

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 11, 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.

Parish Trustees

Christopher Baldwin
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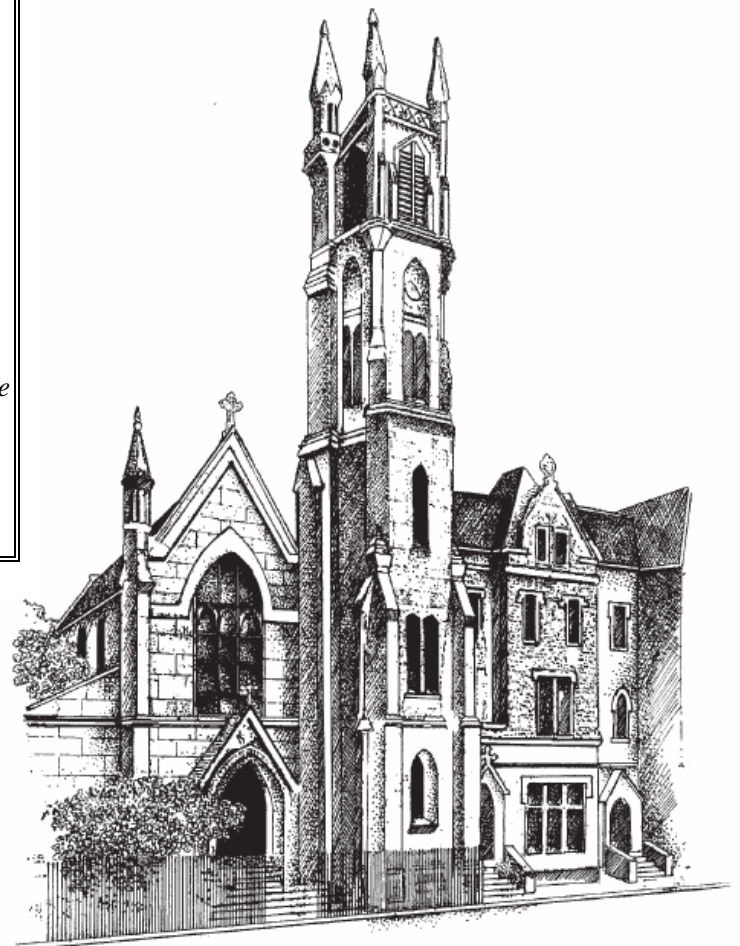
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John F.R. Smilgin, III

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
May 11, 2014
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter speak of both the successes and the struggles of the early Christian communities. While the early church of the first century grew rapidly, it also experienced persecution as it expanded throughout the Roman Empire.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 2:14a, 36-41: The first reading from Acts of the Apostles is the remainder of Peter's speech on the streets of Jerusalem on Pentecost, as well as the reaction from the crowds. The opening words to today's reading summarizes the heart of Peter's speech: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

1 Peter 2:20b-25: The second reading from the First Letter of Peter begins by speaking about patient suffering. Within the immediate context of the letter, this idea of tolerance and patience "when you suffer for doing what is good" is directed to Christian slaves. By some estimates, up to half of the people living in the Roman Empire in the late first century AD were slaves.

John 10:1-10: The immediate narrative context for today's Gospel reading is important to keep in mind when listening to Jesus' words. Jesus had just healed the man born blind, much to the anger of the Pharisees who saw Jesus as a false prophet. Part of Jesus' retort to the Pharisees involves today's Gospel text where he talks about himself being the gatekeeper and the Pharisees as the "thieves" and "robbers."

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>
05/11	Baptism	1:00 pm
05/12	Education Committee Presentation	7:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/13	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15pm Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/14	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
05/15	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/17	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

May 11	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Dan Flynn
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

May 18	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Rafferty	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

The St Jean's Players

Presents

*The Diary of
Anne Frank*

Only 3 performances left!

Friday, May 9 at 8 pm Saturday, May 10 at 8 pm

Sunday matinee, May 11 at 3 pm

167 East 75 Street

(Between Lex. and 3rd), Manhattan

\$20 for Adults,

\$10 for Seniors 65+ and Children to age 18

Buy tickets in advance via [SmartTix](#).

Tickets also on sale at the door

one half hour before curtain.

Tapestry in Concert

Choral Works by: Morten Lauridsen, Moses Hogan,
Robert Shaw, Alice Parker and more

Friday, May 30th – 8:00pm - \$10

Church of St. Thomas More

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MAY 11 – MAY 17**

Sun. May 11

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Mon. May 12

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus

St. Pancras

8:00 Maria Wasmer (L)

* 12:15 Shelia Renaghan (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Tues. May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Margaret Grace (D)

* 12:15 Shelia Renaghan (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Wed. May 14

St. Matthias

8:00 Lillian McGuinness (D)

* 12:15 Eileen Collins (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Thurs. May 15

St. Isidore

8:00 Jo Urwin (D)

* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Fri. May 16

8:00 Bernadette Fuller (D)

* 12:15 Eugenio Acevedo (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Sat. May 17

8:00 Walter Paradisi (D)

* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Richard Hoch (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/12 Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

05/13 Tues: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

05/14 Wed: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

05/15 Thurs: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

05/16 Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

05/17 Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

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 **Maureen Barry** 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**.

