

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 25, 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

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Elizabeth Williams

Finance Council Chairman

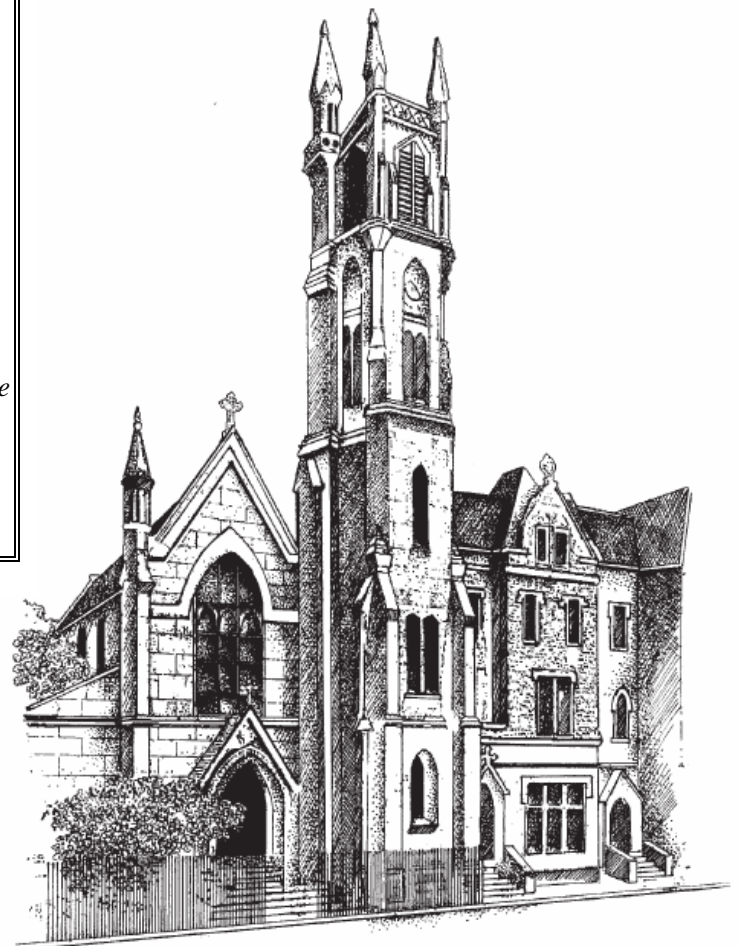
George Sim Johnston

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 25, 2014
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for today teach us that any attempts at evangelization, past or present, can only be successful with the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: In today's reading we hear about the Samaritans' "Pentecost." Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon the Jews in Acts 2, now that same Spirit descends upon the Samaritans. The same will be true for the Gentiles, when the Spirit descended upon them in the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48). Herein lays a very important theological assertion by Luke: Jesus Christ is the *universal* savior.

1 Peter 3:15-18: In the second reading the author of 1 Peter offers sound advice to evangelize with "gentleness and reverence." Advice which not only modeled Jesus' own ministry and those of the apostles after him, it also provided those suffering for the faith some leverage and power in an otherwise powerless and threatening situation.

John 14:15-21: The Gospel reading is a continuation from last Sunday's Last Supper discourse between Jesus and the apostles. In his ongoing efforts to comfort and inform the apostles of the upcoming events, Jesus introduces to them the idea of "another Advocate" who will assist believers to realize "that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time:
05/25	Baptism	1:00 pm
05/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/27	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15pm Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/28	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
05/29	The Ascension of the Lord	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/30	Tapestry Group Performance	6:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/31	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

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

June 1	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

Sunday Collection – May 18, 2014
Initial Spring Semi-Annual
Collection - \$14,522.58
Weekly Expenses - \$9,311.67
Adult Attendance – 482

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.

If you have not yet sent in your contribution, please read your letter about the *Spring Semi-Annual Appeal*, and respond as generously as you can.

Your support of our Parish and of this Appeal is most appreciated.

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group
 Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 278 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MAY 25 – MAY 31**

Mon. May 26 *St. Philip Neri*

8:00 In Honor of St. Joseph

* 12:15 Jack Singer (D)

Tues. May 27 *St. Augustine of Canterbury*

8:00 Agnes King (D)

* 12:15 In Honor of St. Joseph

Wed. May 28

8:00 Rosemary Black (D)

* 12:15 Christopher Begley (D)

Thurs. May 29 **The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 ⊕

* 12:15 ⊕

5:45 ⊕

Fri. May 30

8:00 Laura D. Williamson (D)

* 12:15 Elizabeth Haney (D)

Sat. May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Erzsebet & Donald Black (L)

* 12:15 In Honor of St. Joseph

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Rudy Pezzaro (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/26 Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

05/27 Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

05/28 Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

05/29 Thurs: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

05/30 Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

05/31 Sat: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to *Christopher Boova* 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**.

*Shout joyfully to God, all
the earth, sing praise to
the glory of his name.*

**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 27, 2014 after the 12:15pm Mass

Last Lunch Until September 2014

Christian Meditation

The next session will be held
in the Chapel on May 28th

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.

Next Sunday's Special Collection

The **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** supports the Church in the region by funding grants for projects that range from religious formation to developing local parishes. With your help, the Church in Africa can turn its potential into reality and work to confront challenges by meeting the spiritual and charitable needs of its people. The Church in Africa needs you. Please give generously to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

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 **\$177,599.00** in pledges or gifts, from **145** 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.

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.

Next Sunday – June 1st after the 5:45 Mass, we will have our parish monthly Cocktail Hour. It is our hope that this gathering will serve to build up the spirit of parish community. Adults of all ages and their guests are welcome to attend.
No need for reservations.

TAPESTRY

IN CONCERT

Choral Works by:

Morten Lauridsen
Moses Hogan
Robert Shaw & Alice Parker
and more

for more information, visit:
[facebook.com/TapestryChoir](https://www.facebook.com/TapestryChoir)
or email:
TapestryNYC1@gmail.com

Friday, May 30th

8:00 PM - \$10

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Tickets: <http://tapestryinconcertstthomasmore.brownpapertickets.com/>

MORE Hot Topics

Presents

HOMELESSNESS: AN EVENING OF SHARING REFLECTION & HOPE

This presentation will feature homeless men and women who will share the stories of their experiences and of their efforts to rebuild their lives. They are participants in the Education Outreach Program, a program of Catholic Charities, Department of Social and Community Development.

The Education Outreach Program is a twelve-week program that reaches out to persons who have experienced homelessness. Through a series of developmental workshops such as self image, conflict resolution, communication, and goal setting with mentors participants learn skills required for self-sufficiency and independent living, are offered an opportunity to tell their life-story, and to experience community.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014 @7:00PM

The Church of St. Thomas More

THE ROCHESTER ROOM

65 East 89th Street (Between Madison and Park Avenues)

Tel: 212-876-7718

Visit with the Speakers and Share Light Refreshments following the
Presentation

Free Will Offering Accepted

Sponsored by: The Education Committee of the Parish Council