

Church of Saint Thomas More

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August 17, 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.

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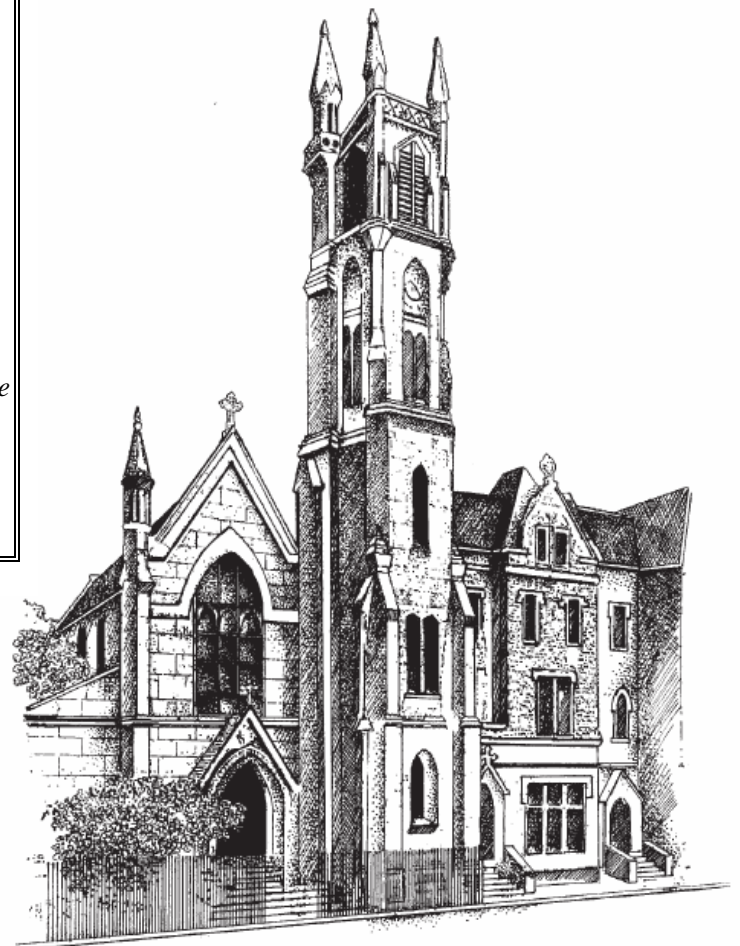
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time take up the subject of faithful foreigners, outsiders who seek refuge in the Lord. As the readings make clear, God's desire is to offer salvation to all people.

Introduction To The Word

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7: The first reading from the Book of Isaiah, takes up the subject of "foreigners." For many post-exilic Jews life included learning how to deal with foreigners (Gentiles). Isaiah offers what surely was a very unsettling message for some: be open to Gentile inclusion, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32: In the second reading from his Letter to the Romans, Paul continues to discuss the nagging problem of the Jewish denial of Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. In today's reading Paul comes to believe that the Jewish rejection of Jesus as their Messiah ("their disobedience") has occurred so that all people might experience God's mercy—Jew and Gentile alike.

Matthew 15:21-28: In today's Gospel reading, we hear that Jesus is confronted by a Gentile woman who begs Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Initially, Jesus is reluctant and responds "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Matthew's inclusion of this response likely indicates a real tension in the primarily Jewish Christian community, and was meant to teach the community about the proper attitude toward Gentiles. Jesus eventually honors the Gentile woman's request to help her daughter because of her *faith*: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." In other words, Jesus accepts all who have faith in him, including Gentiles.

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>
08/18	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/19	No Leisure Club Lunch	
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08/20	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
08/21	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/23	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

August 17	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Pepe	TBD
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Dan Flynn
Sun 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Jim Sterling

August 24	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Pepe	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 12:00 pm	Msgr. Pepe	TBD
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

Sunday Collection – August 10, 2014
 Weekly Collection – \$5,165.49
 Weekly Expenses - \$8,055.19
 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 receive the weekly Bulletin
 and other important information.

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this

important Community Service. We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Lynne McCormick** 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**.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on August 20th.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 23**

Mon. August 18

8:00 Mary Flaherty Begley (D)

* 12:15 Helen Maria Reed (D)

Tues. August 19 *St. John Eudes*

8:00 Mary Flaherty Begley (D)

* 12:15 Nora & George Terribery (D)

Wed. August 20 *St. Bernard*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Henry Grady (D)

Thurs. August 21 *St. Pius X*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (D)

Fri. August 22 *The Queenship of the BVM*

8:00 Anita Kathryn Kiely (D)

* 12:15 Luz Mojares Dizon (D)

Sat. August 23 *St. Rose of Lima*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Mae E. Rooney (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Erlinda Gracio Pizana (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

08/18 Mon: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

08/19 Tues: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

08/20 Wed: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

08/21 Thurs: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

08/22 Fri: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

08/23 Sat: Ez 43:1-7a; Mt 23:1-12

**Next Leisure Lunch Tuesday September 23rd
after the 12:15pm Mass**

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.

**This Sunday's Special Collection
Propagation of the Faith**

The Propagation of the Faith is the central means the Church uses to gather support for the pastoral and evangelizing needs of more than 1,150 dioceses to assist them in catechetical programs, seminaries, communication and transportation needs, building of chapels and churches and assisting the work of Religious Communities. Your donations enable the missionaries to bring the gift of hope to the poor when they learn about God's saving love for them.

Your generosity is most appreciated.



The St. Jean's Players

Auditions

Rogers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*

St. Jean's Auditorium - 167 East 75th St
Between Lexington and 3rd Aves.

Thursday, Sept. 4th and Friday, Sept. 5th
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Callbacks, Saturday, Sept. 6th – 12 noon

Questions: Email – stjeansplayers@gmail.com

URGENT! Women Mentors Needed!

The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service in East Harlem needs caring, responsible, professional women who can give 4 hours a month. Mentors will be paired with at-risk E. Harlem girls in grades 7, 8 or 9. Mentors take their mentees on outings to educational and cultural events in and around New York City. The program begins in September 2014; interviews for volunteer mentors will be in late July. Commitment is for 10 months, with the possibility to renew every year until the mentee graduates high school. Please email the Volunteer Director at tgough@lsafhs.org to inquire further.

**The 8th Annual Carnegie Hill
Electronics Recycling Day**

Date/Time

Saturday, September 6, 2014

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location

Outside Church of the Heavenly Rest
2 East 90th Street