

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

A special thank you!

Last weekend Carol Meredith, our music director for the Contemporary Music Group, retired. Carol has directed the group for the last twenty-five years. The group plays for the 10am Mass on Sundays. Carol's long-term commitment to the group and her love for the Lord was demonstrated by her passion for music that gives praise and glory to our God.

You would always find Carol early in the church on Sunday mornings right after the 8am Mass setting up microphones and music stands in preparation for the 10am Liturgy. She is the one person who was always looking ahead to the next liturgical season to pick out music that they would need to practice. In twenty-five years Carol has led many to the Lord through her music. She has inspired us to sing, to pray and to worship God with all our hearts and voices.

Carol has not left the parish! You will see her getting involved with different groups and ministries in our parish. We all look forward to Carol's next ministry but until then I would like to thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the Contemporary Music Group. They would not be where they are today if it were not for her compassion, love and commitment. On behalf of the whole parish community I would like to express my most heartfelt gratitude and say thank you Carol. You will be missed!

St. Thomas More Day!

St. Thomas More Day was a wonderful day for the entire parish. Many people braved the heat and the rain to come out and try their hand at some of the games. The food was great- even my cabbage and noodles went! The music was outstanding. The DJ for the day was our own Adam Grassi who is entering his senior year at St. Ignatius. The winner of the grand prize of \$10,000 was our Mayor Richard Albier. He bought the winning ticket after the 10am Mass. See, it does pay to go to Church!

There are so many people to thank- all the volunteers, the different organizations and our maintenance crew who worked so hard to get everything together. But the brains and the hours of endless planning goes to our Finance Council. They brainstormed the idea, got the people together and executed the day smoothly. Thank you all for your support.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

BINGO

Bingo is held at STM every Wednesday in the gym. Doors open at 5pm and Early Birds begin at 6:30pm.

RECTORY CLOSED ON JULY 5TH

The rectory will be closed on Monday, July 5th due to the observance of Independence Day.

STM DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to **Richard Albier** who won First Prize of \$10,000 and was also the seller, **Stella Witkowski** who won Second Prize of a Flat Screen Television and **David Gollin** who won Third Prize of an iPod Touch from our STM Day Raffle. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle and attended the event. It proved to be a very enjoyable day for all involved!

PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. We will gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesday, July 6th at 7pm.

BIBLE STUDY- FAITH SHARING

Our next meeting will be on July 12th. There will be no meeting on July 5th.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. You have helped to cast Christ's love upon the world. To read more about the good done through the Peter's Pence Collection, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

APPLEBEE'S DINING TO DONATE

On Tuesday, July 6th Applebee's will donate 15% of your check to STM when you dine at the Brooklyn location on Ridge Road between 11am and 9pm. The offer is good for Carside To Go as well. The flyer from last week's bulletin needs to be presented to your server. Additional copies are available in the rectory.

HSYM UPDATE

The High School Youth Ministry will begin regular summer activities on the evening of Sunday, July 11th. Please check future bulletins and the youth ministry web site for the latest details.

CASINO BUS TRIP

On Tuesday, August 10th we will be having a bus trip to Seneca Alleghany. The cost is \$27 per person and includes \$35 in free play. The bus will depart from STM at 8am and return no later than 9pm. Registration is due by Sunday, July 18th. Please contact Mrs. Barker at 216-749-0414 with any questions.

PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is still open for any child wishing to enter St. Thomas More's Preschool or Grade School in the fall. Please contact Mrs. Francis in the school office for more information at 216-749-1660 x224.

UNIFORM ORDERING

Please remember to order school uniform items early enough to ensure that all items will be ready in time for school to start in August. Uniforms may be purchased from EmbroidMe or SchoolBelles. If you need additional information please contact the school office at 216-749-1660.

"WALKING WITH CHRIST" DISCERNMENT

"Walking with Christ" is a day of reflection intended for Catholic men and women (ages 22-42) who are discerning a possible call to consecrated life or priesthood on Saturday, August 7th at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Join Fr. Michael Gurnick and friends of the Vocation Office for this day-long experience of prayer, reflection and fellowship with others who wish to "walk with Christ" as they discern their future. While there is no fee, registration is certainly required. Please call the Vocation Office for more information or to register at 440-943-7630.

THANK YOU FROM THE ALHAMBRA

"We wish to extend a very big thank you for allowing us to collect for our Annual Canister Drive. Your parishioners were very generous. We would not be able to carry on our work helping the 'Special Children' without the help of people like you and your parish. May God Bless you and your parish very abundantly during the coming year." ~Order of the Alhambra

SUMMER MUSIC COURSE

We will be offering a beginner/intermediate summer music course to all St. Thomas More parishioners. We will explore theory, musicianship and some topics you may have interest in. Classes run on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church through August 17th. Questions? Contact Katie Cooper at 216-470-6520.

BROKEN ORGAN

While cleaning out the music room an old, broken organ was found. It does make some sounds, but overall, the practical life of this instrument is over. If anyone is interested in it- to repair or just to tinker- please contact Katie at the rectory. First come, first serve.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Cleveland Police Auxiliary Unit- The Cleveland Police Auxiliary Unit have an office at Mary Queen of Peace now.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

Reunion- St. Charles Class of 1985 is planning a 25-year reunion for September 25-26th. Please share this information with classmates that graduated in 1985!

ST. LEO THE GREAT

The Meadows- There will be a bus trip to The Meadows Racetrack and Casino on July 15th. Cost is \$25 and includes \$20 free play. Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at STM during the month of **June**- Mary Agustin, Dennis Asmondy, Bernard and Doris Clark, Donald and Joanne Donelon, Dale and Clairelaine Dunlap, Frank, Christine, Lauren and Frank Faron, David and Joyce Finohr, John and Ruby Gass, Patrick and Lucy Huff, Mario Mascia, Stanley Maslanka, Wayne, Jill and Thomas Moon, Mark Poloncarz, Joseph, Tina, Joseph and John Valencik, and Oscar, Isabel, Julian and Victoria Zaldana. Welcome to all of you!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

STM is now collecting your Christmas in July donations in the boxes marked with the names of the charities involved in the church. We thank you in advance for your generosity. The following items are needed:

Prison Ministry- First Class postage stamps, #10 4x9 envelopes, Reader's Digest, Catholic Digest, Salesian Inspirational Books, notebook paper, Newsweek, Time, sports magazines, National Geographic, 9x12 manila envelopes (no clasps), and paperback books (especially westerns, thrillers, suspense and sci-fi).

Zechariah House- Baby wipes, infant diapers (size 2-4), toilet paper, postage stamps, feminine hygiene products, trash bags (13 and 55 gallon), thank you notes, copy/printer paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, grocery, home improvement and drug store gift cards.

STM SENIOR CITIZENS

Our meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 11am-3pm in Utopia Hall. We will have a picnic on July 8th. Food will be served at Noon. Welcome to all 55 and older.