

# 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

## SPECIAL MASSES - See Event Schedule

Mass for the Deaf - Alternate Saturdays and Sundays  
Healing Mass - First Thursday of the Month

## 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

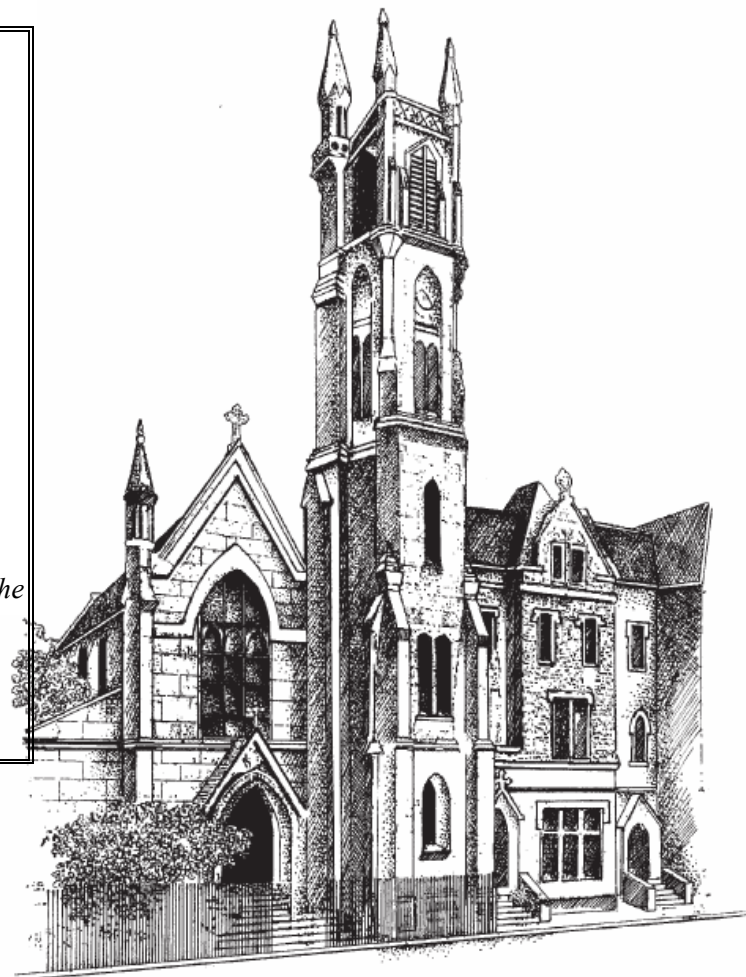
Alicia Damley

## 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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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time have a somber tone. As we approach the end of another church year, and begin to anticipate the new church year starting with the season of Advent, the readings have an end-time (eschatological) focus.

The Gospel reading is taken from Mark 13, the chapter in which Jesus speaks about events associated with the end of the world. Today's reading falls into two parts. The first part speaks to the return of the Son of Man during the great "tribulation." In this part of the reading, Jesus offers comfort to the disciples with his assurance that he (as Son of Man) would come to save "his elect" in the midst of this tribulation.

The second part of today's reading addresses the need to watch for the signs of the times that will point to the end of the world. Like the fig tree that signals its own growth, certain signs will precede the advance of the end-time. But in this section Jesus offered no assurances as to the exact day or hour of the end-time, since "only the Father" knows.

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

### ***At St. Thomas More This Week***

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time</b>
11/15	Baptism	1:00 pm
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00 pm
11/16	Parish Council Meeting - OLGC	7:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/17	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/18	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
11/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
11/21	Mass for the Deaf	3:00 pm

### **Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule**

<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
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	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

### **Senior Lunch Program**

Tuesday November 17<sup>h</sup> after the 12:15pm Mass

### ***Pastor's Installation***

*Fr. Kevin Madigan will be installed as Pastor of the Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel-St. Thomas More on November 22nd at the 11:30am Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel by Msgr. Thomas Modugno, the Episcopal Vicar of East Manhattan.*

*All our parishioners are invited to attend to ask God's blessing for the success of the merger of our former parishes.*

