

Church of Saint Thomas More

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September 21, 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

Christopher Baldwin
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Parish Council President

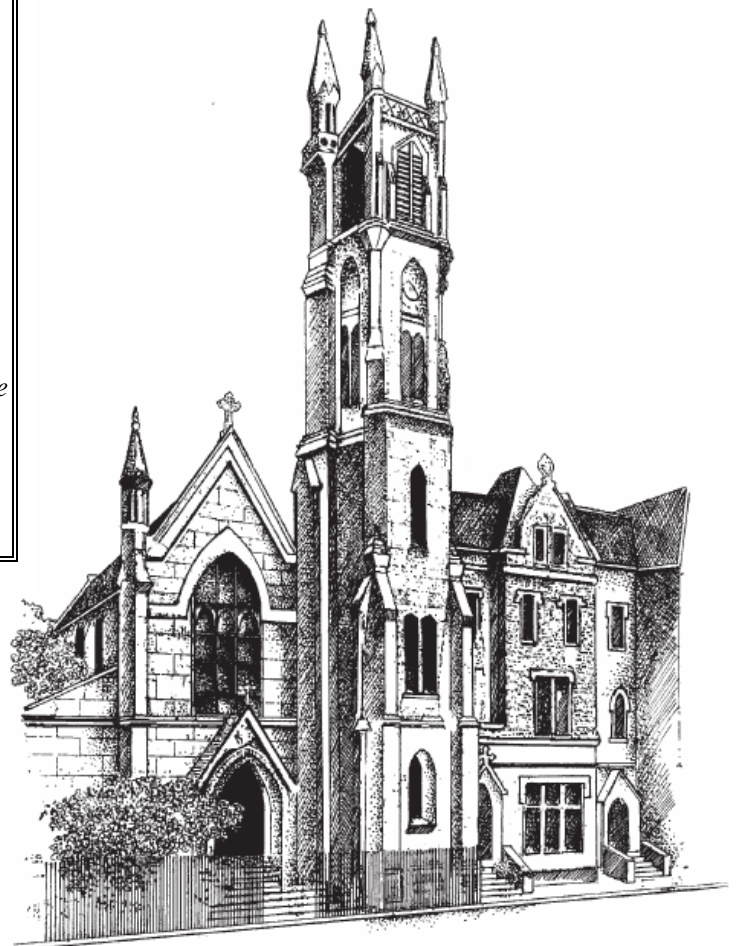
Elizabeth Williams

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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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

In today's readings, which include one of Jesus' parables and a reading taken from Israel's prophetic tradition, we hear that God's plan is to save all people.

Introduction To The Word

Isaiah 55:6-9: In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah points out our limited ability to understand God's ways: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a: The second reading taken from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, composed while in prison in Rome in the year AD 60, is Paul's thanksgiving that opens his letter. In this section of the letter, he shares his own ambivalence about life and death and the end of his nearly thirty-year ministry.

Matthew 20:1-16a: In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell the crowd the parable of the workers in the vineyard. In the parable, Jewish members of Matthew's community would have seen themselves as the workers hired by the landowner at dawn to work the vineyards. The resentment expressed by the workers hired at dawn (Jews) toward both the landowner (God) and the last-hour workers (Gentiles) probably mirrored the resentment felt by many members of the Jewish Christian members of Matthew's community.

Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
09/21	Baptism	1:00 pm
09/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/23	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/24	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
09/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion and Liberation	7:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Sept. 21	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	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

Sept. 28	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Pepe	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

Making All Things New Update

It was almost one year ago that Making All Things New, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, began. Since that time an ambitious timeline has been maintained, and it was anticipated that by the end of September decisions would be announced. We received word this week, however, that Cardinal Dolan is still in the process of reviewing the recommendations that emerged from the process. His final decisions about the closing and merging of parishes will be postponed until the beginning of November. To read more about Making All Things New, visit www.archny.org.

