

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 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

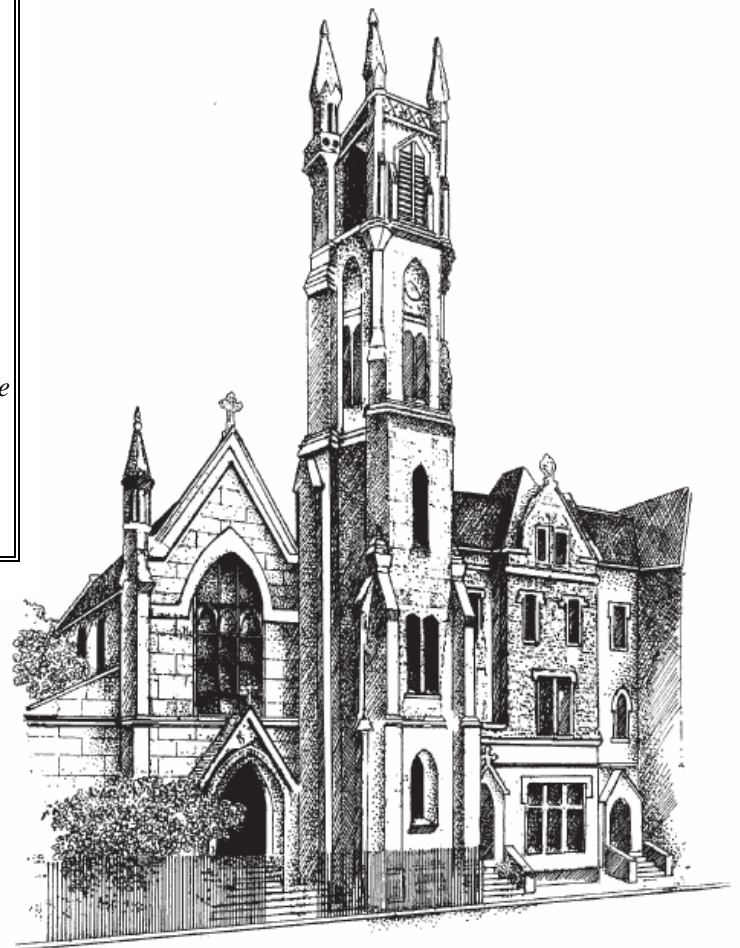
Elizabeth Williams

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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Third Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

The season of Lent challenges us to question our conventional human standards of wisdom and power, to see the world from God's perspective as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Introduction To The Word

Exodus 20:1-17: The first reading from Exodus 20 recounts the Ten Commandments that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Of the Ten Commandments, the first three address our relationship with God, and the remaining seven discuss our relationship with each other.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25: The second reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul proclaimed to the Corinthians "Christ crucified," but this idea of crucified Messiah became a "stumbling block" to the Jews who "demanded signs" from a messianic figure and the Greeks who looked for "wisdom" in their leaders.

John 2:13-25: The Gospel reading is John's account of the cleansing of the Temple, an event that was described by Gospel writers, but John treated this event differently. First, he moves the cleansing of the Temple to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Second, John offers more graphic details about the Temple event. Jesus is clearly upset about "making my Father's house a marketplace." Scholars have often debated about the meaning of Jesus' statement, because the people in the temple were not in violation of Jewish law, but Jesus' anger may have been rooted in the people's lack of complete commitment to God, their disregard for each other, and their loss of the true meaning behind the Jewish sacrificial system.

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>
03/08	Baptism	1:00 pm
03/09	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 pm
03/10	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/11	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
03/12	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/06	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<i>Mar. 08</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	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

<i>Mar. 15</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	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 336 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

Leisure Club Luncheon
 Next Luncheon – March 10, 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

The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

Sunday Collection – Mar. 01, 2015
 Regular Collection - \$11,018.59
 Weekly Expenses - \$15,232.40
 Attendance – 604

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

Mon. Mar. 09 *St. Frances of Rome*

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Mae E Rooney (D)

Tues. Mar. 10

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Adelina S. Limpoco (D)

Wed. Mar. 11

8:00 Allan Riley (D)

* 12:15 Michael George (D)

Thurs. Mar. 12

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Osvaldo Heilbron (D)

Fri. Mar. 13 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Vera & Lane Blackwell (D)

Sat. Mar. 14

8:00 Helen Jacob (D)

* 12:15 Mae E Rooney (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Mae E Rooney (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/08 Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

03/09 Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

03/11 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

03/12 Thurs: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

03/13 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

03/14 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Christian Meditation

March 11th – 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 *Daniel Flynn* 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.**

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.

The Verses Above Us*

John 3: 16 (KJV): God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Matthew 22:37-39 (KJV): Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

** These verses are printed on the brown accent strip affixed to the top of our walls, where they meet our vaulted ceiling*

Church of the Epiphany

East 22nd St @ Second Avenue

Presents a St. Patrick's Day Concert

Featuring the Epiphany Adult Choir, and

Guest Instrumentalists

Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 PM

ADMISSION FREE

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, March 9th

6:45pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room

All Parishioners are Welcome.

Your promptness is appreciated.

Save St. Thomas More

The following are links to two videos that have been beautifully produced by the *Save St. Thomas More Committee* and posted in the News Box of the [Church of St. Thomas More Website](#)

[Parishioners' Video Link](#)

[Headmasters' Video Link](#)

Also, please visit the [Save St. Thomas More - Facebook Page](#) for more parishioner and supporter information.

Special thanks to *Bob Burke* for producing the "Parishioners' Video" with the assistance of *Mia McNiece*, and all those Parishioners who contributed with their comments.

Thanks also to Saint David's Headmaster, *Dr. P. David O'Halloran* and the Nightingale-Bamford School's Head of School Mr. *Paul A. Burke* for their comments.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next Sunday the Church of St. Thomas More will be asked to participate in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Campaign. This collection is designed to fund six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in the Lord around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettlement of displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, CRS allows us to see Christ in every suffering person.

Please be as generous as you can, as your support truly makes a difference.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

The Next St. Thomas More Monthly Food Drive

In two weeks, **March 21st and 22nd**, the Church of St. Thomas More will have its monthly food drive to aid the people served by the New York Common Pantry. This month, the pantry is asking for shelf stable items, such as: 100% fruit juice, peanut butter, canned tuna / salmon / chicken, or Parmalat, and they remind everyone to not bring items packed in glass jars.

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.

Join a Ping Pong League in the Upper East Side

**St. Francis de Sales Church 135 East 96th
Street, New York, NY**

Table Tennis League Every Thursday at 7:00
pm until April 16th

Open to adults 18 and over

Registration \$20 for season

Contact Diana at sports@sfdsnyc.org

www.sfdsnyc.org



The St. Jean's Players

Are pleased to announce auditions for their spring show. . . ***Juno and the***

Paycock by Sean O'Casey

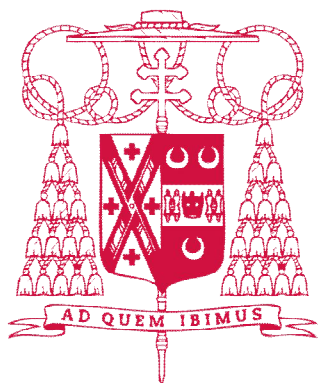
St. Jean's Auditorium at 167 East 75 Street,
between Lex. and Third Avenues in
Manhattan

Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13
6:30 - 9:00 pm.

Signup begins at 6 pm. (Please do not arrive
earlier.) and end at 8:30 pm.

Questions? E-mail

stjeansplayers@gmail.com



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