

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 08, 2015

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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

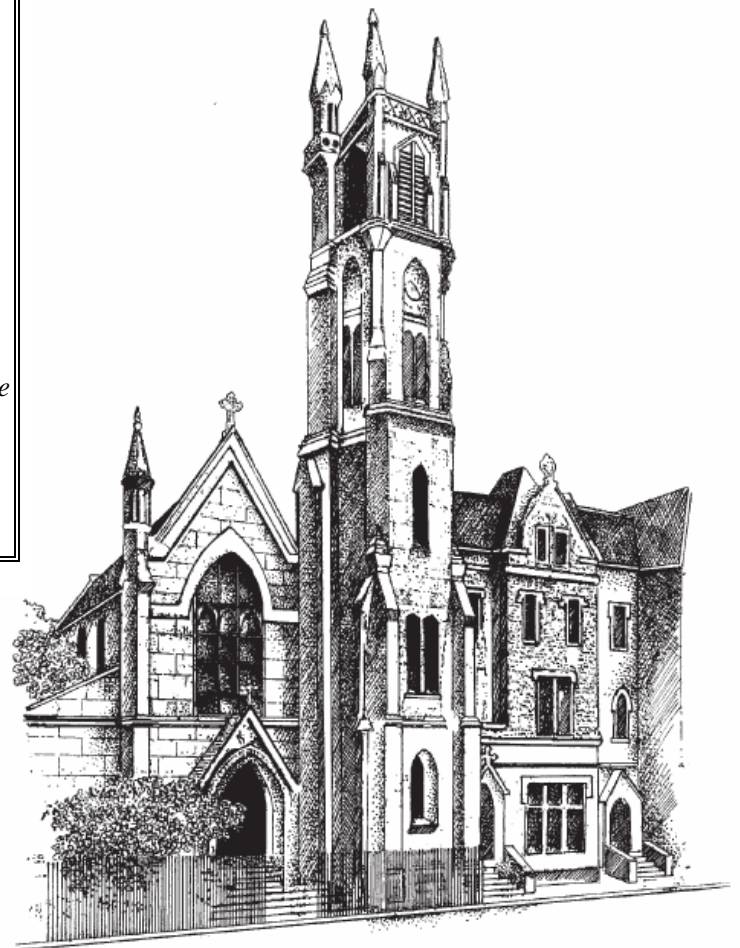
Elizabeth Williams

## 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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## February 08, 2015

### Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Theme/Call To Worship

In the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time each of the main figures (Job, Paul, and Jesus) is confronted with stressful circumstances. While the tensions are different for each, they are instructive to all of us working to fulfill our baptismal call, to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to others, and to trust in the Lord.

#### Introduction To The Word

**Job 7:1-4, 6-7:** The first reading is taken from the Book of Job, Job finds no peace of mind by day or night. But as the storyline unfolds, Job will discover that humility and trust in the Lord is the sure path to understanding the meaning of suffering in life.

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23:** In the second reading, Paul writes to the Corinthians of two tensions in his life. The first was of divine origin; it was "the gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) that he preached. The second tension for Paul is the balance between freedom and slavery that he felt in his life. In the ancient world, the status of slave versus free was a fundamental dividing line and social demarcation. Yet this language and imagery spoke directly to Paul's conviction of one's radical freedom in Christ.

**Mark 1:29-39:** In the Gospel reading, even Jesus experienced tension in the work of his public ministry. According to Mark, the early stages of Jesus' ministry were marked by his rapidly increasing fame for healing the sick and exorcizing the demons in the villages of the lower Galilee. But here was the tension: Jesus came not just to heal; he came also to preach the good news of the kingdom of God. So Jesus instructed his disciples: "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

*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>
02/08	Baptism	1:00 pm
02/09	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/10	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/11	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
02/12	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/13	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 338 members) to  
[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com) receive the weekly Bulletin and  
other important information

#### Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:45pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
All Parishioners are Welcome.  
Your promptness is appreciated.

***Praise the Lord, who heals the  
brokenhearted.***

#### Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<u>Feb 08</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	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Jim Dillon
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

#### Leisure Club Luncheon

Next Luncheon – February 10, 2015

#### Senior Luncheon Alert

In inclement weather please call the  
Rectory at 212-876-7718 (on Monday  
afternoon or Tuesday morning) to find  
out if the Tuesday Luncheon has been  
cancelled

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 08 – FEBRUARY 14**

Mon. Feb. 09

8:00 John Francis Murphy (D)

\* 12:15 Jerry Cano (D)

Tues. Feb. 10 *St. Scholastica*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 Hannah Rennie (D)

Wed. Feb. 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 Elizabeth Rabbitt Dreyer (D)

Thurs. Feb. 12

8:00 Joseph P. Murphy, Jr. (D)

\* 12:15 Charles Dodsley Walker (D)

