

Church of Saint Thomas More

65 East 89th Street (east of Madison Avenue)

New York City, New York 10128

May 03, 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

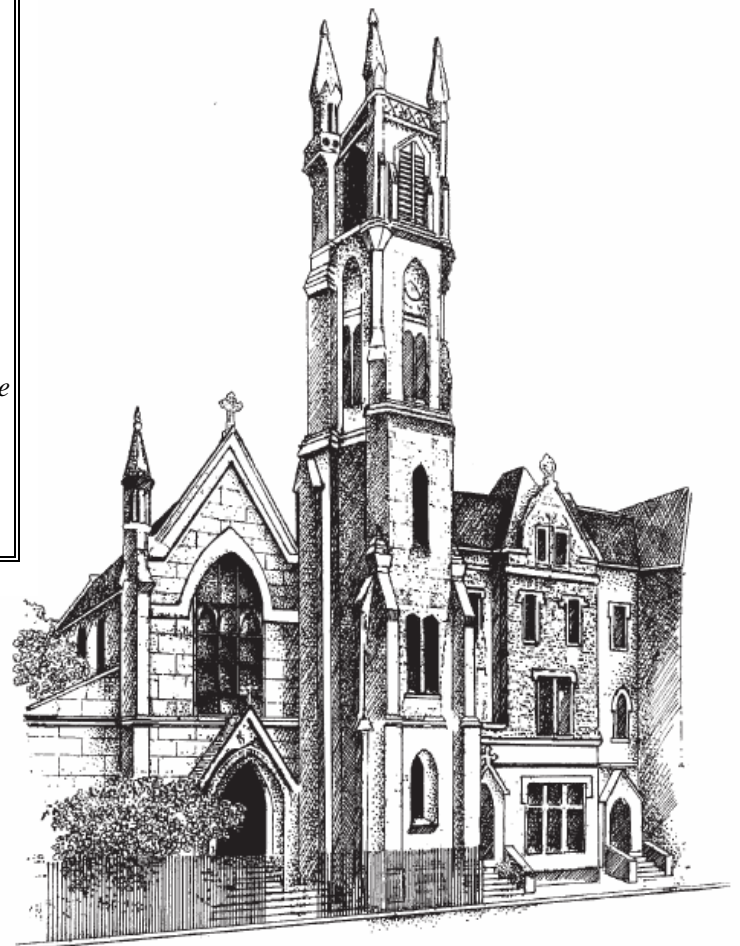
Elizabeth Williams

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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May 03, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter point to the importance of putting our faith into action. We are called to “bear much fruit” and love “in deed and truth.”

Introduction To The Word

Acts 9:26-31: In today’s first reading from Acts we hear about the immediate aftermath of Paul’s conversion. Because of Paul’s earlier persecution of the church, the other apostles were initially afraid of Paul and certainly did not trust him. It was not until the personal testimony of Barnabas that Paul won any level of acceptance among the original apostles.

I John 3:18-24: In the second reading from the First Letter of John the Presbyter offers two commandments to follow. The first is “truth”: believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ. The second is “deed”: love one another as Jesus commanded.

John 15:1-8: In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus refers to himself as “the true vine,” the Father as “the vine grower,” and believers as the “branches.” As people of faith, we are called to bear fruit by preaching the good news of Christ. And Jesus reveals to us that the path of discipleship is not always easy; in fact, followers of Jesus are “pruned” like trees and shrubs in order to bear more fruit.

