

Church of Saint Thomas More

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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

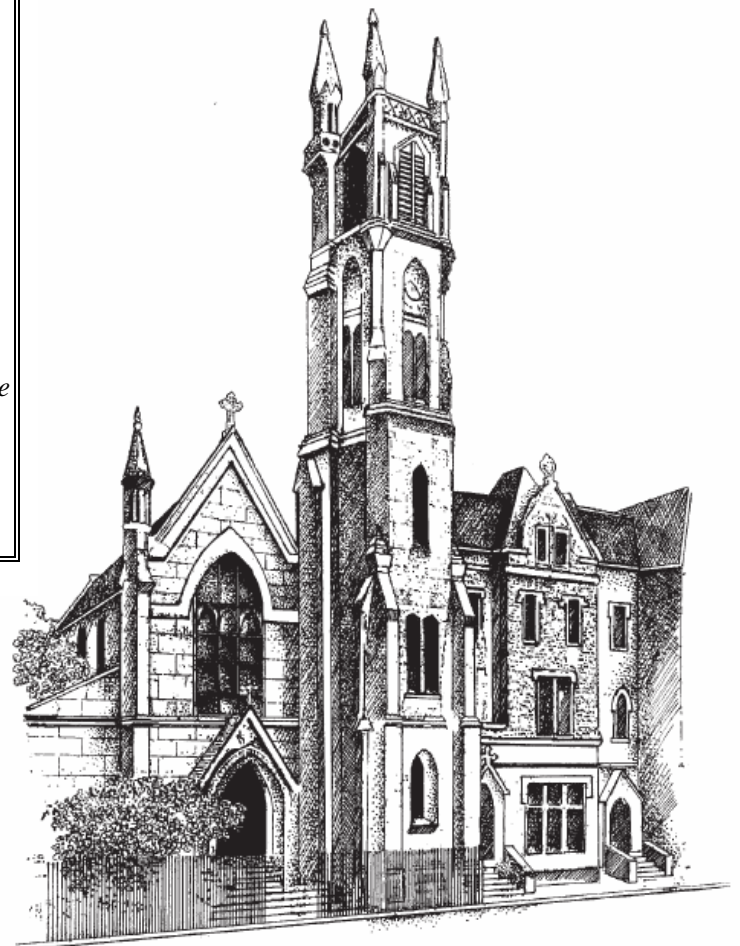
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that we are invited to the feast, the kingdom of heaven, and that we have to be ready to respond when that invitation comes.

Introduction To The Word

Isaiah 25:6-10a: We hear in the first reading from Isaiah the long-standing prophetic tradition of God's promise to "provide for all peoples a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." In the telling of the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus may well have had in mind Isaiah's prophetic words spoken nearly eight hundred years earlier to the ancient Israelites in the southern kingdom of Judah.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20: In the second reading, we hear Paul's concluding remarks to his beloved Christian community in the city of Philippi. In these remarks, he reveals "the secret" to his success both in times of hunger and in times of abundance: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

Matthew 22:1-14: In the Gospel reading for today we hear a parable from Jesus comparing the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast. Just as the parables of the past two Sundays, Jesus once again directs this address to the religious leaders of Jerusalem. In telling this parable, Jesus communicates two important messages about the kingdom of heaven. First, the invitation to enter the kingdom of heaven is radically inclusive: "Invite to the feast whomever you find. The servants...gathered all they found, bad and good alike." The second important message is that all are held equally to the same standard, good and bad alike, Jew and Gentile alike in the kingdom of heaven.

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
10/12	Baptism	1:00 pm
10/13	Columbus Day – Parish Office Closed	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/14	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/15	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
10/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/17	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion and Liberation	7:00 pm

World Mission Sunday Oct. 19th

When we think of the Church's missionaries, we inevitably think of some of the greats, like St. Francis Xavier, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini or Blessed. Mother Teresa. And yet, by our Catholic identity given in baptism we are all called to be missionaries. While most of us will never be in a position to travel the world spreading the Gospel message, we can serve as missionaries by supporting with our prayers and contributions those who do so in the name of the Church Universal. Next Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday to raise an awareness of the needs of our missionaries and to afford us an opportunity to make a charitable donation.

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

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

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

Oct. 19	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

***I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.***

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 18**

Mon. Oct. 13 *Columbus Day – Parish Office Closed*

8:00 Francis X Golden (D)

* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Tues. Oct. 14 *St. Callistus I*

8:00 William J. Ramsay (D)

* 12:15 Millie Ferrer (D)

Wed. Oct. 15 *St. Teresa of Jesus*

8:00 Veronica Michalewsky (D)

* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Thurs. Oct. 16 *St. Hedwig*

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 Wona Gorriceta (D)

* 12:15 Anita & Frank Czaja (D)

Thurs. Oct. 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

8:00 Arif Sarfraz (D)

* 12:15 Elena Lowenfeld (D)

Sat. Oct. 18 *St. Luke*

8:00 Susan E. Hinkle (L)

* 12:15 Josefina Rendon (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Sheila Stack (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

10/13 Mon: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1;
Lk 11:29-32

10/14 Tues: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

10/15 Wed: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

10/16 Thurs: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

10/17 Fri: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

10/18 Sat: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Sunday Collection – October 05, 2014

Weekly Collection – \$10,390.64

Weekly Expenses - \$14,837.56

Adult Attendance – 470

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 298 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 **Anne Binstock** 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 15th



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.

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

Refreshments will be served

Panel Discussion: Synod of Bishops on the Family

Pope Francis has called the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held during the month of October in Rome to address the following topic: **The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization**. The meeting will be followed by an Ordinary Synod in October 2015. In light of the critical importance of this issue to the Church, both local and universal, the Church of St. Francis Xavier is organizing an event to raise awareness and understanding of the Synods and the issues they will address.

A panel discussion will be held on Saturday, November 8th, 2014 from 9am to 12 in the main church, located at 46 West 16th Street.

Through the facilitation of Clare Ferraro (President of Viking, Plume, Hudson Street Press/Penguin Random House), a panel of distinguished speakers will address the topic(s) of the Extraordinary Synod from different perspectives before opening the conversation to the parish at large. Featured panelists are: Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee (Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College), Dr. Linda Lemura (President of Le Moyne College) and Rev. James Keenan, S.J. (Professor of Moral Theology at Boston College). The panel will also include representatives from traditional and non-traditional families of the parish.

Members of the faith community are invited to this panel discussion.

Please RSVP at [212-627-2100 ext. 207](tel:212-627-2100) or at Imdiaz@sfxavier.org.

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/>



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Sharing God's Gifts

In the past few weeks you have heard about our need to have everyone increase their offertory.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

We are blessed to have our priest here, we are fortunate to have a wonderful parish community where we are able to witness the Word of the Lord each week and have so many people use the parish as their home.

With your continued offering we will be able to:

1. Pay for Parish Expenses.
2. Maintain the services and ministries we are all accustomed to. Holding parish functions, meetings and other activities cost money. The parish lights, air conditioner and heating are needed for these events to take place.

It is important that everyone decides to **increase their weekly offering** and continues to give that amount every week.

THANK YOU