### **Save the Date**

*Wednesday, December 16th at 8 PM*

#### **Tapestry**

*an excellent a-cappella choral group  
In Concert: Performing Classical Pieces by  
Mozart, Brahms, and Britten  
in the Church of St. Thomas More*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 21**

Mon. November 16 *St. Margaret of Scotland*  
*St. Gertrude*

8:00 Marie Casamassima (D)

\* 12:15 Caryl Plunkett (D)

Tues. November 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:00 Ramiro Austria (D)

\* 12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Wed. November 18 *St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*  
*Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul*

8:00 Souls in Purgatory (D)

\* 12:15 Michael B. Gilroy (D)

Thurs. November 19

8:00 Mary Beth White (D)

\* 12:15 Nora & George Terriberry (D)

Fri. November 20

8:00 Donna Ryan Bayard (D)

\* 12:15 Helen Mitera (D)

Sat. November 21 *The Presentation of the BVM*

8:00 Souls in Purgatory (D)

\* 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 Mary Beth White (D)

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

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**Sun:** Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

**Mon:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Lk 18:35-43

**Tues:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

**Wed:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

**Thurs:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

**Fri:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

**Sat:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

**[Christian Meditation](#)**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm - Chapel**

Location: St. Thomas More - 65 East 89<sup>th</sup> St  
Manhattan Group Facilitator:

**Donald Main - 415-668-143**

**[costmny@christianmeditation.us](mailto:costmny@christianmeditation.us)**

**Sunday Coffee Hour**

We extend our thanks to our volunteer *Christina Springer* for hosting this Sunday's 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 – November 08, 2015**

Regular Collection - \$1,722.13

Fall Semi-Annual Collection - \$23,400.72

Regular Weekly Expenses - \$12,052.43

**Attendance – 609**

*Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.*



**The St. Jean's Players**

***Lerner & Loewe's***

**Brigadoon**

*St. Jean Baptiste HS Auditorium*

*167 East 75th Street (Between Lex & 3rd)*

*Only two weekends left - Nov 13th to 22nd*

*Fridays and Saturdays - 8pm, Sundays - 3pm*

*\$25, Seniors(65+) & Children (-18) - \$15*

**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.

**Next Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## NY Catholic Center Blood Drive

*Fall for the Right Cause Give Blood - Save Lives*

Date: Tuesday Nov. 17, 2015 Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Where: 1011 First Avenue, NYC 9th Floor Cafeteria

To schedule an appointment, please contact:

Maryteresa McKenna 646-794-3077

[maryteresa.mckenna@archny.org](mailto:maryteresa.mckenna@archny.org) or

Rosa Rodriguez 646-794-2312

[rrodriguez@cgshb.org](mailto:rrodriguez@cgshb.org)

Walk-ins welcome!

NYBC Eligibility Line 1-800-688-0900

Give Blood - Earn Points for Gifts

[www.mydonoradvantage.com](http://www.mydonoradvantage.com)

NO SS # Required

A Photo or Signature ID Required

Eat well balanced meals before giving blood.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive November 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

### Suggested Food Donations:

Canned Cranberry Sauce, Cake/Brownie Mix, Rice, Frosting, Gravy (Turkey Preferred), Quarts of Shelf-Stable 1% or Skim Milk (Eg.: Parmalat), Corn Bread Mix, Stuffing Mix, 46oz Unsweetened Apple Juice

**\*\*Please no glass jars!\*\***

OR - Visit [www.nycommonpantry.org](http://www.nycommonpantry.org)

and click the Turkey to help the New York Common Pantry bring a Happy Thanksgiving to our needy neighbors.

*Note: a contribution of \$30 can provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for a family of 5.*

If you wish to contribute by check, please make your check payable to New York Common Pantry and kindly specify "Turkey Donation" in memo line. Drop your Cash or Check Contribution in Common Pantry Donation Box on wall at rear of Church

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](http://www.freshdirect.com/ycp). When you visit the website you will be able to donate a Gift Card which the Food Program Managers will use to purchase the food they require.

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.

