

# 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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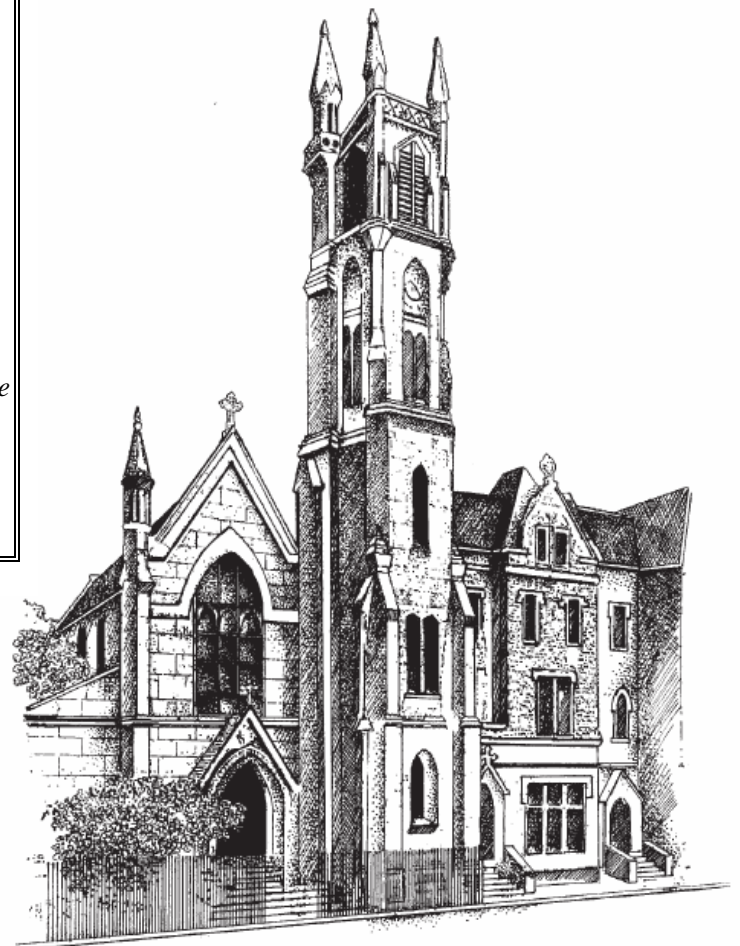
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John F.R. Smilgin, III

## 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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## September 7, 2014

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to the duties and responsibilities of leaders within faith communities. Individuals in leadership roles are held to a higher standard of conduct, called to be agents of love and reconciliation.

#### Introduction To The Word

**Ezekiel 33:7-9:** In the first reading, we hear from the prophet Ezekiel, who was appointed by God as the “watchman for the house of Israel.” role that was critical for the survival of Israel in exile, where so many of the structures that historically ensured Israel’s identity were dismantled and destroyed, and held Israel’s community of faith accountable for their behavior during this time of crisis.

**Romans 13:8-10:** Today’s reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans begins with a moral imperative: “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” Paul believed that “the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Paul once again upholds the importance of the law in the daily life of a Christian faith community.

**Matthew 18:15-20:** In the Gospel reading for today, we hear Jesus instruct his disciples on how they should ideally handle misconduct of community “church” members. But Jesus makes it clear that the church ought to be the last resort. Community members were to begin by confronting the sinner one on- one. If the sinner does not listen, bring in other witnesses who can verify the truth of the matter. If there is still no repentance, only then is a third step taken: “tell the church.” The goal is to win “over your brother,” to experience true reconciliation. If no repentance is seen or even possible, then the church leaders were obliged to excommunicate the unrepentant sinner.

*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>
09/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/09	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/10	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
09/11	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/12	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

**This Sunday – 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.

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

<b>Sept. 07</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Sat 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Sally.Bednar
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

<b>Sept. 14</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	Msgr. Pepe	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Chris Baldwin

**Our parish Religious Education Program** for children in first grade will begin on Tuesday, **September 16 at 5:00 p.m.** The class will be taught by Ms. Naomi Ramos who has been leading the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Family Mass for the past two years. It is still possible to register by calling the Parish House.

**Also, on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>** we will begin our **Sunday Circle** (4-6 year old) and **Children’s Liturgy** (7-11 year old) programs during the 10:00 a.m. Family Mass.

**Christian Meditation** The next session will be held in the Chapel on September 10<sup>th</sup>

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 07 – SEPTEMBER 13**

Mon. Sept. 08 *Nativity of the BVM*

8:00 Lori Ciancaglini (D)

\* 12:15 Jim Foley (D)

Tues. Sept. 09 *St. Peter Claver*

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hughes (D)

\* 12:15 Eileen & Joseph Salamon (D)

Wed. Sept. 10

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Thurs. Sept. 11

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Fri. Sept. 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 Catherine & Frank Leahy (D)

Sat. Sept. 13 *St. John Chrysostom*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 Pamela Ann Tusiani (D)

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

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**09/08** Mon: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**09/09** Tues: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

**09/10** Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

**09/11** Thurs: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

**09/12** Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

**09/13** Sat: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49



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**You are invited...**

**to learn about School of Community**

**On Friday, September 19th at 7:00pm at the St. Thomas More Parish House**, you are invited to learn about School of Community (SoC), a new weekly moment of "Faith Enrichment" being offered in our parish by the ecclesial lay movement, **Communion and Liberation** (<http://us.clonline.org/default.asp?id=743>).