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>
05/03	Baptism	1:00 pm
05/04	CHADD	5:55 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/05	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/06	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
05/07	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<i>May 03</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

<i>May 10</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Gisela White
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

Sunday – April 26, 2015
 Regular Collection - \$10,465.86
 Regular Weekly Expenses - \$16,814.70
Attendance – 609

Carnegie Hill Neighbors
 is pleased to announce that
The Church of St. Thomas More
 will be awarded its
2015 Community Service Award
 at the **Annual Spring Benefit** for being
 a pillar of the Carnegie Hill community,
 generously offering its facilities to local
 organizations for hundreds of public service
 meetings and events annually.
Date/Time: Tuesday, May 12th – 6:30 – 9pm
Location: James Burden Mansion (7 East 91st)
Tickets
<http://www.carnegiehillneighbors.org/events/2015-spring-benefit/>

*The lowly shall eat their fill;
 they who seek the LORD shall
 praise him:*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MAY 03 – MAY 09**

Mon. May 04

8:00 Evelyn Pfisterer (D)

* 12:15 Robert MacIntyre (D)

Tues. May 05

8:00 Fritz Bartels (D)

* 12:15 William Snowell (D)

Wed. May 06

8:00 Len Zanni (D)

* 12:15 Pamela May (D)

Thurs. May 07

8:00 Mary Theresa Fauci (D)

* 12:15 Truong Tran (D)

Fri. May 08

8:00 Maxine Avis Livingston (D)

* 12:15 Lynn Crowe (D)

Sat. May 09

8:00 Marguerite K. Murphy (D)

* 12:15 Joseph P. Murphy (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Clair Troncone

& Genevieve Gontar (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/04 Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

05/05 Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

05/06 Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

05/07 Thurs: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

05/08 Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

05/09 Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Family Day / Coffee Hour

A special celebration at today's Coffee Hour.

Join us for refreshments and entertainment by

Looney Louie.

We extend our thanks to *Lisa Abel* for hosting this Sunday, which is a wonderful way for parishioners

to meet and get to know one another. We look

forward to meeting you there

after the 10:00am Family 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](#) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

This Sunday – May 3rd
after the 5:45 Mass, we will have our parish
monthly Cocktail Hour. Adults of all ages
and their guests are welcome to attend.
No need for reservations.

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Saturday, June 20th or Sunday June 21st at 2:00pm
at the Cathedral of St. Patrick
Pre-registration is required.

Please contact the Parish Office (212-876-7718)
The closing date is Tuesday, May 19th.

***“The Hope and the Heartbreak:
The Challenges of Modern Christians in
the Land Where Jesus Preached”***

Presented by Dr. Bishara Ebeid

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 PM

Location: Church of St. Ignatius Loyola,
Wallace Hall, 980 Park Avenue

Dr. Bishara Ebeid will speak from his own experience and the research for his doctoral dissertation presented at the Pontifical Oriental Institute. A wine and cheese reception and brief presentation on the work of the Gregorian University Foundation by Fr. Alan Fogarty, S.J., President, will follow.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

Come one and all - children of all ages!

**ATTENDANCE AT ONE REHEARSAL IS
NECESSARY TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SING AT
MASS.** Children may attend both rehearsals if
they wish. No prior sign up is required.

REHEARSALS: ---Friday, May 8th,
5:45-6:45pm (Rochester Room)
Saturday, May 9th,
1:00pm-2:00pm (Rochester Room)

MASS: ---Sunday, May 10th, 9:25am
call time for pre-Mass review in the church.

Religious Education

Although the Registration deadline for the first and second grades of our in-parish Religious Education program has passed, we have extended this date to May 18th to insure that we will have a sufficient number of students to conduct classes.

For more information,
please contact our Parish Office, ASAP.

Leisure Club Luncheon

Next Luncheon – May 5, 2015

Last Lunch of the Season – May 19th

Christian Meditation

May 6th – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel

65 East 89th Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**

415-668-1430 - costmny@christianmeditation.us

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 353 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

CHADD of New York

“ADHD and Sleep: A Twisted Affair”

Presented by: Roberto Olivardia, Ph.D.

Date & Time: May 4, 2015 - 5:55PM to 7:30PM

Target audience: Anyone with ADHD or with a loved one with ADHD, and those who work with them professionally.

Location: Church of St. Thomas More
65 East 89th Street

Cost: Free, with a \$10 donation suggested.

