

*"Do not walk through time
without leaving worthy
evidence of your passage."*

Pope John XXIII



*"Divine Mercy is the light for the
way forward for the people of
the third millennium."*

Pope John Paul II



Saint John XXIII



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April 27, 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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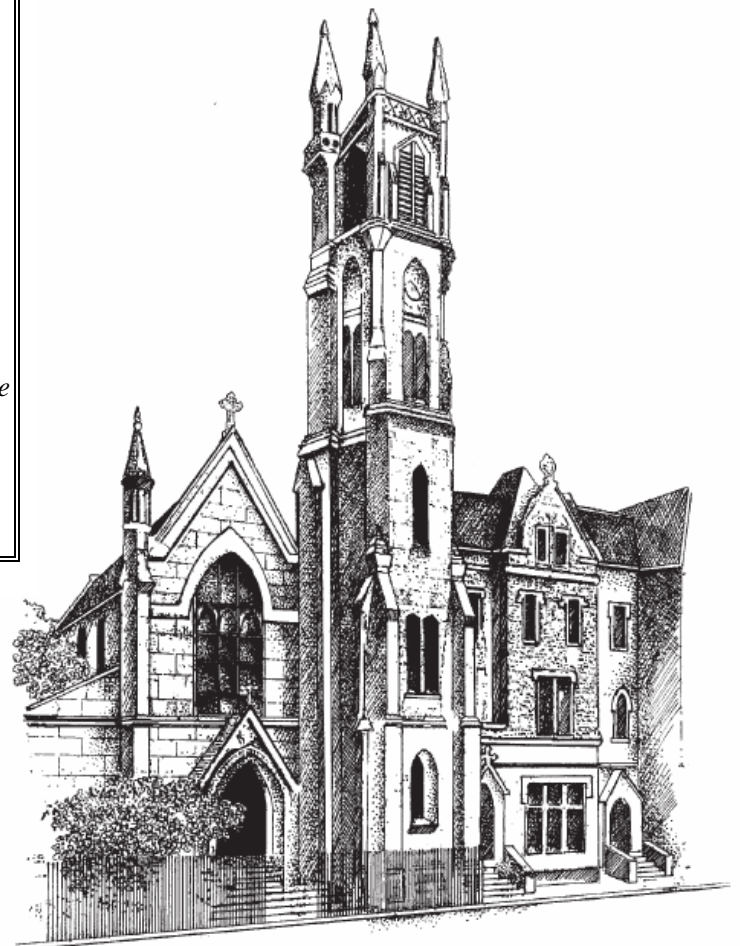
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

April 27, 2014

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Theme/Call To Worship

These readings inform us of how the earliest Christian communities structured their lives and built the church based upon their shared belief in the resurrection of Christ.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 2:42-47: In writing the Acts of the Apostles, Luke combines history and theology to create a narrative that not only *informs* his readers of the historical details but also *forms* his readers in the fundamentals of the faith. In today's reading from Acts 2, Luke offers a summary of the early Christian communal life that reveals three important insights about the original (mostly Jewish) believers in Jerusalem. First, they were committed to experiencing faith in the Christ as a *community*. Second, faith formation (catechesis) by the apostles was instrumental to building up the church in Jerusalem. Third, following Jesus' command from the Last Supper ("breaking of the bread") and being committed to communal prayer, the community's identity was grounded, which helped to ritualize their gatherings.

1 Peter 1:3-9: The second reading is taken from the blessing that opens the First Letter of Peter. Thought to have been written shortly after the martyrdom of Peter in AD 64, the Petrine blessing focuses on the divine gift we have received in the resurrection of Jesus—the promise of eternal life and salvation at the end of time.

