

# **The Parish of St. Thomas More**



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY HANDBOOK 2011-2012**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Catholic Families,

Welcome to the Religious Education Program at the Parish of St. Thomas More which consists of St. Thomas More Church and Our Lady of Mercy Church. This booklet serves as a guide to assist your family in understanding the process of Religious Education. Please take the time to read it carefully in order to avoid frustration and inconvenience in the future. All policies will be uniformly enforced to ensure fairness to everyone.

When a Catholic brings their children to the church to be baptized, they pledge to raise the children in the “practice of the faith”. What does it mean to “*practice the faith?*” Well for one thing, it means to “*Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.*” In these words centuries of Catholics have recognized the solemn third commandment of God to worship God on Sunday by going to Church. This solemn obligation has never disappeared from the teaching of the Church. But it has sadly disappeared from the practice of too many Catholics. The observance of Sunday, in particular, participation in the Sunday Eucharist, may seem to be counter-cultural to some, too great a burden to others, or one option among many for others. But the fact remains, according to the law of God, it is not an option.

In the Old Testament, God commanded, “*Keep holy the Lord’s Day*” and in the New Testament He commanded, “*Do this in memory of me.*” This is why canon law instructs that, “*unless impeded by a grave cause, all the faithful are bound to participate in the Sunday Mass.*” There is nothing more important in the whole week than Sunday Mass, and that certainly includes participating in sports, shopping and other secular activities!

But even for those who do come to Mass every Sunday, “*practicing the faith*” requires more. Our faith must extend beyond the doors of the church. It must be a part of our life each and every day. So I ask you, how often are prayers said in the home? Do you take the time to say grace before meals, to pray first thing in the morning and before retiring at night? How often is the Bible read or even opened? Sacraments presuppose that there is a faith to build on. If you are not “*practicing the faith,*” the sacraments will be of little value to you or your children. Remember that in addition to sending your child to religious education classes, “*practicing the faith*” most importantly involves the participation of your entire family in Sunday Mass, prayer in the home, concern for your neighbor, and works of Christian charity.

Rev. Mark W. Crane, Pastor

**MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT**

Dear Religious Education Families,

The religious education staff and I welcome you and your children to the opening of the Religious Education Process 2011-2012 here at the Parish of St. Thomas. We hope that this guidebook will help you learn what you need to know about policies, procedures, sacramental preparation and details regarding safety concerns. Please read the entire handbook and keep it in a place where you can refer to it when necessary.

We, the coordinators of the Religious Education Process, will do all that we can for your children; however, we need you to do your part by helping us to show your children the **importance of God** in their lives. We accept the commitment to **teach the Good News** and to be good examples that will motivate our students toward choosing to live lives rich in compassion, forgiveness, mercy and love of God.

We ask for your support, as you have done in the past, both in the classroom and at home. Show your children the importance of God! Pray together at home. Ask them about what they have learned in Religious Education classes.

In addition, please go over the “Sharing Faith with My Family” review page which is toward the end of each chapter or in the back of the book in your child’s religion textbook with your child at home after class time. Please reference the “ We Believe” website at [www.webelieve.com](http://www.webelieve.com) for more ideas.

Feel free to call your child’s teacher or the Religious Education Office if you have any questions or if we can be of some help.

Please remember, as mentioned in our registration packet cover letter at the time of registration, **all classroom assignments are final. No changes will be made to our class rosters at the start of classes in September.**

May your home be filled with God’s love and peace. Let’s do this together!

Blessings,

Linda K. Andrew

Director of the REP

Liz Halstead Carolyn Petersel Cristi McCarty

Secretary’s of the REP

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF**

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:**

### **St. Thomas More Facility**

Monday thru Wednesday - 8:00AM to 7:00PM

Thursday and Friday - 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Telephone Number: (732) 446-3232

**Summer Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00AM to 4:00PM**

For all inquiries contact the St. Thomas More RE office

### **Our Lady of Mercy Facility**

Monday thru Wednesday - 2:00PM to 7:00PM

Thursday and Friday - Closed

Telephone Number: (732) 786-1835

**Office closes on the last day of classes and reopens on the first day of classes of the new school year in September**

The following are the class schedules for the 2011-2012 religious education school year for the Parish of St. Thomas More:

