

St. Thomas More

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St. Thomas More Parish Celebrates 25 Years!

— by Henny Jocelyn

Bishop Robert Brom visited St. Thomas More Parish on Sunday, October 17, 2010, to celebrate our faith community's 25th anniversary, presiding at the 10:30am Mass and mingling with the partygoers during the Oktoberfest-style party that followed the liturgy.



Bishop Robert Brom and Fr. Michael Ratajczak

The anniversary Mass began with music by the combined musicians of St. Thomas More along with a number of STM music alumni who came to sing and play for the day. Then Bishop Brom made a surprise



The combined choirs made a joyful noise!

announcement that the Parish would be able to break ground on its new permanent Church and Parish Offices by the end of 2011.

Our dedicated St. Thomas More Pioneer Members—those who were present at the very beginning—received a special invitation

to the liturgy, commemorative pioneer ribbons, and a front row seat for the special liturgy and the exciting announcement by Bishop Brom.

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Our Pioneer Members sit front and center for the anniversary Mass



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In naming our Parish newsletter, we remember the Tower of London where St. Thomas More spent his last days and suffered a martyr's death.



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Parish Mission Statement

To worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve God's people in word and deed.

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There was great joy on every face in the room when the announcement was made!

The festivities continued after Mass with our fun-filled Oktoberfest-style anniversary party. It was a true celebration of our amazing Parish family!

We anticipated the customary warmth and sun of October and were prepared with a large canopy, table umbrellas, and pop up tents. In true St. Thomas More's English form we were given a very misty and rainy day instead. No matter! The canopy, tents, and umbrellas were all put to good use.

Like true family, we adjusted, celebrated in great style, and had a memorable day. Bishop Brom visited with everyone—all 500 of us—at least twice! A great time was had by all!

Many months of preparation by the Oktoberfest planning committee and the liturgical team, as well as the efforts of numerous volunteers made this once-in-a-quarter-century event a memory that will last a lifetime. ❖



Fun for families!



Are we in England?



Meeting new friends in the food lines!



Everyone enjoyed the Oktoberfest festivities! We love to party!



Our Oom Pah Pah band was a great success!

Our Pioneer Members

Lanore Agnew
 June & Alfred Barmasse
 Debbie & Ken Barnes
 Elaine & Jim Berquist
 Kathryn (Bunny) & Michael Bosak
 Geraldine Brandt
 William Brincko
 Hazel & George Bronzan
 Charlene & Joe Buhlert
 Edward Burke
 Mary Jo & Ron Cap
 Pat & Marv Cap
 Peg & John Chambers
 Tom Connors
 Mary Rita & Orlando (Pete) DePietro
 Lorraine & Steve Doering
 Jan & Tony Fajardo
 Theresa & James Farrell
 Melanie & Frank Flanagan
 Norma & Bud Flanagan
 Pernetta & John Franklin
 Lois & Len Garth
 Marge & Jack Gillen
 Pat & Phil Goscienski
 Pat & Milt Gray
 Marge & Roy Heath
 Justin Hickey
 Carolyn Hindman
 Mary & Harry Hughes
 Bette & Paul Johansing
 Georgene & Jim Kamphuis
 Paula Kaspar
 Paul Kennedy
 Teresa & Herbert Koch
 Mary Lou & Bob Kranz, Sr.
 Jan & Steve Kremenik
 Helen & Ray Kuhn
 Georgina & James Lapp
 Ruth & John Laub
 Katherine & Hank Ley
 Jeanette Marriott
 Jan & Mike McGurk
 Raymond & Mary McNay
 Barbara & Claude Miller
 Beverly & Leo Miller
 Jeanne & Phil Morrow
 Kathryn Murphy
 Edith & Tom Noel
 Lydia & Allen Phillips
 Marion Piepmeyer
 Virginia & Paul Piraino
 Evi & Reuben Quinn
 Maria Elena Quiroz
 Doris & Charles Rutz
 Kathy & Paul Santy
 Maurine & Martin Shaughnessy
 Marky & Norm Shultz
 Freda & Vance Schweitzer
 Kathleen & Larry Slagal
 Theresa & Bob Stevenson
 Pat & Dave Sweet
 Francine & Tom Teer
 Ginger & Tommy Thompson
 Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
 Esther Woodard
 Nancy & Richard Wozniak
 Alice Zemenick

Sacramental Blessings 2010

Blessed by the Sacrament of Marriage



Konrad and Barbara Loebel
 Christopher Rieman and Lisa Nava
 Paul and Kimberly Schlunt
 Ronald and Kimberly Wright



In honor
 and
 memory
 of those
 who have died

one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism....

