

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 18, 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
Michael Poulos

Parish Council President

Elizabeth Williams

Finance Council Chairman

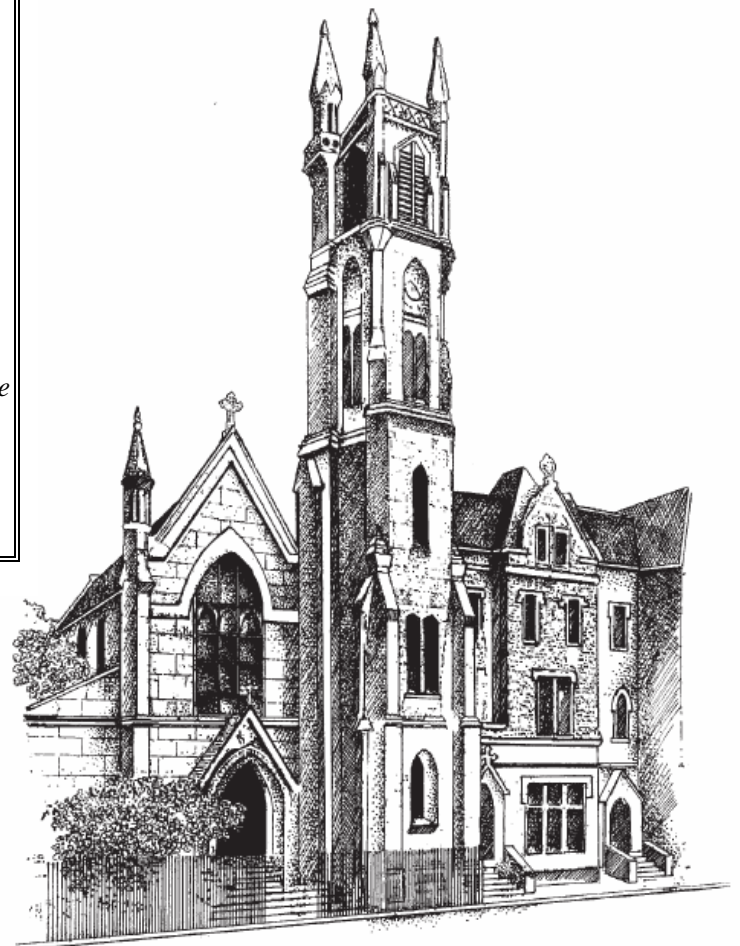
George Sim Johnston

Head Usher

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 18, 2014
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme/Call To Worship

In the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we see that through all the struggles and the growing pains of the early Christian communities, they remained focused on their faith in the resurrected Christ.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 6:1-7: Today's first reading from Acts opens with the comment, "The number of disciples continued to grow." Two issues were quickly emerging: how best to handle community members with different cultural backgrounds and how best to serve the special needs of specific community members (the "widows"). Peter and the apostles found a solution: "Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men." We see in this decision by the apostles the early stages of an emerging church structure that impacts the Church to this day. The office of deacon (from the Greek, *diakonia*, translated as "service") has as its patron Saint Stephen, who was one of the seven.

1 Peter 2:4-9 1: We continue to hear from 1 Peter as the second reading during the Easter season. Throughout the letter, the author inserts texts from the Hebrew Scriptures as a means of demonstrating how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

John 14:1-12: The Gospel reading is taken from John's farewell discourse. The apostles struggle to understand the meaning of Jesus' words in terms of his destiny and his identity with the Father. In terms of his destiny, they know the way: simply follow Jesus for he is "the way and the truth and the life." In terms of being shown the Father, Jesus again confirms for them: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

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>
05/18	Baptism	1:00 pm
05/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 pm
05/20	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15pm Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/21	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
05/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/24	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

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

May 25	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	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Dan Flynn
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 19th at 6:45pm
 All Parishioners are Welcome

Have You Considered Joining the Parish Council?

The Parish Council is a group of engaged, committed parishioners which works with the Pastor to organize many of the services and activities offered by our parish. The council meets approximately 9 times a year and includes several committees focused on specific areas of parish life. In the next few weeks, we will be holding elections for the Parish Council. If you are a registered parishioner interested in getting more involved by joining the Parish Council, please contact:

Laura Weigley Ross at lweigley@nycourts.gov
 or Margaret Peet at [212-876-7718](tel:212-876-7718).

A vital Parish Council is of great importance to the life of the parish community, so please consider joining us.

Sunday Collection – May 11, 2014
 Total Regular Collection - \$6,393.50
 Weekly Expenses - \$7,222.15
 Adult Attendance – 462

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MAY 18 – MAY 24**

Sun. May 18

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Mon. May 19

8:00 Margaret F. Grace (D)

* 12:15 Dr. Charles Fager (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Tues. May 20 *St. Bernardine of Siena*

8:00 Charles Denihan (D)

* 12:15 Dr. Joseph Villamaria (D)

5:45 Mother's Day Novena

Wed. May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

8:00 Lillian Swanson &
The Brown Family (D)

* 12:15 Gloria Lemme (D)

Thurs. May 22 *St. Rita of Cascia*

8:00 E. Mark Stern (D)

* 12:15 Charles & Cotton Families (D)

Fri. May 23

8:00 Odette Farris Sfire (D)

* 12:15 Isabella Durando (D)

Sat. May 24

8:00 Jayne Wrightsman (L)

* 12:15 Jayne Wrightsman (L)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Charles McKenna, Sr. (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/19 Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

05/20 Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

05/21 Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

05/22 Thurs: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

05/23 Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

05/24 Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 271 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 *Alyssa Bliss* 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.**

***Lord, let your mercy be
on us, as we place our
trust in you.***

**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.

Leisure Club Luncheon

May 20, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass
Last Lunch Untill Fall - May 27th

Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on May 21st

**SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL
THIS WEEKEND – MAY 17 & 18**

All parishioners will be receiving a mailing about our *Spring Semi-Annual Appeal*.

Given the very mobile nature of our congregation, *the Spring Semi-Annual Appeal* is very important to the financial health of our parish because it helps us to bridge the gap during the summer season. During the summer, when so many are away and the Sunday collections inevitably shrink, the ordinary expenses needed to maintain our beautiful church continue their usual pace throughout this financially slower period. When you receive your letter about the *Spring Semi-Annual Appeal*, please read it carefully and respond as generously as you can. Below is a description of giving in last year's Spring Semi-Annual Appeal.

**2013 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>

**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.

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](http://St.ThomasMore) 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

Gen. 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*

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
\$176,274.00 in pledges or gifts, from **144**
families.

Although those who have responded have
been very generous, it represents only 16%
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.

Search and Care

Invites you to their
Spring Senior Health and Wellness Symposium
Wednesday • June 4th • 2-4:30pm
Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
921 Madison Avenue (between 73rd-74th Streets)

Program:

Balance & Safety (15 min.)
A Way to Control Stress & Anxiety (10 min.)
Nutrition ABCs (15 min.)
Q & A (10 min)
INTERMISSION WITH DESSERT & BEVERAGES
What You Can Do to Combat Isolation (10 min.)
What is Normal Memory Loss? (15 min.)
Communicating with your doctors (15 min.)
Q & A (10 min)
Time for one-on-one with the speakers.
Seating is Limited
Reservations by phone are required
Call 212-289-5300 ext. 203
This site is wheelchair accessible.

TAPESTRY

IN CONCERT

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

for more information, visit:
facebook.com/TapestryChoir
or email:
TapestryNYC1@gmail.com

Friday, May 30th

8:00 PM - \$10
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Tickets: <http://tapestryinconcertstthomasmore.brownpapertickets.com/>