the Beatitudes together, looking at how these wisdom teachings can bring joy and purpose to our lives today.

Carl McColman is a contemplative Christian author, speaker, and retreat leader based in Clarkston, GA. He is a professed lay associate of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA, and he co-directs the RCIA program at St. Thomas More Parish in Decatur, GA with his wife, Fran. His books include *The Big Book of Christian Mysticism*, *Answering the Contemplative Call*, and *Befriending Silence*.

## Meeting Christ in Prayer

*An 8-Week Transformative Encounter*



(BEGINNING SEPT. 17 AT 3 PM)

As a child, you were taught how to pray. Now that you are an adult, you have probably outgrown some of the ways you prayed as a child. So just how do adults pray? Come and see for yourself. Meeting Christ in Prayer is an engaging eight-week guided experience on Ignatian prayer. No experience praying with others is required! *Are you ready to commit to deeper prayer? Information session is September 17. Contact Andy Otto (aotto@stmga.org) to sign up.*

MORE EATS RETURNS SEPTEMBER 13TH



## PRAYER REQUESTS

## STAFF

At the weekday Masses this coming week, the people of St. Thomas More will remember the following persons along with all the living and dead. We encourage parishioners to say the names of deceased loved ones aloud during the "General Intercessions" if invited to do so by the presider.

- MONDAY, September 11** Holy Souls †
- TUESDAY, September 12** Helio A. Martinez †
- WEDNESDAY, September 13** Georgina Jimenez †
- THURSDAY, September 14** Johannes Darmawan †
- FRIDAY, September 15** Xavier Alec Martin †

**Pray for those who have died:**  
Randy Shoemaker

**Pray for those who are sick:**  
Jeannie Stelten

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Charlotte Collins at: [ccollins@stmga.org](mailto:ccollins@stmga.org), or 404-378-4588. In order to add a name to these lists, you must be either the person seeking prayers, an immediate relative of the one to be remembered, or have the express permission of the one to be remembered.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Mon. Sept 11** Walking With Purpose  
7:00 PM Mulhern Hall  
Knights of Columbus  
6:00 PM Youth Room
- Tues. Sept. 12** Renew with Louanne Bachner  
1:30 PM Parish Library  
RCIA  
7:00 PM St. Julie Room
- Wed. Sept. 13** More Eats  
6:00 PM Mulhern Hall
- Thurs. Sept. 14** Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Choir Room
- Fri. Sept. 15** S Factor Movie Night  
7:00 PM St. Julie Room
- Sat. Sept. 16** YAM Prayer Group  
9:00 AM St. Julie Room
- Sun. Sept. 17** The Word with Jerry Pendrick  
10:40 AM Parish Library  
Baptisms  
2:00 PM Church  
Meeting Christ in Prayer  
3:00 PM Parish Library  
EDGE/Lifeteen Meetings  
Youth Room and ND Gym

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Emails for STM Business Only

## JOIN STM PARISH

We invite you to join our parish community by registering as a parishioner. By registering, you declare your intention to participate actively and meaningfully in our parish by worshiping with us at Sunday Eucharist as often as possible, by participating in our parish programs and ministries, by doing service in your neighborhood, and by financially supporting the parish as much as your means allow. By registering, you also enable us to be of greater service to you and to your family.

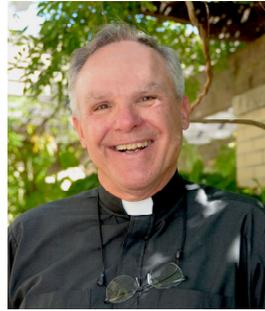
The registration form is available online at [stmgaparish.org](http://stmgaparish.org) and in the pamphlet racks in the narthex of the church. Complete the form and mail, fax, or scan and email it to [mdiebold@stmga.org](mailto:mdiebold@stmga.org), drop it in the Offertory basket during any Sunday Mass, or bring it to the parish offices during normal business hours.

# FROM THE PASTOR

## From the Pastor...

My first contact with the Knights of Columbus here at STM was, unfortunately, not very positive. I and my brother Jesuits had just moved into the STM rectory. There were (and still are) six of us; there were five bedrooms in the rectory.