Through the reading and discussion of texts and participation in a fellowship meal, School of Community seeks to develop in its participants the awareness that the Catholic Christian Faith is a personal encounter with the Risen and Living Christ; and that it is this ongoing, continuous, "encounter with Christ" which enriches and gives new meaning to every aspect of a person's life.

"Come and see" what School of Community is all about!

For more information, please contact Henry or Suzanne at [manhattan.soc@gmail.com](mailto:manhattan.soc@gmail.com) or the parish office.

***Next Sunday's Special Collection  
The Annual Collection for Saint  
Joseph's Seminary***

This month, Saint Joseph's Seminary begins its 118th year focused on forming and ordaining holy, faithful, and dedicated priests, and once again I ask that you continue, through your prayers and generosity, to support the **Annual Collection for Saint Joseph's Seminary**. This collection provides critical funding to support the formation for the archdiocese of over forty seminarians. Our seminary is held in highest regard, and the cost of nurturing and training our future priests is an investment for tomorrow that all of us need to share.

Our priests have responded to a very special call to serve, guide, and teach, so as to share with others the mystery of God's love for all of us. Your support during their time of preparation is deeply appreciated.

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

Sunday Collection – August 31, 2014  
Weekly Collection – \$5,084.22  
Weekly Expenses - \$9,267.22  
Adult Attendance – 344

### **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 volunteers 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**.

Have you seen the fabulous film about St. Thomas More called **A Man for All Seasons?**....Then you know the critical role that More and his two friends St. John Fisher and Erasmus played in the time of Henry VIII and in the rise of Christian Humanism. You are invited to explore the lives of these three luminaries (two of whom were beheaded for their faith) and their key writings including **Utopia** and **In Praise of Folly**. Learn about this crucial era in Church history in the company of fellow Catholics and Christians. The series is entitled naturally **"More, Erasmus, and Fisher."** The speaker is the well-known Rev. Joseph Koterski, SJ, a Professor of Philosophy at Fordham for more than twenty years and whose lectures are featured by The Teaching Company. The lectures will be held at **St. Agnes Church, 143 East 43rd Street** (a half- block East from Grand Central Station) from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, with Q&A available to 8 pm. Coffee and cookies will be available.

The **THURSDAY EVENING** lectures will be held on **September 18, 25 and October 2, 16, 23, and 30**. Cost is \$15 per lecture or \$60 for the series. For further information or **to reserve the series**, you may use PayPal at <http://www.wethersfieldgarden.org/wethersfield-institute.html> or you may email [homeland214@aol.com](mailto:homeland214@aol.com) or call (845) 373-8037 ext.110 - Seating is limited, so you are encouraged to promptly reserve your place for the full series.

## Mary Manning Walsh Annual Walkathon Saturday, September 20, 2014

Volunteer walkers will meet Mary Manning Walsh Home, 1339 York Ave, Manhattan (between 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street), for Mass at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast. At 9 a.m. they will leave for Central Park. A party will be held for participants upon their return.

Registration fee: \$15 for adults, \$12 for children.  
Each walker will receive a T-shirt and souvenir medal. For information, call Sister Michael Mary, O.Carm. at (212) 628-2800.

**Next Leisure Lunch Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
after the 12:15pm Mass**

### **URGENTLY NEEDED! Volunteer Tutor Positions Available at Little Sisters in East Harlem**

The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service in East Harlem is in great need of caring, responsible after-school Tutors (at least 21 years old) to tutor low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). These are children who struggle to perform at their grade level.

Tutoring begins the first week of October. Tutoring occurs at our center once a week, for an hour and fifteen minutes. The tutoring makes all the difference in improving these children's academic performance.

#### **Days/times available:**

**Mondays: 3:30 to 4:45 and 4:45 to 6:00 PM**  
**Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:45 & 4:45 to 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesdays: 3:30 to 4:45 PM & 4:45 to 6 PM**  
**Thursdays: 3:30 – 4:45 PM**

We are located at 333 East 115<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between First and Second Avenues).

For more information about tutoring, please contact the Volunteer Director by email [tgough@lsafhs.org](mailto:tgough@lsafhs.org). For more information about Little Sisters: [www.littlesistersfamily.org](http://www.littlesistersfamily.org)

*Come, let us sing joyfully to the  
LORD; let us acclaim the rock of  
our salvation.*



## **Faith. Action. Results.**

# Help Innocent Families Affected by the Violence in the Middle East

As the heartbreaking situation worsens every day in the Middle East, more than three million refugees from Syria alone, most of them women and children, have fled for their lives to find refuge in neighboring countries.



Each day, more than six million people affected by the conflict need shelter, food, water, and medical care. CRS and our Church partners will continue to help, but the situation continues to escalate. **We need your support so that we can help even more desperate families.**

We need your help to provide urgent medical assistance, food, supplies, counseling, and special assistance for children. Please donate generously to the ***CRS Middle East Emergency Fund*** and help our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

### **Donate by Phone**

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P.O. Box 17090  
Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

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