## 2015 FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL NOVEMBER 7 AND 8

Dear Parishioners,

Last week you should have received a letter regarding this year's **FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL**. If you have already made your contribution we thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet made your contribution, please consider this important aspect of our parish's financial life. If you have not yet received your letter, please contact Ms. Peet at the parish office, to permit us to investigate the problem and update our parish information.

The Semi-Annual Appeals enable us to meet extraordinary expenses. Thankfully, our one-hundred and plus-year-old buildings are in good repair. We are, therefore, in the development stage of making plans for an access walkway to the church for those who have difficulty with steps. The Collection also enables us to meet ordinary expenses which do continue at times when many parishioners are away. Listed below is a description of last year's Fall Semi-Annual Appeal. Once again, we humbly appeal to your love, concern and generosity to St. Thomas More Church and ask you to prayerfully consider your gift after reading my letter.

Fr. Madigan

AMOUNT	DONORS	TOTAL
\$10,000	1	\$10,000
\$5,018	1	\$5,018
\$5,000	3	\$15,000
\$3,900	1	\$3,900
\$3,000	1	\$3,000
\$2,700	1	\$2,700
\$2,000	2	\$4,000
\$1,950	1	\$1,950
\$1,500	6	\$9,000
\$1,200	1	\$1,200
\$1,000	17	\$17,000
\$900	1	\$900
\$750	1	\$750
\$600	6	\$3,600
\$500	21	\$10,500
\$466	1	\$466
\$400	1	\$400
\$300	4	\$1,200
\$265	1	\$265
\$250	18	\$4,500
\$240	1	\$240
\$225	1	\$225
\$200	18	\$3,600
\$175	1	\$175
\$150	6	\$900
\$120	1	\$120
\$105	1	\$105
\$100	40	\$4,000
Under \$100	115	\$3,271
Anonymous		\$2,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>\$110,025</b>



## JoyJ Initiative

The JoyJ Initiative's Homeless Outreach, which met last Saturday, November 7th in the St. Thomas More Rochester Room, was a huge success. After some instruction and a prayer, the 74 volunteers were divided into four groups and were sent to Grand Central Station, Penn Station, Port Authority and Union Square Park to distribute 170 comfort bags to the homeless. The feed back received from the volunteers was extremely positive.

JoyJ will have a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Thomas More Rochester Room. At that point they plan to assemble a core group of volunteers who will regularly repeat this important outreach.

Joy J wishes to thank you for all of your support.  
For more information about the JoyJ Initiative please visit  
<http://www.joyj.org>.

## Not Retired ... Rewired!

Boomers and Beyond and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps invite you to join them for an evening of seasonal beverages and light refreshments. During this social gathering learn more about what others are doing in (semi) retirement to change lives – including their own.

Through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps remarkably talented adults – like you – serve others in local nonprofits by utilizing skills they've honed over a lifetime. It also offers a way to deepen one's own spiritual life through formation in the Ignatian tradition, participate in a wonderful community, and have great fun together.

Come and learn more about an opportunity that can add a special spark to your life!

Date: Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Time: 7 – 9pm  
Place: Wallace Hall  
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

## Yorkville (Brown) Gardens Flea Market

**Wed, December 2nd 10am - 4pm**  
225 East 93rd Street  
Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues  
Great Bargains on:  
Clothing, Jewelry  
Baby, Kitchen and Decorative Items  
Dessert and Raffle Table

## Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society.

Our Catholic faith calls us to work for an end to the injustices of poverty and Pope Francis has made care and justice for the poor a cornerstone of his papacy.

Thank you for your continued support  
Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director Catholic  
Charities - Archdiocese of New York

### Saint Ignatius Loyola School

#### Annual Christmas Fair

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM,**

Saint Ignatius Loyola School,  
McKinnon Hall, 48 East 84th Street,  
New York, New York.

Free Admission.

Everything you need for holiday gift giving,  
including decorative accents, housewares,  
personal items, fragrances, jewelry and more!

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Program at Our Lady of Good Counsel will begin this weekend November 14th and 15th.

Participants can select an Angel Tag from the Angel Tree in the rear of the church and purchase a Christmas gift for a child in need. Volunteers will be in the rear of the church to help with your selection and registration.

This was a big success last year and the parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel proved to be very generous. Please be an Angel and let's do it again.