

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 17, 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

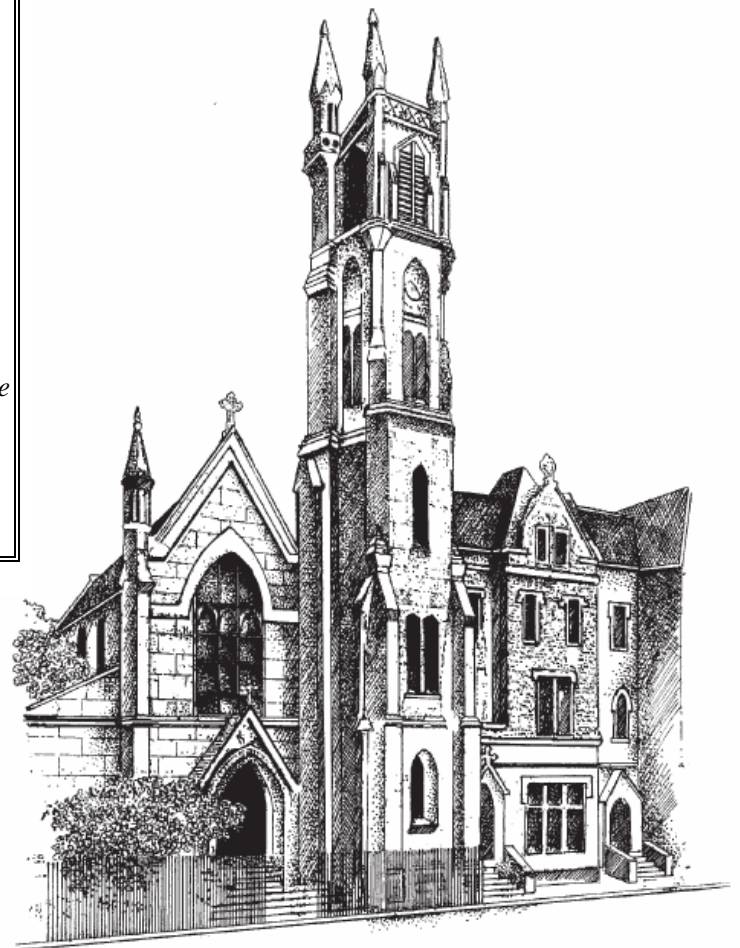
Elizabeth Williams

## 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

## May 17, 2015

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Theme/Call To Worship

As the season of Easter draws to a close, it is important that we acknowledge the apostles' strength of will and courage that helped give birth to our church.

#### Introduction To The Word

**Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26:** In today's reading, Peter begins the task of selecting a successor for Judas. The one criterion that Peter and the other apostles used was that Judas' replacement be someone who "accompanied us the whole time" during Jesus' public ministry. A defining characteristic of an "apostle" and one of the reasons that Paul's claim as an "apostle" was met with some resistance.

**I John 4:11-16:** In the second reading taken from the First Letter of John, we again hear theme of love. For the Presbyterian, when we love one another, "God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us."

**John 17:11b-19:** In the Gospel reading, we hear Jesus' prayer of petition for his disciples, which serve as the climax of his farewell discourse. In his prayer Jesus intercedes to his heavenly Father on behalf of his disciples with three specific requests. First, Jesus prays for unity among his disciples. Second, Jesus prays for the disciples' protection from evil. And finally, Jesus prays a solemn blessing for the disciples' upcoming evangelization work.

*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>
05/17	Baptism	1:00 pm
05/18	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/19	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> during the 12:15 Mass	
	Leisure Club Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/20	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
05/21	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/22	<b>Jonathan Blalock Concert</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

#### Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<u>May 17</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
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

<u>May 24</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Gisela White
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

#### **Leisure Club Luncheon**

This Year's Last Luncheon  
May 19, 2015

*As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.*

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

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 360 members) to [stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com) receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
MAY 17 – MAY 23**

Mon. May 18 *St. John I*

8:00 Mother's Day Novena Mass

\* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Tues. May 19

8:00 Elizabeth von Furstenberg (D)

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

Wed. May 20 *St. Bernardine of Siena*

8:00 Mary Theresa Fauci (D)

\* 12:15 Chepy Gallard (D)

Thurs. May 21

*St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions*

8:00 Sarah Walsh (L)

\* 12:15 Gloria Lemme (D)

Fri. May 22 *St. Rita of Cascia*

8:00 Mary Cullen (L)

\* 12:15 Anne Anderson (D)

Sat. May 23

8:00

\* 12:15

**Sunday Vigil**

5:45 Isabella Durando (D)

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**05/18** Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**05/19** Tues: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**05/20** Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**05/21** Thurs: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**05/22** Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**05/23** Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday Coffee Hour**

We extend our thanks to *Alyssa Bliss* 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.

