

October 19, 2014

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT THOMAS MORE

Saint Thomas More
Church & School
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SCHEDULE OF
MASSES
Saturday
9:00 am
5:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday
8:00 am
9:30 am
12:00 Noon
5:30 pm

Daily
Mon, Wed, Fri
12:15 pm
5:30 pm

Tue & Thurs
5:30 pm

PENANCE
Saturday
4:00 to 5:00 pm or by
appointment

PERPETUAL
ADORATION
Seven days a week,
24 hrs

OCTOBER PARISH
BABYSITTING
BY THE YOUTH GROUP
Saturday, October 25th
5:30 pm—8:30 pm



Drop Off and Pick Up at Mulhern Hall

\$20—one child

\$30—two children

\$40—three or more children



[www.SignUpGenius.com/
go/508044CA9AB29A31-parish16/15563096](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508044CA9AB29A31-parish16/15563096)

VETERAN'S MASS
NOVEMBER 8TH

Sign up sheets to have your loved ones remembered at the November 8th 5:30 pm Mass are available in the narthex. You may also email the name, branch of service, and

conflict(s) to
mdiebold@stmga.org
Sponsored by the STM
Knights of Columbus.





Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, October 19, 2014

8:00 AM The members of STM living and deceased
 9:30 AM Soul of Tony Stanton †
 12:00 PM Soul of Cynthia Meyers White †
 5:30 PM Soul of John Carrigan †

MONDAY, October 20, 2014

12:15 PM Soul of Gloria Thomson †
 5:30 PM Souls of Francis Hopkins & Samuel Huntington †

TUESDAY, October 21, 2014

5:30 PM Intentions of Brian & Brendan DeVincent

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2014

12:15 PM Soul of Pauline DiNoia †
 5:30 PM Souls of Mary and Howard Nash †

THURSDAY, October 23, 2014

5:30 PM Souls of Abraham Clark & Arthur Middleton †

FRIDAY, October 24, 2014

12:15 PM Soul of George Lyle †
 5:30 PM Soul of Sean Miller †

SATURDAY, October 25, 2014

9:00 AM Soul of George Lyle †
 5:30 PM Souls of Earl, Rosalie & Donald Meyers †

SUNDAY, October 26, 2014

8:00 AM Soul of James Patrick Kennedy Jr. †
 9:30 AM Souls of Bob Woodland †
 12:00 PM The members of STM living and deceased
 5:30 PM Soul of Sandra Duhon †

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 20-25

Monday	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122; Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

October 25-26

1st Reading	Exodus 22:20-26
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:34-40

MASS FOR THE DECEASED

On November 3rd at 7:00 pm St Thomas More will have a special mass for those who have died since November 1st, 2013 through October 31, 2014. If you have loved ones you would like to be remembered at this mass, please sign up in the narthex or email Marie Diebold at mdiebold@stmga.org giving their name, month and year of death.

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PRAYER LIST

Devan Vasay Barlow	Michael Lynn
Pam and Rick Burton	Rose Mackin
Craig Buskin	Mary Maher
Joanne Collins	Dennis O'Toole
Jennifer Cronin	Lisa O'Toole
Bob DeSantis	Margaret Page
Alice Eddleman	Frankie Paquin
Owen Fox	Annie Phimmessee
Melanie Guthrie	Paula Pungello
Jane Iannini	Jacqueline Reese
Max Liroff	Kevin Streiter

To add the names of those who are seriously ill or remove names please contact
 Charlotte Collins 404-378-4588 or ccollins@stmga.org
 This group of names will be removed at the end of December, so please update regularly. You are always most welcome to add names or special intentions in the book outside of the Adoration Chapel.
THANK YOU!

GUEST SPEAKER

The STM PTO Presents: Guest Speaker Cheri Augustine-Flake, LCSW, The Stress Therapist for Moms. "You want everything for them. . . but what about you?" Thursday, October 30 in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7 PM. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to dlyonsbeck@gmail.com.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord. Thank you for helping St Thomas More to continue carrying out Christ's Mission and Ministry.

Parish Offertory Goal	\$30,288.00
October 4-5 Offertory	\$30,634.71
On Line	\$ 5,491.00
Total	\$36,125.91

CHANGE OF DATE S FACTOR MOVIE NIGHT IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH

Contact Cass Catroppa,
ccassiecat@aol.com.

