

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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November 16, 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

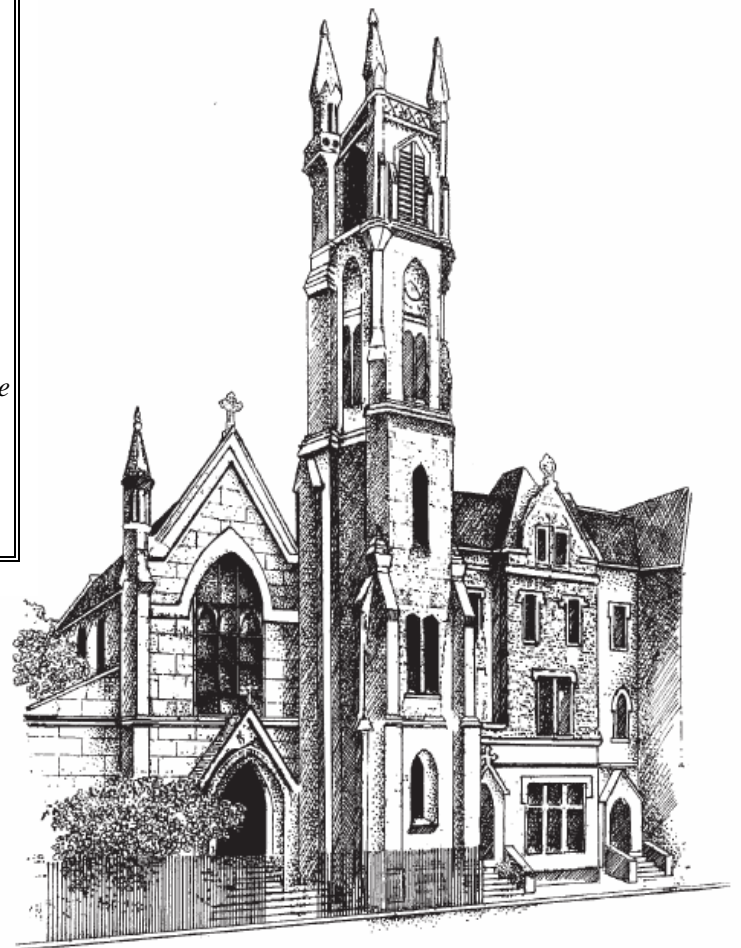
Christopher Baldwin  
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## Parish Council President

Elizabeth Williams

## Head Usher

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## November 16, 2014

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time serve as a warning to use the good gifts that God has provided for each of us.

#### Introduction To The Word

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31:** The first reading taken from the Book of Proverbs is a section titled “the ideal wife.” Within the description of the ideal wife, our sage notes: “Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.” “Fear” of the Lord should not be understood in its narrowest sense, to be afraid of God. Rather “fear” of the Lord entails the respect and honor we owe to our Creator.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6:** In the second reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul takes up the subject of the end-time and the return of Christ. In this reading, Paul makes three assertions about the return of Christ. First, no one knows the exact time of its arrival. Second, Jesus’ return (and the judgment that follows) is inevitable despite what others may say. Third, believers in Christ have nothing to fear.

**Matthew 25:14-30:** In today’s Gospel Jesus directs the parable of the talents to his disciples as his passion and death in Jerusalem are quickly approaching. Once again, this is a parable describing the kingdom of heaven in the future tense, when the *eschaton* (“end-time”) has arrived and God’s judgment sets in. Jesus invites the disciples to reflect on their own lives in terms of the “talents” (in Greek, literally a unit of coinage of varying worth) they have received from God.

*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>
11/17	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	6:45 pm
11/18	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/19	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
11/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/21	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion and Liberation	7:00 pm

#### *Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule*

<i>Nov. 16</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Quinn	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Rafferty	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Quinn	Chris Baldwin

<i>Nov. 23</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

***Blessed are those who fear  
the Lord.***

**Sunday Collection – November 09, 2014**  
**Fall Semi Annual Collection – \$24,066.58**  
**Weekly Expenses - \$16,885.14**  
**Adult Attendance – 520**

**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](mailto:STMMusicOffice@gmail.com)

#### **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](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com) receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

#### **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://St.ThomasMore) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 22**

Mon. Nov. 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:00 Richard Fahey (D)

\* 12:15 Rose Bonamo (D)

Tues. Nov. 18 *St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*  
*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul*

8:00 Anna Pavlenkov (D)

\* 12:15 Donna Ryan Bayard (D)

Wed. Nov. 19

8:00 Maryann Reev (D)