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

Sunday Collection – May 4, 2014
Total Regular Collection - \$6,552.84
Eastern Europe – \$1,603.72
Weekly Expenses - \$7,028.16
Adult Attendance – 480

**Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist**

Because of the reduced number of priests on the parish staff, there is a need for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to assist at Mass. If you believe you are called to this ministry of distributing the Eucharistic bread and wine, please call the Parish Office to give your name and contact information. There will be two Training Sessions in the Rectory. The date and time of these meetings will be decided after discussing with the candidates their availability.

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.

Canterbury Choral Society

Presents

An Afternoon With Haydn And Mozart

Sunday, May 18, 2014, 4:00pm
Church of the Heavenly Rest
Fifth Avenue at 90th Street
General Admission \$25
Students & Seniors \$20

A double bill of church compositions by Haydn: the *'Lord Nelson' Mass*, likely named so when the composer learned of Admiral Nelson's stunning victory over the French at Aboukir, and the ebullient *Te Deum*, dedicated to the Empress Maria Theresa, frames the Mozart *Exsultate Jubilate*.

You are cordially invited to attend **"Your Life Your Legacy"**

Free Seminar - Courtesy of:
Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home
Chas. Peter Nagel Funeral Directors
352 East 87th Street
Between 1st and 2nd Avenues
Wednesday, May 14, 2013 at 2:30pm
Please RSVP by May 12th (seating limited)
Call: 212-289-2221 or 212-535-1500
Speaker
Robert Sommese, Advanced Planning
Manager
Hosted by: Maria Oquendo
Family Service Counselor
Refreshments will be served

Mother's Day Novena

Envelopes are available in the back of the church to permit you to add your Mother (Living or Deceased) to the Mother's Day Novena intention. The novena will begin on Sunday May 11th and end on Tuesday May 20th. The novena will be celebrated each day (except Saturday) at the 5:45pm Mass.

This novena is a wonderful way to celebrate your Mother, Grandmother, Godmother and all the other women who played an important role in your life, growth and happiness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Church of St. Thomas More is starting a Religious Education Program with a First Grade program. We hope to continue to add to this program from year to year.

REGISTRATION: May 5th to May 30th.

CLASSES BEGIN: Wednesday, September 17th

WHERE: The Parish House of St. Thomas More

TIME: Wednesdays, 5:00pm to 6:00pm

COST: \$125 – per active parishioner's family

\$200 – per non-active parishioner's family

To Register, contact Margaret Peet at (212) 876-7718 or email her at stmparish@gmail.com

or visit the parish website www.thomasmorechurch.org to download the application.

PAYMENT: A check made payable to
Church of St. Thomas More.
On Line through *ParishPay*

We are looking for volunteers interested in assisting as teacher's aides. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Peet.

Leisure Club Luncheon

May 13, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass

Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on May 14th

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**

On Monday, May 12, 2014 - as part of the MORE Hot Topics program at the Church of St. Thomas More, **Reverend Justin Wylie** will talk about the Family, a most timely topic.

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

The Church of St. Thomas More –

Rochester Room

**65 East 89th Street - (Between Park & Madison
Avenues)**

Tel: (212) 876-7719

Visit with the Speaker and Share Light
Refreshments Following the Presentation

Free Will Offering Accepted

**Sponsored by: The Education Committee of the
Parish Council**

SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

NEXT WEEKEND – MAY 17 & 18

All parishioners will receive a mailing this week on our **Spring Semi-Annual Appeal**. We depend on this Appeal to carry us through the Summer when so many are away and inevitably the Sunday collections drop off and ordinary expenses do not. Please read the letter carefully and respond as generously as you can. Below is a description of giving in last year’s Spring Semi-Annual Appeal.

2014 SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$56,529	1	\$56,529
7,500	1	7,500
5,000	2	10,000
2,500	1	2,500
2,000	2	4,000
1,000	10	10,000
900	1	900
750	1	750
700	1	700
600	2	1,200
500	13	6,500
400	1	400
350	1	350
300	7	2,100
275	1	275
250	17	4,250
200	15	3,000
175	1	175
150	2	300
125	2	250
105	1	105
100	40	4,000
Under 100	123	2,853
Anonymous Cash		2,332
<u>TOTAL</u>	246	<u>\$120,969</u>

The Gianna Mass

For those struggling with infertility and pregnancy
related difficulties

Church of St. Catherine of Siena

411 East 68th Street – Manhattan

Friday, May 16th at 6:30pm.

Veneration of the relics of St. Gianna and a light
wine and cheese reception with follow.