

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

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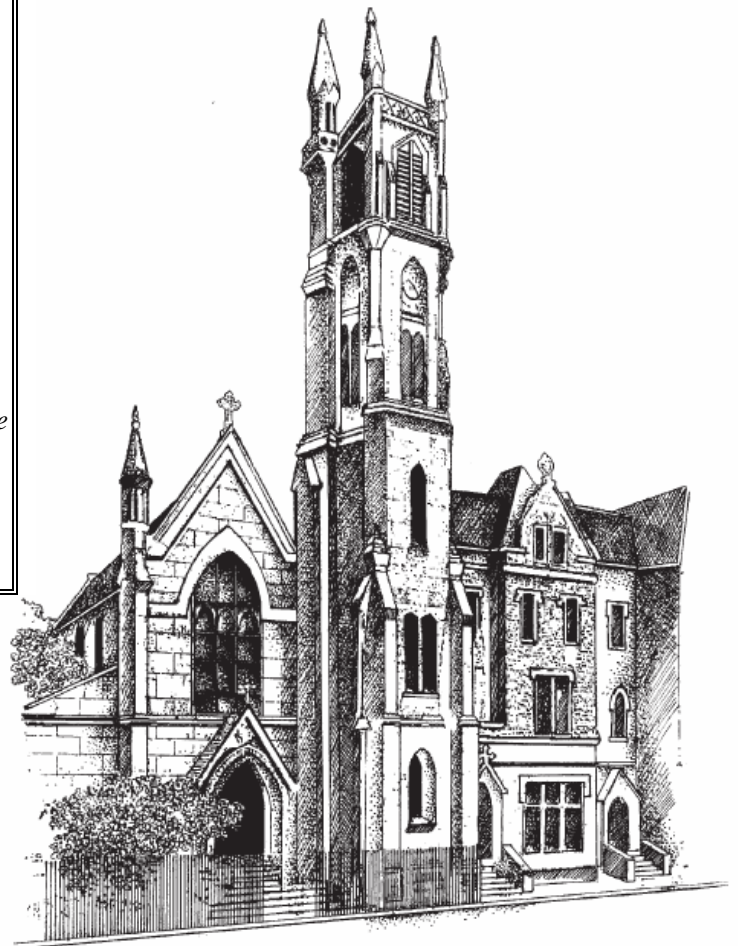
Elizabeth Williams

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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.



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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to issues of unity and exclusivity that have affected faith communities throughout the ages. Scripture teaches us to be open to God's radical nature of inclusivity.

In the Gospel reading for today, we hear that John, one of Jesus' disciples, is disturbed by an unexpected development: someone outside the circle of the disciples is successfully driving out demons in Jesus' name. Like Moses with Joshua in the first reading, Jesus teaches John an important lesson: "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus teaches John that God works through others outside the view of our limited human vision. The Gospel reading concludes with Jesus issuing a warning to the disciples: do not interfere with God's work of salvation. Jesus advises that it is better for someone to enter the kingdom of God lame or half-blind than "to be thrown into Gehenna." (*Gehenna* is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word *gê-hinnôm*—Valley of Hinnom—and is a reference to the place where children were offered as sacrifices in idolatrous cult worship during Israel's Monarchy period in the tenth century BC.) Jesus uses this intense and violent imagery to emphasize his point: Whereas human behavior and inclination is often to exclude, God's nature is to include, constantly seeking ways to save all people.

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>
09/28	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/29	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/30	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
10/01	Healing Mass	7:15 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/02	First Friday	
	Exposition & Benediction after 12:15 Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 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.

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Next Sunday's Special Collection Weekly Flowers and Decorations

Help us to keep our sacred space beautiful. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<u>Sept 27</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
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. Fernandes	Chris Baldwin

<u>Oct 04</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

Returning to Rome

After a joyful, relaxing, and pastorally satisfying summer at St. Thomas More Church, I return to Rome on October 1st to continue my studies, carrying with me the warmth and pleasant memories of this Parish and New York. I highly appreciate the kind generosity and sensitivity of our Pastor Fr. Kevin Madigan who welcomed and accommodated me in this parish and was instrumental for my happy and comfortable stay here. I loved being in the parish. I also cherish the company of Fr. Diaz, the Church Staff and the wonderful Parishioners. Be assured that you will be prayed for. I hope to see you again.

God bless,
Fr. Caetano Joaquim Fernandes

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 27– OCTOBER 03**

Mon. September 28 *St. Wenceslaus
& St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions*

8:00 Josephine Pearson (D)

* 12:15 Santiago Rendon (D)

Tues. September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 Finn X. Murphy (L)

* 12:15 John Henry Mark (D)

Wed. September 30 *St. Jerome*

8:00 Collin A. Murphy (L)

* 12:15 Patrick Waters (D)

Thurs. October 01 *St. Thérèse*

8:00 Jane Fleming (D)

* 12:15 Vera & Lane Hallett (D)

Fri. October 02 *Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00 Peter Fleming (D)

* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Sat. October 03

8:00 Teresa McCarthy, Mary D Simone &
Gary Rosauo (D)

* 12:15 Carolyn Wojcik (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Kathleen Gorman (D)

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

**Our Senior Lunch Program
will resume this
Tuesday Sept. 29th after the
12:15pm Mass**

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mon: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

Tues: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Wed: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

Fri: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

***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.

STM Monthly Food Drive

This 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.

Healing Mass

After 33 years of celebrating this liturgy at both Regis HS and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the ***Healing Mass*** in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will now be held on the First Thursday of each month at the Church of St Thomas More.