### **Classes Begin on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

St. Thomas More Facility      Our Lady of Mercy Facility

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday

Grades 1 – 8: 4:30 to 5:30 pm      Grades 1 – 8: 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Grades 1 – 8: 5:45 to 6:45 pm      Grades 1 – 8: 5:45 to 6:45 pm

\* **Checkout our website at: [www.moremercy.org](http://www.moremercy.org)** \*

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT**

## **INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT:**

*“The Catechetical Ministry (Religious Education) must be understood in relation to Jesus’ threefold mission. It is a form of the ministry of the word, which proclaims and teaches. It leads to and flows from the ministry of worship which sanctifies through prayer and sacrament. It supports the ministry of service, which is linked to efforts to achieve social justice and has traditionally been expressed in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Its purpose is to make a person’s faith become living, conscious and active through the light of instruction. Catechesis is a lifelong process for the individual and a constant pastoral activity of the Church”*

-- National Catechetical Directory --

The purpose of our Religious Education Program here at the Parish of St. Thomas More is to enrich and challenge the lives of our young people with the Gospel message by word and example in a loving and caring Christian Community.

Our program recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children and their religious education; therefore, we strive to affirm and supplement, but never replace, religious education in the home.

We continually strive to provide our support and guidance to assist each other in our task, as it is our belief that parents and catechists are partners in the formal religious education process for our children.

We believe that in participating in the life of our parish community through prayer, sacraments and worship at Sunday Mass, our children will learn to live conscious and active Christian lives.

It is our belief that, because religious education is a lifelong process, it is necessary for our children to attend formal classes every year.

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Admission to the Religious Education Program is open to all the children of registered families here in the Parish of St. Thomas More.

### **ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES/TRANSFERS**

All children entering first grade and all new students entering grades 1 through 8 who wish to be enrolled in our Religious Education Process must be registered by a parent or guardian in the Religious Education Office. Please have the following ready when registering:

1. Completed registration form
2. Copy of baptismal certificate
3. Where applicable, copies of all other certificates received for sacraments made to date and a release letter from the previous religious education program attended.
4. Completed volunteer form if interested in teaching or participating in one of the many other positions available.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RE-ENROLLMENT**

Children who have successfully completed a year of religious education based upon good attendance, participation and satisfactory behavior, will be promoted to the following school year. No child is allowed to skip a grade. Children must attend eight consecutive school years of religious education. They must be re-enrolled by completing a registration form every year and submitting tuition in person during the re-registration period. For the 2012-2013 school year, in-person registration will be held from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we will hold a late night for registration, which will be held on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 8:00pm. Any registration forms received after June 29<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a \$50.00 late fee.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER**

In the event that a family moves or changes a telephone number, it is important that the religious education office be notified as soon as possible. This is important for record keeping and is critical in the event of an emergency.

## **ATTENDANCE**

In light of the fact that religious education classes meet one hour a week for approximately 29 weeks per school year, it is important for each child to be present each week with their textbooks and on time. Good attendance is essential for a child to maintain interest, achieve success, and develop a sense of belonging to the community. Parents play an important role in establishing religious education as a priority in the life of a busy family.

## **ABSENCES**

If a true emergency or illness exists and a child is unable to attend class and needs to be excused, you must report the absence to the child's teacher and **NOT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES**. All children will be allowed a maximum of three excused absences for the school year. What constitutes an excused absence will be determined by the religious education office. After three absences it will be up to the discretion of the Pastor and the

Director of Religious Education, whether the child is to remain in the process and/or repeat the school year. If the child does not remain in the process the tuition fee will not be reimbursed.

If a child has THREE CONSECUTIVE ABSENCES and the teacher is not notified, we will assume that you and your child are no longer interested in participating in the religious education program.

### **TARDINESS/SAFETY**

For your child's safety all entrances to hallways will remain locked during class times. In addition to maintaining safety we also want to discourage tardiness and early pick-up as it is disruptive to the class. Tardiness and early dismissal will be noted on your child's record.

