

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 23, 2014

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm

BAPTISM

1:00 pm on Sunday
(Arrangements must be made in advance)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding

VISITS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our clergy are happy to visit.
Call the parish office to arrange.

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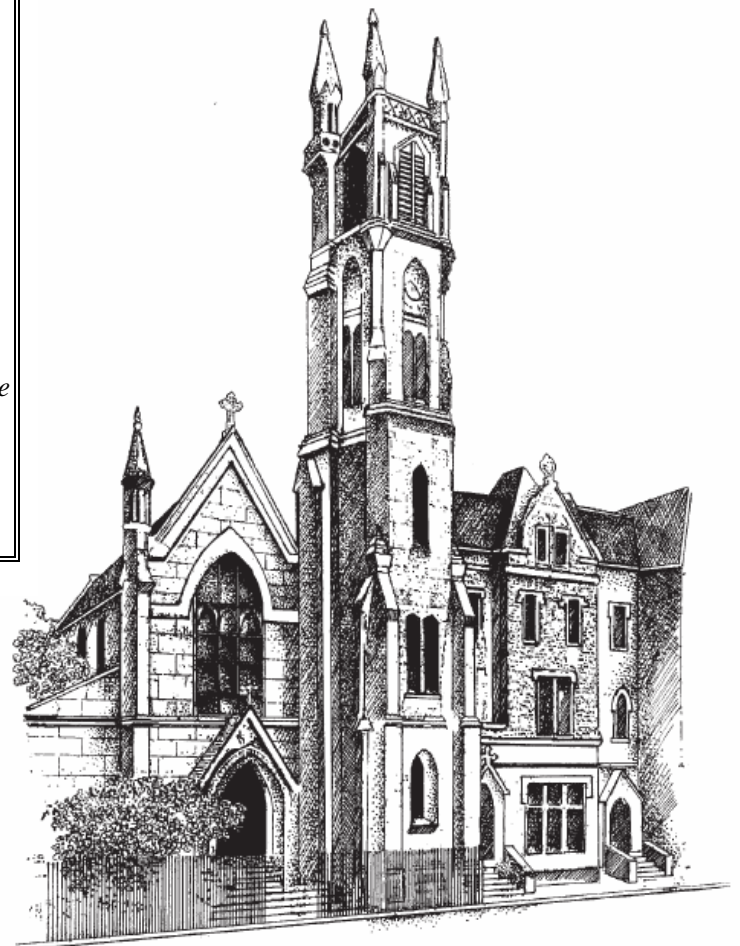
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:45 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass)
Families and children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon: 12:00 p.m. (Choral Mass)
Sunday Evening: 5:45 p.m.



Church of St. Thomas More
March 23, 2014
Third Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can use the Samaritan woman as a role model for discipleship. We, too, are challenged to find the Lord in our midst and bring others to him.

Introduction To The Word

Exodus 17:3-7: The first reading is taken from Exodus 17. Within the story line of the Book of Exodus, Israel had just crossed the Reed Sea that God miraculously parted, narrowly escaping the advancing Egyptian army. But within a relatively short period of time, the Israelite community began quarreling among themselves and challenging Moses and his leadership. The Israelites even tested God, asking Moses: "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Moses pleaded to God for intervention, and God responded by empowering Moses to use his staff to strike on the rock in Horeb, drawing water from the rock for the people to drink. The Lord was indeed in the midst of the community during the desert journey, but the Israelites' grumbling and complaining blinded them to the Lord's presence.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 2: In the second reading from the Letter to the Romans, Paul teaches us that we have "peace with God" through our relationship with Christ and we have the "love of God" through the Holy Spirit. For Paul, it is in this divine relationship where "God proves his love for us."

John 4:5-42: In today's reading, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well and initiates a dialogue with her with a simple request: "Give me a drink." This encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman falls into four parts: the Samaritan woman challenges Jesus; she recognizes Jesus as a prophet and Jesus reveals to the woman his messianic identity; the disciples return and the woman leaves to tell others of her belief in Jesus; and the Samaritans themselves recognize Jesus as "truly the savior of the world."

Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time:
03/23	Baptism	1:00 pm
03/24	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/25	Leisure Club Lunch after the Mass	12:15pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/26	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
03/27	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/28	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/29	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Mar 23	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Rafferty	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher
Mar 30	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Yoakam Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Dan Flynn
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Family Life Conference
St. Joseph Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY
 Sat, March 29th - 10:00am – 3:30pm

Speakers Include

Deacon Ralph Poyo, Gregory S. Baylor
 Ashley McGuire, and David Bereit.

Sponsored by Archdiocese of New York
 Family Life/Respect Life Office.

Admission fee \$30 (includes lunch).
 Please make checks payable to FL/RL Office
 1011 First Avenue, 7th floor, NY, NY 10022.