Thelma Adams	Jo Hoefner	Alessia Janae Aguilar
Mary Baker	Dorothy Holub	Ava Nataliya Aguilar
Jesus Banuelos	Marjorie Jacobson	Daisy Aguilar
Virginia Bayer	George Kleekamp	Isabella Sofia Azpeitiamacias
David Beglicker/Wayne	Michael Kozak	James Thomas Bolsakov
Linda Belanger	Nariko Kunze	Carly Bel Boss
Gene Bell	Gunter Langeweg	Matias Isaiah Chavez
Bill Carrothers	Lillian Luisi	Mia D'Agostini
Margaret Casebolt	Thomas Martin	Taylor Alexis Geiger
Tony Caserta	Eleanor McCotter	Noah Anthony Johnson
Pilar Chavez	Mary Jane McCoy	Benjamin Steven L'Heureux
Carmine Ciambelli	Helen McCullough	Makenna Rylee Marlaire
Duilia Colucci	Tom McGeary	Rebeca Sarah Martinez
Mildred Conley	Morrie Mitchell	Marianne Mihal
Pat Cope	Jeannette Oravetz	Robert Paul Mihal
Jess Dagdayan	Geneve Peer	Marysia Nela Milkowski
Catherine Dapkus	Daniel Piro	Myah Eliza Morente
Joseph Doering	Vincent Prusinskas	Sharon Lee Ornellas
Betty Dorsa	Dale Pulver	Marseille John T. Veneracion
Leonard Duncan	Rosemarie Rowland	Brady Louis Warren
Kenneth Fisken	Alfred Smith	
Rosa Fonseca	Marie Sterling	
Virginia Frost	Joan Stringer	
Annie Gavin	Betty Such	
Rosalie Hainsworth	Gene Thompson	
Marge Heath	Maria Van der Zanden	
Kemal Hill	Kathleen Whitaker	
	Jocelyn Wilson	

Made one through Baptism with the risen Lord

Our Youth Advocate, Marc Raymundo

In July 2010, St. Thomas More welcomed Marc to the Parish and to our Parish Staff as our Youth Advocate.

In the seven months that he has been with us, we have seen a new and re-energized spirit among our youth, as he builds a “new home” for our youth on the strong foundation which was created by our previous High School Youth Ministers, Jeff and Gale Gibbons, and our previous Middle School Youth Ministers, Ron and Louise Briseno.

A number of people have questioned me regarding his title—“What is the difference between a Youth Minister and a Youth Advocate?”

My response to that question is that I wanted Marc to be not only a minister to all the youth of our Parish, but also I wanted him to advocate for the youth on their behalf to our Parish and to our Parish Staff.

Marc’s responsibility as he ministers to the youth of our Parish is also to ensure that they are involved in all facets of Parish life.

It is his duty to reflect upon Parish life and to ask: “Why are the youth not involved in that area or that ministry? What can we do to make that happen?”

Marc’s responsibility is also to interact with our Parish Staff to ensure the youth are not forgotten or left out in the myriad ministries that we oversee.

He advocates for our youth in all areas of Parish life.

He will ensure that the faces of our youth, who are not only our future; but also our present, are everywhere in the life, ministries, and activities of St. Thomas More Parish.

As a Parish, let us keep Marc in our thoughts and prayers, as he grows into his many responsibilities and duties!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor



Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner & Fellowship



December Lesson—
Join us to find out what this is all about!



Kamp Kuper Retreat

I am excited to begin this journey with all of you. We have youth group called *Ignite* every Monday, which will share church and the gospel in a whole new way—a way which is relevant and relatable.

For our Middle School, which is grades 6-8, we have EPIC! We meet on the weeks opposite RE.A.CH classes. Come on out, have a great time, and learn about our faith in a fun and interesting environment.

Confirmed Parishioners who want to get involved with our youth can join LEAD (Leadership, Evangelization And Discipleship). Here one learns how to minister to our youth and help build their relationship with our Lord.

This is going to be a great year for St. Thomas More, as we have had a great start and would love to see you there! This coming summer, for Middle School, we have a summer camp in June. For High School, we will be attending Steubenville San Diego 2011. There are a lot of activities going on, and we would love for you to be a part of them!

—Marc Raymundo,
Youth Advocate

Parish Mission Re-Discovering Hope

April 4-6

with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy

Contact Kathleen Bell at
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Spring Sing

Sunday, May 22
4:00pm

Parish Center

North County Church Choirs
Classic Brass

12th Annual Golf Classic

Arrowood Golf Club (Oceanside)
Boomers! (Vista)

STM Dinner/Evening Festivities

Friday, June 3

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