**Three Organists Spectacular  
An Organ Concert**

**Email:** [treasurehousemus@gmail.com](mailto:treasurehousemus@gmail.com)

**Web Site:** <http://stjosephsomers.org/>

**When:** Saturday, May 16th, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Where:** St. Joseph's Church 95 Plum Brook Road  
Somers, New York

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Contact:** Joe Nigro **Phone:** 914-318-3268

**Details:** an organ concert featuring Mr. Harvey Burgett, Dr. Robert Chase, and Joseph Nigro, playing the works of Alain, Bach, Couperin, Mendelssohn, Franck, Murrill, and others

**Christian Meditation**

May 20<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)

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

All parishioners should have received a mailing about 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.

**Sunday – May 10, 2015**

Regular Collection - \$10,588.14

Regular Weekly Expenses - \$12,536.42

**Attendance – 698**

## STM Monthly Food Drive

Next weekend, **May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**, 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, canned tuna / salmon / chicken, or whole wheat pasta, 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](http://www.freshdirect.com/ycp).

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.

## Training for Eucharistic Ministers

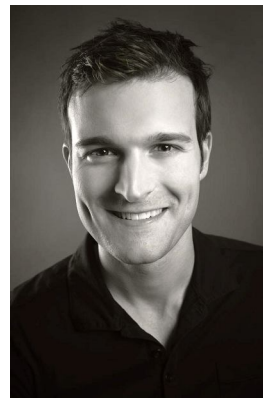
One of the immediate effects of our merger with Our Lady of Good Counsel will be a reduced presence of clergy assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. So, more than ever, we will need the help of our parishioners to facilitate the distribution of the Sacrament, especially at the 8:30 Mass.

We will have training sessions during the weeks of **May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm**. If you wish to volunteer for this ministry, we ask you to call the Parish Office letting us know which evenings (Monday through Thursday) you would prefer to meet, and which days would be impossible for you. **We ask that this call be made before Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm**. We will then let you know the exact time of the meeting.

Anyone interested in bringing the Eucharist to the sick at Mt. Sinai Hospital will also be prepared in these sessions. The ceremony to celebrate their commission as *Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist* will be on **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the 12:00 Mass on the feast of Corpus Christi**.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Madigan at the Parish Office, 212-876-7718.

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm  
CHURCH of SAINT  
THOMAS MORE

65 E. 89th St., New York City

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

## Yorkville (Brown) Gardens 225 East 93<sup>rd</sup> St, (Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves.) **Flea Market**

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10am to 4pm  
Great Bargains on: Clothing, Jewelry, Baby,  
Kitchen and Decorative Items.

**Proceeds will help to fund the Brown  
Garden's Senior Programs, Events, and  
Enable Brown Garden Residents to Explore  
the Larger Community and Cultural  
Institutions.**

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
All Parishioners are Welcome  
Your promptness is appreciated

### **The Decision Regarding the Merger of St. Thomas More Parish**

As most Parishioners know, Cardinal Dolan 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 a link to the Cardinal's letter and the follow-up to the Cardinal's Letter from Fr. Madigan at our parish website [ThomasMoreChurch.org](http://ThomasMoreChurch.org)

### **Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration**

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
or Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> 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 St. Jean's Players

presents

### Sean O'Casey's

*Juno  
and the  
Paycock*

**Final two performances**

May 16th at 8pm and May 17th at 3pm

Adults \$20; Seniors 65+ \$10;

Children through age 18 \$10

Tickets on sale at [SmartTix.com](http://SmartTix.com)

Remaining tickets can be purchased at the door 30  
minutes before showtime.

St. Jean's High School Auditorium at  
167 East 75 St,  
between Lexington and Third Avenues  
in Manhattan

Questions? E-mail

[stjeansplayers@gmail.com](mailto:stjeansplayers@gmail.com)

## New York Philharmonic Free Memorial Day Concert

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, with all of its architectural and spiritual splendor, has become the cherished venue where the New York Philharmonic performs its annual Memorial Day concert. Tickets are required and will be distributed at 6:00PM the evening of the concert. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the performance.

Location: 1047 Amsterdam Avenue - at 112<sup>th</sup> Street

## Saint Anthony's Relic Visits New York City!

**Thursday, June 11**

Our Lady of Victory Church - 60 William Street

Call: 212-422-5535 for Information

**Saturday, June 13**

St. Francis of Assisi Church - 135 West 31st Street

Call: 212-736-8500 for Information