

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

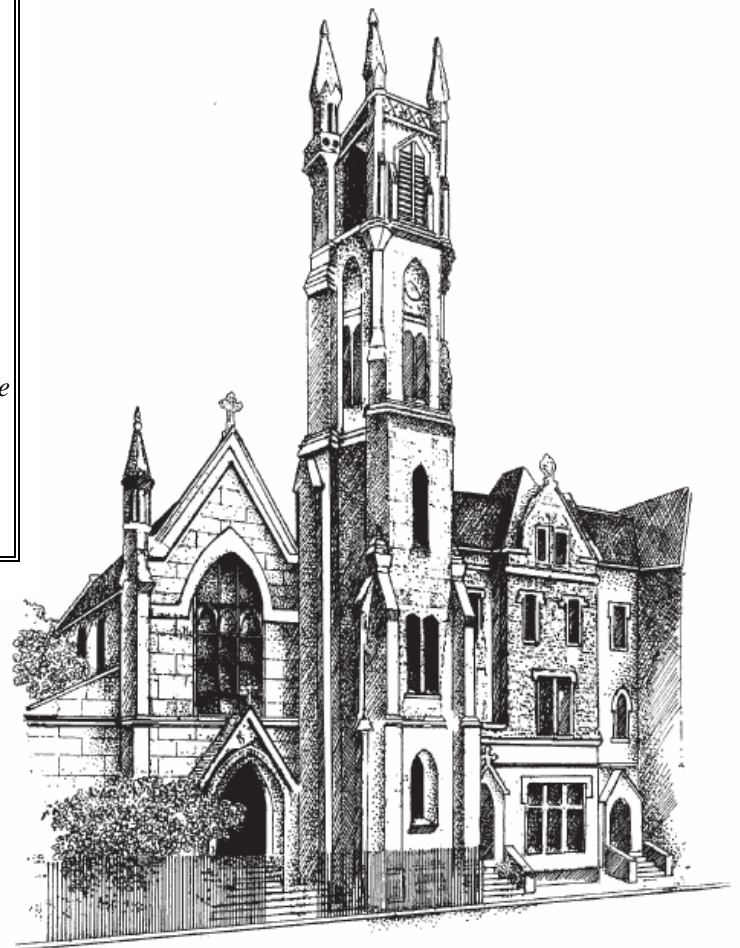
Elizabeth Williams

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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The Baptism of the Lord

Theme/Call To Worship

Today, with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we hear God's voice proclaim of Jesus: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This theophany marks the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

Introduction To The Word

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: The first reading comes from the final words of Second Isaiah (Is 40–55). Active during the middle of Israel's exile in Babylon, around the year 550 BC, Second Isaiah invited his fellow captives to turn their attention back to God and be open to his divine invitation: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water!" He implored those who may have lost hope and faith in God's presence in the foreign land of Babylon, "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near."

Acts 10:34-38: In the opening words of the second reading from the First Letter of John, we hear John speak of the intimate connection between Jesus and God as Father and beloved Son. Through our profession of faith in Christ, we share in this union by being "the children of God." But for John, believing alone was not enough to share an identity in this divine family. Our lives as Christians required action—first and foremost, keeping and obeying God's commandments.

Mark 1:7-11: The Gospel reading is Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus. Mark uses only eight verses of his Gospel to present the figure and preaching of John the Baptist before introducing Jesus with his baptism by John in the Jordan. But in these few verses, Mark is able to set the context for understanding the identity of Jesus as the Son of God. It also allows Mark to clearly define the relationship between Jesus and John. John the Baptist preached, "One mightier than I is coming after me." His role was that of forerunner to the Messiah, preparing the people of Israel for the arrival of Christ which formally began in public with Jesus' baptism by John.

