

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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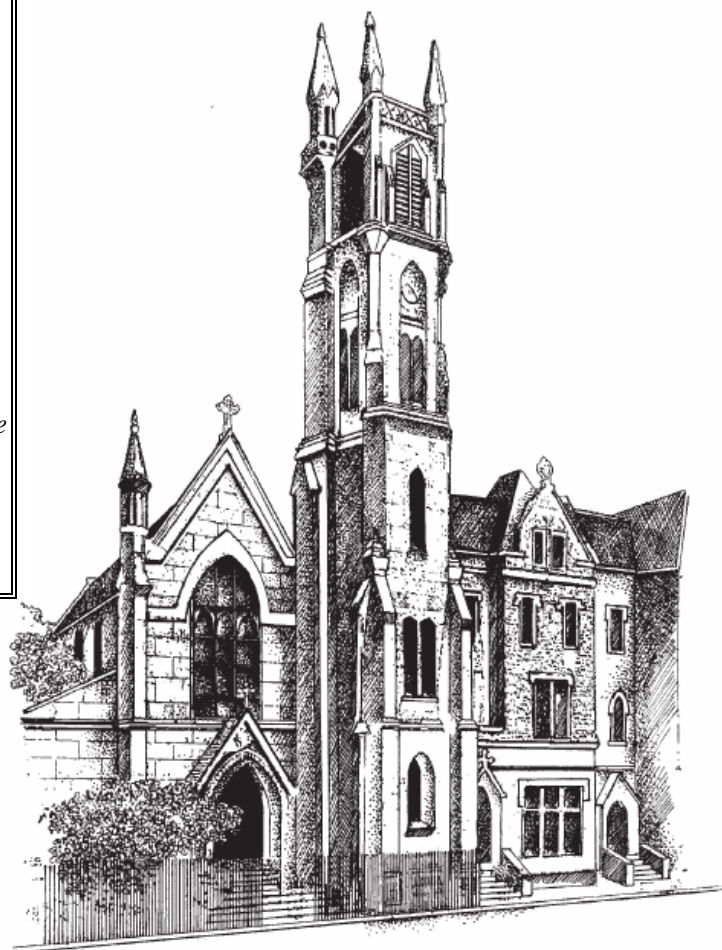
Elizabeth Williams

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on God's design for marriage between man and woman. In ancient times and modern, this fundamental concept of marriage has been challenged, and has often involved political overtones, and while many modern Christians likely view the story of the "man" and the "woman" who "become one flesh" as a religious lesson, the unknown author behind the writing of the second creation story (first reading) challenged the political and religious leadership of his day to a higher moral code with regards to marriage and accountability before God's laws.

Likewise in today's Gospel reading, the interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees is politically charged. The Pharisees' initial question posed to Jesus, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" had to do with an issue of the Mosaic law, a concept for Jews in antiquity that embodied both religion and politics. But in Jesus' response to the Pharisees, he diffused the politics associated with the Mosaic law on divorce, focusing rather on God's divine design for marriage. By shifting the focus of God's intent for man and woman to become "one flesh" rather than on the technicalities of Moses' instruction for divorce, Jesus is able to emphasize the mutual responsibility and duty between the man and the woman in marriage. In a later private conversation with his disciples, Jesus reiterated that neither man nor woman has the moral authority to illegitimately "divorce" the other since both are equals in marriage.

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

At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
10/04	Blessing of the Animals	1:00 pm
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00 pm
10/05	CHADD Meeting	5:45 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/06	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/07	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
10/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/09	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/10	Mass for the Deaf	3:00 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.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

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

Oct 04	Celebrant	Lector
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

Oct 11	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
OCTOBER 04– OCTOBER 10**

Mon. October 05

8:00 Michael McNulty (D)

* 12:15 Frederick John Hopkins (D)

Tues. October 06

St. Bruno & St. Marie-Rose Durocher

8:00 Patricia A. Barrett (L)

* 12:15 James Gorso (D)

Wed. October 07 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 Jane Fleming (D)

* 12:15 Frank W. & Anita G. Czaja (D)

Thurs. October 08

8:00 Kenneth J. Scarry (D)

* 12:15 Brenda Roche (D)

Fri. October 09 *St. Denis & Companions*

and St. John Leonardi

8:00 Souls in Purgatory (D)

* 12:15 Joan Shea (D)

Sat. October 10

8:00 Leopoldo Lim Jr. (D)

* 12:15

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Jack Maher (D)

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

Senior Lunch Program

Tuesday October 6th after the 12:15pm Mass

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Mon: Jon 1:1—2:2,11; Lk 10:25-37

Tues: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thurs: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Fri: Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Sat: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Christian Meditation

October 7th – 6:00pm

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

**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.

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Kerry Phay** 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 27, 2015

Regular Collection - \$9,302.69

Regular Weekly Expenses - \$17,868.73

Attendance – 590

Admission to the Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens or the Archdiocese of New York in 2016-2017 is determined in part by the results of the *Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools* (TACHS) exam

administered in November of 2015.

For information about this test, the admissions process and the High Schools, including their Open House Schedules, please visit: <http://tachsinfo.com/> or call 1-866-618-2247.

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