

Church of Saint Thomas More

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October 05, 2014

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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.

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

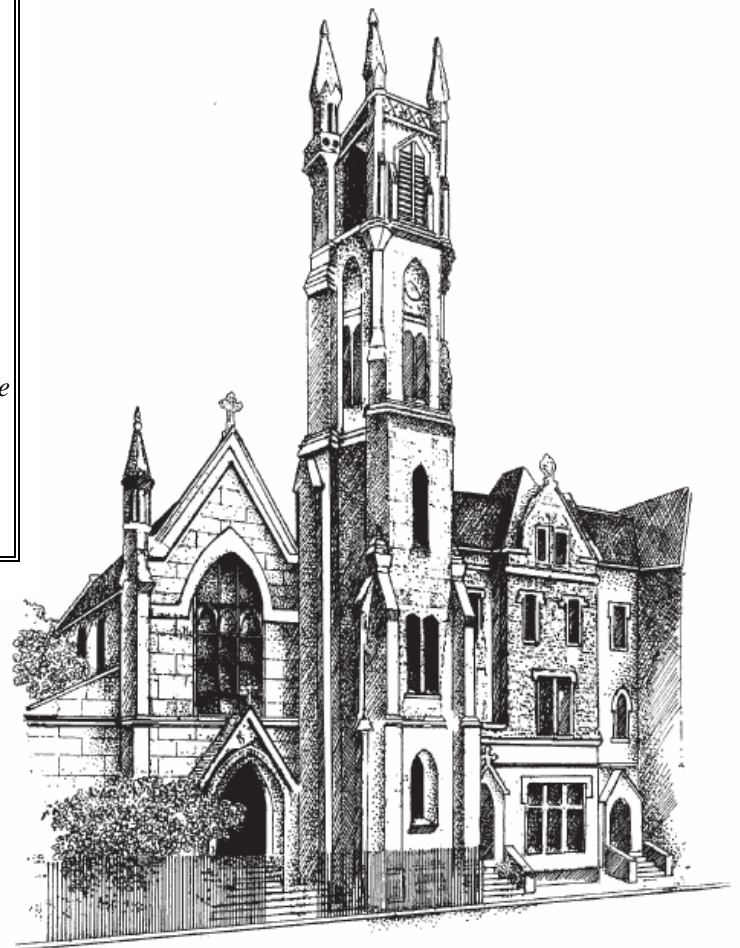
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time are dire warnings against taking for granted the good gifts from God. The readings call for an examination of conscience.

Introduction To The Word

Isaiah 5:1-7: The first reading from the Book of Isaiah, commonly called "Isaiah's vineyard song," was written during the reign of King Jotham, 742–735 BC. Under the King's leadership the people and religious leaders of the southern kingdom of Judah had fallen far from their covenantal obligations. Isaiah's vineyard song offered the Israelites an opportunity to see and judge their own immoral behavior ("wild grapes") from God's perspective.

Philippians 4:6-9: In his letter to the Christian congregation in Philippi Paul urges believers to embrace God's "peace." He invited the Philippians to "think about these things": live a life defined by truth, honor, justice, and love, and form the conscience needed to see the world and each other—God's good gifts—from a divine perspective.

Matthew 21:33-43: We hear in the Gospel reading the religious leaders of Jerusalem question Jesus' authority in an attempt to discredit him and his actions. But Jesus answered their attacks with parables. Drawing upon Israel's prophetic imagery, Jesus offers up the metaphor of a vineyard, but this time with the focus on the "tenants," those whom the landowner (God) put in charge of his vineyard. Jesus paints a bleak picture of the tenants, trapping the chief priests and elders with the question: "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" The religious leaders unknowingly condemn themselves with their response to Jesus. *Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
10/05	Baptism	1:00 pm
	Blessing of the Animals	2:00 pm
10/06	CHADD	5:55 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/07	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/08	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
10/09	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/10	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion and Liberation	7:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Oct. 05	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

Oct. 12	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Rafferty	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

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

Weekly Flowers and Decorations

Help us to keep our sacred space beautiful. Your generosity is most appreciated.