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](http://www.stthomasmore.org) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 21 – SEPTEMBER 27**

Mon. Sept. 22

8:00 Carol Ann Griffin (D)

* 12:15 Theresa O'Shea (D)

Tues. Sept. 23 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:00 Louise Sharpe (D)

* 12:15 Anne Mundell Creed (D)

Wed. Sept. 24

8:00 Raffaella Maresca (D)

* 12:15 Luisa Bolognesi (D)

Thurs. Sept. 25

8:00 Rev. James Black (D)

* 12:15 Italia Pillepich (D)

Fri. Sept. 26 *Sts. Cosmas and Damian*

8:00 George O'Malley (D)

* 12:15 Ignazio Peluso (D)

Sat. Sept. 27 *St. Vincent de Paul*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Santiago Rendon (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Margaret & Patrick Finley (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

09/22 Mon: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

09/23 Tues: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

09/24 Wed: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

09/25 Thurs: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

09/26 Fri: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

09/27 Sat: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday Collection – September 14, 2014

Weekly Collection – \$6,460.00

Weekly Expenses - \$11,764.04

Adult Attendance – 469

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 287 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 **Alicia Damley** 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**.

Baptismal Font

Our beautifully restored Baptismal Font is returning to its usual position near the church entrance. A gift of the Wallace family some years ago, the font has been enhanced by the addition of a larger bowl and base. Upon entering the church, parishioners are encouraged to bless themselves with water from the font, as a reminder of their baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

URGENTLY NEEDED!

Volunteer Tutor Positions Available

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 children (ages 7 – 12). 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

Located at 333 East 115th Street
between 1st and 2nd Aves.

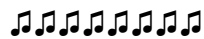
For more information about tutoring, please contact the Volunteer Director by email tgough@lsafhs.org.

For more information about Little Sisters:

www.littlesistersfamily.org

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on September 24th

*The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.*



Do you like to sing? The Music Department of St. Thomas More would like to hear from parishioners who might be interested in dedicating their talents to sing chorally. Music reading ability is desirable as well as a clear voice with a good sense of pitch and the ability to blend with others. For more information, contact Christopher Candela, Director of Music by e-mail at STMMusicOffice@gmail.com

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

The TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools) will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on **Friday, November 7th.**

Catholic school students will receive applications in their own schools. Public school students may obtain applications from Catholic high schools participating in the program, Catholic elementary schools, or Parish religious education programs.

Online registration is available 7 days a week by going to the website: www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-618-2247. The deadline for internet/telephone registration is **Monday, October 20th.**

Paper applications must be received by the TACHS office no later than **Wednesday, October 8th.**

For additional details, visit www.tachsinfo.com or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.

Boomers and Beyond

Private tour

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. Ignatius Loyola 980 Park Ave New York, NY 10028



"Rejoice"! the Children's Choir **Returns on Gaudete Sunday**

We are seeking children ages 8-12 to participate in a children's choir to sing at the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 14th, 2014. It's not too early to sign up! Parents who wish to have their children participate in this ensemble must sign up with the Director of Music by contacting the Christopher Candela at STMMusicOffice@gmail.com. For more information, please see the flyer in the rear of the church.

Save the Dates

Tuesday, September 30th 8pm – After two years of planning the St. Thomas More Music Department is pleased to announce the return of “MOREMusic” the successful series of parish musical events begun by Music Director emeritus Harvey Burgett. To re-launch this series, The Clarion Music Society (one of New York’s most renowned period instrument ensembles) will perform Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons*. Tickets available at www.clarionsociety.org or call 212-580-5700.

Sunday, October 5th at 2pm - The Church of St. Thomas More will again welcome you and your special friends to a Blessing of the Animals ceremony.



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We are excited to announce an Increased Offertory Campaign!

We need your help. We are asking everyone to consider increasing their weekly offering to the parish. It is vital that everyone participates in this program. We need your help to better serve and continue offering the programs that have become the trademark of our parish.

What we Hope to Accomplish

1. Increase awareness of our needs.
2. Augment our income to offset expenses.
3. Help us plan and project our budget more accurately.

Here' What You Can Do:

1. Begin to use or continue using the envelope system. This will allow us to better know our parishioners.
2. Commit to increasing your offering for the next 52 weeks. This will help us keep track of our income and help us better plan for the future of our parish.
3. Once you have decided to increase, please use the special offertory envelop

Electronic Giving is an alternate means of support for parish instead of envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the ParishPay program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is **NO** cost to you to participate in the program. Please log on to www.parishpay.com or speak to the parish for more information.

To Enroll in ParishPay

(Electronic Giving)

you can either log onto:

www.parishpay.com

or

1-866-727-4741 ext.1