### **EMERGENCY OR SNOW CLOSING**

Whenever the Manalapan public schools are closed due to inclement weather and the announcement has been broadcast on local radio and television stations, it is automatic that Religious Education classes will also be cancelled for that same day. If snow begins during the day when your child is in school and you have any questions regarding class cancellations, kindly contact your child's teacher. Announcements will also be made over the Manalapan Public School Address System prior to the end of the school day. Make certain to have your child listen for such an announcement in the event of inclement weather. It will also be announced on the Manalapan Cable Channel.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Parents or guardians must provide transportation to and from religious education classes. If a person other than the normally designated driver is providing transportation to or from the religious education classes for your child, please notify your child's teacher, **NOT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**, with the information prior to class time for the protection of all.

## **ARRIVALS AND DISMISSALS**

### **At the St. Thomas More Facility:**

Drop Off – Please accompany your child to their classroom at the start of class time and enter through the education wing entranceway (near nursery school playground) **ONLY**.

Pick Up – Enter through the education wing entranceway (near nursery school playground) and pick up your child from their classroom. No child will be dismissed from a classroom alone and unaccompanied by a parent.

### **At the Our Lady of Mercy Facility:**

Drop Off/Pick Up – Please accompany your child to their classroom at the start of class time and pick up your child at the end of class time in the Valentine Hall.

## STUDENT AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The Religious Education Department at the Parish of Saint Thomas More recognizes you as primarily and principally responsible for your child's religious education and training. We also accept responsibility as a parish catechetical program designed to supplement by instruction what you have taught at home by word and example. Parents are urged to work with children at home to establish and encourage positive religious education habits. It is important that religious education classes be established as a family priority in the busy weekly schedule in your home. Post the religious education calendar in a visible place and refer to it during the school year when setting appointments. Emphasize good behavior and self discipline. Our program requires that all students exhibit positive attitudes and a real desire to be a part of the classes offered at the Parish of Saint Thomas More. The limited amount of time together demands interested and cooperative students. We want to be certain to respect and care for each other in our Catholic Christian community. Your cooperation is both important and necessary towards this end.

Practice reciting prayers at home, not just during the learning process, but throughout your child's life at home. Good times for prayer are upon waking, grace before meals and prayers before going to bed. Praying together in families and as a community is a very special experience for all children. The more children pray, the more comfortable they will become at praying. Set aside time each week to share what has been learned in religious education classes. Be sure to review your child's workbook for any incomplete work, homework or any memos that might have been sent home for your review. Included within the book might be seasonal prayers and/or activities for families to do together. Parents are encouraged to communicate with each child's teacher. If there is information about your child which would enable the teacher to better meet specific needs or situations, please share this with them at the beginning of the school year. Some catechists telephone families prior to the beginning of the school year to introduce themselves. This would be a perfect opportunity to make these facts or situations known.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

It is important for children to take care of their religion textbooks and to use them respectfully and to be responsible for bringing these textbooks to class with them each week. Books that need to be replaced due to damage or loss will be done so at the expense of the parents at \$25.00 per textbook. Please be certain that your child's name, teacher's name, room number and day and time of class, appears on the inside cover of your child's textbook in an easily visible place. Encourage your child to find a safe place to put their book after class each week to avoid having to search for it on the day of class.

## **HOMEWORK**

It is important that you review your child's religious education lessons each week. Some classes will be given supplemental pages to complete. Since these lessons are varied and based on the catechist's lesson plans, each child in each grade will not have the same "homework" to do each week. Catechists will often use supplemental lessons to reinforce particular lessons, to review concepts taught that week or to provide students who might have been absent an opportunity to catch up. In addition, some assignments will require your child to discuss concepts at home and report back on those discussions.

### **PRAYERS EXPECTED TO BE MEMORIZED BY GRADE LEVEL (See prayers in student textbook)**

Grade Level 1-2-3-4: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Hail Mary,  
Lord's Prayer, Act of Contrition

Grade Level 5-6-7-8: In addition to the above: The Creed

The Director of Religious Education will do classroom visitations periodically and listen to all students simultaneously.

