

Church of Saint Thomas More

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November 23, 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
Michael Poulos

Parish Council President

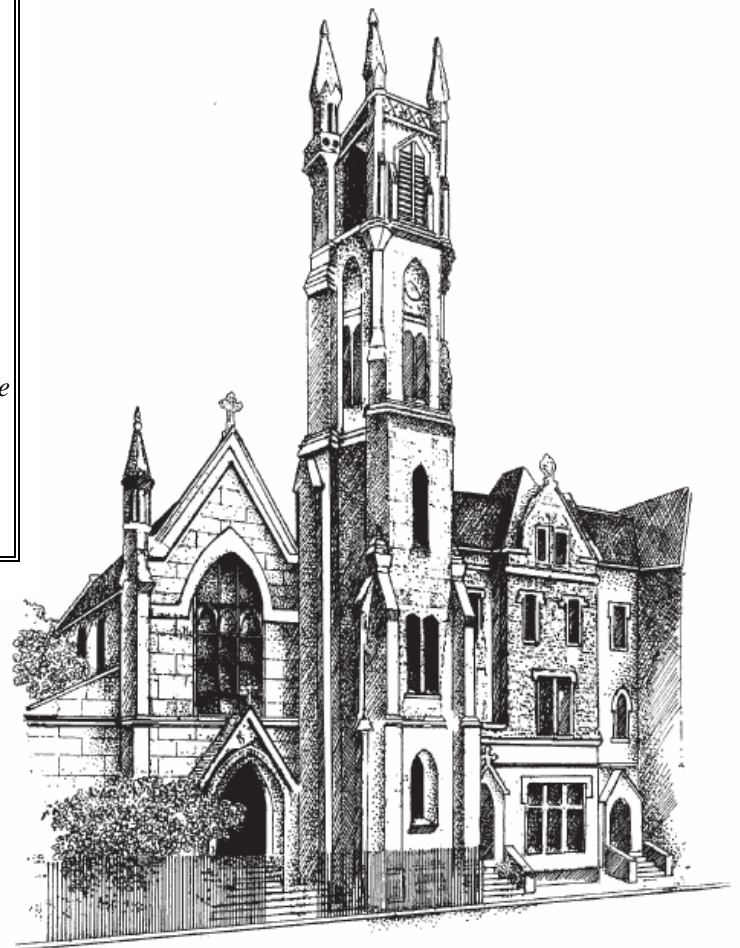
Elizabeth Williams

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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The Solemnity of Christ the King

Theme/Call To Worship

The church year comes to a close with the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day we celebrate Jesus Christ as our universal king and Judge.

Introduction To The Word

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17: The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, spoken in the days of Israel's captivity in Babylon, focuses mostly on the positive. With the shepherds of Israel that led the sheep astray now gone, it is God himself who will serve as the shepherd. He will gather the scattered sheep and bring them to pasture and give them rest. But as the divine shepherd, the Lord God also serves as judge of the sheep: The sheep themselves, like the previous shepherds, will be held accountable for their behavior.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28: The second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians offers his most sustained discussion on the resurrection and lays out the order of events associated with the *eschaton* (end-time).

Matthew 25:31-46: The Gospel reading is the conclusion to Jesus' eschatological (end-time) discourse with his disciples. Jesus speaks to his disciples as the Son of Man coming at the end of time to judge "all the nations." Judgment will be swift and clear, and the criterion for judgment is also clear: whatever you did—or did not do—"for one of the least brothers of mine" will determine your eternal fate. The divine imperative to feed the hungry, care for the sick, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, and welcome the stranger provides the framework for all believers to understand clearly God's expectations. *Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
11/23	Baptism	1:00 pm
11/24	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/25	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Ed Class	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/26	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
11/27	Thanksgiving – Parish Office Closed	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/28	Thanksgiving Friday – Parish Office Closed	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion and Liberation	7:00 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Nov. 23	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	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

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

Sunday Collection – November 16, 2014

Regular Collection - \$9,020.91

Fall Semi Annual Collection – \$17,470.00

Weekly Expenses - \$16,854.76

Adult Attendance – 498

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

***He guides me in right
paths for his name's sake.***

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 23 – NOVEMBER 29**

Mon. Nov. 24 *St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions*

8:00 Miriam Dow Cooper (D)

* 12:15 Joan Maher (L)

Tues. Nov. 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

8:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory

* 12:15 Frank Allen Dugan (D)

Wed. Nov. 26

8:00 Miriam Dow Fuller (D)

* 12:15 Margaret & Joseph Phelan (D)

Thurs. Nov. 27 *Thanksgiving*

8:00 Fotini Livanos (L)

* 12:15 Msgr. George F. Bardes (D)

Fri. Nov. 28 *Thanksgiving Friday*

8:00 Msgr. George F. Bardes (D)

* 12:15 Christopher Begley (D)

Sat. Nov. 29

8:00 Bernardo Contreros (D)

* 12:15 Berta Gallagher (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 To Commemorate the Baptism
of Madison Valli (L)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

11/24 Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

11/25 Tues: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

11/26 Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

11/27 Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a;
Lk 21:20-28

11/28 Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33

11/29 Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Christian Meditation

November 26th – 6:00pm

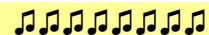
Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel

65 East 89th Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**

415-668-1430 -

costmny@christianmeditation.us



**"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.

**Handcrafted Olivewood
from the Holy Land**

Saturday Nov 22nd and Sunday Nov 23rd

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.