\* 12:15 Justina Gojdanic (D)

Thurs. Nov. 20

8:00 Oscar de la Renta (D)

\* 12:15 Helen Mitera (D)

Fri. Nov. 21

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory

\* 12:15 Valmy Bernède (D)

Sat. Nov. 22 *St. Cecilia*

8:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory

\* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 Frank Leahy (D)

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**11/17** Mon: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

**11/18** Tues: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

**11/19** Wed: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

**11/20** Thurs: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

**11/21** Fri: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

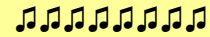
**11/22** Sat: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday Coffee Hour:** Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Margaret Butler** 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.**

**33 Club for Seniors**

**Christmas Holiday Boutique**

Fri., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and Sat., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am to 4pm  
323 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ground Floor  
Next to the Chapel of the  
Sacred Hearts Of Jesus And Mary  
Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues  
Paintings, Prints, Plants, Jewelry, Handbags,  
Handmade Crafts, Collectables, Toys, Linens,  
Raffles, and a Townhouse / Birdhouse  
Silent Auction



**"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](mailto:STMMusicOffice@gmail.com). For more information, please see the flyer in the rear of the church.

**Handcrafted Olivewood  
from the Holy Land**

**Saturday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

After each Mass in the Rochester Room The Olivewood carving industries has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries .Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. The items are carved by local craftsmen. Many families are facing crisis situations. Without income, many craftsmen and families leave their traditional trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their Homeland. Sixty years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the population and now represent less than 2%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christ's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian Tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

# Thanksgiving Food Drive November 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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.

People in our city go hungry all during the year, and not just during the holiday season. As a sponsoring member of the New York Common Pantry we recognize this important fact and we have committed our support to their mission in the forms of Food Donations, Monetary Support, and the support of our Parishioner Volunteers. We thank you for your support of this very important community service.



The St. Jean's Players

Presents

## RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CAROUSEL

St. Jean's High School Auditorium

167 East 75 Street,

Bet. Lex. and Third Aves

Three weekends only:

- Fri/Sat, Nov. 14/15 at 8 pm  
Sun, Nov. 16 at 3pm
- Friday, Nov. 21/22 at 8pm  
Sun, Nov. 23 at 3pm

Tickets available in advance via [SmartTix](#) or at the door 30 minutes before show time.

Regular Admission: \$25. Seniors 65+ and Children through age 18: \$15

Seating is first come, first served, so please arrive early to ensure best seats.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:45pm in the Rochester Room  
All Parishioners are Welcome

## Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Our Catholic faith calls us to work for an end to the injustices of poverty and Pope Francis has made care and justice for the poor a cornerstone of his papacy.

Thank you for your continued support  
Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director  
Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of New York

## [Christian Meditation](#)

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel  
65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**  
415-668-1430 -

[costmny@christianmeditation.us](mailto:costmny@christianmeditation.us)

## Preaching to the Choir or Reaching for the "Nones"?

**When:** Mon. Nov. 17th 2014 - **Time:** 6:00 pm

**Where:** Fordham University

Rose Hill - Tognino Hall

**Website:** [www.fordham.edu/gre/events](http://www.fordham.edu/gre/events)

**Cost:** Free

**Contact :** Jodi Hunt: [jhunt18@fordham.edu](mailto:jhunt18@fordham.edu)

**Details:** Can Catholic worship respectfully and effectively address those who are "Religious Nones"? This lecture looks to how Pope Francis' vision of the church's engagement with contemporary culture can indeed foster such a new moment in the relationship and ritualizing between the Catholic Church and those who have "opted out" of religion.



Church of St. Thomas More  
**THANKSGIVING  
FOOD DRIVE**

To benefit NY Common Pantry  
**November 15th -- 16th**

Please Donate:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -Canned Cranberry Sauce   | -Cake/Brownie Mix              |
| -Rice                     | -Frosting                      |
| -Gravy (Turkey Preferred) | -Quarts of Shelf-Stable 1% or  |
| -Corn Bread Mix           | Skim Milk (Ex: Parmalat)       |
| -Stuffing Mix             | - 46oz Unsweetened Apple Juice |

**\*\*Please no glass jars!\*\***

OR

**Donate \$30** to help New York Common Pantry provide  
Thanksgiving meals to families in need.

\$30 will provide Thanksgiving Dinner for a family of 5.

**Please make your check payable to** New York Common Pantry

**Kindly specify " *Turkey Donation*" in memo line**

**Drop Check in  
Common Pantry Donation Box  
on wall at rear of Church**