## **RESPECT FOR PROPERTY**

All religious education classes at St. Thomas More Church are held in the education wing, which is also home to Bridges Nursery School at St. Thomas More Church during the day. We must all do our best to respect the rules and regulations of the parish and school while sharing space as good catholic friends and neighbors.

Our parish is blessed to have a unique spirit of cooperation between both the Religious Education Program and the Nursery School. Religious education students are expected to respect the private property of the students and teachers. Care is to be exercised in the classroom, in the parking lot and on the church grounds. We all look to preserve the good condition of the school and all its belongings and furnishings. To accomplish this it is important to remember that food and chewing gum are not permitted at any time. All trash is to be deposited in the proper receptacle and not dropped on the floor or left in the parking lot! Smoking is not permitted on church property. A smoke free environment is to be maintained at all times. Class time is precious in our Religious Education Program. **Please remember to have your child use the restroom at home before coming to class.** With just an hour or so per week for approximately 29 weeks per year, our volunteer catechists cannot be expected to deal with or to tolerate uncooperative, disinterested or disruptive students. We ask you to do your part to motivate your children to behave their best while they are here. It is important that you discuss with them the importance of religious education in their lives, why you want them to be enrolled in this program as well as your expectations of them while they are here. We cannot provide a meaningful and positive atmosphere and experience without your cooperation and continued support.

### **CLASSROOM USAGE**

As stated, our classrooms are multi-purpose and very heavily used at the St. Thomas More facility by the Bridges Nursery School on a daily basis as well as for religious education classes. When using these facilities, keep in mind that all items in the classrooms are the property of the nursery school and are not to be used, touched, moved or played with during religious education classes.

**Any item(s) broken or defaced during class has to be replaced by the student who is responsible. If a particular student cannot be identified then the entire class will be held liable.**

**The use of cell phones and all other electronic equipment is strictly PROHIBITED in class during class times !!**

**In addition, please be advised that upon arrival at class time students are NOT to enter their classroom until their teacher arrives. Students are to wait quietly in the hallway outside of their classroom.**

### **DISCIPLINE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Incident:** If a child is sent to the religious education office for disruptive or inappropriate behavior, parents are contacted via telephone and are notified of the situation and circumstances.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Incident:** Parents are called to take the child home.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Incident:** If the situation occurs a third time, the child will be removed from the classroom program OR an adult family member will be requested to attend with the child for the remainder of the school year.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** **FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST**

In accordance with the guidelines of the Diocese of Trenton, our sacramental programs are designed to provide a sound catechetical foundation for both parents and children alike. A child should successfully complete at least one year of religious education before entering into the sacramental preparation program. Every child is obligated to attend Mass every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation. Children should have some basic familiarity with liturgy. **Mass times at St. Thomas More Church are Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am. Mass times at Our Lady of Mercy Church are Saturday at 7:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am.** Regular attendance at class is especially significant for students entering into or continuing in a sacrament preparation program. A student's absence may indicate a need to evaluate readiness or intent to participate in the preparation process. Parents and students accept the responsibility and make the commitment to work together in a shared learning experience using sacramental preparation books. Parents must attend the required parent meetings held for each sacrament. Six completed Mass cards will be required during the school year.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Junior high school students are enrolled in our two-year Confirmation program. Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation includes the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade school years with all students being expected to attend weekly religious education classes in order to be fully prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

A student must be willing to commit to participating in and completing all of the requirements of the Confirmation program. A student is obligated to attend Mass and submit the required Mass cards and Liturgical Mass experiences reports. It is expected that the student receive the Eucharist every weekend and the sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis along with maintaining a good class attendance record. Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:30pm at St. Thomas More Church. Unexcused absence from class may result in a need to evaluate a student's readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to complete a project portfolio that will be distributed at the student/parent meeting at the start of the school year. This will entail dated written assignments, prayer testing, 14 completed mass cards, attending Stations of the Cross attend a "Class Mass" and a final confirmation exam.

