

# 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

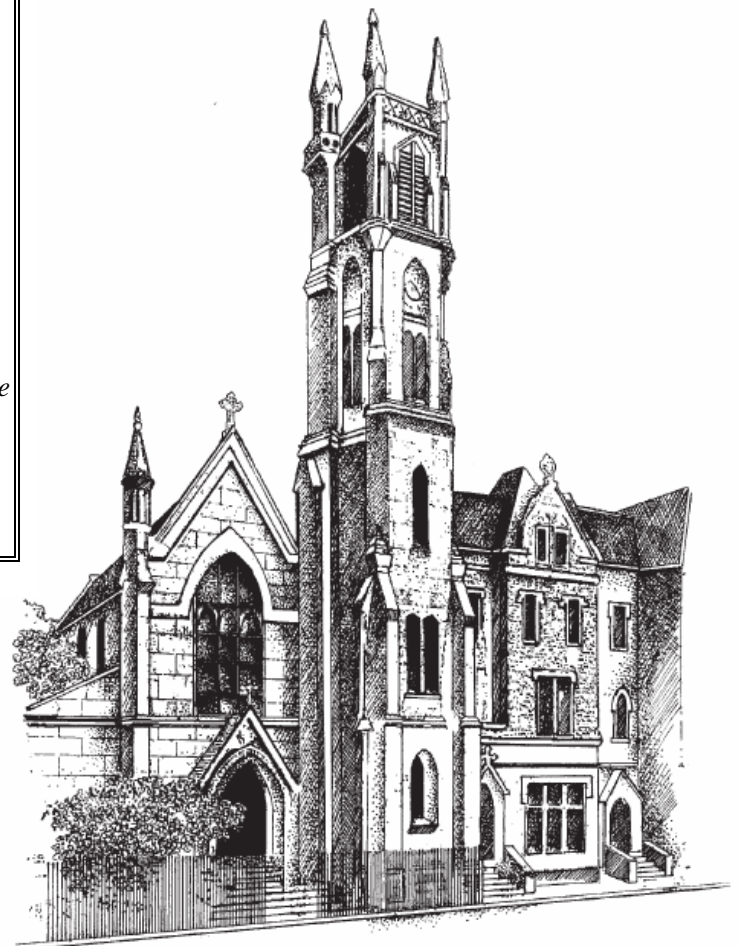
Elizabeth Williams

## 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.



# Church of St. Thomas More

## January 25, 2015

### Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time speak to the early Christian *apocalyptic* perspective on time. Jesus, and certainly the original and first-generation followers of Jesus, believed that the world as they knew it and experienced it was somehow coming to an end. Not the end of time and cessation of human existence, but rather the fulfillment of time and a new mode of human existence.

#### Introduction To The Word

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10:** The first reading, taken from the Book of the prophet Jonah, may be better understood as a prophetic parable about God's divine providence and sovereignty rather than the recording of actual historical events. The story of the conversion of the citizens of a major Assyrian city was a foreshadowing of the Gentiles' conversion after hearing Jesus' preaching about the kingdom of God. Like Jonah, many Jews in Jesus' day may have found the Gentile reaction to the Jewish Messiah surprising.

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31:** The apostle Paul had an intense, apocalyptic message. Paul was so convinced of the second coming within his own lifetime that, as we hear in today's second reading. Paul believed that "time is running out" and "the world in its present form is passing away."

**Mark 1:14-20:** The Gospel reading is Mark's account of the call of the first disciples. In setting the context for the call of Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, Mark presents to us the first words that Jesus speaks in the Gospel of Mark as a snapshot of a major theme of the Evangelist. In the case of the Gospel of Mark ("The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel"), the kingdom of God will be one of the major topics of Jesus' public ministry. But Jesus also said, "This is the time of fulfillment." In fact, these are Jesus' *first words*. In Jesus' words and deeds, there was a strong sense of time being fulfilled in and through Jesus, and in and through his public ministry.

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

#### At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
01/25	Baptism	1:00 pm
01/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/27	<b>Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass</b>	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/28	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
01/29	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/30	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

**No - Communion Liberation**

#### Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words  
Join the E-Group (Currently 334 members) to  
[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com) receive the weekly Bulletin  
and other important information

**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)

#### Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Jan. 25	Celebrant	Lector
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

Feb. 1	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jacqueline Ackerinac
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.*

**Leisure Club Luncheon**  
Next Luncheon - January 27, 2015

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
JANUARY 25 – JANUARY 31**

Mon. Jan. 26 *Sts. Timothy and Titus*

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

\* 12:15 Ronald Latawiec (D)

Tues. Jan. 27 *St. Angela Merici*

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

\* 12:15 John Gallagher (D)

Wed. Jan 28 *St. Thomas Aquinas*

8:00 Peter Sullivan (D)

\* 12:15 Jill Quinif (D)

Thurs. Jan. 29

8:00 Patricia Conti (D)

\* 12:15 Sheila Butler (L)

