

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 01, 2015

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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

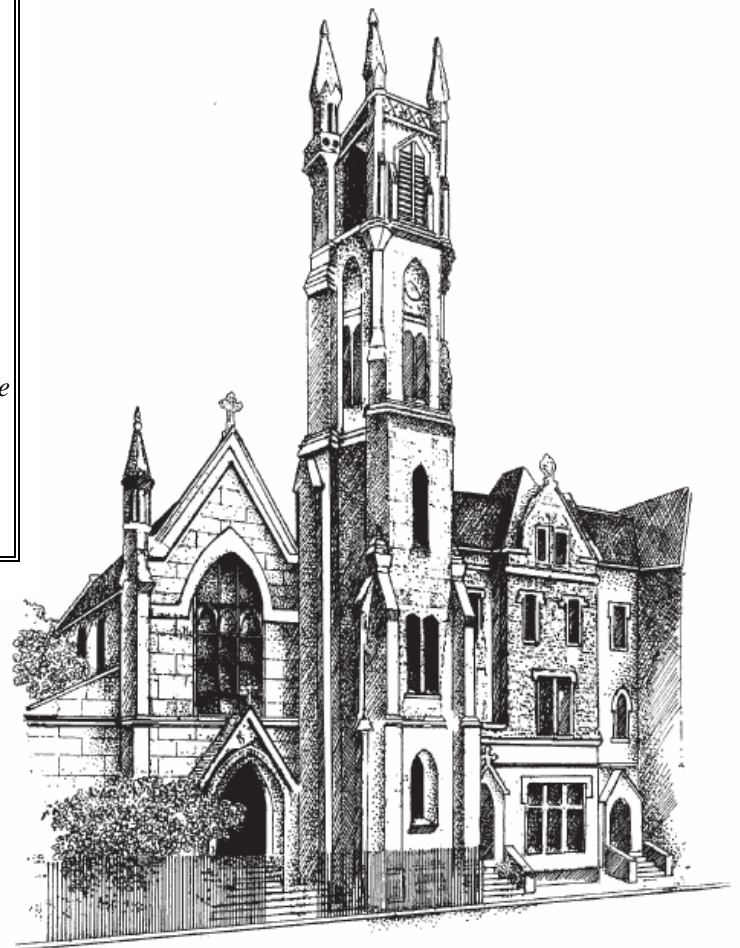
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Forth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

In our anxiety filled lives, vulgar speech can become routine. Ignoring common courtesies or not practicing simple politeness can take root. Aggressive driving can become the norm. All of these little things can progress to an attitude in which others are unimportant, where they don't count. With faith in Jesus, a pure heart, and a nature of service it is possible to clean out anything unclean hiding out in the recesses of our hearts. The "good news" is that this good, prophetic work requires no words. "Preach the Gospel," St. Francis said, "If necessary, use words."

Introduction To The Word

Deuteronomy 18:15-20: In the first reading, we hear the words of Moses to the Israelite people at the end of their forty-year desert journey around 1200 BC: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen."

1 Corinthians 7:32-35: In today's second reading Paul offers his insights into the anxieties of daily living. He surmises that anxiety is unavoidable in life. As contemporary Christians, we continue to live in a world full of anxiety. But as Christians, we can find comfort and rest from our anxiety in listening to Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:21-28: The Gospel reading for today narrates Jesus' exorcism of a demon-possessed man. According to Mark, it was Jesus' ability to control the demons that captured people's attention: "His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee." One of the more interesting features of Jesus' dialogue with the demons in this episode and elsewhere is that the demons know Jesus' true identity, which is contrasted throughout the early chapters of Mark's Gospel with the disciples' complete lack of knowing Jesus.

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
02/01	Monthly Cocktail Hour after the	5:45 Mass
02/02	CHADD	5:55 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/03	Leisure Club Lunch after the	12:15 Mass
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/04	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
02/05	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/06	First Friday	
	Exposition & Benediction after	12:15 Mass
	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 334 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and
other important information

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

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

Feb 08	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	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

*Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving; let us
joyfully sing psalms to him.*

Leisure Club Luncheon
Next Luncheon – February 03, 2015

This Sunday – February 1st
after the 5:45 Mass, we will have our parish
monthly Cocktail Hour. Adults of all ages
and their guests are welcome to attend.
No need for reservations.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 01 – FEBRUARY 07**

Mon. Feb. 02 *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 Joseph P. Murphy III (D)

* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Tues. Feb. 03 *St. Blaise & St. Ansgar*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Lucia Marino (D)

Wed. Feb. 04

8:00 Rose Cozza (D)

* 12:15 Amanda Fuller (D)

Thurs. Feb. 05 *St. Agatha*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Jock Thornton (D)

Fri. Feb. 06 *St. Paul Miki*

8:00 Marion D. Coraine (D)

* 12:15 Lilia Subido (D)

Sat. Feb. 07

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Teresa Schepis (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Mae E. Rooney (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/02 Mon: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

02/03 Tues: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

02/04 Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

02/05 Thurs: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

02/06 Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

02/07 Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Christian Meditation

February 4th – 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 *Christina Springer* 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 25, 2015

Regular Collection - \$9,519.62

Weekly Expenses - \$17,275.73

Attendance – 806

This 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.

**IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

During 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 & 84th 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 (preferred) or
call 212-288-3588.

Pilgrimage of NY 2015-Honoring Saint Joseph:

The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan!
We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches named after or in honor of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church. Making stops at the Church of Our Saint Joseph of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph (Yorkville), Church of the Holy Family, and Saint Joseph (LES). This walk is a total of 13.5 total miles! **Saturday, March 21st 2015 (Rain date: Saturday, September 26th, 2015)**
9:00 A.M-Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040. 5:30 P.M- Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004. You must register in advance at www.pofnyc.org in order to participate in this event.

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.

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, February 6th at 7pm. All are invited to attend!

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 9th

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.

Seasons of Celebration: Thomas Merton at 100

Contact: Rev. Raymond M. Rafferty

Phone: 212-222-0666

Email: jbl100@columbia.edu

Web Site: corpus-christi-nyc@nyc.rr.com

When: Monday, February 2, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Rare Book and Manuscript Library,
Butler Library, Columbia University
535 W. 114th St., New York, N.Y. 10027

Cost: Free

Details: Mary Gordon, novelist and Barnard College professor, will open the exhibit with a lecture "Merton and the Catholic Revival," discussing the influence of such people as Gilson, Eric Gill, Maritain and Poulenc on Thomas Merton. An opportunity to view the extensive collection of Columbia's RBML will follow. Original letters, manuscripts, art work, photographs and inscribed editions are exhibited, along with material on Merton's friends, Robert Lax, John Howard Griffin and Mark Van Doren. Exhibit runs until May 29, 2015.

The Next St. Thomas More
Monthly Food Drive
February 21st and 22nd

Save the Date

*More Music
at the Church of St.
Thomas More*
Monday March 2nd,
8:00pm

Clarion Music Society
All Beethoven
Tickets:
clarionsociety.org
or call:
212-580-5700

February 14th and 15th Special Collection

In two weeks our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which enables all of us here in the archdiocese to both demonstrate our fidelity and love to the Holy Father and to show our concern for and solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves in all corners of the world. Together with our Holy Father, you will be doing the work of the Lord by providing assistance to seminaries, institutes of Christian formation, the victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Through your generosity, with Pope Francis we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.