May 3rd Special Collection

At the Request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of New York will take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support essential unmet pastoral needs in that section of the Lord's vineyard formerly under Soviet control. Your gift will do much to restore the Church and build its future in this corner of the world. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Common Sense Parenting for Parents of Children ages 6-16:

Series of 6 classes, starts May 5

Are you finding it challenging to raise your children? Do you want to reduce children's problem behavior? Do you want strong, healthy relationships with your children, with all the support, discipline skills and information you could have for living out your calling from God?

Explore some real solutions in this Education for Parenting workshop.

We will address some practical strategies, proven to work, about why, when and how to use discipline strategies. Come join us to learn these effective methods and practice them, too. We use presentations, videos and practice opportunities in every session.

PLACE: Church of St. Barnabas,

409 E. 241 St, Bronx

Considine Center, Room. 1-6

DATES: Tues., May 5, 12, 26, June 2, 9, 23

TIME: 7:00-9:00 PM

COST: \$30 covers one or both parents, and includes a book. (If finances are a problem, alternative arrangements can be made confidentially.)

INFORMATION: Contact Sue DiSisto, 646-794-3191 or susan.disisto@archny.org

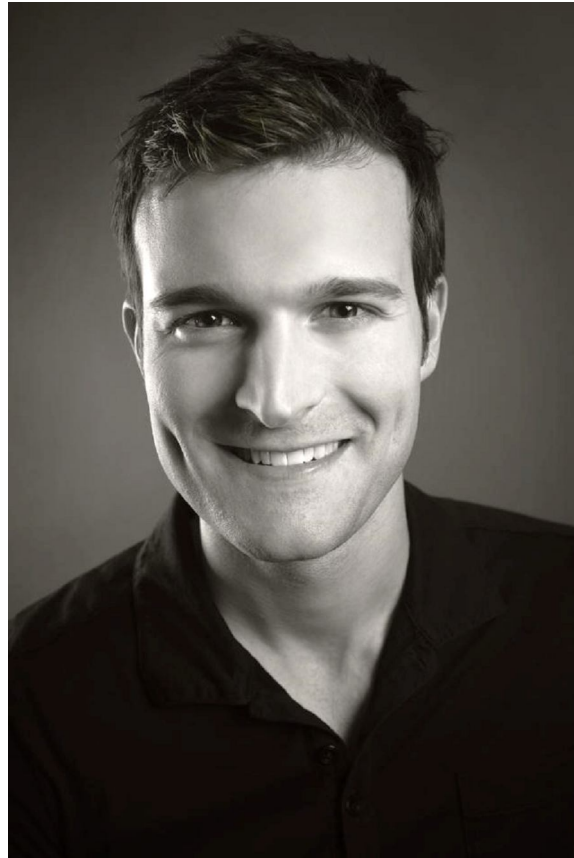
The Spring 2015 Carnegie Hill News is now Available Online.

http://www.carnegiehillneighbors.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Layout_CHNSpring_2015-for-web_Layout-1.pdf.

A Mother's Day Novena of Masses will be celebrated, starting with the 5:45pm Mass on May 10th and concluding on May 18th. Envelopes, permitting you to add your intention, are available in the back of the Church.

Reminder: On Thursday, May 14th we will celebrate the *Ascension of the Lord*. The Mass schedule for this Holy Day will be 8:00am, 12:15pm and 5:45pm.

MORE Music presents...



Critically acclaimed tenor
JONATHAN BLALOCK
in Concert

Come hear the musical passion of our very own tenor, the winner of the 2014 Agnes Varis Prize for Bel Canto from the Opera Orchestra of New York, Jonathan Blalock as he performs an extraordinary selection of music from Bach, Rossini, Mendelssohn, Handel, Vaughan Williams and more, accompanied by Christopher Candela, organist.

Friday, May 22nd, 7:00pm
CHURCH of SAINT THOMAS MORE
65 E. 89th St., New York City

A free-will offering will be taken at the door.