This was not a good situation, obviously. We clearly needed one more bedroom, and ideally, at least one other bedroom for guests. Unless we put bunk beds in the living room, the only space in the rectory where this could happen was the basement area. Unfortunately, that space was occupied by the school's Admissions Office and the Knights of Columbus.



I met with the leadership of the Knights and explained the situation. I said that we needed the space the Knights were using, and I asked that the Knights give up that space so that we could convert it to necessary bedrooms.

The Knights were disappointed, but they graciously agreed to relocate to the Youth Room in the gym, at least for the time being.

The school's Admissions Office relocated to new space in the parish office area just west of the church.

We have indeed converted that rectory basement area to three suitable bedrooms. Fr. Rudy, who has just begun service at STM as a parochial vicar, is living in one of the new rooms. The other rooms are available for use by guests.

Fortunately, since then, my contacts with the Knights have been pretty good. I am their official chaplain, and I have attended a number of their meetings. For their part, the Knights have responded generously when I have asked them for some particular service to the parish.

I admit to not having had much contact with the Knights before coming to STM. There was no Knights Council in any of my previous parishes. Being pastor at STM has given me a chance to get to know them better. They are a fine group of men, and they have a long history of service to the Church in general and to STM in particular. For example, a group of Knights recently put in several hours of volunteer work at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Grace facility, and a couple weeks ago, several Knights spent a morning at an elderly parishioner's home doing much needed yardwork and maintenance. The Knights also regularly help the women at Beacon of Hope, a local pregnancy aid center, and will also be of major assistance at the upcoming parish picnic in late September.

I was at the Knights' regular meeting a couple weeks ago to see Philip Lee, a parishioner, be sworn in as the Grand Knight of the local Knights Council. Philip replaced parishioner Dennis McCarthy who had just finished his term of office. At that time, I was able to address the Knights who

were present. I told the Knights that I was not able to restore the rectory basement to them, but I did encourage them to be true to their mission by providing an opportunity for Catholic men to gather and grow in friendship; by serving the needy in the local community; and by being of service here at STM. If the Knights were faithful to this mission, I said, STM would be the better for it.

I am grateful to the Knights for their presence at STM, and to Dennis and Philip for their leadership.

On another matter, I recently spoke to a parishioner who wondered aloud to me whether she should be taking Communion on the tongue. She had been receiving in her hand, but another parishioner had just told her that the proper, more reverent way was to receive the host on her tongue. I reassured her that the Church permits one to receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and that receiving on the tongue does not indicate greater devotion to the Eucharist. Indeed, the more ancient practice of the Church is to receive the host in one's hand. When the American Church allowed people to take Communion in their hand as part of the liturgical reform following Vatican II, the Church was returning to an earlier practice that arguably better reflects the action of "taking and eating" that Jesus commended at the Last Supper.

What a shame that that this parishioner was made to feel less holy, less devout, because she chooses to take Communion in her hand. On the other hand, I was not surprised that she was told not to do this. There is an awful lot of stuff on the internet and in print about the manner of receiving Communion that is simply not what the Church teaches. A very brief tour of the internet on this topic will expose one to claims that by receiving Communion in the hand, one "degrades the divinity of Jesus" and is "trying to be equal to God," and that persons who receive Communion on the tongue while kneeling "receive more graces" than the one who receives Communion in the hand. None of this is true, of course. The Church teaches none of this.

Still, there is considerable room for improvement in how we receive Eucharist whether we choose to do so by hand or on the tongue. I commend all of you to view a short video, *Sacraments 101: Eucharist (How We Receive)*, produced by the Paulists, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdGkTdv4Dt4>. If you follow the instructions there, you will not only show due reverence for the Eucharist; you will also make things much easier for the priest or minister who offers you Communion.

Fr. Mark



## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS



### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4 PM - 5 PM, or by appointment.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital. The sacrament is not only for those close to death, but also for those who are seriously ill or infirm and in need of the community's prayers and support. The anointing can be given multiple times.

### BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptism, contact Andy Otto at [aotto@stmga.org](mailto:aotto@stmga.org) or 404-378-4588. Note: Persons presenting a child for baptism may be required to participate in a short preparation program. Links to sign up for classes as well as the Sacramental Information form are available under Baptisms on the website.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, AND CONFIRMATION

If you or your child want to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation for the first time, or to be confirmed, contact Michele McHale Pickard at [mcp@stmga.org](mailto:mcp@stmga.org), or 404-378-4588.

### MATRIMONY

To schedule a wedding, contact Andy Otto at [aotto@stmga.org](mailto:aotto@stmga.org), or 404-378-4588. Note: Persons desiring to be married at St. Thomas More will be required to participate in a marriage preparation program. For more information on the sacraments at STM please visit: [www.stmga.org](http://www.stmga.org), and click on "Worship and Sacraments."

### FUNERALS

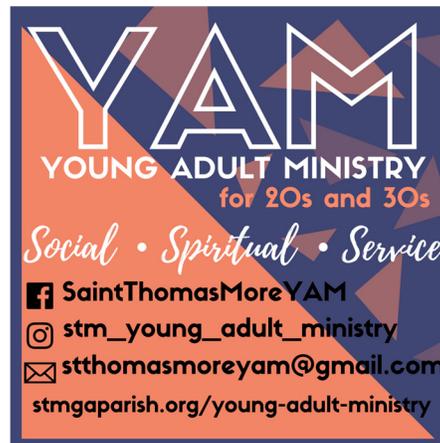
In the event of the death of a loved one, call the parish and ask to speak with the priest on duty. He will attend to your needs and offer advice on how to proceed with funeral planning.

## PARISH FINANCES

### SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for September 23-24 will be for the Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## STM YAM (YOUNG ADULTS)



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRAYER GROUP

Join STM YAM for a weekly prayer and support group every Saturday for fellowship, support and accountability in prayer. Coffee and snacks will be provided!

### SATURDAY 9-10 FAMILY ROOM

Contact Frances for more info: [fcd.work@gmail.com](mailto:fcd.work@gmail.com)

**THIS MONTH IS LITURGICAL MINISTRY MONTH—IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE CONTACT JOE MESSINA AT 404-378-4588 X120 OR [JMESSINA@STMGA.ORG](mailto:jmessina@stmga.org)**

### LITURGY NOTES—THE ROLE OF THE CANTOR

The cantor works with the music to achieve its aims. The cantor is a leader. The cantor is to "direct and support the people's singing" and "to lead the different chants."

When sustaining "the people's singing" the cantor's voice should not overly predominate. The singing of the assembly is the voice that should be heard. The cantor may be needed to set the tone and pace, to summon the people into worship, to indicate that another verse is to begin, to keep the pitch where it belongs, and to monitor the rhythm of the music. But once an assembly develops these skills, the cantor's voice can back away. Especially when people sing music they know well, the cantor serves the community's voice by letting it be heard.

Cantors sing in front of people, so they also need the ability to remain comfortable and composed. If the cantor has practiced well, he or she will relax into the role while others are listening, watching, or singing along. If the cantor is relaxed, everyone else will be too.

One skill of faith is the ability to manage silences. Just as any melody needs rest to define its character, so the Mass needs silence to define its spoken and sung sounds. A cantor will often be expected to hold the community in silent prayer—before singing the Kyrie, beginning the Responsorial Psalm, or introducing the Acclamation before the Gospel for example. At other times the music begins immediately upon a cue: the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy), the memorial acclamation, and the Amen, for example. The cantor will need to balance, silence, acclamation, and pacing to let the music fit the overarching rhythm of the Mass.

The cantor is one of the many ministers at the Eucharist. This diversity of ministries shows the activity of the Holy Spirit, who bestow all gifts in abundance. Every worshipping community possesses many gifts. Some people may be unaware of their gifts. When they discover them and offer what they have, their participation enlivens their faith, and the whole community bears witness to the manifold presence of the Holy Spirit. When all these fits work together for a common purpose, the marvel of the Holy Spirit are plain to see.

