

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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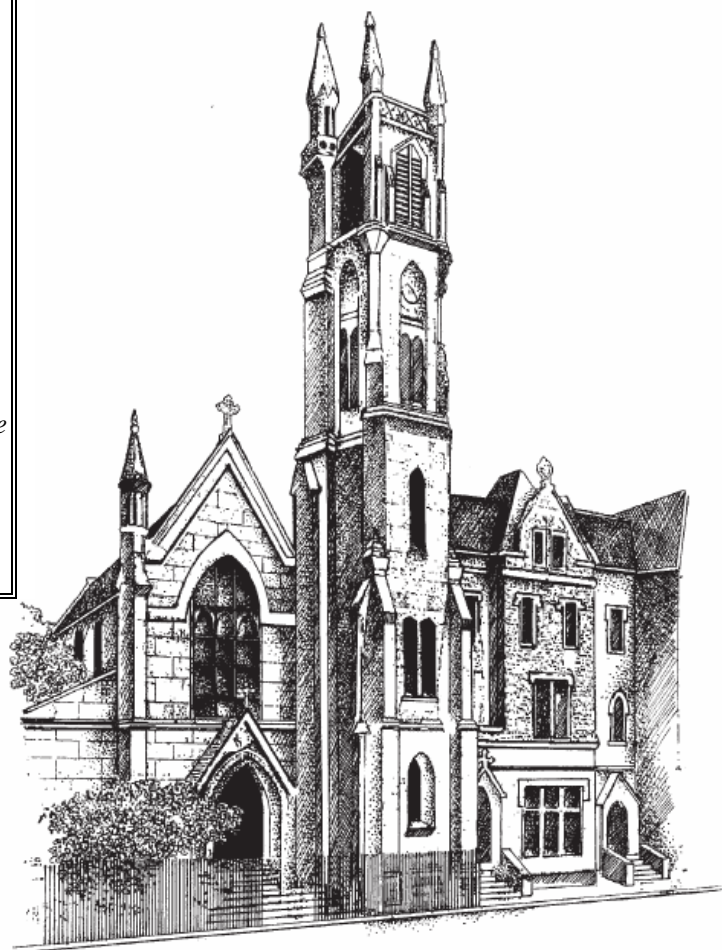
Elizabeth Williams

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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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel reading for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time presents Jesus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that the Lord "comes to save" those suffering in this life. During his public ministry, Jesus reached out to all people, Jews and Gentiles alike, who sought God's forgiveness and mercy with a sincere heart.

The Gospel reading narrates Jesus' healing a deaf man with a speech impediment. The setting here is significant. Mark reports that Jesus went "into the district of the Decapolis," which was largely a Gentile territory. Jesus' outreach to the Gentiles is, in fact, the entire focus of the seventh chapter of Mark.

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus commands silence about his activities and his identity to the disciples (5:43; 8:30; 9:9), the demons (1:34; 3:12), and those who he heals (1:44; 7:36; 8:26). Curiously, the disciples and the demons obey Jesus' command to silence, but those who Jesus heals cannot remain silent. As we hear at the end of today's Gospel reading: "He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it." Those most impacted by Jesus' healing ministry proclaimed what Isaiah had foretold seven centuries earlier about God's promise of salvation: "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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>
09/06	Deaf Mass	2:00 pm
09/07	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/09	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
09/10	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/11	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/12	Deaf Mass	3:00 pm

Parish Pay



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 30, 2015
 Regular Collection - \$5,871.68
 Regular Weekly Expenses - \$17,337.25
Attendance – 413

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteers for hosting this Sunday event, 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

Sept 06	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Fernandes	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Fernandes	Chris Baldwin

Sept 13	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Fernandes	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Gisela White
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Fernandes	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 374 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 06 – SEPTEMBER 12**

Mon. September 07 *Labor Day*
Parish Office Closed

8:00

* 12:15

Tues. September 08
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Sharon Souders (L)

* 12:15 Thomas Barrett (L)

Wed. September 09 *St. Peter Claver*

8:00 Peter Fleming (D)

* 12:15

Thurs. September 10

8:00

* 12:15 Anne O'Neil (D)

Fri. September 11

8:00 Gwendolyn Franklin (D)

* 12:15

Sat. September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Vincent O'Brien (D)

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Mon: Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tues: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wed: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thurs: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2; 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Christian Meditation

September 9th – 6:00pm

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

**Interested in becoming a Catholic,
or being Confirmed?**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

For more information, contact Mary Schwarz at

maryschwarz@aol.com or [212-734-9758](tel:212-734-9758).

POVERTY SIMULATION

Saturday, September 19th - 10am to 1pm

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

For Information Call: 212-627-2100

***Next Sunday's Special Collection
The Annual Collection for Saint
Joseph's Seminary***

This month, Saint Joseph's Seminary begins its 119th year focused on forming and ordaining holy, faithful, and dedicated priests, and once again I ask that you continue, through your prayers and generosity, to support the **Annual Collection for Saint Joseph's Seminary**. This collection provides critical funding to support the formation for the archdiocese of over forty seminarians. Our seminary is held in highest regard, and the cost of nurturing and training our future priests is an investment for tomorrow that all of us need to share.

Our priests have responded to a very special call to serve, guide, and teach, so as to share with others the mystery of God's love for all of us. Your support during their time of preparation is deeply appreciated.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York