

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.

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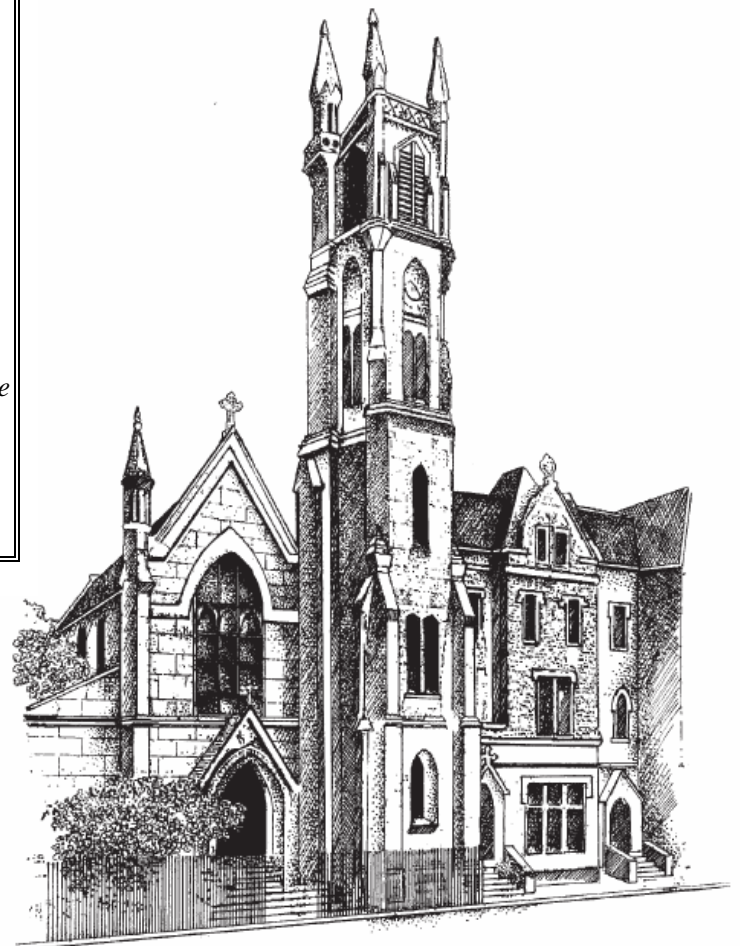
Elizabeth Williams

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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.



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First Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent speak of the need for repentance in order to be reconciled to God and ready to hear Jesus in a new way. This is a good spiritual exercise as we begin the Sundays of Lent.

Introduction To The Word

Genesis 9:8-15: The first readings throughout Lent present some of the most important defining moments and figures in salvation history. In today's reading, we hear of the covenant that God established with Noah, his descendents, and all living creatures: "Never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood." To this day, the rainbow serves as an important reminder to us to be grateful to God for the gifts we receive.

1 Peter 3:18-22: The second reading from the First Letter of Peter offers an interesting perspective on today's first reading on Noah. The author of First Peter saw God's flooding of the world in the days of Noah as "prefigured baptism," speaking of the act of Christian baptism as "an appeal to God for a clear conscience."

Mark 1:12-15: The Gospel reading includes a summary statement of Jesus' message to the villages of Galilee. While succinct, Jesus' first words give us three insights into the "gospel of God." First, Jesus' arrival and his message marked the "fulfillment" of time. Jesus had an eschatological ("end-time") perspective on his life and his ministry. Second, the core of the "gospel" was the arrival of the "kingdom [reign] of God." This new presence of God's reign in the world marked the triggering event of time now being fulfilled. Third, the fulfillment of time and presence of God's kingdom required two actions on the part of humans: repentance and faith. To enter into and experience the kingdom of God, one needs both a "change of mind" (in Greek, *metanoia*, often translated as "repent") and the will to believe.

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>
02/22	Baptism	1:00 pm
02/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/24	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/25	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
02/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/27	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
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

<i>Mar. 01</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Jim Dillon
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

Leisure Club Luncheon

Next Luncheon – February 24, 2015

Reminder

The Lunch 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

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 339 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 22 – FEBRUARY 28**

Mon. Feb. 23 *St. Polycarp*

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Mae E Rooney (D)

Tues. Feb. 24

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Rodrigo Colon
& Luis Pedro Yulo Mirasol (D)

Wed. Feb. 25

8:00 Sally Abdel Meguid (D)

* 12:15 Mae E Rooney (D)

Thurs. Feb. 26

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Corazon D. Mallari (D)

Fri. Feb. 27 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Raymond deMille Colon (D)

Sat. Feb. 28

8:00 Robert Silver (D)

* 12:15 Mae E Rooney (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Robert J. Komienski (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/23 Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

02/24 Tues: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

02/25 Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

02/26 Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

02/27 Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

02/28 Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Christian Meditation

February 25th – 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 *Colette Iagrossi* 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. 15, 2015

Regular Collection - \$6,058.42

Weekly Expenses - \$17,813.44

Attendance – 481

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**The Thomas More
Prayer for Good Humor**

Pope Francis says that he prays to the English martyr St. Thomas More daily. The Pope shared this in his annual end of year address to Vatican officials. He says he prays to the saint for good humor, adding that a healthy dose of humor in our daily lives is very beneficial. The Thomas More prayer for good humor begins:

"Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

"Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I.' Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others."

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 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.

More Hot Topics

Tuesday, March 3rd – 7:00PM
Church of St. Thomas More
Rochester Room

Presentation

*"The Evolving Christian
Family: Fear, Joy and
Commitment"*

An exploration of the Christian family as it has been influenced by not only by general cultural changes but also by the evolution of the Church's understanding of the Gospel and the fears, joys and commitments experienced by Christian families.

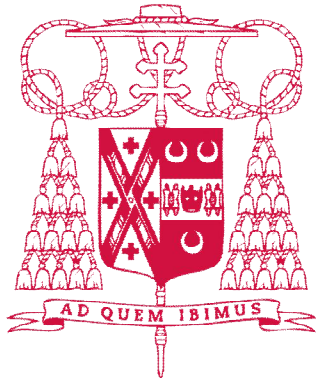
Speaker

Dr. Sidney Callahan

Dr Callahan is a psychologist and Distinguished Scholar at The Hastings Center, a pioneering bioethics center.

Callahan is the author of numerous articles, and eleven books, including the Christopher Award-winning "*With All Our Hearts and Minds: The Spiritual Works of Mercy in a Psychological Age*" and "*Created for Joy*".

She received her B.A. in English from Bryn Mawr College, her M.A. in Psychology from Sarah Lawrence College and a PhD in Social and Personality Psychology from the City of New York.



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