*Guide for Cantors*—Jennifer Kerr Breedlove and Paul Turner

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For activities, info or questions about the STM Life Teen or EDGE visit: [stmgaparish.org](http://stmgaparish.org) & click on the Youth Programs.  
Contact Mrs. McP EDGE 404-378-4588 x 119 Edge—[youth@stmga.org](mailto:youth@stmga.org) Life Teen contact: [teens@stmga.org](mailto:teens@stmga.org)

## 2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Please note: the following are at capacity: 4 yr old's : you will be put on a wait list

1<sup>st</sup> grade : 4 open slots. PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to have your child receive 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, you must be either registered and attending class or registered in the home school option.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: your child must be in their second year of formation in class or approved home-school program in order to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade: at capacity: ask about homeschooling options

## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All STM parish 10<sup>th</sup> graders: Confirmation sign up is now open! **You must register and pay fees ONLINE before 9/22 in order to Confirm this year.** <http://www.stmgaparish.org/liturg-y-and-worship/confirmation/>

Confirmation Calendar is on the parish website. The two retreats (10/29/17 & 1/21/18 1-7 PM) are **MANDATORY** for Confirmation/ no exceptions. Confirmation this year is Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Mandatory Parent Teen meeting: Tuesday September 26th 7 PM Mulhern Hall**

## LIFETEEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Please note: If you are in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade and NOT attending a Catholic school, you must be active & registered in LIFETEEN in order to Confirm with your 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class. <http://www.stmgaparish.org/life-teen/>

### September meeting dates:

9/10 & 9/17 7 PM-8:30 PM in the youth room

Youth Mass @ 5:30, youth dinner in Mulhern 6:30-7 PM

### LIFETEEN summer camp interest:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa8ac2ca46-lifeteen1> **CHWC mission trip interest sign up coming soon!**

## EDGE

Time to indicate your preference for summer camp: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa8ac2ca46-edge8>

If you are an 8<sup>th</sup> grader NOT in Catholic school, you MUST be active & registered in EDGE (2 YEARS) in order to receive Confirmation in 10<sup>th</sup> grade! Register before 9/10/17 if you want the youth group year's T-shirt!

<http://www.stmgaparish.org/middle-school-youth-edge/>

September EDGE meeting dates: 9/10 & 9/17 3:30-5:15 PM sign in at the gym lobby!

Youth Mass 5:30 PM optional youth dinner 6:30-7 PM

Mission trip interest dates coming soon!

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## BLESSED AT THE BROKEN PLACES

**Fortunate and Faithful Families** will host author and therapist, Marshall Jenkins, for an enlightening talk and discussion on Sunday, September 17 beginning with Mass at 1:00 PM at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center on Riverside Drive. Dr. Jenkins is Director of Counseling at Berry College, as well as a counseling psychologist and spiritual director. His most recent book, *Blessed at the Broken Places*, uses the Beatitudes to look at the times of pain and sorrow in our lives...and how God's grace brings blessings, joy and victory through these very trials and challenges. Dr. Jenkins has worked with many LGBT individuals and their loved ones and brings a message of hope, wisdom and faith to our LGBT families. Please invite extended family and friends; all are welcome! For more information, contact Kathy Farrell at [klfarrell295@gmail.com](mailto:klfarrell295@gmail.com).

## September 14, 7 PM - THE QUEST FOR TRUTH IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE: THE EVOLVING DIALOGUE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

*Technology Square Research Building - Georgia Institute of Technology, 85 Fifth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318*

John D. Cressler will unpack the fascinating evolving dialogue between science and religion, in a casual, friendly, approachable way, exposing you to the marvels of modern science (cosmology, biology, quantum theory) and what those discoveries mean for religion and the future of humanity.

## September 21, 7 PM - CARL MCCOLMAN TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL JANE BAIRD LECTURE THE CHRISTIAN OF THE FUTURE WILL BE A MYSTIC

*Cathedral of St Philip - 2744 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30305*

The 20<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner famously predicted that in the future, Christians will be mystics - or will not exist at all. Carl McColman will reflect on this challenging statement from Rahner and offers some insight into how ordinary Christians today just might become the mystics of the future.

