

# Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More

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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.

## 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

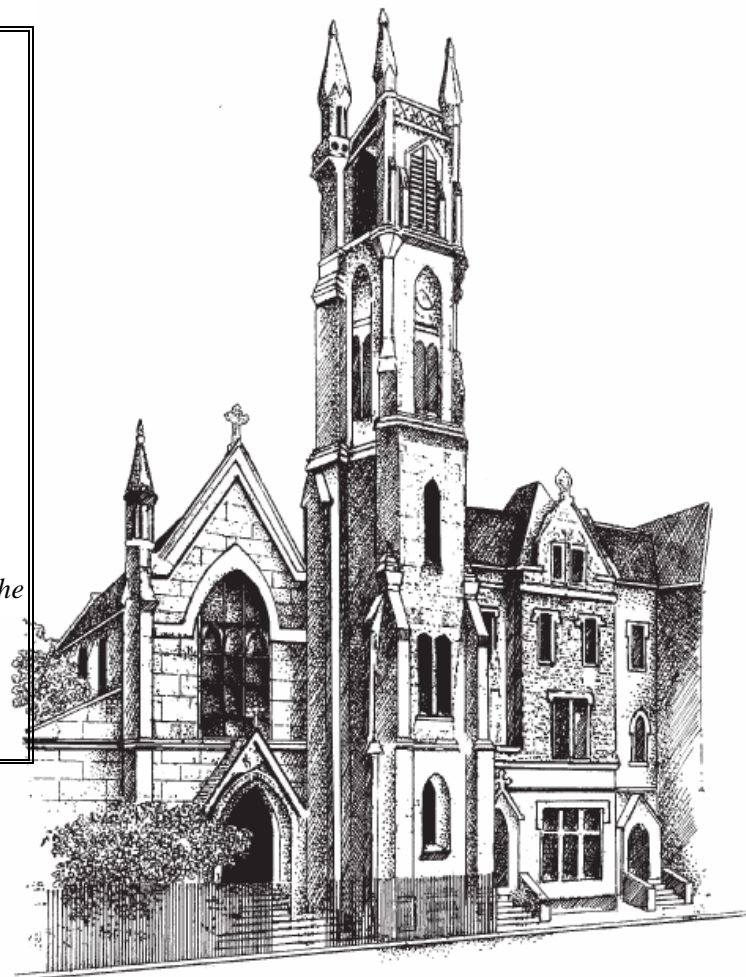
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## November 29 2015

### First Sunday of Advent

The church year opens with Jesus' discussion of the end times. As Catholics begin the season of Advent and look to the upcoming celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Scripture readings for the First Sunday of Advent turn our attention to the second coming of Christ when Jesus will return on judgment day as the glorified Son of Man.

The Gospel reading is an excerpt from Luke 21, Jesus' eschatological (*eschaton* meaning, "end-time") discourse. In the first half of today's reading, we hear some details about his Parousia or "second coming" (in Greek, *parousia* translates as "a coming" or "a presence"). Jesus forewarned his followers that sometime after his death and resurrection, he would return again to usher in the end of time. Jesus taught his followers that in the end times, they should "stand erect and raise your heads." For those who believe in him as the Christ and the Son of Man, judgment day is the day of their "redemption." In the second half of today's Gospel reading, Jesus issues a stern warning to his followers: "be vigilant at all times." Jesus' concern that over time followers would develop "drowsy" hearts or simply be consumed by the "anxieties of daily life" and consequently be caught off guard at the second coming was almost certainly a reality for many of the community members to whom Luke was writing, around AD 90, who were already a generation or two removed from the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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



You're invited! Join Boomers & Beyond for their annual Christmas Caroling event at the Lott Assisted Living Residence. You don't

have to be a super soprano or terrific tenor ... just someone who wants to join with us in sharing some Christmas joy through song... and perhaps stop at a local spot for a snack and drink afterwards.

Date: Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Lott Assisted Living Residence  
5th Avenue (between 107th-108th).

## Save the Date

Wednesday, December 16th at 8 PM

### Tapestry

an excellent acappella choral group

*In Concert: Performing Classical Pieces by Mozart, Brahms, and Britten in the Church of St. Thomas More*

## Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Nov 29	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

Dec 06	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	George Stonbely
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

## Leisure Lunch Program

Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 12:15pm Mass

## 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 05**

Mon. November 30 *St. Andrew*

8:00 Martin Whelan (D)

\* 12:15 Ann Granata (D)

Tues. December 01

8:00 Agatha Whelan (D)

\* 12:15 Nora Daily (D)

Wed. December 02

8:00 Martin Whelan (D)

\* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Thurs. December 03 *St. Francis Xavier*

8:00 Frank G. M. Corbin (D)

\* 12:15 Aurora Lickon (D)

Fri. December 04 *St. John Damascene*

8:00 Jean Liggio (D)

\* 12:15 Lilia Subido (D)

Sat. December 05

8:00 Sarah P. Murphy (L)

\* 12:15 Sloan P. Murphy (L)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 James Gordon (D)

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



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**Sun:** Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2;

Lk 21:25-28; 34-36

**Mon:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Tues:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wed:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

**Thurs:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Fri:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**Sat:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Christian Meditation**