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>
01/11	Baptism	1:00 pm
01/12	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/13	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/14	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
01/15	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 332 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<u>Jan. 11</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

<u>Jan. 18</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

***The Lord will bless his
people with peace***

Holiday Break Leisure Club Luncheon

Next Luncheon - January 20, 2015

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
JANUARY 11 – JANUARY 17**

Mon. Jan. 12 *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

8:00 The Fleming Family (L)

* 12:15 James M. O'Neil (D)

Tues. Jan. 13 *St. Hilary*

8:00 Gerry Cano (D)

* 12:15 Vera & Lane Blackwell (D)

Wed. Jan 14

8:00 Oscar de la Renta (D)

* 12:15 Joseph Fallon (D)

Thurs. Jan. 15

8:00 The Kearney & Fanning Families (D)

* 12:15 Robert Kamienski (L)

Fri. Jan 16

8:00 Gumer Sindo Misa (L)

* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Sat. Jan 17 *St. Anthony*

8:00 Patricia Guerci (D)

* 12:15 Hilda Handal (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Isabel Wolf (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

01/12 Mon: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

01/13 Tues: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

01/14 Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

01/15 Thurs: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

01/16 Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

01/17 Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

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.

Christian Meditation

January 14th – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel

65 East 89th Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**

415-668-1430 -

costmny@christianmeditation.us

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, January 12th

6:45pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room

All Parishioners are Welcome.

Your promptness is appreciated so that we may begin and end on time. If you are unable to attend, please advise at your earliest convenience to enable better logistics planning.

Next Sunday - The Keep our Church Comfortable Fuel Collection

Fuel costs continue to rise, and although we have an active program of energy conservation, fuel system and boiler management and building maintenance, this cost will remain an ongoing and significant program expense. Your wonderful generosity for this special collection is much appreciated.

Sunday Collection – January 04, 2015

Regular Collection - \$10,363.69

Mary the Mother of God – \$2,546.00

Catholic University & Communications

- \$1,916.16

Weekly Expenses - \$13,140.57

Adult Attendance – 515

School of Community

School of Community (SoC), is a moment of "Faith Enrichment" that meets on the second and fourth Friday's of the month at 7pm in the parish rectory second floor meeting room. SoC is being offered in our parish by the ecclesial lay movement, *Communion and Liberation*.

Through the reading and discussion of the book "*Why the Church?*" and a communal meal, SoC seeks to develop in its participants the awareness that the Catholic Christian Faith is a personal encounter with the Risen and Living Christ; and that it is this ongoing, continuous, "encounter with Christ" which enriches and gives new meaning to every aspect of a person's life.

Our next meetings in January will take place on Friday, January 23rd at 7pm. All are invited to attend!

For more information, please contact Henry or Suzanne at manhattan.soc@gmail.com.

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.

"**New York Encounter**" ("NYE") — a yearly cultural festival organized by *Communion and Liberation* (which organizes the yearly *Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge on Good Friday*). The goal of the cultural festival is to witness to the Catholic Faith in the public square and this year's *New York Encounter* will take place **from Friday, January 16th to Sunday, January 18th** at the Metropolitan Pavilion on 215 West 18th Street (bet. 6th & 7th Ave).

All events are free and open to the public.

While the "NYE" program is comprised of several important conferences and exhibits (details can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org/>). Also, please see the following highlights.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan will open the Encounter on Friday, January 16, at 6:30pm.

Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 3:30pm: The emergence of the human face. A presentation on the degree to which evolution explains who we are. Speakers: Kenneth Miller, Professor of Biology, Brown Un., Martin Nowak, Prof. of Biology and Mathematics, Harvard Un., Richard Potts, Director of the Human Origins Program at the Smithsonian,

Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 5:30pm: Identity and the challenge of disability. A dialogue on the discovery of human identity in the speakers' life long experience with people with disabilities. Speakers: Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, Timothy Shriver, Chairman of Special Olympics and Jean Vanier (on telecast), Founder of L'Arche communities.

Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 5:30pm: In search of a new beginning. A talk by Fr. Julian Carron, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, on the Catholic contribution to the quest for human identity in front of the challenges of our times.

Exhibit "The Face of Sanctity, the Human Face". The lives of St. Frances Cabrini and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

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St. Thomas More Monthly Food Drive

January 17th and 18th

Next weekend, a box will be placed in the back of the Church to accommodate our Monthly Food Drive. If you choose to donate food, please bring shelf stable items, such as: rice, oatmeal, beans, canned soup or stews (low sodium), whole wheat pasta, canned tuna, or Parmalat, and please do not bring items packed in glass jars.

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.

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.