# PARISH LIFE

## SUNDAY NURSERY

Every week, , twelve months a year, our Sunday Nursery is open for ages 3 months – preschool (**including all 4yr olds, some of whom may be enrolled in Religious Educ., held between the 9:30 & noon masses**) The Nursery is available during our 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon masses. We open 15 minutes before each mass. Please have your child(ren) join us each week! You can focus on mass while they have fun and play in a safe place! Nursery accessed through hallway by Family Room. Volunteer opportunities always available; Archdiocese security clearance required and provided. Questions? Contact our Nursery Coordinator: Mary Ann Brock 404-520-9915 [dmabrock@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmabrock@bellsouth.net)

## STM PARISH PICNIC

Wind down your summer with the STM Parish Picnic. We will start with the evening with mass at 5:30 PM in the courtyard, then enjoy a potluck dinner and fellowship. Bring the whole family to the 2017 STM Parish Picnic on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin or e-newsletter for more details.

## THE S FACTOR SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECT

**Marta Breeze cards** will be received until Sep 19th. We're asking you to put \$10 on the card so homeless veterans will have the ability to get to the Center for rehab, medical care and counseling. Cards may be purchased for \$2 at the Decatur Marta Station kiosk and brought to the parish office by Sep. 19th.

## BECOME A BAPTISM MENTOR PARENT

Has your child been baptized in the last year or two? Consider becoming a mentor parent(s) for the parents of children to be baptized into our community, offering support, sharing your experience, and answering any questions throughout the process. Minimal time commitment required. For more information please contact Andy Otto at [aotto@stmga.org](mailto:aotto@stmga.org).

## SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE AT STM

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent STM blood drive. Due to your generosity our goal of 34 pints was exceeded with a total of 45 pints. Your dedication and generosity to the Red Cross is greatly appreciated.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## STUDENT TO STUDENT

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is launching a campaign asking every Catholic school family around the country to contribute at least \$1 per student to help Catholic schools impacted by the storm to rebuild, reopen and re-enroll students. "Student to Student: A Catholic School Response to Hurricane Harvey" is a powerful opportunity to engage students in living the Gospel message of compassionate service and generosity to others.

Our hearts and prayers are with Catholic schools and all those affected by Hurricane Harvey. In keeping with our mission to serve others, **St. Thomas More School will participate with a "Red, White and Blue" out of uniform day on Patriot Day, Monday, Sept. 11. Students who contribute at least \$1 may come out of uniform.** Please refer to the out of uniform guidelines on page 43 of the student handbook.

NCEA will distribute 100% of the funds collected to dioceses in the affected areas for their Catholic schools in vital need of support due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey.

For more information on these activities and the Student to Student campaign, please visit [www.NCEA.org/STS](http://www.NCEA.org/STS).

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Do you have a family member with special needs seeking religious education? Does your family member have needs that prohibit them from fully participating in the sacraments, mass, or parish events? We would love to help them succeed in these areas. Please contact Julie Siler or Michele McHale-Pickard to let us know how we can support their needs. Julie Siler: 404-285-3886 or [jes76@bellsouth.net](mailto:jes76@bellsouth.net)

## MORE EATS RETURNS SEPTEMBER 13TH

6:00—7:30 PM Mulhern Hall Adults \$5.00 Children \$2.50

Chicken Pot Pie  
Steamed Broccoli  
Raspberry Walnut Salad, Mixed Grapes  
Rolls, Dessert Bars

New families and individuals are invited to enjoy a complimentary meal. Please RSVP via phone 404-378-4588, email [ccollins@stmga.org](mailto:ccollins@stmga.org) or at the signup board available in the narthex this weekend

## JOB OPENINGS:

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

STM has an immediate opening for a part-time **Religious Education Coordinator**. This position reports to the Director of Youth Faith Formation and is responsible for coordinating all facets of the department, as well as the recruitment and training of all volunteer teachers and aides. This position is responsible for PreK 4 yr. old through Grade 5 faith formation including sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Also responsible for planning and executing vacation bible school one week during the summer. Must be a self-starter with excellent interpersonal skills, communication, Microsoft Office and organizational skills. This person must be fully committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church and an active, practicing Catholic in good standing. If interested, please email your resume to [mcp@stmga.org](mailto:mcp@stmga.org).



