

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 15, 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

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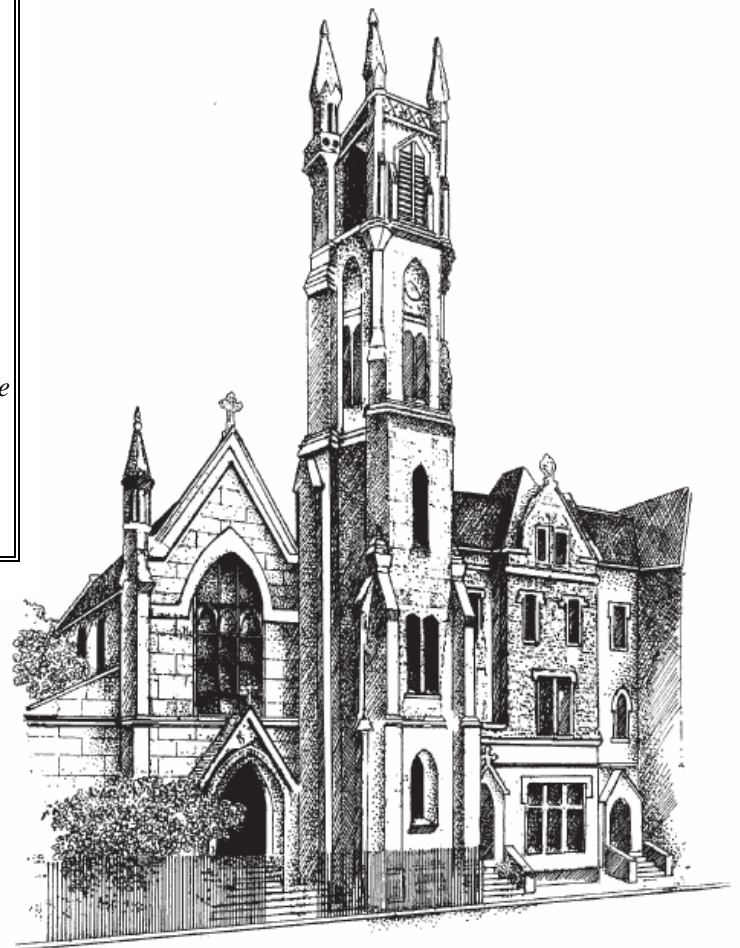
Elizabeth Williams

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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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time provide a model of mercy for us to follow as we live and interact with each other. In our homes, in our places of work, and in larger society, as Christians, we are called to show mercy and kindness to all whom we encounter.

Introduction To The Word

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46: The first reading is taken from the Book of Leviticus that addresses legal purity. As we hear in the reading, Israelites with the disease of leprosy were considered ritualistically unclean, and therefore required to be separated from the community (and from God) so as to contain the spread and effect of the disease.

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1: For the second reading, we continue to hear from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In typical Pauline fashion, Paul sets his comments in an extended theological reflection; in this case, on Christian freedom. For Paul, Christian freedom should serve as an invitation for salvation, and as a reminder of the importance to treat others (especially the unclean and culturally different) with kindness and mercy.

Mark 1:40-45: Within the context of the Jewish Purity Laws, the leper's faith in Jesus was grounded in his desire to be in a right relationship with God. "Moved with pity" Jesus makes the leper clean. Despite Jesus' command to silence, the leper cannot help but proclaim to others the depth of mercy that Jesus showed him in healing his disease. Given the Jewish belief that disease separated one from God, the news that Jesus could make lepers clean would have generated an unprecedented level of hope for those suffering with afflictions of all sorts. The reaction of the villagers to Jesus in the towns of Galilee reflects the human, deep desire to be connected to God.

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>
02/16	Parish Office Closed	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/17	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/18	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
02/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Feb. 15	Celebrant	Lector
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

Feb 22	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

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 receive the weekly Bulletin and
 other important information

*Blessed is he whose fault is
 taken away, whose sin is
 covered.*

Leisure Club Luncheon

Next Luncheon – February 17, 2015

Reminder

The Shrove Tuesday Lunch (Pancakes) will be served PROMPTLY at 12:45pm immediately following the 12:15pm Mass

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 15 – FEBRUARY 21**

Mon. Feb. 16 *President's Day*

Parish Office Closed

8:00 Jayne Wrightsman (L)

* 12:15 Julian Novarro (L)

Tues. Feb. 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 James & Maryann Crossey (D)

* 12:15 Mary Benjamin & Mary Turnbach (D)

Wed. Feb. 18 ***Ash Wednesday***

Day of Fast & Abstinence

8:00 Jayne Wrightsman (L)

* 12:15 Rosalind Martorana (D)

4:00 ***Service of Ashes***

5:45 Mae E Rooney (D)

Thurs. Feb. 19

8:00 Fernando Brenes (D)

* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Fri. Feb. 20 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00 Maureen O'Brien - Bulman(D)

* 12:15 Mae E Rooney (D)

Sat. Feb. 21 *St. Peter Damian*

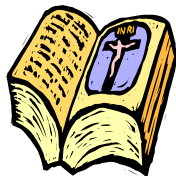
8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Robert Livesey (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Mabini I. Bediones (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/16 Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

02/17 Tues: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21

02/18 Wed: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

02/19 Thurs: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

02/20 Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

02/21 Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Christian Meditation

February 18th – 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 *Astrid Ryan* 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. 08, 2015

Regular Collection - \$9,552.32

Weekly Expenses - \$7,676.49

Attendance – 618

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](http://St.ThomasMore) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

***February 14th and 15th
Special Collection***

This 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.

The St. Thomas More Monthly Food Drive

Next weekend, **February 21st and 22nd**, 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: brown rice, oatmeal, canned beans, peanut butter, 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.

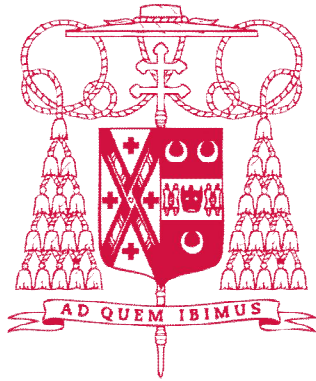
We thank you for your support of this very important community service.

2015 Lenten Calendar

- Ash Wednesday
(**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**)
- First Sunday of Lent
(**Sunday, February 22, 2015**)
- Second Sunday of Lent
(**Sunday, March 1, 2015**)
- Feast of Saint Patrick
(**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**)
- Feast of Saint Joseph
(**Thursday, March 19, 2015**)
- Third Sunday of Lent
(**Sunday, March 8, 2015**)
- The Annunciation of the Lord
(**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**)
- Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
(**Sunday, March 15, 2015**)
- Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)
(**Sunday, March 22, 2015**)
- Palm Sunday (**Sunday, March 29, 2015**)
- Holy Thursday (**Thursday, April 2, 2015**)
- Good Friday (**Friday, April 3, 2015**)
- Holy Saturday (**Saturday, April 4, 2015**)
- Easter (**Sunday, April 5, 2015**)

In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. Thus, the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.



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Did you know, in the Archdiocese of New York:

- ❖ There were 23,646 baptisms and 17,522 confirmations last year
- ❖ 95,896 students are currently enrolled in religious education programs
- ❖ There are 210 retired priests
- ❖ There are 87 seminarians



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www.cardinalsappeal.org

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