Fri. Feb. 13

8:00 Dorothy Rothfarb  
& Norman Fishman (D)

\* 12:15 Vera & Lane Blackwell (D)

Sat. Feb. 14 *SS Cyril & Methodius*

8:00 Miriam Dow Fuller (D)

\* 12:15 Christopher Begley (D)

*Sunday Vigil*

5:45 Agatha Whelan (D)

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**02/09** Mon: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

**02/10** Tues: Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

**02/11** Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

**02/12** Thurs: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

**02/13** Fri: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

**02/14** Sat: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

**Christian Meditation**

February 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel

65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**

415-668-1430 -

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**Sunday Coffee Hour**

We extend our thanks to our volunteer *Yves Branche* 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 – Feb. 01, 2015

Regular Collection - \$10,153.58

Music Collection - \$3,637.15

Weekly Expenses - \$18,620.27

Attendance – 571

**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.

**The Next St. Thomas More  
Monthly Food Drive  
February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
Special Collection*

Next week 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.

## COMMUNITY AWARD

The Carnegie Hill Neighbors Association has announced that their **2015 Community Service Award** will be given to the Church of St. Thomas More for "the valuable service it provides to the Carnegie Hill Community offering its facilities for hundreds of public service meetings and events annually." The award will be presented at their Annual Spring Benefit to be held on May 12, 2015 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the James Burden Mansion, 1-7 East 91st Street. Save the date and come to celebrate our parish and to support this wonderful community organization.

### **The School of Community (Communion Liberation)**

WILL NOT MEET on Friday evenings at the Church of St. Thomas More for the next the next 2-3 months

If you would like to attend a School of Community meeting, you are encouraged to attend one of these two SOC's on Monday evening:

**St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish House**  
51st St. (between Madison and 5th Aves.)  
Mondays at 7:30pm

- or -

**Columbia Univ. - Corpus Christ Church**  
121st St., corner of Broadway  
Mondays at 7pm

## Cardinal's Appeal Six Areas of Giving

### **PASTORAL OFFICES AND PROGRAMS**

Our bond with Christ is everlasting. The Cardinal's Appeal now supports offices and programs that nurture and encourage our journey in faith, including Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Outreach, Liturgy, and University Apostolate

### **SUPPORT FOR NEEDY PARISHES**

The Cardinal's Appeal ensures that our parishes receive the resources needed to continue their important mission of preaching the Gospel and nurturing the spiritual development of our young people, while tending to the spiritual needs of our Catholic community.

### **THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Under the direction of our Department of Education, our schools provide the finest in academic and spiritual development for 53,000 elementary students and more than 25,000 secondary students. In addition, our catechetical programs allow for over 90,000 young people and adults to shape, strengthen, and fully recognize their bond with the Lord and His Church.

### **WORKS OF CHARITY**

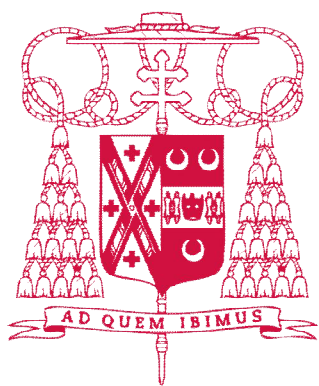
One way that we are able to demonstrate our faith is through tending to the needs of the less fortunate among us. Each year, the Cardinal's Appeal provides funds to support our sisters and brothers through hardships at every stage in life.

### **RETIRED PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS**

We owe a debt of gratitude to the devoted priests and religious women and men who have selflessly served the Church and her people for so many years. Through the Cardinal's Appeal, we assist two priests' retirement residences—The John Cardinal O'Connor Residence and Our Lady of Consolation. We also ensure that monies received from the annual archdiocesan collection towards the fund for retired religious exceed \$1 million.

### **PREPARING OUR CLERGY**

Our seminary programs offer the finest philosophical, theological, liturgical, and spiritual preparation for our future priests and deacons. As we continue to attract more vocations, it is vital that we maintain and strengthen these programs so that our clergy receive the highest level of instruction and formation possible.

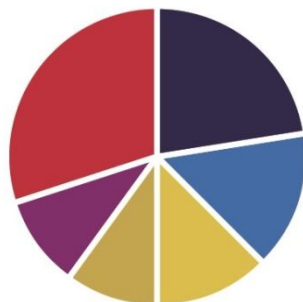


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**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts* 2015

**THE 2015 APPEAL HAS BEGUN!**

## Make a gift today

Recently, Cardinal Dolan sent a letter asking for your support. Your generosity will help strengthen the following areas:



Pastoral Offices and Programs	\$6 million
Support for Needy Parishes	\$4.5 million
The Departments of Education and Religious Education	\$3 million
Works of Charity	\$2.5 million
Retired Priests and Religious	\$2 million
Preparing the Clergy	\$2 million

You can make your gift online at

[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

May God bless you for your generosity.