

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 10, 2015

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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.

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

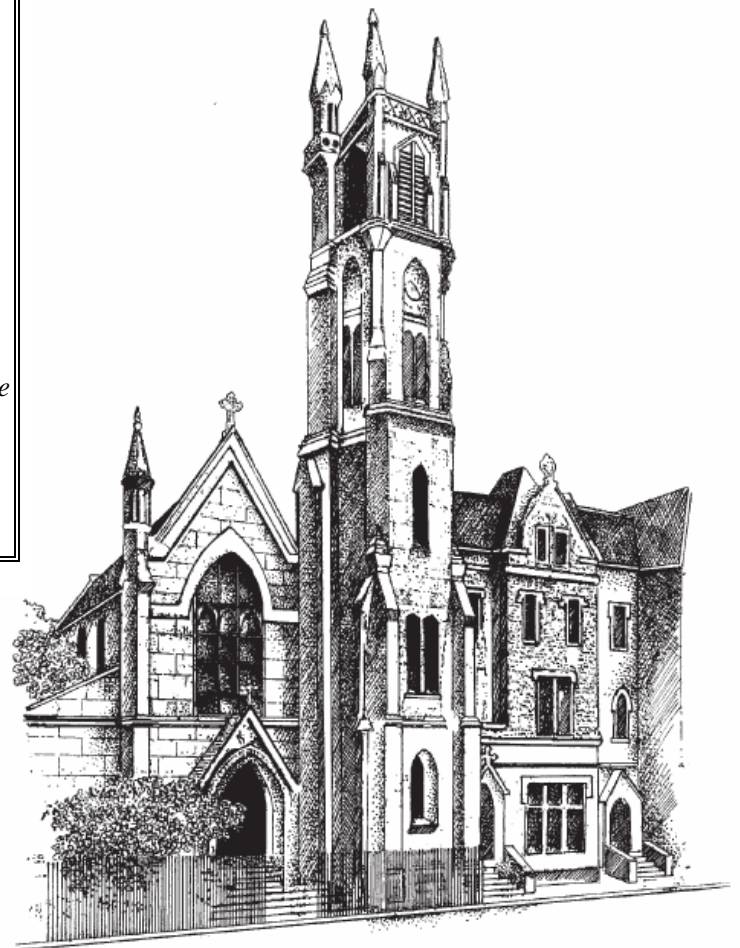
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme/Call To Worship

The theme of love permeates the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. From Jesus' command to his disciples, to the Presbyter's definition of the essence of God, love lies at the core of all that is divine.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48: The first reading from Acts narrates an encounter between Peter and Cornelius, which leads Peter to the insight that he, a Jew, should no longer consider Gentiles as unclean people, and leads to Peter's proclamation at the beginning of today's reading: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

I John 4:7-10: In the second reading from First John, the Presbyter offers some simple advice to his community members: "Let us love one another, because love is of God."

John 15:9-17: Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of Jesus' vine-and-branches discourse and is part of Jesus' larger farewell discourse to the disciples. Jesus makes the point that the "branches" (the disciples) remain connected to the "vine" (Jesus) by keeping Jesus' commandments. And Jesus tells the disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." Jesus then connects his impending cross to his love-commandment: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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> |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| 05/10 | Baptism | 1:00 pm |
| 05/11 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 05/12 | Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass | |
| | Religious Education | 5:00 pm |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 05/13 | Christian Meditation | 6:00 pm |
| 05/14 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 05/15 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

| <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 |

| <i>May 17</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 | Bednar Family |
| Sun 12:00 pm | Fr. Diaz | Jacqueline Ackerina |
| Sun 5:45 pm | Fr. Madigan | Chris Baldwin |

Sunday – May 03, 2015
 Regular Collection - \$10,987.09
 Regular Weekly Expenses - \$13,927.51
Attendance – 600

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/>

*Whoever loves me will keep my
 word, says the Lord, and my
 Father will love him and we
 will come to him.*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MAY 10 – MAY 16**

Mon. May 11

8:00 Mother's Day Novena Mass

* 12:15 Peter J. Chiasera (D)

Tues. May 12 *Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras*

8:00 Patrick Joseph Quinn (D)

* 12:15 Mother's Day Novena Mass

Wed. May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

8:00 Mother's Day Novena Mass

* 12:15 Vera & Lane Blackwell (D)

Thurs. May 14 *The Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day*

8:00 ⊕

* 12:15 Mother's Day Novena Mass

5:45 ⊕

Fri. May 15 *St. Isidore*

8:00 Mother's Day Novena Mass

* 12:15 Allan J. Riley (D)

Sat. May 16

8:00 Bernard Harkins (D)

* 12:15 Mother's Day Novena Mass

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Kathleen Worth (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/11 Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

05/12 Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

05/13 Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

05/14 Thurs: Acts 1:1-11;
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13;
Mk 16:15-20

05/15 Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

05/16 Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to *Maureen Barry* 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](http://St.ThomasMore) website and click the Donate button located on our home page.

