

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 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

Christopher Baldwin  
Michael Poulos

## Parish Council President

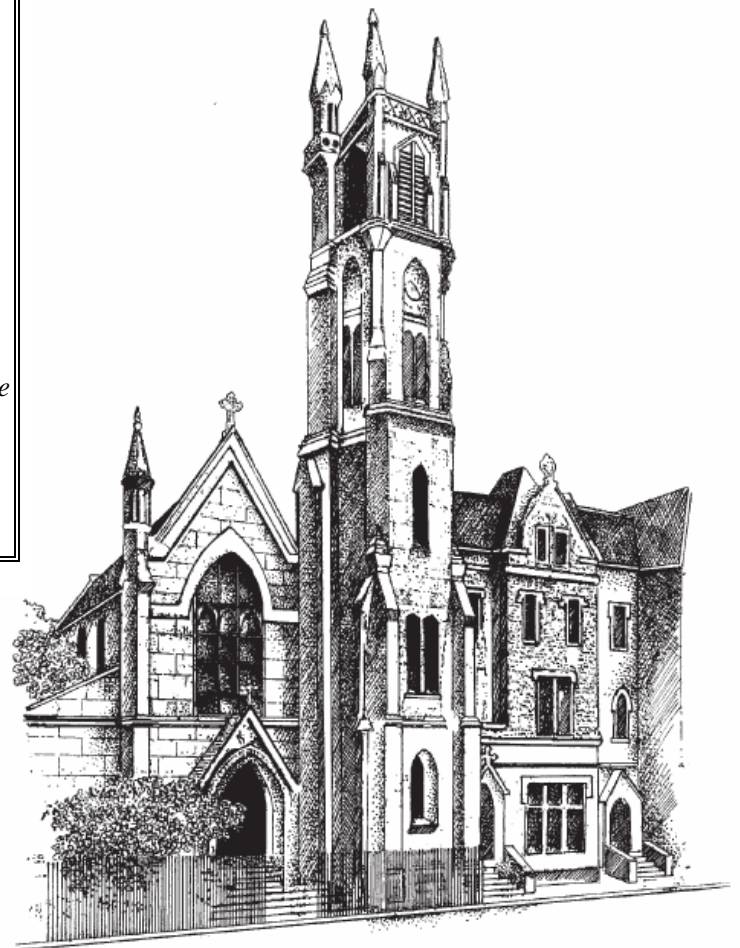
Elizabeth Williams

## 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.



# Church of St. Thomas More

## March 15, 2015

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### Theme/Call To Worship

The depth of God's mercy is evident in today's readings. It is this God of mercy and grace who has been present throughout salvation history and toward whom we are journeying during the season of Lent.

#### Introduction To The Word

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23:** The first reading provides a short summary of Israel's historic infidelity. But God, faithful to his word spoken to the prophet Jeremiah shortly before Israel's captivity in Babylon (*circa* 600 BC), brought King Cyrus of Persia to power, defeating the Babylonians (the "Chaldeans" in today's reading) and ordering the return of the Israelite exiles. King Cyrus, following God's charge "to build him a house in Jerusalem," helped facilitate the restoration of Jerusalem, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians.

**Ephesians 2:4-10:** In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks of this salvation offered through one's faith in Christ as "the gift of God." As believers in Christ, we have made ourselves into God's "handiwork."

**John 3:14-21:** The Gospel reading is an excerpt from an extended conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Jewish Pharisee. In the conversation, Jesus tells Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Jesus is referring here to Numbers 21:4-9, which Nicodemus would have known well as a trained Pharisee. Jesus then draws an analogy between this episode from Numbers and himself as the son of man being "lifted up" (on the cross). Jesus teaches Nicodemus that God's mercy extends beyond Israel to "everyone who believes" in the son of man. And now the gift extends beyond simply recovery from poisonous snake bites to that of "eternal life."

*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>
03/15	Baptism	1:00 pm
03/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/17	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/18	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
03/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

#### **Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule**

<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
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

<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

### **Leisure Club Luncheon**

Next Luncheon – March 17, 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

### **Christian Meditation**

March 18<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 - [costmny@christianmeditation.us](mailto:costmny@christianmeditation.us)

### **Join the St. Thomas More E-Group**

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 332 members) to [stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com) receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

Sunday Collection – Mar. 08, 2015

Regular Collection - \$9,831.23

Weekly Expenses - \$18,410.75

Attendance – 630

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
MARCH 15 – MARCH 21**

Mon. Mar. 16

8:00 Mae E Rooney (D)

\* 12:15 .....

Tues. Mar. 17 *St. Patrick*

8:00 Christopher Begley (D)

\* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Wed. Mar. 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:00 Josephine Terzaghi (D)

\* 12:15 Marian Celentano (D)

Thurs. Mar. 19 *St. Joseph*

8:00 Anthony Panella (D)

\* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Fri. Mar. 20 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00 Anne Reidy (D)

\* 12:15 Carmelites of Lafayette LA

Sat. Mar. 21

8:00 James Lynch (D)

\* 12:15 .....

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 .....

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**03/16** Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**03/17** Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**03/18** Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**03/19** Thurs: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a

**03/20** Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**03/21** Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday Coffee Hour**

We extend our thanks to our volunteer 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.

***Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater'***

*at the Church of Saint Thomas More  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm*

Join our very own musicians, soprano Rebecca Mariman, mezzo-soprano Wendy Gilles, and accompanist Christopher Candela with a consort of early strings for this very special Lenten musical reflection. Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's exquisite work is one of the most beautiful and well known settings of this ancient Franciscan poem depicting the sorrows of Mary at the cross of her Son.

**THE CONCERT IS FREE AND  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Parish Retreats**

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**Passionist Mission Retreat**

**St. Francis de Sales**

135 East 96<sup>th</sup> Street

Sat. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> to Thurs. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Take some time for yourself and come see what God has in store for you.

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**Mary Show us the Way**  
**Our Lady of Good Council**

230 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street

Thursday nights at 7:00pm

March 26<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>, excluding Holy Week  
Using Father Michael Gaitley's inspiring book and DVDs, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, about devotion Mary. Book (\$4 per copy) available at the retreat or at the OLGCR Rectory. For more

information, go to [olgcny.com](http://olgcny.com)

or call [212-734-9758](tel:212-734-9758)

## 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

This 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

Next week, **March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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.

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](http://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.

### Join a Ping Pong League in the Upper East Side

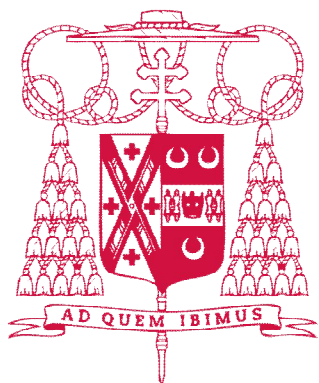
**St. Francis de Sales Church 135 East 96<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY**

Table Tennis League Every Thursday at 7:00 pm until April 16<sup>th</sup>

Open to adults 18 and over

Registration \$20 for season

Contact Diana at [sports@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:sports@sfdsnyc.org)  
[www.sfdsnyc.org](http://www.sfdsnyc.org)



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*Sharing God's Gifts* 2015

**THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!**

Please prayerfully consider making your 2015 Appeal gift before you leave Mass today.

Envelopes can be found in your pew.



*"Our Catholic family is strong, and only made stronger through your generosity."  
Cardinal Dolan*

Your generosity supports our neediest parishes, strengthens our religious education programs, and ensures our future and retired priests are cared for.

You can make your gift online at

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

May God bless you for your generosity.