You're invited! Join
Boomers & Beyond for our
annual Christmas Caroling
event at the Lott Assisted

Living Residence. You don't have to be a super soprano or terrific tenor ... just someone who wants to join with us in sharing some Christmas joy through song... and perhaps stop at a local spot for a snack and drink afterwards.

Date: Sunday, December 7th Time: 1:30 pm
Place: Lott Assisted Living Residence
5th Avenue (between 107th-108th).



Parish Council Advent Event Calendar

The season of Advent is marked with a number of events at our parish. Please join in the celebrations and bring a friend or two to re-engage in our faith at this holy and joyous time of year!

- **Nov 23** - Make Advent Wreaths during Children's Religious Education programs and Family Coffee Hour
- **Dec 1 - 16:** STM's Children's Toy Drive - bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card in support of Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Services
- **Dec 7:** Christmas tree set-up during Family Coffee Hour
- **Dec 13 - 14:** STM's Christmas Food Drive in support of NY Common Pantry
- **Dec 14:** Christmas Tree Lighting and Children's Ornament Making during a special Family Coffee Hour with a visit from Santa
- **Dec 19:** MoreMusic Concert - Tapestry Choir
- **Dec 21:** Family Coffee Hour
- **Dec 28:** Family Coffee Hour

STM's popular note cards and paintings by young girls from India rebuilding their lives away from prostitution will be available for sale during the **Nov 30 - Dec 21** Family Coffee Hours.

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words **Join the E-Group** (Currently 301 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.



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:

- 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.

This Week's Second Collection

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. During the 2013 World Youth Day, Pope Francis told us to "never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity." CCHD puts these words into action by funding housing, education and the development of job opportunities. Help us to continue our defense of human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. Please be as generous as you can and help us to bring Christian Charity to those most in need.

With prayerful best wishes, I am
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Save the Date

MoreMusic

Tapestry Choir

In the Church of St. Thomas More

Friday, December 19th – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 – at the door

Blood Drive at the Archdiocese of New York

November 25, 2014 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: [The Catholic Center](#)

Where: Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue (Between 55th & 56th St)
Cafeteria 9th Floor

Contact: Maryteresa McKenna

Email: Maryteresa.McKenna@archny.org

Walk-in's welcome Bring Photo I D

For Medical Eligibility questions,

contact New York Blood Center

800-688-0900

Advent Lessons & Carols

When: Friday, December 5, and Saturday,
December 6

Time: 7:00 PM (Fri), 4:00 PM (Sat)

Where: St. Joseph's Seminary & College
201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704

Contact : Cynthia Harrison

Phone : 914-367-8281

Email : cynthia.harrison@archny.org

Cost: Free will donations welcomed at the
door

Details: Annual Advent Lessons & Carols
in the Main Chapel, directed by Fr.
Matthew Ernest, S.T.D.

Mr. Heitor Caballero will lead the Seminary
schola in a service of Scripture and song in
preparation for the feast of Christ's
Nativity.

"Friar Francis: Traces, Words, Images"

at the Office of the Permanent Observer
of the Holy See to the United Nations
25 E 39th St, New York, NY 10016
(212) 370-7885

November 2014 through January 2015

The exhibit marks the first time that
manuscripts of the 13th and 14th centuries and
Papal Bulls relating to St. Francis will be shown
at the headquarters of the United Nations.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Since the fall of last year, our parish has been working with a cluster of neighboring parishes, comprised of St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis deSales and Holy Agony, to consider how we might collaborate in ministry, as well as recommend to Cardinal Dolan any possible merger of parishes. As a consequence of those deliberations, our cluster recommended that St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis deSales and St. Thomas More should remain independent parishes, but adopt a model of collaboration among us.

However, quite recently Cardinal Dolan has proposed an alternative recommendation, namely, that St. Thomas More be merged with St. Ignatius Loyola. He has asked that the members of our cluster team reconvene to consider his proposal and get back to him by March 1, 2015 with our response. No decisions have yet been made, so while such a merger is by no means a "done deal," it is nonetheless a real possibility. This comes as a surprise to us all!

Fr. Madigan will address the particulars of Cardinal Dolan's proposal at the Masses this Sunday. Let us pray and work together that St. Thomas More can continue as the vibrant parish it has for so many decades shown itself to be.

Mentors Needed

Catholic Big Sisters & Big Brothers (CBSBB)

CBSBB currently has a waitlist of both boys and girls, ages 10 to 18, who are eager for a mentor. There is no better gift than the gift of time – please consider becoming a mentor today! Basic program requirements include: a 1 year commitment to the match relationship and 8 hours a month spent with your Little. Contact us at 212 475-3291 x502 or at volunteers@cbsbb.org for more information about mentoring, or Ryan Sheppard at 212 475-3291 x203 or at rsheppard@cbsbb.org for more information about our volunteer recruitment efforts. Take a stand and make a difference!