

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

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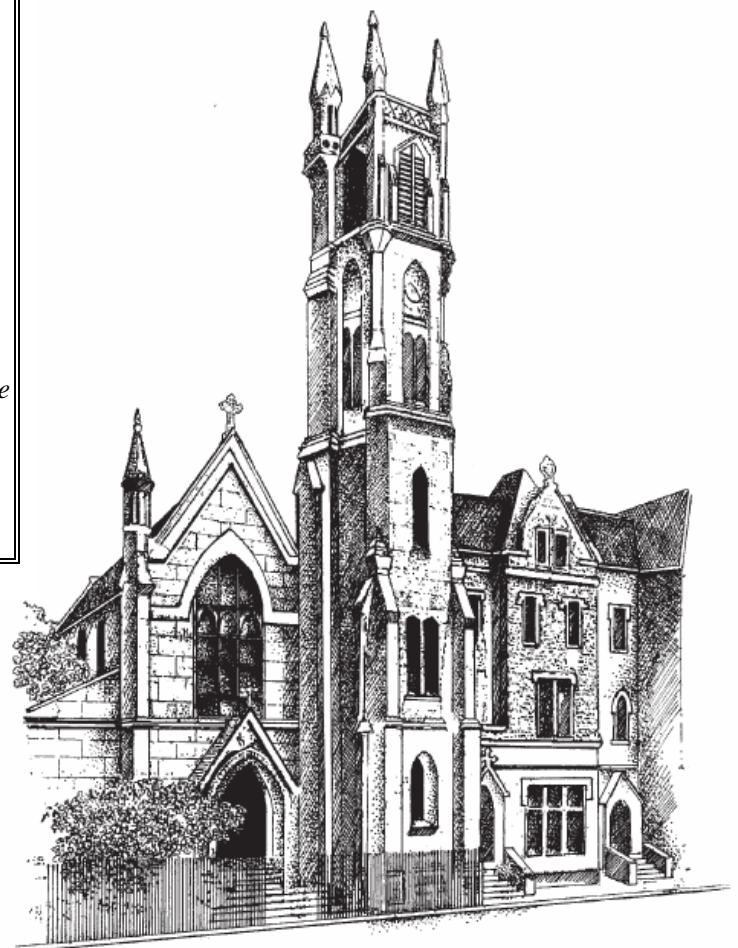
George Sim Johnston

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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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Theme/Call To Worship

The church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 each year, and the readings for this feast day provide us with some insights into the mystery of the cross and the salvation it offers to all who believe.

Introduction To The Word

Numbers 21:4b-9: Today's first reading, taken from the Book of Numbers, foreshadows the cross of Christ in terms of sin and redemption. Tired from the long journey, the Israelites began to complain against God and Moses. As punishment, God sent serpents to attack and bite the Israelites for their sin. The people quickly repented, and God accepted the Israelites' repentance, and instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. Once the snake-bitten Israelites looked at the bronze serpent mounted on the pole, they were reconciled to God and lived.

Philippians 2:6-11: The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians is an early Christological hymn that Paul inserted into his letter offering first-generation reflections on the cross of Christ. Humility and exaltation are directly linked and recognized as the power of the cross of Christ.

John 3:13-17: The Gospel reading presents an excerpt from a larger dialogue between Jesus and the Pharisee named Nicodemus. As Jesus searches for ways to help Nicodemus understand, he eventually refers to the incident in the desert heard in today's first reading. Here Jesus draws an analogy to himself: "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (Jesus here is referring to himself being "lifted up" on the cross).

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>
09/14	Baptism	1:00 pm
09/15	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/16	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/17	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
09/18	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion and Liberation	7:00 pm

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. Naomy 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 14th 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.

