

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.

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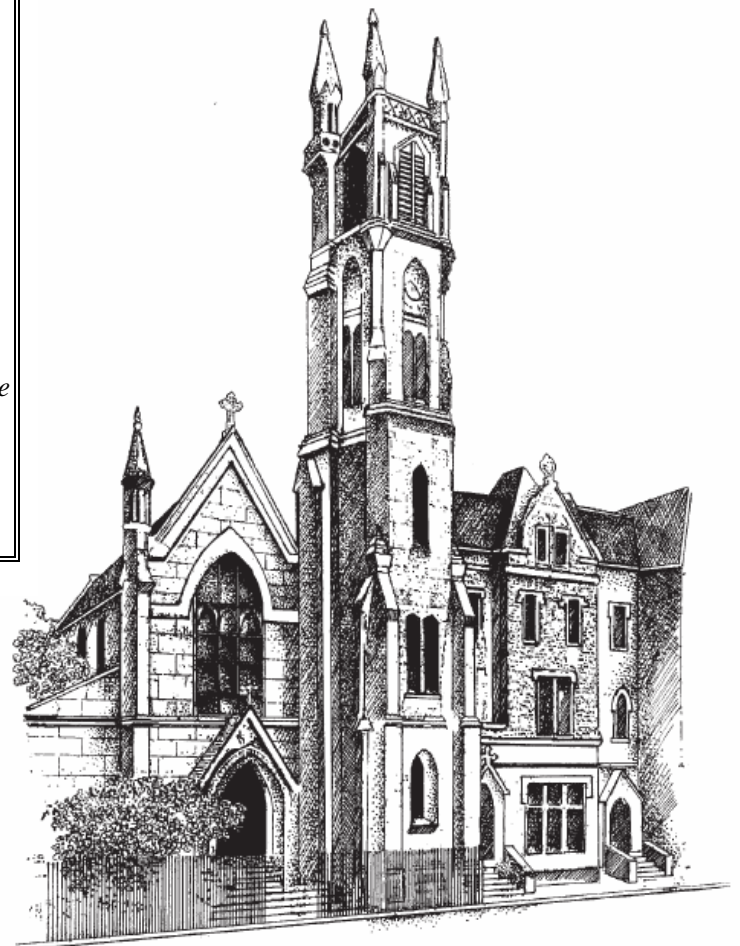
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

Today's readings speak to the importance of an examination of conscience, especially when we are challenged to understand the will of God and to live the Christian life.

Introduction To The Word

Jeremiah 20:7-9: Today's first reading is from a larger poetic narrative, Jeremiah 20:7-18, where the prophet laments over his relationship with God. Today's short reading captures the tension and frustration Jeremiah experienced as he tried to work out in his own mind the meaning of his prophetic call.

Romans 12:1-2: The second reading comes from the beginning of the final section of Paul's Letter to the Romans. In this section, Paul takes up the subject of the duties of Christians. In this introduction, Paul sets the context needed to live the Christian life in the Roman world: the sacrifice of body and mind.

Matthew 16:21-27: In today's Gospel reading Jesus begins to reveal to the disciples his identity not only as the Messiah (the Christ), but more specifically, as the *suffering* Messiah: I "must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed." Peter reacts negatively to Jesus' words, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." In response, Jesus replies "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter clearly has in his mind an idea of who and what the Jewish Messiah should be, and it does not conform to what Jesus is revealing. The cross (Jesus' suffering and death) would be central to Jesus' identity. In fact, for Jesus, the willingness to suffer the cross is the heart of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

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>
08/31	Baptism	1:00 pm
09/01	Labor Day	Parish Office Closed
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/02	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/03	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
09/04	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/05	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<u>August 31</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Pepe	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	TBD

<u>Sept. 07</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Pepe	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

Sunday Collection – August 24, 2014
 Weekly Collection – \$5,692.15
 Weekly Expenses - \$8,025.39
 Adult Attendance – 358

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 **Daniel Flynn** 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**.

*You are my help, and in the shadow
 of your wings I shout for joy.*

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on September 3rd.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 06**

Mon. Sept. 01 *Labor Day – Parish Office Closed*
Mass for the Sanctity of Human Labor

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Tues. Sept. 02

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Nicholas Mastronardi (D)

Wed. Sept. 03 *St. Gregory*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Thurs. Sept. 04

8:00 Eduardo Ester (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Fri. Sept. 05 *Bl. Teresa of Calcutta*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Sat. Sept. 06

8:00 Anita Kathryn Kiely (D)

* 12:15 Francesca Messina & Michael Alesi (L)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Mercy Asencio (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

09/01 Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

09/02 Tues: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

09/03 Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

09/04 Thurs: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

09/05 Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

09/06 Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

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

Parish Pay

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This Sunday's Special Collection

Catholic Home and Latin American Missions

It is time once again for the parishes of the United States to take up the annual collection to assist the missions in the United States, in Latin America and in the Caribbean, who though rich in culture and faith, are poor in material goods. The proceeds of this combined second collection are sent to Dioceses, Parishes, Schools, Religious Communities, Seminaries and other Catholic institutions in Latin America, the Caribbean, Appalachia, the Deep South and the Rocky Mountain States. I appreciate your generous support of these two very worthy causes.

With prayerful best wishes, I am
Faithfully in Christ
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York.

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.

Next Sunday – September 7th

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.

Electronics Recycling Day

Date/Time Sat., Sept. 6, 2014 10am - 4pm

Location Outside Church of the Heavenly Rest
2 East 90th Street