## **REQUIRED PARENTS' MEETINGS**

In accordance with the guidelines of the Diocese of Trenton, meeting(s) are held which are required for those parents of students in Grade 2 and Grade 8. Students in these grade levels are in a sacramental preparation year. Parents are provided with the opportunity to attend their child's classes which are especially designed to help update their understanding of the sacraments while being informed about the preparation their children are receiving.

It is extremely difficult for your child to successfully complete and understand their sacramental preparation without having you receive the necessary materials and information that is provided at the required parent meetings.

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

**ONCE YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES UNTIL THE END OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR WHICH IS THE WEEK OF MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

The curriculum developed for Grades 1-8 follows the directed guidelines of the Diocesan Office of Religious Education for parish religious education programs. Each year the story and vision of our Catholic family is shared by a faithful presentation of the Church's Doctrine through teachings and traditions as well as a growing experience of and a reverence for the Sacred Scriptures, with opportunities for participation in the communal, sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.

**CATECHISTS**

Catechists are women and men of the parish, often parents of students, who volunteer to serve as witnesses of Jesus Christ and his Church by way of praying, instructing and teaching our students. All are encouraged to participate in on-going catechist training and formation sessions, even those who are professional teachers, because religion is not just another subject to be taught. These catechists are committed to the development of their own faith community and share prayer and community-building

experiences so that their own faith may be strengthened. Our catechists give their best efforts to building a sense of community in their classrooms with their students. Catechists are rewarded by the joy of helping children to grow in faith, love and knowledge of God.

### **VOLUNTEER TO HELP**

Our Religious Education Process depends on many wonderful people, mostly parents and guardians like yourself, who have a love of children and a strong desire to share their faith. The commitment they make is rewarding and enriching and our youth are the beneficiaries. There are a variety of ways in which to become involved without teaching. Here are some of the ways that you can help:

Catechist Assistant  
Substitute Catechist  
Hall Monitor  
Class Parent

Our Religious Education staff would be pleased to discuss these many opportunities with you.

Any adult volunteer will be required to take the Virtus training course, be fingerprinted along with a criminal background check and then upon approval be given an ID badge to be worn at all times while in the St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mercy facilities. Any adult not displaying an ID badge while at the facilities will be subject to removal from the building.

### **HELPING OTHERS**

As we develop in our faith and learn that living the Good News as Catholic Christians means sharing who we are and what we have with others, our religious education students are asked to participate in several giving projects during the year. We hope that providing opportunities to help others in need will instill in our students the desire to love and serve one another as true followers of Jesus.

## **PARENTS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**



Parents' questions and concerns are important. Please do not hesitate to share with us. Each and every child involved in our program is unique and special; therefore, every aspect of their religious education deserves attention if it is a concern of yours. Please feel free to call or make an appointment, especially if you need to discuss curriculum, sacramental preparation or any policies and procedures. We welcome the opportunity to be of service to you.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2011-2012

<b><u>September</u></b>	Monday	19	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
<b><u>October</u></b>	Monday	3	4:30 & 5:45 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grades “Guardian Angel Prayer Service @ St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mercy
	Tuesday	4	4:30 & 5:45 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grades “Guardian Angel Prayer Service @ St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mercy
	Wednesday	5	4:30 & 5:45 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grades “Guardian Angel Prayer Service @ St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mercy
	Monday	10	<b>NO CLASSES</b>
	Tuesday	11	<b>4:00 PM CONFIRMATION CEREMONY St. Thomas More Church ** NO CLASSES**</b>
	Tuesday	11	<b>7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CEREMONY St. Thomas More Church ** NO CLASSES **</b>
	Wednesday	12	<b>4:00 PM CONFIRMATION CEREMONY St. Thomas More Church ** NO CLASSES **</b>
	Monday	24	7:30PM STM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students Candidate/Parent Meeting – Petri Hall
	Tuesday	25	7:30PM OLM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students Candidate/Parent Meeting – Petri Hall
<b><u>November</u></b>	Monday	7	“Protecting God’s Children” All STM Grades 1-8 @ STM Facility
	Tuesday	8	“Protecting God’s Children” All STM Grades 1-8 @ STM Facility
	Wednesday	9	“Protecting God’s Children” All STM Grades 1-8 @ STM Facility
	Monday	14	“Protecting God’s Children” All OLM Grades 1-8 @ OLM Facility
	Tuesday	15	“Protecting God’s Children” All OLM Grades 1-8 @ OLM Facility
	Wednesday	16	“Protecting God’s Children” All OLM Grades 1-8 @ OLM Facility
	Wednesday	23	<b>NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Eve</b>
<b><u>December</u></b>	Wednesday	14	<b>LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS RECESS ( No Classes Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> )</b>

