

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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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

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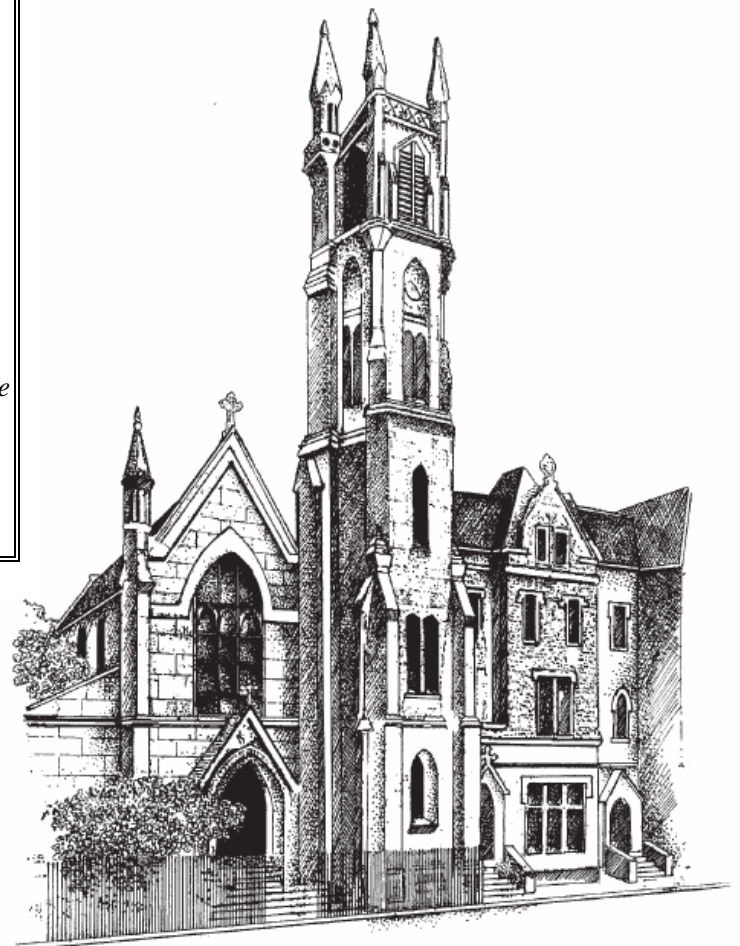
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## Head Usher

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.



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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Theme/Call To Worship

Today's readings communicate the message that we are all called to live in the world with the eyes of faith and live in the world with the proper perspective: in all that we do, seek first the kingdom of heaven.

### Introduction To The Word

**Isaiah 55:10-11:** The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah, who prophesied a future for Israel when the word of the Lord (the sower's seed) would take root in the hearts and minds of Israel.

**Romans 8:18-23:** The second reading is once again taken from Paul's Letter to the Romans. In today's reading, we hear Paul extend this notion of sin even to creation. Paul viewed both humanity and creation as fallen and corrupt. "All creation is groaning in labor pains" as it, like us, awaits redemption in Christ's second coming.

**Matthew 13:1-23:** In today's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus tell the crowds the parable of the sower and the seed, one of Jesus' better-known parables, a parable which sets the stage for the entire parable discourse found in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew. Through this discourse, Jesus explains to his disciples the two purposes of his parables: first, to pass along "knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" to them; second, to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy—the crowds will prove to not see, hear, or understand the meaning of his parables. In explaining the meaning of this parable to the disciples Jesus emphasizes the privilege of discipleship, where the message of the kingdom of heaven finds itself planted in "rich soil" and where true blessing is found.

*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>
07/14	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/15	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/16	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
07/17	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/18	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/19	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

### **Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule**

<b>July 13</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

<b>July 20</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
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	Jacqueline Ackerina

Sunday Collection – July 06, 2014

Weekly Collection – \$4,042.97

Weekly Expenses - \$7,943.45

Adult Attendance – 362

### Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words

Join the E-Group (Currently 286 members) to  
[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto: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 our volunteer **Paula Viscovich** 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 seed that falls on good  
ground will yield a fruitful  
harvest.*

Christian Meditation The next session  
will be held in the Chapel on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
JULY 13 – JULY 19**

Mon. July 14 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

8:00 Mary Ellen Smith (D)

\* 12:15 Frederic J. Fuller, Jr. (D)

Tues. July 15 *St. Bonaventure*

8:00 Oscar de la Renta (L)

\* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Wed. July 16 *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (D)

\* 12:15 Maria Cecilia Molina (D)

Thurs. July 17

8:00 Oscar de la Renta (L)

\* 12:15 Margaret & Joseph Phelan (D)

Fri. July 18 *St. Camillus de Lellis*

8:00 Tomasso Tassiello (D)

\* 12:15 Marina Rivera (D)

Sat. July 19

8:00 Oscar de la Renta (L)

\* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 Elizabeth Roach (D)

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**07/14** Mon: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

**07/15** Tues: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

**07/16** Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

**07/17** Thurs: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

**07/18** Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

**07/19** Sat: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

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**Child Safety**

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect young children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we periodically reach out to the Catholic community to advise them whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, OP at 212-371-1000 X 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org).

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**MARRIED COUPLES NEEDED FOR  
THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE  
PREPARATION PROGRAM**

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking faithful and competent married couples to help us in presenting our Pre-Cana classes. Updating and streamlining our Pre-Cana class content and presenter training is one of the first steps in our short-term plan of improving marriage preparation. The commitment is flexible, updated training is provided, and the experience is very rewarding. Please call Dr. Kathy Wither at 646-794-3186, or email her at [dr.kathleen.wither@archny.org](mailto:dr.kathleen.wither@archny.org) for further information or to suggest a couple. Thank you for your sincere consideration.



**Next Sunday's  
Special Collection  
Air Conditioning**

Help to keep our Church Cool and Comfortable during the Summer. As always, your generosity is deeply appreciated