The date and time for our next Liturgy is

Thursday, Oct. 1

(the Feast of St Thérèse) at 7:15 PM

Blessing of the Animals

It has become a tradition in many churches to conduct a blessing of animals on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. So, on **Sunday, October 4th at 1:00p.m.**, we will have such a ceremony to give thanks to God for our animal companions and to pray for their continued good health. There will also be an opportunity for anyone whose pet has died within the past year to acknowledge that loss in a formal way. At a certain point in the ceremony, they will be invited to come forward and mention the name of the pet, how he/she died and one thing that made that animal companion so special in their lives.

All God's creatures are welcome.

Volunteer Opportunity: Union Settlement/OASIS Intergenerational Reading Tutors

We are looking for older adults (50+) to tutor East Harlem students in grades K-4 who need help in reading. You will work one-on-one with a student during the school day. We provide volunteers with training and ongoing support meetings.

No teaching experience required.

Minimum time commitment: 1 hour, 2 times per week. Times: between 9am and 3pm.

Please contact Faith Arner, Coordinator, at 212-828-6121 or farner@unionsettlement.org.

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Karine Boorady** 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**.

Sunday – September 20, 2015

Regular Collection - \$9,564.81

Regular Weekly Expenses - \$15,144.51

Attendance – 577

CHADD of New York is proud to present: ADULT ADHD: Building Coping Skills from the Inside Out

Presented by Robert M. Tudisco, Esq.
Date & Time: October 5, 2015 at 5:55PM
(Doors close soon after) to 7:30PM
Where: 65 East 89th Street, Manhattan
(The Parish Office of St Thomas More,
between Madison and Park Avenues)

Though thought to be a childhood disorder, in roughly 65% of cases, ADHD continues into adulthood as a lifespan disorder. Being an adult with ADHD in today's competitive world is extremely challenging; this disorder impacts every portion of our lives from relationships, to job performance, to our ability to raise our children. In order to develop coping skills to manage your life and your ADHD, it is important to understand not only the nature of ADHD as a disorder, but also how it manifests inside you. From the perspective of an adult diagnosed with ADHD, this presentation will explore ADHD in adults, its impact, and how to develop skills to learn and manage your ADHD and your life.

In this presentation, you will learn how to:

- Understand the nature of adult ADHD and how it impacts life, work, relationships and our sense of self-esteem.
- Learn to understand the particular personal manifestations of ADHD as a tool to develop coping mechanisms to effectively manage adult ADHD.
- Learn to find the humor and value in some of our failures that will often point us in a more productive direction, and enhance our sense of self-esteem. Join us for an exciting evening where you will learn to build coping skills for Adult ADHD.

Robert M. Tudisco, Esq., is a nationally recognized author and motivational speaker. He is a practicing attorney and an adult diagnosed with ADHD. He is a former CHADD and ADDA National Board member, and was the Executive Director of the Edge Foundation between 2010 and 2013. He is a frequent resource for the media on issues involving ADHD, Education Law and Advocacy, and the overrepresentation of individuals with ADHD in the juvenile/criminal justice systems, including: NBC's Today Show, CNN, The New York Times Magazine, Newsweek, The BBC, The Seattle Times, and many others.

Target audience: Parents & Adults with ADHD. Meetings are free, with a \$10 donation requested.

Please leave the kids at home. No food, please.

"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 6:00 - 8:00PM

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

(45th and Madison, 2nd Floor, near Grand
Central)

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

***The Annual Open House at
St. Jean Baptiste High School***

A Challenging Catholic College Preparatory Program
for Young Women.

Date: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

* Last Tour Begins at 4:40p.m.

Location: 173 East 75th Street
between Lexington and Third Avenues
New York, NY 10021

Contact Ms. Lugo (212) 288-1645 ext. 134

Share in the Spirit of St Jeans

Christian Meditation

September 30th – 6:00pm

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

Columbus Day Mass

When: Monday, October 12, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

Where: St. Patrick's Cathedral
5th Avenue and 50th Street
New York, NY 10022

Cost: FREE

Contact: Fr. Robert Aufieri

Phone: 212-371-1000

Details: Sponsored by the Italian Apostolate of
the Archdiocese of New York.

For tickets email - columbusday@archny.org

**Pope Francis Among the Wolves:
The Inside Story of a Revolution**

When: Wed., September. 30 from 6pm to 7:30pm

Where: Carnegie Council for Ethics in International
Affairs - 170 East 64th Street New York City

Cost: \$25.00. Students (with ID) = free of charge

Details: Pope Francis has changed the tone of the
papacy, but in becoming the face of change, Francis
has also raised the expectation of change. In Pope
Francis Among the Wolves: The Inside Story of a
Revolution, the author takes us deep inside the
power struggle roiling the Holy See.

Contact: Aleko Dardik **Phone:** 212-838-4120

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New York, NY 10003

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at this 168-year old institution.

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Recruitment and Admissions at 212-475-8940 ext 240
or email achin@lasalleacademy.org

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OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 17th from 10am to 2pm

44 East 68th Street

New York, NY 10065

Contact Ms Madeline Metzler, Director of Admissions
at 212-744-0195 ext. 131
or email mmetzler@DominicanAcademy.org

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Sisters of Peace, has been educating young women
intellectually, emotionally and spiritually since 1897. DA
unites academic excellence and an all honors curriculum
with a warm, family-like atmosphere. DA challenges and
empowers young women to be local and global leaders in
the 21st century guided by the Dominican pillars of Study,
Community, Just Actions and Prayer.