

Church of Saint Thomas More

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April 20, 2014

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EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 8:00 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)
No 5:45 pm Sunday Evening Mass

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.

Parish Trustees

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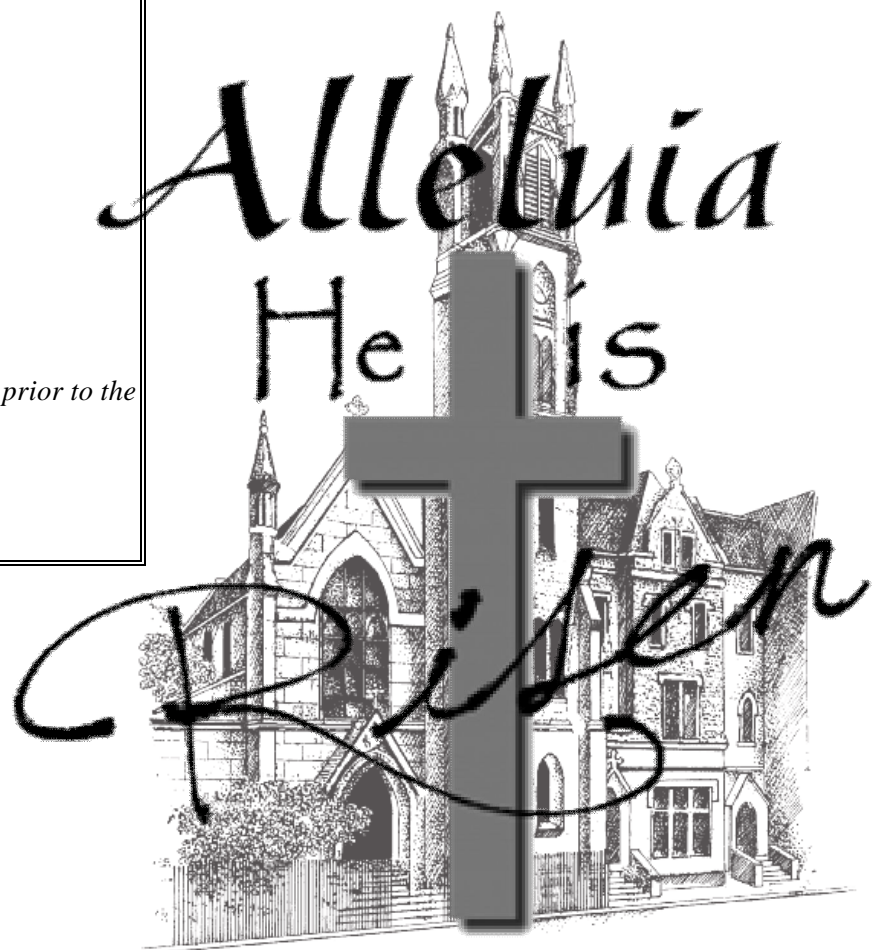
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The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

Theme/Call To Worship

The solemnity of Easter celebrates the defining moment in salvation history: the resurrection of Christ. "Easter Sunday" (including the Easter Vigil) is the pinnacle of the liturgical year, sometimes referred to as "the queen of the royal liturgical family."

Introduction To The Word

Acts 10:34a, 37-43: In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter delivers a speech to Cornelius, a Gentile and "God-fearing" centurion, and his entire household. Peter's speech is a summary of the early church's original kerygma (oral proclamation) about Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-4: In the second reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, we learn that in the resurrection, Christ defeated death and is now "seated at the right hand of God." But this does not conclude God's work in Christ. For those with faith in the crucified and resurrected Messiah, our "life is hidden with Christ in God," waiting to "appear with him in glory" at the end of the age.

John 20:1-9: The Gospel reading for Easter is the opening scene of John's Resurrection narrative. This moment, the discovery of Jesus' corporeal resurrection from the dead, is an event long reflected upon by many in our Christian tradition. As John tells us, even the original disciples had difficulty pondering the meaning: "They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Without faith, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead remains a moment in time incomprehensible to the human mind."

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
04/20	<u>Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00am Mass</u>	
04/21	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/22	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15pm Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/23	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
04/24	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/26	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

We would like to thank

all of you who have made a gift to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. To date, the parish has received **\$167,899.00** in pledges or gifts, from **128** families. Although those who have responded have been very generous, it represents only 14% of our parishioners. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain parishes across the Archdiocese. We would ask all to contribute, according as your means allow, and thank you for your support.

