

Church of Saint Thomas More

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July 20, 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

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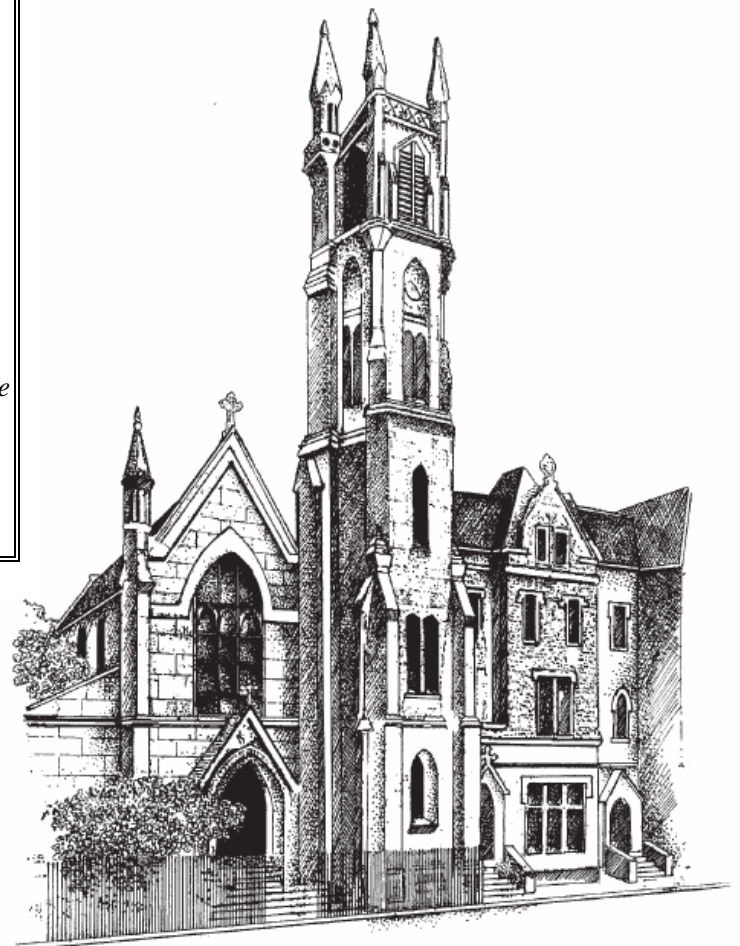
George Sim Johnston

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.



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

Today we are challenged as disciples of Jesus to be kind and lenient to all the members in our faith community, both the weak and the strong. Fortunately, as Paul assures us, we are not alone. We can draw upon the strength and presence of the Holy Spirit to help us.

Introduction To The Word

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19: The first reading from the Book of Wisdom provides some insights into God's perspective on faith communities made up of wheat and weeds. The Jewish Wisdom writer tells us that God's "mastery over all things makes [Him] lenient to all."

Romans 8:26-27: In the second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Paul offers words of encouragement to the Christians in Rome who are struggling with "weakness." From Paul's perspective, no believers are purely "wheat" or purely "weeds," but very often a blend of both.

Matthew 13:24-43: In today's Gospel, from Matthew, we hear three parables that Jesus spoke to the crowds. Once again, Jesus will explain to his disciples the meaning of one of the parables (the parable of the weeds among the wheat) in private, apart from the crowds. In all three parables we hear metaphors for the kingdom of heaven (the kingdom of heaven "is like" wheat among weeds, mustard seed, and yeast). All three metaphors speak to the growth of the kingdom of heaven.

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>
07/21	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/22	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/23	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
07/24	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/26	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Sunday Collection – July 13, 2014

Weekly Collection – \$6,109.39

Weekly Expenses - \$7,422.61

Adult Attendance – 378

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 receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

July 20	Celebrant	Lector
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

July 27	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Pepe	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Jim Sterling

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Nancy Pietri** 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**.

*Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my
pleading.*

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on July 23rd.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
JULY 20 – JULY 26**

Mon. July 21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

8:00 Maurice O'Connor (L)

* 12:15 Marie Hammond (D)

Tues. July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene*

8:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Maurice O'Connor (L)

Wed. July 23 *St. Bridget*

8:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Gloria Mathilde Calle (D)

Thurs. July 24 *St. Sharbel Makhlūf*

8:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Maurice O'Connor (L)

Fri. July 25 *St. James*

8:00 Beverly Galtieri (L)

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

Sat. July 26 *Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 Beverly Galtieri (L)

* 12:15 Aurora Lickon (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Thomas Keane (L)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

07/21 Mon: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

07/22 Tues: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

07/23 Wed: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

07/24 Thurs: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

07/25 Fri: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

07/26 Sat: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Parish Pay



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.



**This Sunday's Special
Collection**

Air Conditioning

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

**Shakespeare in the Park
King Lear**

John Lithgow takes the stage as one of theater's great tragic heroes, King Lear, Shakespeare's classic drama about a King who loses everything—including his mind—when he disowns his favorite daughter, and finds himself betrayed in return.

Starting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 8:00pm, with repeat performances each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 8/17/2014.

Free tickets to the 2014 season will once again be distributed in the Park, online via the Virtual Ticketing Lottery, and in the five boroughs of New York City. For more info on getting tickets, visit the Shakespeare in the Park [tickets page](#).

Directions: The Central Park entrances closest to the theater are at 81st Street and Central Park West or 79th Street and Fifth Avenue.

**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 for further information or to suggest a couple.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.