## Student to Student

A Catholic School Response to Hurricane Harvey

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT STM

Persons are welcome to pray before the exposed Eucharist in the STM chapel Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM till 5:30 PM.

## UPCOMING RETREATS AT IGNATIUS HOUSE

**Sept. 22-24 - Love's Movement: From Self-Care to Service—Directed by Sarah Otto.**

We often neglect the important proposition in the great commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself. But for service to be sustainable, we have to take care of ourselves.

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - When God Recalculates My Journey**

Just when I think I know where I'm going, I come to a roadblock and I hear the gentle voice of God, "recalculating". How can I trust the new road map? How do I choose the "right" path at the fork in the road? Directed by Maureen Hunt.

Register at [IgnatiusHouse.org](http://IgnatiusHouse.org)

## THE WORD WITH JERRY PENDRICK —ADULT BIBLE STUDY

St. Thomas More Parish's Sunday morning adult Bible study (*The Word*) has resumed. Please join us each week as we read and discuss the Sunday Mass readings. The primary focus will be on explaining the literal meaning of the texts, especially the Gospels. 10:40-11:50 AM in the Parish Library.

## RENEW—TUESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

A weekly Bible study with Louanne Bachner Tuesdays at 1:30 PM-3 PM in the STM parish library has resumed. For additional info, contact Andy Otto at 404-378-4588 X124

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE—STM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Faith at a 22 session Bible Study entitled *Keeping the Balance*. Monday, 7:00—8:30 PM Mulhern Hall. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/y8lndgkq>

## STM COFFEEHOUSE— UPCOMING TOPICS

**Oct. 1 - *The Landscape of Catholic Education in Atlanta*** with Bill Garret, President of Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit

**Oct. 15, 22, 29 - *A mini-series on End of Life Issues*** (Estate Planning, Senior Care, Grief and Pastoral Care)

## RCIA CLASSES ARE STARTING SOON!

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, then we invite you to participate in our RCIA class, which began meeting on Tuesday, September 5th.

RCIA is specifically for people who are not Catholic, and either want to become a Catholic or at least want to learn more about the Catholic faith. There is no obligation to become a Catholic, and no charge for the course. For those who wish to become Catholic, RCIA prepares you to receive the sacraments of initiation. This program is designed to focus not only on the teachings of the Church, but also on the spirituality of Catholicism.

If you are interested in RCIA, or just want to learn more, please contact the RCIA Directors, Fran and Carl McColman, by emailing [rcia@stmga.org](mailto:rcia@stmga.org) or calling 404-375-1611. Thank you, and God bless!

# SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH

## DECATUR-AREA EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

If you would like to volunteer with DEAM, please go to our website: [www.deamdecatur.org](http://www.deamdecatur.org) or call Karen Johnson at 404-373-9283.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CRISTO REY

Christo Rey Jesuit High School is seeking adult volunteers for the 2017-2018 Mentor Program. This is a one year commitment that kicks off on September 30, 2017. For more information and a link to the mentor program application, please go to <http://www.cristoreyatlanta.org/Volunteer/Mentor-a-Student>

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UPDATE

Bryn Murphy will be stepping down from her role chairing the refugee resettlement committee. Bryn has served tirelessly since the inception of the resettlement program here at St Thomas More, coordinating volunteers as the family transitioned into their new life in Clarkston, GA. Bryn's energy will now be used in her new position with Catholics Charities Atlanta. We thank her for her tremendous service and wish her well in her new role.

Monica LaBelle has graciously agreed to take over the responsibilities chairing the resettlement ministry. An STM parishioner, Monica has worked extensively with the Martoungou family since their arrival, forging a bond with the family and often serving as a French translator. We are thankful to move forward with this ministry under Monica's leadership.