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<u>April 20</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 8:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nick Farnham & Jim Dillon
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Zimmer, SJ	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

<u>April 27</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Dan Flynn
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

Easter Masses

Easter Vigil Mass

Holy Saturday, April 19th, 8:00 PM

(No 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Saturday)

Easter Sunday Masses

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM - Family Mass, and

12:00 PM - Choral Mass with Choir and Orchestra

(No 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

For more information please visit

www.thomasmorechurch.org

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
APRIL 20 – APRIL 26**

Mon. April 21

8:00 Donald Armstrong (D)

* 12:15 Sheila Butlers (L)

Tues. April 22

8:00 Josephine Garrigan (D)

* 12:15 John Mannix (D)

Wed. April 23

8:00 Elizabeth Ann Steakley (D)

* 12:15 John Finley (D)

Thurs. April 24

8:00 Dominic DiSario (D)

* 12:15 Caridad Isacc, MD (D)

Fri. April 25

8:00 Virginia Stivala (D)

* 12:15 Charles Denihan (D)

Sat. April 26

8:00 Micky Aylott (D)

* 12:15 Rosaleen Connell (D)

Sunday Vigil

8:00 Margaret Grace (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

04/21 Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

04/22 Tues: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

04/23 Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

04/24 Thurs: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

04/25 Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

04/26 Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to our volunteers 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 22, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass
The regularly scheduled Leisure Lunch will also be held next week on April 29th.

Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on April 23rd

Sunday Collection – April 13, 2014
Total Regular Collection - \$10,248.849
Weekly Expenses - \$9,014.27
Adult Attendance – 706

Parish Pay

DONATE

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.

***This is the day the Lord
has made; let us rejoice
and be glad.***

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 20th,

the Parish Youth Committee invites you to join them after the 10:00am Easter Mass for the Hunt and a special coffee hour upstairs in the Rochester Room.
We hope to see you there!



HOLY SATURDAY

April 19

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer
of the Liturgy of the Hours

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EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19

8:00 p.m. – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER*

(First Mass of Easter)

Lighting of the New Fire
Solemn Easter Proclamation
Liturgy of the Word

Homily by Rev. Eric A. Zimmer, S.J.

Blessing of Baptismal Water
Liturgy of the Eucharist

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon****

(There will be NO evening Mass on
Easter Sunday)

**Choral Music provided by the Schola Cantorum
of St. Thomas More*

***Choral Music with the Schola Cantorum and
Orchestra of St. Thomas More*

Daniel's Music Foundation Annual Spring Benefit

Tuesday, May 6th 6:30 to 9:30

Guastavino's 409 East 59th Street
(between First & York Avenues)

RSVP by May 1

info@danielsmusic.org or 212.289.8912

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

Wednesday, April 23rd – 6:30PM

Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola - Park Ave and 84th

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

Information: 212-288-3588

boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 21st at 6:45pm

All Parishioners are Welcome

Next Week's Special Collection Parish Gardens

Now that spring is finally here, we will need your help to restore our beautiful garden. This special collection will help us to finance the care our garden will now require. Your generosity is appreciated.

Theology on Tap-NYC

**a young adult ministry for those in their
20s and 30s**

**Presents: "Pope Francis-Why He Leads
the Way He Leads"**

Monday, May 5, 2014, 7:30pm – 9:00pm.

Location is Connolly's Bar, 121 West 45th Street,
between 6th and 7th Avenues, on the 3rd floor.

Visit us at www.totnyc.org for more information.

St. Jean Baptiste High School

2014 Spring Benefit

*From the Met to Broadway, a Night of
Music and Art*

Saturday, May 17th - 6:00pm to 9:00pm

173 East 75th Street, Manhattan

Featuring Anthony Laciura Metropolitan Opera tenor
and Star of the HBO series 'Boardwalk Empire' with
friends from The Metropolitan Opera and Broadway.

For Ticket and Sponsorship information, contact

Lisa Bennett at 212.288.1645, ext. 121

or lbennett@stjean.org

**Excerpt from
URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS - EASTER 2013**

Dear brothers and sisters in Rome and throughout the world, Happy Easter! Happy Easter!

What a joy it is for me to announce this message: Christ is risen! I would like it to go out to every house and every family, especially where the suffering is greatest, in hospitals, in prisons. Most of all, I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! The mercy of God always triumphs!

We too, like the women who were Jesus' disciples, who went to the tomb and found it empty, may wonder what this event means (cf. *Lk 24:4*). What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom. The love of God can do this!

This is what Easter is: it is the exodus, the passage of human beings from slavery to sin and evil to the freedom of love and goodness. Because God is life, life alone, and we are his glory: the living man (cf. Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses*, 4,20,5-7).

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ died and rose once for all, and for everyone, but the power of the Resurrection, this passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives. How many deserts, even today, do human beings need to cross! Above all, the desert within, when we have no love for God or neighbor, when we fail to realize that we are guardians of all that the Creator has given us and continues to give us. God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. *Ez 37:1-14*).

So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world.

Peace in the whole world, still divided by greed looking for easy gain, wounded by the selfishness which threatens human life and the family, selfishness that continues in human trafficking, the most extensive form of slavery in this twenty-first century! Peace to the whole world, torn apart by violence linked to drug trafficking and by the iniquitous exploitation of natural resources! Peace to this our Earth! May the risen Jesus bring comfort to the victims of natural disasters and make us responsible guardians of creation.