

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 30, 2014

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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.

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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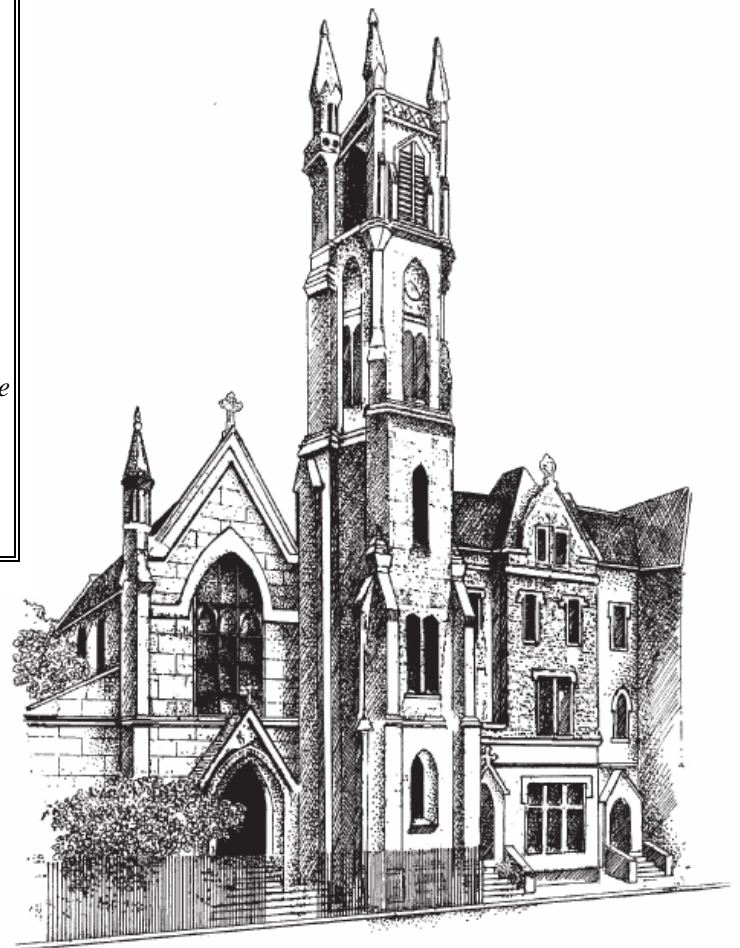
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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent focus on the difference between human and divine vision. Man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart, penetrating the superficial and looking in to the depth of who we are.

Introduction To The Word

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a: The first reading from the First Book of Samuel recounts God's choice of the young David to replace Saul as king of Israel. God directs Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem who had eight sons, but to the surprise of all, God chooses Jesse's youngest son, David. God saw that it was David's *heart* that separated him from others.

Ephesians 5:8-14: Toward the end of his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of ethical behavior. He encourages the believers in the city of Ephesus to "live as children of light," producing "goodness and righteousness and truth."

John 9:1-41: In the Gospel reading for today, we hear the story of Jesus' healing of the man born blind. The healing of the blind man begins with a simple and logical question that the disciples ask Jesus: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" In fact, throughout this healing story, a total of sixteen questions are asked by various people. These questions reinforce the reality of the limits of human vision. In the end, Jesus is most critical of the Pharisees who refuse to see Jesus' healing of this blind man as "the works of God." The Pharisees remain trapped in their human vision and thus were the ones truly blind to God's work in their midst. For Jesus, the sin of the Pharisees was their refusal to embrace God's vision.

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time:
03/30	Baptism	1:00 pm
03/31	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/01	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15pm Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/02	CHADD	5:55 pm
	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
04/03	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/04	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/05	A.A. Meeting	2:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Mar 30	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Rafferty	Yoakam Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Dan Flynn
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

April 6	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Campaign 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

Peter's Movie,

THOMAS KEATING: A RISING TIDE OF SILENCE,
will open in New York at the QUAD Cinema
(34 West 13th Street)

April 11th through April 17th, 2014

Screening times: 1:00, 2:40, 6:00, 7:40 & 9:50

There will be a Q&A with Peter C. Jones following the
7:40 Screening on Friday April 11th.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 30 – APRIL 05**

Mon. March 31

8:00 Jack Cunningham (D)

* 12:15 Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

Tues. April 1

8:00 John Moriarty (D)

* 12:15 Elizabeth O'Connor (D)

Wed. April 2 *St. Francis of Paola*

8:00 Joe Siegelbaum (L)

* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Thurs. April 3

8:00 Dioscoro Retiro (D) &
Dr. Roberto Eleazar (D)

* 12:15 Betty Quadracci (D)

Fri. April 4 *Day of Abstinence*

St. Isidore

8:00 Kathy Usiak (D)

* 12:15 Thomas Desmond (D)

Sat. April 5 *St. Vincent Ferrer*

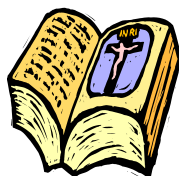
8:00 Mary Anne Zerafa (D)

* 12:15 Pamela Ann Tusiani (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Bernadette Fuller (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/31 Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

04/01 Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

04/02 Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

04/03 Thurs: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

04/04 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

04/05 Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53



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

As we approach the end of this year's Appeal there is still time for you to participate. Please keep in mind that no matter the size of your contribution, your willingness to join in the work of the Archdiocese is an important statement of thanksgiving for the gifts you have received. Your support is necessary and it will be used to:

- Aid those most in need through the Archdiocese's many charitable offices, agencies and programs
- Assist parishes and schools struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities
- Promote academic and spiritual formation in our schools and catechetical training in our parishes
- Lend a hand to our retired clergy and religious who have given their lives in service of the Church
- Prepare our future clergy who will give theirs in the years to come

Please join us in this work and make 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 **Alicia Damley** 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

April 1, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass



Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on April 2nd

Sunday Collection – March 23, 2014
Total Regular Collection - \$6,732.64
Weekly Expenses - \$8,119.46
Adult Attendance – 418

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 he 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.



Cardinal Hays High School

Cardinal Players

cordially invite you to the
Regis Philbin Auditorium

650 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY

Fri. April 4th and Sat. April 5th at 8pm

Sunday, April 6th at 2PM

Tickets \$10.00 each

Information: (718) 292-6100 ext 184

*The Lord is my shepherd; there
is nothing I shall want.*

Family Day

April 6th after the 10am Mass.
Rochester Rm.

There will be entertainment by Loonie Louie, pizza and some fun activities. We would love for all families to join together as a parish, get to know each other, and enjoy some laughs.

A conversation with Jane Pauley *YOUR LIFE CALLING: Reimagining the Rest of Your Life*

Through her own personal stories of reinvention and the stories of others, Ms. Pauley offers insights and advice to those seeking what's next.

Wednesday, April 23rd – 6:30PM

Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola
Park Avenue and 84th Street

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

Send check to : Boomers and Beyond
c/o St. Ignatius Loyola 980 Park Ave, NY, NY 10028

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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

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