Fri. Jan 30

8:00 Lori Ciancaglini (D)

\* 12:15 Homer Livingston (D)

Sat. Jan 31 *St. John Bosco*

8:00 Edwin Stetson (D)

\* 12:15 Mae E. Rooney (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 Patricia Liptrot (D)

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**01/26** Mon: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30

**01/27** Tues: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

**01/28** Wed: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

**01/29** Thurs: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

**01/30** Fri: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

**01/31** Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

**Christian Meditation**

January 21<sup>st</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)

**Sunday Coffee Hour**

We extend our thanks to our volunteer *Cynthia Gil* 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.**

**Sunday Collection – January 18, 2015**

**Regular Collection - \$7,092.06**

**Fuel Collection - \$1,881.01**

**Weekly Expenses - \$16,981.60**

**Adult Attendance – 444**

**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](mailto:jstalker@hlfoundation.org).

**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:** [rmrangelake@msn.com](mailto:rmrangelake@msn.com)

**Web Site:** [www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/](http://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.

## IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

At next Sunday's Coffee Hour we will have available for sale some very attractive art work, painted on canvas (12"x9"), made by teenage girls who were once victims of human trafficking: forced marriages and prostitution. The girls are currently living in a shelter in Mumbai, India, operated by a community of religious women. Your purchase of these moderately priced designs will help support these girls as they are trained in crafts and skills that will enable them to assume healthy, productive lives. Any contributions you might like to give to support this work will be forwarded to the sisters to assist them in this important ministry.

### **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 & 84<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC  
Presented by David B. Couturier, OFM.  
Cap., Professor of Pastoral Planning and  
Church Management at Indiana's  
Graduate Theological Foundation

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](mailto:AntiSlaveryRSVP@gmail.com) (preferred) or  
call 212-288-3588.

## Next Sunday's Special Collection The Music Program Collection

Please help fund this important part of our Church's Liturgical Celebrations.

Your wonderful generosity for this special collection is much appreciated.

## 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.

## Save St Thomas More

As part of the campaign to save St. Thomas More church, the **Save St. Thomas More Committee** is creating a short video that will highlight prominent figures in our community along with you - our parishioners - speaking to the importance of keeping our doors open.

You are invited to participate and to be filmed for the video on **Sunday January 25th** following the 10am, 12pm and 5:45pm Masses.

It will only take a few minutes of your time.

All are welcome - adults and children.

In advance, we'd like you to consider three questions:

- 1. What does St. Thomas More church mean to you?**
- 2. How is St. Thomas More church unique to other parishes?**
- 3. What role does the vibrancy of the parish play in your life?**

If you are interested, please come to the rectory directly following the service.

Thank you

# Save St. Thomas More

As part of the collective efforts to save St Thomas More, we are kicking off a "Young Friends of STM" letter writing campaign. Our goal is for the Cardinal to hear from the children whose lives are touched or have been shaped by our Church.

We are targeting 100 letters and we encourage each of you to help facilitate the children's writing effort. But please remember, the letter should come from their hearts and mention why they want St Thomas More to be saved.

There will be a Young Friends letterbox at the Church entrance. You can also mail your letters to the Church.

Also, on Sunday February 1st children can write their letters during Sunday school or coffee hour. All supplies will be provided.

## Parish Pay

**Since the beginning of this fiscal year, the number of Parish Pay participants has exploded from 25 active members to the present list which includes 64 parishioners. We are very pleased that you have found this service to be useful, we encourage each of you to use the service, and we thank each of you (both Parish Pay and regular contributors) for your continued support of the Church of St. Thomas More.**

Christopher Baldwin

Richard Banziger

Maureen Barry

Guillaume Bebear

Anne and John Bohan

Annie Borello Fiorilla di Santa Croce

Florence Brady

Beatrice Broadwater

Michael and Angela Clofine

Chris and Sarah Cox

Alicia Damley

Kathleen Dana

Judith Dattaro

Karen and Marc de Saint Phalle

Direxa Dearie

Michael DeFlorio

Robert and Marie Delaney

William Fleming

Oscar Gil Vollmer

Mark and Leslie Godridge

Gregory Gorra

Kevin and Connie Hackett

Clayton Hale

Sarah Hayden

George S Johnston

Hana Jue

Anastasia Kehoe

Catherine Kinney

Charles Klemballa

Lisa Kok

Steven Krawciw

Christian Lown

Catharine Macdonald

JoAnn Maloney

Kinga Andrea Marjai

James McDonald

Timothy McNiff

Brigid Merriman

Roland Mollerus

Jason Montgomery

Christopher Moore

Cathleen Noland

Judith Norton

Meredith Page

Sloane Lederer and Lucius Palmer

Hilary and Lyon Polk

Nancy Preston

Daniel Ramudo

Celeste Rault

Edward Reilly

Judith M Reinicke

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Monica Sparling

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Armistead and Elizabeth Williams

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