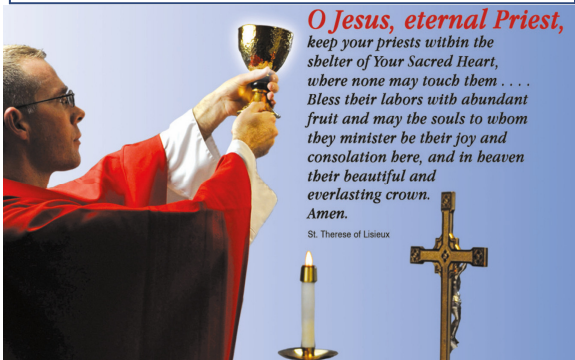
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE
STM 40TH ANNUAL
8TH GRADE BAKE SALE**
Saturday, November 22nd,
from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday, November 23rd,
from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
(after all the morning Masses)

THE 2014 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF"

PLEGDED : \$226,872.00
UNPAID \$ 85,484.00
NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 700

A special Thank You to the 700 families and individuals who have sent in their pledges for the Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Atlanta is a very effective way to support ministry outside of our parish boundaries as well as to support the services that the Archdiocese provides to our parish. Any money received above and beyond our goal is returned to the parish.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, OCT 26TH



*O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the
shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them . . .
Bless their labors with abundant
fruit and may the souls to whom
they minister be their joy and
consolation here, and in heaven
their beautiful and
everlasting crown.
Amen.*

St. Therese of Lisieux

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE
Vacuuming, dusting, and laundry. For
information, please call the parish office
404-378-4588.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARISH VERIFICATION

The Archdiocese of Atlanta defines "active parishioners" as those registered and worshipping members (*i.e. who attend Mass weekly*), and contribute of their time, talent, and financial resources to support the Parish. Active membership is to be determined by the parish in which the family is a member.

All families, new and old, are required to have a stewardship form on file with the parish before turning in a parish verification form.

MORE MOMS MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY!

Every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the church nursery. Join our Facebook group, St. Thomas More Moms (Decatur, GA) or email us at moremoms@groups.facebook.com. Email us individually - tracy@modtotmedia or pamryan@zoho.com - for more info.

10,000 HOURS OF PRAYER

Another great week for the 10,000 Hours of Prayer Challenge as we crossed for the 4,000 hour mark on Sunday, October 12. Remember, the Challenge is REALLY about maintaining a focus on establishing or improving a daily prayer routine by all parishioners. Check out <http://stmgaparch.org> for links to prayer resources and, later this week, the addition of special intentions for the great variety of ministries in our parish. You'll be amazed at all the great things our loving parish does for our community; offering each of us opportunities to live out our faith through service to others. Pray for these ministries to receive the resources they need to fulfill their mission, and for you to have an open heart to hearing God's call for putting your faith into action.

DONUTS & COFFEE IN MULHERN AFTER THE 8:00 & 9:30 AM MASSES

COMBINED YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

TEEN HAPPENINGS

(9th to 12th grade)

LIFETEEN HAS STARTED Sunday, after 5:30 pm mass. Meetings run from **6:30 pm – 8:15 pm** and include dinner. Registration forms are available on the home page of the parish website under Youth Groups. (www.stmgaparish.org). Forms needed to register are: Lifeteen/Edge registration form, Annual Medical Release and Generic Permission Slip. Lifeteen replaces School of Religion and is required for all 9th & 10th graders who attend non-Catholic high school or are home-schooled and want to be Confirmed in 2015. Lifeteen is open to ALL high school teens, however, and we encourage everyone's involvement. Registration fee is \$25.

In order to keep the registration fee at \$25, we are asking each family to provide dinner for ONE Lifeteen meeting. Sign up here for your one time to provide dinner: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044CA9AB29A31-lifeteen> Suggested entrees include: tacos, sloppy joes, hot dogs, spaghetti, lasagna, pulled pork, etc. Plan on serving 50 people.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES- All 10th graders are required to attend the Confirmation classes and the Confirmation retreat in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. This is a separate program that is required *in addition* to Lifeteen if your teen attends non-Catholic high school or is home-schooled. If you are in a Catholic high school, this is the only requirement for Confirmation. Registration forms can be found on the home page of the parish website (www.stmgaparish.org) under Youth Groups.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

(6th to 8th grade)

Oct 19th— EDGE 3:30- 5:15 pm

Oct.22nd—Wednesday Join EDGE & LIFETEEN for our first 'Holy Hour' COME ADORE

Oct. 26th EDGE 3:30- 5:15pm

Nov. 2nd EDGE 3:30- 5:15pm

For activities, info or questions about the STM Life Teen or EDGE visit stmgaparish.org and click on the Youth Programs. For Life Teen contact Mrs Elaine Phillips at 404-378-4588 X 126, teens@stmga.org. For EDGE contact Mrs McP at 404-378-4588 X 119 or youth@stmga.org

SUMMER CAMP

It's time to sign up for summer camp! We had an awesome time last year and we want YOU to come with us this year! To see more about the camp, look here: <http://www.campcovecrest.com/summercamp15/>

Details: Registration opens at 10 am on Oct. 23rd. Camps have sold out in 10 minutes in the past, so I need to know how many to reserve for and for which week. Here are our options:

June 8-13 @ Covecrest

July 5-10 @ Covecrest

July 13-18 @ Covecrest

July 27-Aug 1 @ Hidden Lake

I need your choice by Mon. Oct. 20th so I can see what works for most people and put the date out there.