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.

The last day for this year's Religious Education Program will be Tuesday, June 2nd.

Leisure Club Luncheon

Next Luncheon – May 12, 2015

Last Lunch of the Season – May 19th

Christian Meditation

May 13th – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel
65 East 89th Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**
415-668-1430 - costmny@christianmeditation.us

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, and a collection box, for you to deposit your envelopes, are available in the back of the Church.

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 354 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

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.

St. Gianna Mass

Saturday 5/16 will be the 6th annual St. Gianna Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church, NYC. In honor of the canonization of St. Gianna, a Mass will be held at 5:15pm, followed by a light reception and the opportunity for Q&A with Dr. Anne Nolte of the Gianna Center (15 E.40th St.).

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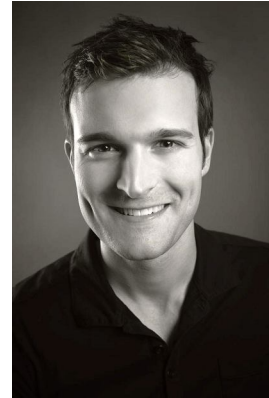
***SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL
APPEAL - NEXT WEEKEND
MAY 16 & 17***

All parishioners will receive a mailing this week on our **Spring Semi-Annual Appeal**. We depend on this Appeal to carry us through the summer when so many are away and inevitably the Sunday collections drop off and ordinary expenses do not. Please read the letter carefully and respond as generously as you can.

Last year, we received \$122,521 from
241 identifiable donors.



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.*

The Decision Regarding the Merger of St. Thomas More Parish

Cardinal Dolan has sent a letter to parishioners of St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Good Counsel concerning the merger of the two parishes and the ramifications thereof. In the event you have not yet received a copy, please find the Cardinal's letter below.

May 08, 2015

Dear People of St. Thomas More Parish,

You have been very patient in awaiting my decision on the future of your parish. Thank You!

Thank you even more for your obviously deep love for St Thomas More Parish. So many of you shared your observations on the proposal made to you last November, the majority of you in a very helpful, courteous manner. Many of you participated in the ***Making All Things New*** process, taking me seriously when I assured you that I would not, could not, make a decision until I got your input.

The recommendation from your cluster is that Saint Thomas More Church remains open.

I accept your recommendation.

However, I have decided that there will be a new structure. On August 1, 2015, Saint Thomas More Parish and Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will merge: the two churches will both remain open, with Our Lady of Good Counsel Church as the main parish church. The two will now be considered *one* parish, to share priests, with one pastor - - who will live at Our Lady of Good Counsel - - one parish staff, one parish council, one set of sacramental records, one financial account, one group of trustees , and a developing process of working more closely together in common apostolates, activities and organizations.

The goal of ***Making All Things New*** is simple: to ensure that all of our parishes are active, vibrant communities of faith. Now, you will be part of a new community of faith, joining with the faithful of the Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel in becoming a new spiritual family.

While I trust you were pleased with the first and most important decision - - that your church will remain open - - I acknowledge that you might not be as pleased with the second one, the new structure.

I ask you to look at it this way: the church you love you still have. Your Masses, devotions, traditions, activities, groups and organizations will all still go on, now in a collaborative way as one parish.

You will have many questions about the implementation of this merger over the days, weeks, and months to come, such as, will there be a new name? Will there be a new pastor? Will the schedules change? To help your parish answer these and other questions, we will have a transition team working very closely with you and your pastor to ensure that your new parish is formed in the fairest and most effective way.

My hope is that you can accept this as a fair and logical resolution (as has been the case in dozens of other parishes): your beloved church remains open; yet, resources, priests, staff, and buildings can be more effectively used. That's pastoral planning.

Renewed gratitude for your patience, and for your hopeful acceptance and understanding.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York