

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

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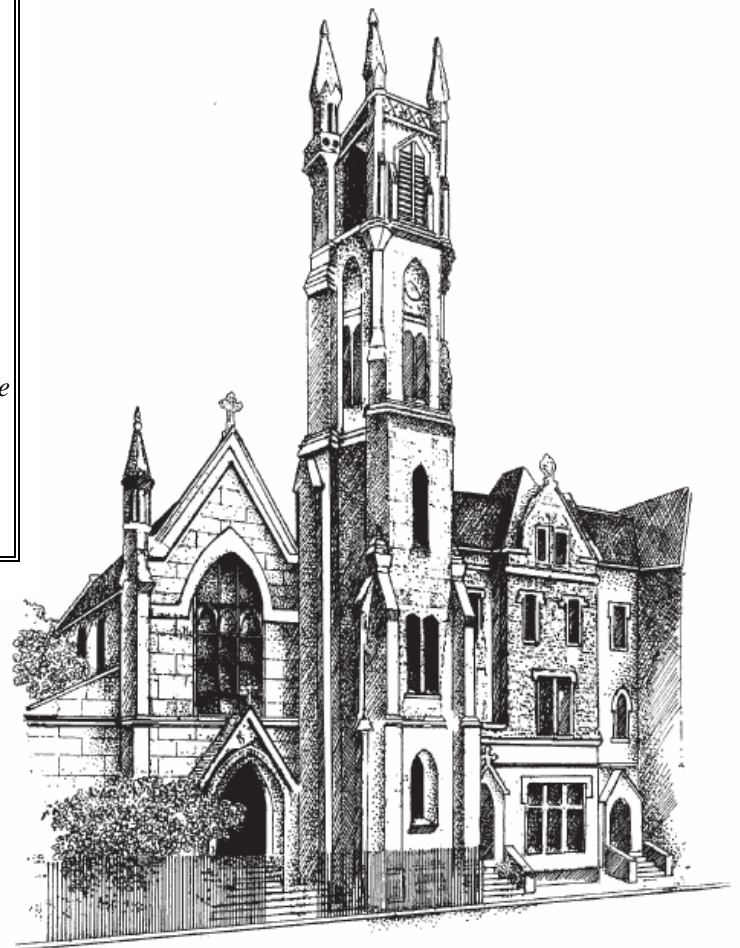
Elizabeth Williams

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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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time center on the theme of *call* and today's readings offer us an important reminder to listen for the call of the Lord in our lives, whatever form it takes.

Introduction To The Word

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19: In the first reading is from the First Book of Samuel. The prophet and judge, Samuel, is an important figure in the history of Israel. The Lord's call of Samuel, on the surface, seems strange. It is only after Samuel seeks Eli's advice, answering the Lord not with, "Here I am," but rather with, "Speak, for your servant is listening," that a connection is made between Samuel and the Lord. Samuel is taught early on that answering God's call involves seeking counsel from the wise and learning to listen.

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20: In the second reading, we hear from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul warns the Corinthian Christians to avoid the sin of immorality. This, too, is a Christian call of sorts—to treat your physical body as a temple of the Lord.

John 1:35-42: The Gospel reading is John's account of the call of the first disciples. One of the interesting features of John's call narrative is that in the call of the first disciples we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" (1:38). In the Johannine version of the call, we learn that Andrew was originally a disciple of John the Baptist, and that he is the first called by Jesus. It is then Andrew who introduces his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus. But Peter's future leadership role is alluded to right away as Jesus changes Simon's name to Cephas. In Aramaic (Jesus' native language), the name *Kephas* is translated as "the Rock."

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>
01/18	Baptism	1:00 pm
01/19	Martin Luther King, Jr. - Parish Office Closed	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/20	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/21	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
01/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion Liberation	7:00 pm

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 333 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<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

<u>Jan. 25</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	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

***Here am I, Lord; I come
to do your will.***

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 18 – JANUARY 24**

Mon. Jan. 19

Parish Office Closed *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

8:00 Luis Guerra (D)

* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Tues. Jan. 20 *St. Fabian & St. Sebastian*

8:00 Dolores Valiente (D)

* 12:15 Theresa Wallace (L)

Wed. Jan 21 *St. Agnes*

8:00 Barbara Root (D)

* 12:15 Jerzy Jaworski (D)

Thurs. Jan. 22 *Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children*

8:00 Rosemary E. Maher (D)

* 12:15 Irene Didyk (D)

Fri. Jan 23 *St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope*

8:00 Child of Hugh and Sarah Murphy (D)

* 12:15 Mary O'Connor (L)

Sat. Jan 24 *St. Francis de Sales*

8:00 Mary O'Connor (L)

* 12:15 Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Samantha Smith (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

01/19 Mon: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

01/20 Tues: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

01/21 Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

01/22 Thurs: Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

01/23 Fri: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

01/24 Sat: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

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 21st – 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

We extend our thanks to our volunteer *Kathleen Dana* 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 10:00am Mass.**

**This 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 11, 2015

Regular Collection - \$8,801.37

Weekly Expenses - \$14,164.38

Adult Attendance – 513

Annual Stillman Memorial Mass

Thursday, January 29, 2015, at 6:30 pm at Church of St. Agnes, 143 East 43rd St., NYC. The mass will feature a double choir, Schola Sanctorum, singing Mass in G minor by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Rev. Derek Cross of the Toronto Oratory will be the Homilist and Celebrant. The Trustees of Homeland Foundation invite you to participate and remember Chauncey Devereaux Stillman, a generous benefactor to religious, intellectual, and cultural enterprises and to the poor of the world. For information, please call (845) 373-8037 or jstalker@hlfoundation.org.

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.

Annual March for Life

On January 22, 2015, New Yorkers will pilgrimage to the nation's capitol to participate in the 42nd Annual March for Life. Buses will depart from the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (457 W 51st St). For more information, call Sr. Shirley Anne at the Family Life & Respect Life Office at [646-794-3195](tel:646-794-3195) or visit the website at <http://nyfamilylife.org/2014/12/2015-buses-to-march-for-life/>

Thomas Merton and the Future of Faith

Corpus Christi Church 529 West 121st St., NYC
Saturday, January 31, 2015, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Contact: Rev. Raymond M. Rafferty

Phone: 212-222-0666

Email: rmrorangelake@msn.com

Web Site: www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/

Cost: Free to chapter members and Columbia and Barnard students, \$10 for non-members
Details: A celebration of the centennial of the birth of Thomas Merton, American spiritual writer and monk. Keynote speaker Christopher Pramuk with panelists Lawrence Cunningham, Angela O'Donnell and David Golemboski.
Mass at 5:00PM followed by reception.

Jan 2015 is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Boomers & Beyond is co-sponsoring the following forum on human trafficking in the marketplace.

This continues the discussion we began in our forum last January. And it calls us to a spiritual and practical realization of our role in a just society. What is the impact of modern-day slavery? And what can we, as individuals, really do about it?

Slave Labor & Consumerism

Time: Thursday, February 05 at 7:00 pm

Location: Wallace Hall

Park Avenue & 84th Street, NYC

Presented by David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap.

This interactive discussion will focus on the labor issues, human coercion, and sex exploitation that are all a part of human slavery in today's world.

RSVP by Sunday, February 1st to AntiSlaveryRSVP@gmail.com (preferred) or call 212-288-3588.

About the Presenter

David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap. is a Professor of Pastoral Planning and Church Management at Indiana's Graduate Theological Foundation. He teaches in the Department of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY, and is a Professor in the Department of Theology at the Pontifical Antonianum University in Rome.

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.