John 20:19-31: The Gospel reading, the well-known account of "doubting Thomas," speaks to all Christians today: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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> |
|--------------|---|--------------|
| 04/27 | Baptism | 1:00 pm |
| 04/28 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 04/29 | Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15pm Mass A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 04/30 | Christian Meditation - Chapel | 6:00 pm |
| 05/01 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 05/02 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 05/03 | A.A Meeting | 2:00 pm |

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

| <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 |

| <u>May 04</u> | <u>Celebrant</u> | <u>Lector</u> |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sat 5:45 pm | Fr. Diaz | The Rosses |
| Sun 8:30 am | Fr. Diaz | Louisa Martin |
| Sun 10:00 am | Fr. Madigan | Yoakam Family |
| Sun 12:00 pm | Fr. Diaz | Bob Burke |
| Sun 5:45 pm | Fr. Madigan | Jim Sterling |

This 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.

The Inaugural STM Cocktail Hour

On Sunday, May 5th, following the 5:45pm Mass, the Parish Council will be holding its first Cocktail Hour to build a vibrant parish community focused on young adults. This month the committee has embraced a Spanish theme and has tied this event to Cinco de Mayo. All young adult members of the parish are invited.

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
APRIL 27 – MAY 03**

Mon. April 28 *St. Peter Chanel*

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:00 Francisco Rodriguez (D)

* 12:15 Christopher Begley (D)

Tues. April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena*

8:00 Iris Damson (D)

* 12:15 Sotero Ceneza (D)

Wed. April 30 *St. Pius V.*

8:00 Kathleen Goodman (D)

* 12:15 Albert, Regina &
Virginia Wojcik (D)

Thurs. May 01 *St. Joseph the Worker*

8:00 Patrick Crowley (D)

* 12:15 Margaret Nolan (D)

Fri. May 02 *St. Athanasius*

8:00 Danielle Gyger (D)

* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Sat. May 03 *Sts. Philip and James*

8:00 Richard Donovan (D)

* 12:15 Charlie Smith (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Richard Hoch (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

04/28 Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

04/29 Tues: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

04/30 Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

05/01 Thurs: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

05/02 Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

05/03 Sat: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 269 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to the *Williams Family* 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**.

***Give thanks to the LORD, for
he is good, his love is
everlasting.***

Leisure Club Luncheon

April 29, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass

Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on April 30th

Sunday Collection – April 20, 2014

Easter Collection - \$30,220.88

Easter Flowers – \$1,207.00

Holy Land - \$1,791.00

Weekly Expenses - \$8,289.61

Adult Attendance – 837

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](http://St.ThomasMore) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

May 4th Special Collection

At the Request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of New York will take up a special *Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe* to support essential unmet pastoral needs in that section of the Lord's vineyard formerly under Soviet control. Your gift will do much to restore the Church and build its future in this corner of the world. Please be as generous as your means allow.



MORE Hot Topics

PRESENTS

The Family

as “the Way of the Lord” in this World

The center, not at the periphery, of the Christian Revelation



by **Rev. Justin Wylie**

Pope Francis dedicated his Angelus message on the Feast of the Holy Family – generally celebrated the Sunday following Christmas - calling on all to consider Jesus’ own family as an example for families everywhere:

“God wanted to be born in a human family; he wanted to have a mother and a father, like us,” he explained. “It’s an example that does much good for our families, helping them to become ever more a community of love and reconciliation, in which one experiences tenderness, mutual help and mutual forgiveness.”

On Monday, May 12, 2014 - as part of the MORE Hot Topic program at the Church of St. Thomas More, **Reverend Justin Wylie** will talk about the Family, a most timely topic. In **February 2014** the Consistory of the Cardinals reflected on the Family. The next Synod of Bishops **October 5 to 19, 2014** will be on the theme of *“The pastoral challenges for the family in the context of evangelization”*, and from **September 22 to 27, 2015**, Philadelphia will host the 8th World Meeting of Families, which is expected to draw a global audience.

Reverend Justin Wylie is a South African priest serving as Holy See negotiator at the United Nations. A jurist trained in South Africa and at the University of Notre Dame, he formerly worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the Yugoslavia War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague and in the Office of the Attorney-General in South Africa. **Reverend Wylie**, who trained for the priesthood at the Capranica College in Rome, holds a License in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

at 7:00 PM

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