

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
Michael Poulos

Parish Council President

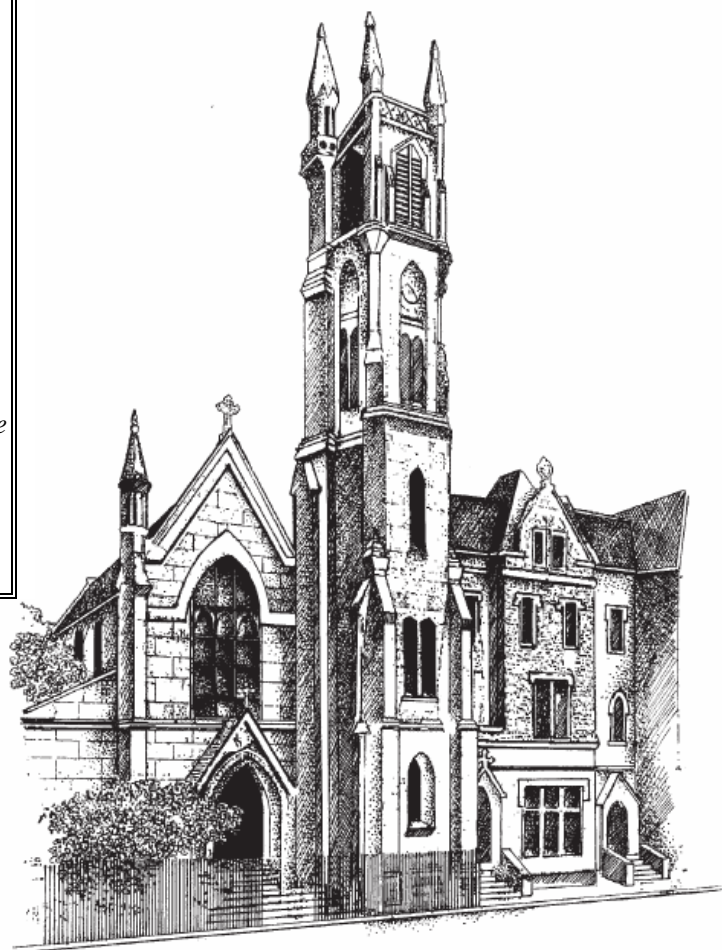
Elizabeth Williams

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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time teach us about God's justice. As we hear in the readings, it often runs counter to the human inclination for ambition and other self-serving motives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus once again emphasizes the centrality of his suffering, death, and resurrection in terms of his identity as the Messiah and the son of man. It is significant that Mark tells us, "But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him." It is likely that "the saying" the disciples did not understand was "and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." As Palestinian Jews, the disciples would have believed in the idea of Israel's collective resurrection from the dead as a nation (as the Pharisees believed). But the idea of an individual resurrection from the dead may have been a new and unclear idea to them. Rather than ask Jesus, the disciples instead talked to (and argued with) one another about who was the greatest among them. Jesus saw that the disciples' own human ambition was blinding them. Jesus' reaction to the disciples' ambition was to teach them about the virtues of humility (the first shall be last) and simplicity (bringing the child into their midst). The human inclination for self-serving motives often stands in direct contrast to Jesus' call for humility and simplicity. Yet these are the very traits that Jesus expects of those among us who call ourselves disciples.

Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
09/20	Baptism	1:00 pm
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00 pm
09/21	Parish Council Meeting - OLGC	7:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/23	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
09/24	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/26	Mass for the Deaf	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 – September 13, 2015
 Regular Collection - \$8,679.86
 Regular Weekly Expenses - \$17,099.52
Attendance – 565

Sunday Coffee Hour
 We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Lisa Abel** 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 20	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Fernandes	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Fernandes	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

Sept 27	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Fernandes	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Gisela White
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Sunday, October 4th at 2pm
 The Church of St. Thomas More will again welcome you and your special friends to a
Blessing of the Animals
 ceremony.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 20– SEPTEMBER 26**

Mon. September 21 *St. Matthew*

8:00 Frances Kennedy Farrell (D)

* 12:15 Italia Pillepich (D)

Tues. September 22

8:00 Audrey Hinkle (L)

* 12:15 Luisa Bolognesi (D)

Wed. September 23 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:00 Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Bruce D.F. Cooper (L)

Thurs. September 24

8:00 Janice Pratt (D)

* 12:15 Bruce D.F. Cooper (L)

Fri. September 25

8:00 Jack A. Barrett (L)

* 12:15 Mary Ann & James Crossey (D)

Sat. September 26 *Sts. Cosmas & Damian*

8:00 Mirella Mostardi (D)

* 12:15 Ignazio Peluso (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Irene Gilfeder (L)

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

**Our Senior Lunch Program
will resume on**

Tuesday Sept. 29th after the 12:15pm Mass

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tues: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thurs: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Fri: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Christian Meditation

September 23rd – 6:00pm

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, September 21st at 7:00pm
in Our Lady of Good Counsel's, John Paul II Room
230 E 90th St, bet 2nd & 3rd Aves.

All Parishioners are Welcome

Your promptness is appreciated

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES

Sunday, October 11th at 4:00pm

GIVING VOICE: SONGS OF FAITH AND SPIRIT

Featuring the Our Lady of Good Counsel cantors, Sean Mahoney, tenor and David Kaufman, bass, singing familiar hymns, spirituals and works of Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, Bernstein and others.

The concert is free, but free-will-offerings will be welcomed.

"The Prophets" A lecture series considering the prophetic writings found in the Old Testament with

Rev. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J.

TUESDAY evenings -September 29,

October 6, 13, 20 & 27, and

November 3 & 10 at 6:30 - 8:00PM

St. Agnes Church, 143 East 43rd Street
(half-block East of Grand Central Station)

Coffee and cookies will be available.

Cost: \$15 per lecture or \$50 for the series.

For info please call [\(845\) 373-8037](tel:845-373-8037) or

email info@hlfoundation.org

STM Monthly Food Drive

Next weekend, **September 26th and 27th**, 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: granola & cereal bars, oatmeal and sugar free cereal. 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.