\$100 deposit (non-refundable) is due by Monday, Nov. 3rd. Total cost will be approximately \$520 (this includes a t-shirt and lunch on the way up). Additional spending money is needed only for snacks or items bought at the camp store. Contact Elaine Phillips—teens@stmga.org

MORE EATS NOVEMBER 5TH

6:00 – 7:30 PM Mulhern Hall

Adults \$5.00 Children \$2.50

New families and individuals are invited to enjoy a complimentary meal RSVP via phone 404-378-4588, email ccollins@stmga.org or at the signup board available in the narthex.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 25-26

5:30 PM MASS
VAN DRIVER
Tim Shoemaker

LECTORS
Steve Myers
Matte Wicklin

ALTAR SERVERS
Helene Larson
Mary Freeman
Lily Hesketh

8:00 AM MASS
LECTORS
Chuck Van Horn
Mike Lloyd

ALTAR SERVERS
Kevin Phillips
Daniel Rochefort
Brian Young

9:30 AM MASS
LECTORS
Elizabeth Leonard
Kelly Brock

ALTAR SERVERS
Enoch Woldu
Jude Harvey
Will Harvey

12:00 PM MASS
LECTORS
Deb Brooks
Carol Allain

ALTAR SERVERS
Aidan Kelly
Victor Irby
Delilah Bucko

5:30 PM MASS
LECTORS
Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS
Siobhan Davenport
Grayson Carney
Emma Watson

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

FALL ATLANTA 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Fall Atlanta 40 Days for Life will continue through November 2nd. 40 Days for Life has three components: Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. **Please join us every Sunday during 40 Days for Life in the Adoration Chapel at 11:00 AM for a rosary for Life.** For more info or to sign up for 40 Days for Life Campaign visit www.40daysforlife.com/Atlanta or contact Aileen Barreca at 404-558-3276 or atlanta40days@gmail.com.

Please join us to celebrate Veterans Day At St. Thomas More
Friday, November 7th, 2014

Veteran Reception – Mulhern Hall - 12:30 pm
(for Veterans and their families)
School Assembly - Gym - 1:30 pm (for the entire school)
Please RSVP to stmveterans@gmail.com.



RSVP by October 31st in order for your Veteran to be announced at the assembly. Please include in your RSVP: Email address for your Veteran (or tell us to use the STM parent email to communicate) and Name and homeroom of STM student who will escort your Veteran.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A RCIA SPONSOR?

Do you feel called to journey along with those who have expressed a desire to join the Catholic Church? Please consider a role in the RCIA process as a **sponsor**. No special knowledge is needed, just your willingness to be a friend on the road of faith. You're not expected to be a theologian or a teacher. A sponsor is simply a practicing Catholic who represents the St. Thomas More community; but most importantly, a sponsor is a companion, accompanying their new friend along his or her journey. RCIA sponsors invariably tell us that the experience helped them revitalize their own Catholic faith. For more details, call Richard Joseph at 404-284-9510 or email richardjohnjoseph@comcast.net.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

At every celebration of Mass, God is present in the proclamation of the Word in Sacred Scripture: The Bible. Scripture is of the utmost importance to formation of a Christian life. Our beliefs as Catholics, are founded on Sacred Scripture along with Apostolic Tradition. We tend to think of the Bible as a book, but it is a collection of books. The collection consists of different literary forms having the same purpose of revealing the reality of God to his children. Have you ever found yourself wondering about the meaning of a Bible passage? A correct understanding of God's revelation requires openness to his Word and study. We are fortunate that Jerry Pendrick, Georgia State Professor of Classical Languages leads Adult Bible Study on Sunday morning from 10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in the Parish Library. The sessions are extremely informative and much fun. Please join us. For more info, please contact Jerry Pendrick at jpendrick1@yahoo.com.

GRACE SCHOLARS' PRE-REGISTRATION IS IN FULL SWING!

GRACE Scholars' Early Bird pre-registration for 2015 for education tax credits is in full swing. GRACE has also introduced a new online pre-registration form. The form has reduced two forms to one. It is simple, easy, and takes about three minutes to complete, sign, and submit – all done online with no paper. Make sure your browser is up to date! You can access the online form on the home page of the GRACE website. For those who prefer it, a paper form is also available on the website by clicking on the For Donors menu and selecting Contribution Process. For more information, please contact: GRACE Scholars gracescholars@archatl.com or 404-920-7900 www.gracescholars.org

STEWARDSHIP VISION AT STM

Inspired by the uniqueness of our faith community and our response to God's call, the stewardship committee strives to fulfill the Christian mission by sharing our time, talent and treasure. Our vision is to involve and encourage all members of the parish to volunteer and support our varied ministries and be true disciples of Jesus Christ. For more information about stewardship call Ann Dugan at 404-378-4588

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT—

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"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

FAITH AND ALE

Faith & Ale has started back!! Join us for inspiring talks and lively discussions. All are welcome. Check back for more details and for more information, please contact Dan Hart (404-457-6227 or dhart@seyfarth.com).