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Sept. 14	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	Sally.Bednar
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Chris Baldwin

Sept. 21	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Nick Farnhamr
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Pepe	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

**Fr. Madigan will speak next
Sunday about the Financial
Condition of the Parish at all of
the Masses.**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 14 – SEPTEMBER 20**

Mon. Sept. 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 Vincent McGowan (D)

* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Tues. Sept. 16 *Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian*

8:00 Carolynne Moran (D)

* 12:15 Thomas Kleinbard (D)

Wed. Sept. 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine*

8:00 Augustine Martin (L)

* 12:15 Catherine & Frank Leahy (D)

Thurs. Sept. 18

8:00 Kathy Usiak (D)

* 12:15 Patricia Fredrich (D)

Fri. Sept. 19 *St. Januarius*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Gwen Delfino (D)

Sat. Sept. 20 *Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon,
Paul Chong Hasang & Companions*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 William Ray Deans, Jr. (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Charles McKenna, Jr (L)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

09/15 Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

09/16 Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

09/17 Wed: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

09/18 Thurs: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

09/19 Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

09/20 Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

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.

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 or the parish office.

***This 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 – September 07, 2014
Weekly Collection – \$7,905.94
Weekly Expenses - \$10,253.41
Adult Attendance – 468

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 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 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 at Mary Manning Walsh Home, 1339 York Ave, Manhattan (between 71st and 72nd 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 23rd
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 115th Street (between First and Second Avenues).

For more information about tutoring, please contact the Volunteer Director by email tgough@lsafhs.org. For more information about Little Sisters: www.littlesistersfamily.org

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on September 17th

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, September 15th
6:45pm in the Rochester Room
All Parishioners are Welcome

Catholic Medical Association Meeting

Sunday, September 14, 1:30-3 p.m.
The Church of Saint Catherine of Siena, 411
East 68th Street, Manhattan
Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church
from 11-11:45 a.m., followed by Sunday Mass
at Noon. The CMA meeting begins with coffee
and pastries following the Noon Mass. Dr.
Anne Nolte of the Gianna Center for Women
will lead a group discussion of the Introduction
to the Charter for Health Care Workers from
the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance.
Everyone, especially those not in the medical
field, is welcome to attend.

Theology on Tap-NYC

**Presents: "Turmoil and Truth: Navigating
the Maze of the Post-Vatican II crisis and
What We Can Do to Win the Culture War"**

On Monday, September 29, 2014, Angela
Telthorst, Senior Campus Advancement Officer
for FOCUS (www.focus.org) will talk about the
Catholic Church and our culture after Vatican II,
the challenges faced since then, and how these
obstacles can be dealt with. Talk Begins at
7:30pm and ends around 9pm. Location is
Connolly's Bar, 121 West 45th Street, between 6th
and 7th Avenues, on the 3rd floor. Email
questions@totnyc.org for more information.

Boomers and Beyond

Private tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art
New American Wing Galleries
82nd Street and Fifth Ave..
Saturday, September 27th, 5:00-6:00pm and after
the tour enjoy a cocktail and the spectacular view at
sunset at the *Roof Garden Cafe* (cash bar). Fee: \$25
(includes museum admission and tour). Check
payable to Boomers & Beyond c/o Church of St.
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Two Articles that feature members of the St. Thomas More Staff

In the article [The Road to Kigutu](http://magazine.columbia.edu/features/summer-2014/road-kigutu),
<http://magazine.columbia.edu/features/summer-2014/road-kigutu>, that
appeared in the summer 2014
Columbia Magazine, our Sacristan Ms.
Sharon McKenna is mentioned because
of her work with Deogratias
Niyizonkiza which enabled him to build
the [Sharon McKenna Health Center](#) in
Burundi.



In a second article our Director of
Music was reviewed by Ms Cecelia H.
Porter in the August 25th Washington
Post. In this article, [Christopher
Candela dispels the notion that
all organ music sounds the
same.](#)

<http://www.veooz.com/news/1HRefgo.html>

Ms. Porter stated "Candela's
technique is as brilliant as the gilded
mosaics of the church's ceiling and
walls. All in all, his performance
displayed the endless and contrasting
sonic character of each organ, serving
to dispel the common notion of 'the
organ' -- as, for instance, 'the
Stradivarius' violin -- being a single
instrument."