

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More

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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
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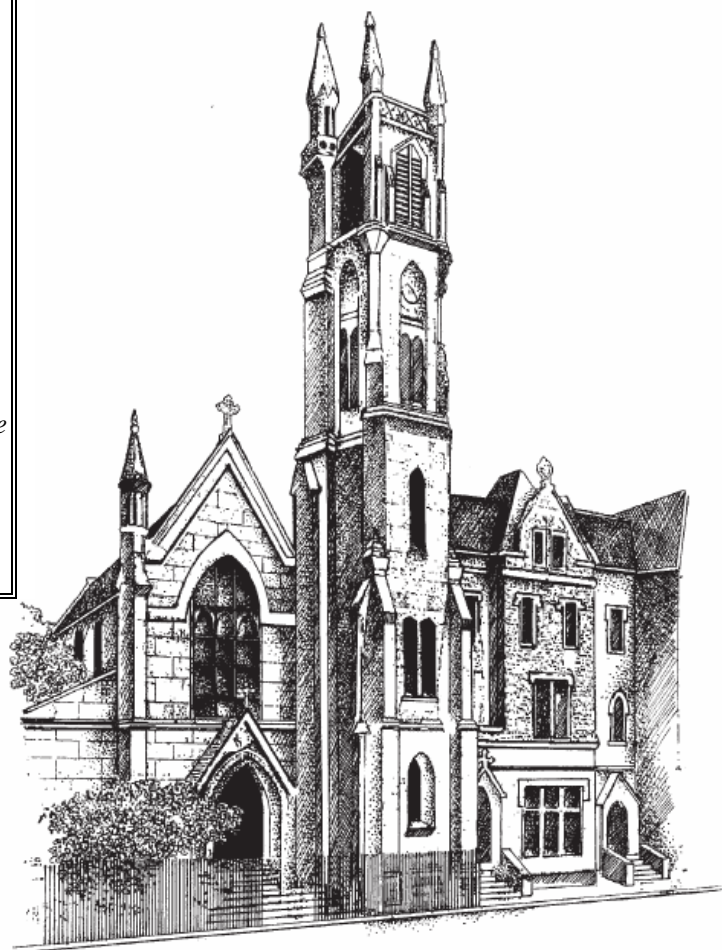
Elizabeth Williams

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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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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to the daily ultimatum that faith gives us, to either follow the Lord or abandon the Lord and his teachings.

Today's Gospel reading is the disciples' reaction to Jesus' "bread of life" discourse. The reading opens up with the comment, "Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'" The "saying" is the entirety of Jesus' "bread of life" discourse. Jesus then asks these disciples, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"—a foreshadowing of Jesus' ascension into heaven after his death and resurrection. Jesus concedes, "There are some of you who do not believe." He then concludes, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." In the Gospel of John, true discipleship is defined by those sent to Jesus from the Father, and of the four Gospel writers John stands alone in recording the reality that "many" of his disciples in fact abandoned Jesus. But this abandonment becomes one of the defining moments for Peter and the Twelve as Jesus poses the question to them: "Do you also want to leave?" To which Peter responds: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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>
08/24	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/26	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
08/27	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/28	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

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.

Sunday – August 16, 2015

Regular Collection - \$7,739.95

Regular Weekly Expenses - \$16,072.43

Attendance – 391

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our Volunteer *Kathy Haines* 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.**

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Aug 23	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Fernandes	
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Fernandes	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Streit, CSC	
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Streit, CSC	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Fernandes	Jim Sterling

Aug 30	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Fernandes	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Fernandes	Gisela White
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 369 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 29**

Mon. August 24 *St. Bartholomew*

8:00 Giuseppe Donatiello (D)

* 12:15 Margaret Keltner (L)

Tues. August 25 *St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz*

8:00 Michael Keaveney (D)

* 12:15 Sumanday M. Singui (D)

Wed. August 26

8:00 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

* 12:15 Frederic J. Fuller, Jr. (D)

Thurs. August 27 *St. Monica*

8:00 Charles Timothy Hinkle (L)

* 12:15 Nora & George Terriberry (D)

Fri. August 28 *St. Augustine*

8:00 Peter Fleming (D)

* 12:15 Jesusa G. Singui (D)

Sat. August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Leonard Terzaghi (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Charles Timothy Hinkle (L)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b;

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Mon: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29

Christian Meditation

August 26th – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel

65 East 89th Street – Manhattan

STM Monthly Food Drive

This weekend, **August 22nd and 23rd**, 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. 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.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you a Catholic who needs to be confirmed?

Are you interesting in becoming a Catholic?

Classes - Monday nights at 7:00pm

beginning September 14th

Our Lady of Good Counsel

(230 East 90th St., betwn. 3rd and 2nd aves.).

Classes will be held in the church hall. You are free to come and see what the classes are like and learn more about the Catholic faith without making any commitment.

For more information, contact Mary Schwarz at maryschwarz@aol.com or 212-734-9758.

COMING IN THE FALL
POVERTY SIMULATION

Saturday, September 19th

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

Learn. Experience. Act.

Pope Francis calls us to recognize the poor among us, and to care for them as our sisters and brothers.

First we must understand their daily lives

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Details to follow in an upcoming bulletin