This 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.**

*O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then
we shall be saved.*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
OCTOBER 05 – OCTOBER 11**

Mon. Oct. 06 *St. Bruno & Bl. Marie Rose Durocher*

8:00 Anne Mundell Creed (D)

* 12:15 Anne Mundell Creed (D)

Tues. Oct. 07 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 Robert Coleman (D)

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

Wed. Oct. 08

8:00 Walter Maguire (L)

* 12:15 Hugh Leonard (D)

Thurs. Oct. 09 *St. Denis & Companions*

St. John Leonardi

8:00 Mary Milloy (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Fri. Oct. 10

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Sat. Oct. 11 *St. John XXIII*

8:00 May E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 May E. Rooney (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 John Finley (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

10/06 Mon: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

10/07 Tues: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

10/08 Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

10/09 Thurs: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

10/10 Fri: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

10/11 Sat: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday Collection – September 28, 2014

Weekly Collection – \$8,9027.74

Weekly Expenses - \$8,780.30

Adult Attendance – 500

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 300 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 **Jim Dillon** 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**.

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on October 8th



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

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

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.**



"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.

Catholic High School Open Houses

Students, parents and teachers are invited to visit the High Schools to view the facilities and to evaluate the programs offered. This can be done by attending the various Open Houses which most of the schools schedule prior to the TACHS

Examination. Administrators and faculty members are available during each Open House to answer any questions. If any school does not have an Open House schedule or if you are unable to visit a school on the date of its Open House, you are invited to contact the school and set up an appointment to visit the school.

For the Archdiocese High School Open House Dates, please visit:

tachsinfo.com/PDF/ADNYOpenHouse.pdf

For the High School Open House Dates in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, please visit

tachsinfo.com/PDF/DBQOpenHouse.pdf

Note: High schools that do not have a TACHS code specified on the open house list do not participate in the TACHS program. Therefore you must contact the school directly to apply.

Voting is an important moral duty and with

Election Day rapidly approaching all eligible parishioners who are not yet registered should consider contacting **1-800-FOR-VOTE** to request a voter application. Please remember, the registration deadline for this election is October 10th and the qualifications to Register are:

- be a United States citizen;
- be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (note: you must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote);
- live at your present address at least 30 days before an election;
- not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction and;
- not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court;
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

For more information please visit

<http://www.archny.org/pastoral/public-policy/voting/>

Child Safety

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect young children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we periodically reach out to the Catholic community to advise them whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr Eileen Clifford, OP at 212-371-1000 X 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org.

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

You are cordially invited to attend

“Your Life Your Legacy”

Free Seminar - Courtesy of:

Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home
Chas. Peter Nagel Funeral Directors

352 East 87th Street

Between 1st and 2nd Avenues

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 3:15pm

Please RSVP by October 14th (seating limited)

Call: 212-289-2221 or 212-535-1500

Speaker

Robert Sommese, Advanced Planning
Manager

Hosted by: Maria Oquendo
Family Service Counselor

Topics:

- Introduction to Advanced Planning
- Putting your House in Order – Important Document Management
- Funeral Planning
- State and Federal Preneed Funeral Law
- Funeral Options
- Medicaid and Health Care Concerns
- Veterans Benefits
- Prepayment Options

Refreshments will be served



Church of St. Thomas More

We Need Your Help

People like you make up our parish. Our history shows that our parish was built by a hardworking and dedicated community. Let us share the gifts that we have received and continue this spirit of unity by committing to do two of three things:

1. Increase your weekly contribution.
2. Use the envelope system, which means not only receiving the envelopes, but also using them to submit your new weekly contribution.

Know that all personal information on these envelopes is kept confidential.

3. Use the electronic giving system ParishPay to give your weekly contributions. You can enroll either by going to www.ParishPay.com, calling the parish, or calling **1-866-727-4741 ext. 1**

These small steps will make a considerable impact on our parish community!

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have already said yes to our future! Please continue your faith, devotion, and increased giving.