Registration required,
 visit www.FLRL.org or call [\(212\) 371-3192](tel:212-371-3192).
 A bus will be available for those travelling from New York City.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 23 – MARCH 29**

Mon. March 24

8:00 Kathy Cunningham (L)

* 12:15 Frank Gravot (D)

Tues. March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 Kathy Cunningham (L)

* 12:15 Kathleen Prey (L)

Wed. March 26

8:00 Nancy Kissinger (L)

* 12:15 Nancy Kissinger (L)

Thurs. March 27

8:00 Sheila MacRae (D)

* 12:15 Irma Navarro (D)

Fri. March 28 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00 Irma Navarro (D)

* 12:15 Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

Sat. March 29

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Ruth Ann La Martina (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Bernadette Pfeifer (D)

* **Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass**



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/24 Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

03/25 Tues: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

03/26 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

03/27 Thurs: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

03/28 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

03/29 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



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**CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL APPEAL**
Sharing God's Gifts

For the 2014 Cardinal's Appeal to be really successful, we must have the support of all our families. Please remember that the Appeal is a vital source of funding for work of the Archdiocese of New York. Because of your support it is better able to do immense good in many areas of concern:

- Those most in need through its many charitable offices, agencies and programs
- Parishes and schools struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities
- Academic and spiritual formation in our schools and catechetical training in our parishes
- Care for our retired clergy and religious who have given their lives in service of the Church
- Preparation of our future clergy who will give theirs in the years to come

Please consider a gift/pledge to the 2014 Cardinal's Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to **Alison Weiskopf** for hosting this gathering, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another as well as to share a sweet and a cup of coffee or apple juice for the children. We look forward to meeting you there **after the 10:00 am Mass.**

Leisure Club Luncheon

March 25, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass



Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on Mar 26th

Sunday Collection – March 16, 2014
Total Regular Collection - \$6,881.33
Weekly Expenses - \$8,000.69
Adult Attendance – 487

Parish Pay

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Please consider joining Parish Pay to help you maintain your economic connection to your parish when you are away from home. To join the Parish Pay system, visit the [St. Thomas More](#) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 265 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Theology on Tap-NYC

(a ministry for those in their 20s and 30s)

Presents:

"Already There-Letting God Find You"

On Monday, March 31, 2014,

Fr Mark Mossa SJ will talk about his book which relates to the issues of how to meet God in the busyness and noise of our every day life. We all need time for God, so at this talk they will present tips and advice you need to meet God and let Him find you! Talk Begins at 7:30pm and ends around 9pm.

Location is Connolly's Bar,

121 West 45th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, on the 3rd floor.

Visit us at www.totnyc.org

The 5th Annual Pilgrimage of New York

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, hundreds of people will walk 13.5 miles through Manhattan, visiting various parishes in honor of St Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan Order. This event is sponsored by: [Catholic Charities Junior Board](#), [Catholic New York](#), [Events4JC.org](#), [Holy Name of Jesus Young Adults](#), [Saint Patrick's Cathedral Young Adults](#), and [Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future](#). To register and to learn more about this event, please visit www.pofnyc.org.

Identity & Inclusiveness:

A Tug of War in Today's Church

Among the divisions afflicting the Church today is the one between Catholics primarily concerned about strengthening Catholic identity and those primarily concerned about embracing those who have been marginalized. How can this genuine conflict be overcome? Presented by Peter Steinfelds, Founding Co-Director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University

Date/Time: Monday, March 24th at 7:00 PM

Location: Church of St. Ignatius Loyola,
Wallace Hall, 980 Park Avenue

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next Sunday the Church of St. Thomas More will be asked to participate in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Campaign. This collection is designed to fund six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in the Lord around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettlement of displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, CRS allows us to see Christ in every suffering person.

Please be as generous as you can, as your support truly makes a difference.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

BOOMERS
& Beyond

An organization for Catholic men and women (50 plus) is hosting an exclusive exhibit preview /

lecture at the **2nd Ave. Subway Information Center**

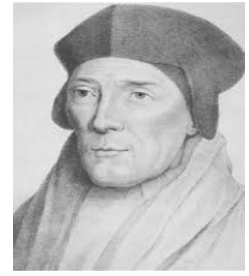
1628 2nd Ave, New York, NY
Between 84th and 85th Streets
Tuesday, March 25th at 6pm
followed by a cocktail party at
Dorrian's 1616 2nd Ave
from 7:00 to 9:00pm

(\$25 cash payment at the bar)

RSVP required for the free subway event.
Call [646 241-1332](tel:646-241-1332) for details.



MORE Hot Topics PRESENTS "The Francis Effect"



By
His Eminence Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan

It has been a year since the surprise resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and the election of Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina to the papacy. Pope Francis is the first Jesuit Pope and the first Pope from the Southern Hemisphere. He is also the first non-European Pope since Gregory III in 741. His selection of the name Francis bespeaks the mission of his papacy which is to embrace the charism of St. Francis of Assisi.

Since his election on March 13, 2013 as the 266th successor to the chair of Peter, the world continues to be fascinated and intrigued by this first pope of the Americas. What effect is Pope Francis having on the faithful in the United States?

Cardinal Dolan was appointed tenth Archbishop of New York in February 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. He was president of the United States Conference of Bishops from 2010 to 2013, and was elevated to the College of Cardinals on February 18, 2012.

Named one of *Time Magazine's* "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2012, **Cardinal Dolan** is the author of several books including *Called to be Holy* (2005), *To Whom Shall We Go? – Lessons from the Apostle Peter* (2009), *Doers of the Word – Putting Your Faith into Practice* (2009), and *Praying in Rome: Reflections on the Conclave and Electing Pope Francis* (2013 ebook).

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

at 7:00 PM

THE ROCHESTER ROOM

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Visit with the Speaker and Share Light Refreshments Following the Presentation

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