ST. THOMAS MORE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

October 21st—Join us for rosary, adoration and benediction before the Blessed Sacrament led by our very own Father Richard from 7-8 pm and then we will grab a bite from 8-9 pm at Moe's to support Middle and High School Youth Ministry.

October 25th—SAVE THE DATE! - It's that time of the year!! We are kicking off our Young Adult Ministry! After our summer hiatus, come reconnect with old friends and make some new ones! If you are new to St. Thomas More, this is a great opportunity to get connected with other young adults in the parish! It's a fall themed party so get excited! #AllThingsPumpkin #PumpkinSpice #AppleCider #MakeNewFriends

October 28 Holy Hour 7-8 pm Join us as for rosary, adoration and benediction before the Blessed Sacrament led by our very own Father Richard from 7-8 pm.

As a community of Catholic adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s . Contact: Senam Apaloo at 404-663-9713 or Kirsten Wehner at 404-579-0130 or email us at thomasmore.yam@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Adult Bible Study. Sundays 10:40-11:50 am in the Parish Library For more info, please contact Jerry Pendrick at jpendrick1@yahoo.com..

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Meets on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm in the Parish Library. For additional info contact Marie Trujillo at mtrujillo@stmga.org

WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

The **2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.** in the chapel for silent Adoration, then to the St. Julie Room . Reflection study continues on *Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at: ann.m.chamberlain@gmail.com

MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

The STM Men's Evening of Reflection is taking up Fr. Larry Richards' Be A Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be as the topic for upcoming meetings. Grab a copy of the book, read along, and join the discussion as your schedule allows. We will be starting with Chapter 1 on **Monday, October 20th at 7:30 pm in the St. Julie Room**. Come join us the first and third Mondays each month! For more information about the STM Men's Evening of Reflection, contact Philip Lee via email at pal@philiplee.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

STM will be holding a blood drive on November 9th in Mulhern Hall from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm. You can make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org and follow instructions to make an appointment. St Thomas More's code is sttmcc. Walk –Ins are welcome.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Oct 20 Men's Evening of Reflection 7:30 pm St Julie Room
 Oct 22 More Moms 9:30 am Nursery
 Oct 23 Women's Evening Reflection 7:00 pm St Julie Room
 Oct 24 S Factor Movie 7:00 pm St Julie room

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
Perpetual Adoration	7 days/24 hours Chapel
Holy Hour (Tuesdays)	7:00 pm Adoration Chapel
Nursery	Sunday 9:30 am & 12:00 Noon
Baptism Class (3rd Sat monthly)	10:30 am St Julie Room
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 am Mass
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	

THE MESSIAH

Come to see a spectacular musical of the greatest truth ever told! **"The Messiah" is being presented by Fr Ho Lung and Friends.** Performances will be held at Gwinnett Performing Arts Center Nov 7 – 7:30 pm; Nov 8 – 2 & 7:30 pm; & Nov 9 – 1:30 & 6:30 pm. All the proceeds will go towards the homeless and abandoned children served by the Missionaries of the Poor. Adults \$35; Seniors \$25; 18 & Under \$20; Family of 4 \$80. For more information & tickets visit www.messiahinatlanta.com. Tickets are also on sale in the church office –weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm and will be sold in the Narthex following all Masses on Nov 1-2.

CROATIAN MASS

The Croatian community will be celebrating a Mass on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 pm at St Thomas More.

the lighter side

A shaman told his scout that if he crossed seven rivers, he would come upon a bacon tree. So the scout went across seven rivers, but there he found five men with bows and arrows aiming at him. He barely escaped with his life. He went back across the seven rivers and said to his shaman, "There was no bacon tree, and I nearly died!" The shaman nodded gravely, "I got it wrong. It was actually a hambush."

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. For info contact Aileen Barreca 404-558-3276 (Stmcathforlife@aol.com) or Jayme Caspall icaspall@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR LIFE

For parents who have grown very old, that through their prayers and example they might teach their grandchildren the wonders of the Gospel of Life; We pray to the Lord.

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 9 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 Friday by 9:00 am in written form or via email to ccollins@stmga.org.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new families and individuals to our parish. Registration packets are available in the parish office Monday—Friday 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 at 404-378-4588 or mdiebold@stmga.org.

The businesses who advertise on the back of the St. Thomas More Bulletin make it possible for our bulletin to be printed at **NO CHARGE** to the parish. So please support them and tell them you saw their ad on the **STM Bulletin.**