

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

Christopher Baldwin
Michael Poulos

Parish Council President

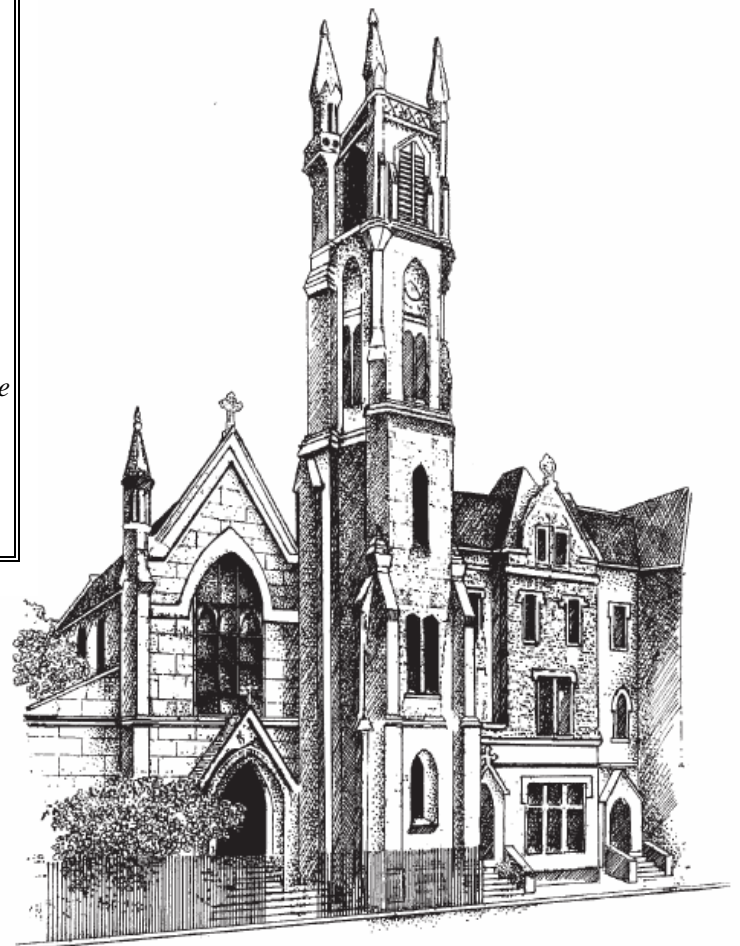
Elizabeth Williams

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us of the often complex relationship between religion and politics. Jesus and the prophets offer us some important insights in navigating through these waters.

Introduction To The Word

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6: The first reading from the prophet Isaiah is a good example of Israel's firm belief that religion and politics are inextricably connected. In the reading, Isaiah made it clear that Cyrus' rise to power was no accident; it was the God of Israel that empowered ("anointed") the Persian Emperor to serve God's greater purpose.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b: This reading, taken from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, includes Paul's greeting to the Christian community at Thessalonica and the beginning of his extended thanksgiving for their faith.

Matthew 22:15-21: Whereas Isaiah teaches us about the interdependence between politics and religion, we hear in today's Gospel reading how Jesus teaches us the proper balance between politics and religion. Today the Pharisees and Herodians attempt to entrap Jesus into publicly condemning Caesar's census tax as an affront to Jewish law. Palestinian Jews had a deep-seated resentment over paying taxes of any kind to a foreign power occupying their Promised Land. And paying a census tax reinforced the Roman Empire's presence in, and control over, Palestine. In his response to the tax question, Jesus puts the census tax in its proper perspective while simultaneously challenging those who attempted to entrap him: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus offered his critics the perfect balance between religion and politics.

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
10/20	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/21	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/22	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
10/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/24	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. This 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. 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

Oct. 26	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise;

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 19 – OCTOBER 25**

Mon. Oct. 20 *St. Paul of the Cross*

8:00 Matthew Cowles (D)

* 12:15 Julie Conrad (D)

Tues. Oct. 21

8:00 Carlo Lia Arditi (D)

* 12:15 Francis Ferguson (D)

Wed. Oct. 22 *St. John Paul II*

8:00 Jayne Wrightsman (L)

* 12:15 Robert Coleman (D)

Thurs. Oct. 23 *St. John of Capistrano*

8:00 Miguel DePerio (D)

* 12:15 Lilia Subido (D)

Fri. Oct. 24 *St. Anthony Mary Claret*

8:00 Matthew E. Byrne (D)

* 12:15 Harold Black (D)

Sat. Oct. 25

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Frederick H. Mowers (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Katherine Mills Grant Shalin (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

10/20 Mon: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

10/21 Tues: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

10/22 Wed: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

10/23 Thurs: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

10/24 Fri: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

10/25 Sat: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Collection – October 12, 2014

Weekly Collection – \$9,099.84

Weekly Expenses - \$13,749.73

Adult Attendance – 433

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words **Join the E-Group** (Currently 297 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 **Robin Poulos** 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 22nd



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.

Monthly Food Drive

Next week the parish will begin our first Monthly Food Drive, which we are holding to benefit the people served by the New York Common Pantry.

Although the Pantry is happy to receive any food item as long as it conforms to their nutritional standards, this month the Pantry is looking for Whole Wheat Pasta, 100% Real Fruit Juice (Please Avoid Glass Packaging), and Packaged (Dry) Beans. To receive the contributions receptacles will be placed at the rear of the church.

In addition to contributing food, you can also take advantage of the New York Common Pantry / Fresh Direct Partnership. Donate a Gift Card (even if you are not a Fresh Direct Member) by visiting www.freshdirect.com/ycp. When you visit the website you will be able to donate a Gift Card which the Food Program Managers will use to purchase the food they require.

Cash or Check contributions that you place in the wall mounted Yorkville Common Pantry collection box (in the rear of the Church between the front doors and the bulletin board) will also be sent to the Pantry to assist with their programs.

Thank you for your support of this very important community service.

Save the Dates – MoreMusic

Sunday, November 2nd, 12:00 Noon Mass.
The Solemn Mass for All Souls will include Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, Opus 9 sung by the Scholas Cantorum of St Thomas More in loving remembrance of the deceased members, family and friends of our parish.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, October 20th
6:45pm in the Rochester Room
All Parishioners are Welcome

St. John's Preparatory School

announces the Peter F. Vallone
Scholarship Examination
Saturday, November 15, 2014

Based upon the results of this competitive scholarship exam, scholarships will be awarded to St. John's Preparatory School.

Applications are available on the website www.stjohnsprepschool.org or at the Admissions Office 718-721-7200 X 699

Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education

Tognino Hall - Rose Hill Campus
All Events - Free - 6:00pm

October 22nd – ***“Fordham Serving the Church on the Margins of America”***

October 27th – ***“Living Together: Our Future”*** An Interfaith Meeting – with a Panel Discussion and Candlelight Vigil. A reflection on the possibilities and challenges of living together from the viewpoints of the three on Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Islam and Christianity) on the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Prayer for Peace in Assisi.

November 17th – ***“Preaching to the Choir or Reaching for the “Nones”?: Pope Francis, Worship, and Engagement with Disaffiliated Catholics”***

For more information:
visit www.fordham.edu/gre/events
or email enentsgre@fordham.edu.

Join the Archdiocese of New York

[Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.](#)

Led by Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Experience a Day of Prayer at the

Basilica of the National Shrine

of the Immaculate Conception &

The St. John Paul II National Shrine

for more information visit

www.nycatholicfaith.org.



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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 priests 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