The St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mercy Religious Education Offices will be closed from  
December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>

 *“Merry Christmas and Happy New Year”* 

**January 2012**

- Tuesday 3 **CLASSES RESUME**
- Monday 9 Group A - 7:15 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting (Petri Hall-St. Thomas More Church)
- Tuesday 10 Group B - 7:15 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting (Petri Hall-St. Thomas More Church)
- Monday 16 **NO CLASSES–Martin Luther King**
- Monday 23 Group C - 7:15 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting (Petri Hall-St. Thomas More Church)
- Tuesday 24 Group D - 7:15 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting (Petri Hall-St. Thomas More Church)

**February**

- Monday 20 **NO CLASSES – President’s Day Observed**
- Tuesday 21 **NO CLASSES**
- Wednesday 22 **NO CLASSES - Ash Wednesday**
- Thursday 23 **4:15PM RECONCILIATION CEREMONY  
Group A - St. Thomas More Church**

**March**

- Thursday 1 **4:15PM RECONCILIATION CEREMONY  
Group B – St. Thomas More Church**
- Thursday 8 **4:15PM RECONCILIATION CEREMONY  
Group C - St. Thomas More Church**
- Mon –Wed 12-13-14 **\*\*All Classes - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Testing\*\***
- Thursday 15 **4:15PM RECONCILIATION CEREMONY  
Group D - St. Thomas More Church**
- Mon –Wed 19-20-21 Stations of the Cross-All STM 4:30 & 5:45 classes at St. Thomas More Church
- Mon –Wed 26-27-28 Stations of the Cross-All OLM 4:30 & 5:45 classes at Our Lady of Mercy Church
- Wednesday 28 **Last Day of Classes before Easter Break  
( Easter break March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> )**

**April**

- Monday 9 **NO CLASSES – Easter Monday**
- Tuesday 10 **ALL CLASSES RESUME**

**April**

Thursday 12 4:15pm First Eucharist Rehearsal  
(STM church)

**Sunday 15 2:00pm First Eucharist Mass – Group A  
St. Thomas More Church**

Monday 16 4:30 & 5:45 3<sup>rd</sup> grades STM/OLM  
Tour of Church @ STM Church

Tuesday 17 4:30 & 5:45 3<sup>rd</sup> grades STM/OLM  
Tour of Church @ STM Church

Wednesday 18 4:30 & 5:45 3<sup>rd</sup> grades STM/OLM  
Tour of Church @ STM Church

Thursday 19 4:15pm First Eucharist Rehearsal  
( STM church)

**Sunday 22 2:00pm First Eucharist Mass – Group B  
St. Thomas More Church**

Mon – Wed 23-24-25 May Crowning at STM Church

Thursday 26 4:15pm First Eucharist Rehearsal  
( STM church)

**Sunday 29 2:00pm First Eucharist Mass – Group C  
St. Thomas More Church**

Monday 30 May Crowning @ OLM - Valentine Hall  
(8 Pine Street)

**May**

Tues - Wed 1-2 May Crowning @ OLM – Valentine Hall  
(8 Pine Street)

**Sunday 6 2:00pm First Eucharist Mass – Group D  
St. Thomas More Church**

**Mon – Wed 7-8-9 LAST WEEK OF CLASSES**

**June**

**Saturday 2 9AM-2PM In-Person Registration 2012-2013  
Petri Hall – St. Thomas More Church**

**Wednesday 6 10AM-8PM In-Person Registration 2012-2013  
St. Thomas More Church – REP Office**