



St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania *Update*

Greetings!



The Board of Governors of the St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania is off to a busy start in this 25th Anniversary year of our Society. We are planning a full slate of events to commemorate this important anniversary and to give our members opportunities to connect with fellow Catholic lawyers, legal professionals, and public officials. We have an opportunity to gather for a Lenten Reflection with Bishop Gainer in March. And we are particularly excited about our Feast Day Mass, to be held this year in York, and our Annual Red Mass at which Bishop Kevin Rhoades, a founding member of the STMS, will be the guest homilist.

Please read on for important dates and information, and mark your calendars now so you don't miss any of our events this year.

May God continue to bless you in your work, and please pray that the work of our Society may be for our common good and His greater glory.

Michael F. Krimmel, President
STMS of Central Pennsylvania

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend these events!

Saturday, March 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA

Lenten Reflection

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association has graciously invited members of the STMS to attend its Annual Lenten Reflection. The theme for this half-day program is *The Joy of Lighting a Fire in the Heart of the World*. Bishop Gainer will be the speaker and celebrant at Mass. The morning includes Mass, confessions, adoration and light refreshments. A free will offering will be accepted. This is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with fellow Catholic professionals in the medical field, and to experience more fully our Lenten journey. ***Please plan to attend and RSVP***

to CathMedHbg@aol.com by March 11, 2015!

[Click here for more information and to RSVP](#)

Monday, June 22, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church, 2935 Kingston Road, York, PA

St. Thomas More Feast Day Mass

Bishop Gainer will be the principal celebrant and homilist for our annual feast day Mass. Following Mass we will have light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with Bishop Gainer, York County judges and other officials, as well as members of the York County Bar. Please invite your Catholic colleagues from York, and help us expand our STMS membership in York County!

Monday, October 19, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA

Annual Red Mass

Bishop Gainer will be the principal celebrant and Bishop Kevin Rhoades will be the homilist for our 25th anniversary Red Mass. A reception with the Bishops, concelebrating priests, deacons, invited dignitaries, and STMS members will follow at the PBA Maclay Mansion headquarters on Front Street. **SAVE THE DATE - more information to follow!**

One *More* Thing

with Fr. Paul Clark

I was recently inspired by the miracle recovery story of that teenage boy in St. Louis, Missouri who fell into a partially frozen lake a few weeks ago. Docs say that he was dead for 45 minutes after having been submerged in the freezing waters for almost 20 minutes.

Upon entering the hospital room of her son (whom the medical professionals were about to officially declare dead), his mother prayed these words aloud: "Holy God send your Holy Spirit to save my son. I want my son, please save him." Within seconds the boy began to revive and had a pulse. Those present say that it was a "bona fide" miracle and that they never saw at St. Joseph's hospital anything like that before. The boy, expected to make just about a full recovery, stated that he knows God has a unique purpose for his life and he will discern what that purpose is.

This is an awesome testimony to the power of prayer that is uttered from the lips and hearts of individuals of faith. The holy season of Lent is a time for more intense personal prayer and reflection on our faith and on God's goodness to us - even the times in our lives and in the lives of others in which He has performed miracles, great and small alike. I pray that this Lent is a time for you to cry out to God in prayer as well as a time to listen more closely to His ever-present voice speaking to you words of peace, healing, and forgiveness.

Rev. Paul M. Clark, JCL is the Bishop's Liaison to the St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania and an ex officio member of the Board of Governors. He is Pastor of St. Matthew's Church in Dauphin, and Promoter of Justice, Defender of the Bond, and Canonical Consultant in the Diocesan Tribunal.