**December 2<sup>nd</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)

***Events at St Thomas More.....***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
11/29	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
12/1	Start of STM Christmas Toy Drive	
	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/3	Healing Mass	7:15pm
12/4	First Friday	
	Exposition & Benediction after 12:15 Mass	
12/5	STM PC Youth Committee	
	Community Service Outreach Event	
12/6	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00 pm
	Cocktail Hour after the 5:45pm Mass	
12/7	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/8	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/9	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
12/10	Education Committee Presentation	
	Gianni Perilli, Ph.D., President	
	Dementia Services of NY	7:00 pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/11	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/12	Alzheimer's Workshop	9:00am
	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
	STM PC Youth Committee	
	Community Service Outreach Event	
	STM Parish Christmas Food Drive	
12/13	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Christmas Tree lighting, Ornament Making & Brunch with a Special Visitor	
12/14	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/15	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/16	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
	End of STM Toy Drive	
12/17	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/18	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/20	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
12/21	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/22	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/23	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
12/24	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/25	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/26	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
12/28	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/29	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/30	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
12/31	A.A Meeting	6:30pm

No Parish Council Meeting in December, also, the date of the January Parish Council Meeting has not yet been determined.

## Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Kathleen Gotschlich** 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**.

*He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### Saturday Morning Breakfast

Come serve breakfast at the OLGFC Saturday Morning Breakfast on Saturdays from 7:15-9am. All adults welcome. To sign-up visit [www.thomasmorechurch.org](http://www.thomasmorechurch.org). For information email Kathleen Dana at [kathleendana@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleendana@yahoo.com) Location: Cafeteria at OLGFC 230 East 90th Street. (Down the steps in the front of the church and the doors directly in front.)

### CHADD of New York is proud to present:

#### Harnessing the Power of the Law

Presented by Bonnie Spiro Schinagle, Esq., Effective advocacy is difficult when you don't have familiarity with the laws and the necessary basic vocabulary to protect you or your child. This presentation will teach you what you need to know about the legal rights and protections available to school-aged children with learning differences or other special needs.

**Date & Time: December 7, 2015 - 5:55PM**

Where: Church of St. Thomas More  
65 East 89th Street, Manhattan

Meetings are free, with a \$10 donation requested. Please leave the kids at home. No food, please.

### 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!

## 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

## Winter's Light Concert

Saturday, December 5, 2015 - 7:30pm

A Musical Journey through Darkness and Light

with the New York Repertory

Singers & Chamber Orchestra

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

3 West 65th Street New York, NY

Students with Student ID/Seniors: \$19

General Admission tickets \$10 (value \$29)

use Promotional Code NYCChurch

Premium Admission: \$49 - VIP Seating

+ Signed Copy of CD "Totus Tuus"

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit

<http://www.mjtrotta.com/nyrs>;

call (347) 305-4099; or email

[tickets@hamptonroadsmusicgroup.com](mailto:tickets@hamptonroadsmusicgroup.com).

## 2015 FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

By now 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.

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



## **Coming Soon: Handcrafted Olivewood from the Holy Land December 19th and 20th**

after each Mass in the Rochester Room.

The Olivewood carving industries has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. The items are carved by local craftsmen. Many families are facing crisis situations. Without income, many craftsmen and families leave their traditional trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their Homeland. Sixty years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the population and now represent less than 2%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christ's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian Tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry

### **St. Patrick's Cathedral 36th Annual A City Singing at Christmas**

**Thursday, December 17, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.**

Celebrate this joyful time of the year with traditional and contemporary Christmas hymns and carols! To end the evening, the Cathedral lights are dimmed to allow the candle lights to illuminate the Cathedral as Silent Night is sung.

### **Alzheimer's: Support for Family Caregivers**

Gianni Perilli, president of Dementia Services New York, a support group for family caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, will speak on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Rochester Room in the Parish House. Dr. Perilli's goal is to increase community awareness on the differences between normal aging and Alzheimer's; challenges and approaches in caring at home for a loved one diagnosed with the disease or some other form of dementia; and how a person of middle-age can approach aging in a more healthy manner. All interested in this vitally important subject are welcome to attend.

On **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**, in the Conference Room in the Parish House, Dr. Perilli will conduct a session providing support information **for caregivers** of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia. Attendance for the Saturday session is limited to 20 people; those wishing to attend must register by calling the Parish House at 212-876-7718.

Participants may attend either or both sessions. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

## **Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Christmas Concerts**

### **A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS**

December 4th at 7 PM and December 6th at 4 PM

Chanticleer has been an integral part of Christmas in New York City for many years.

Now for its third year at St. Ignatius Loyola, *A Chanticleer Christmas* celebrates the mystery and wonder of Christmas with an elegant blend of traditional carols, medieval and Renaissance sacred works, and new holiday gems.

### **SING WE NOEL - Annual Christmas Concerts**

December 13, 2015 and December 20, at 3 PM

Christmas joy abounds in these beloved annual concerts, featuring works by Cecilia McDowall, Pietro Yon, Howard Helvey and Handel's iconic Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.

Includes well-known seasonal favorites rendered by the Choirs and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola and the N.P. Mander Organ, as well as carols for everyone to join in singing.

**Cost:** \$35-\$85

**Location :** Church of St. Ignatius Loyola,  
980 Park Avenue

**Contact :** 212.288.2520 or [concerts@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:concerts@stignatiusloyola.org)

### **The St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Project**

Participants can select an Angel Tag from the Angel Tree in the rear of the Church of Good Counsel and purchase a gift for a child in need this holiday season. Volunteers will be in the rear of the church to help with your selection and registration. This was a big success last year, so please be an Angel and help a needy child to enjoy the Christmas Season.

### **Advent Liturgy of Lessons and Carols**

A festive holiday tradition at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, the choir, clergy, and lectors present an Advent-Christmas liturgy proclaiming God's promise of salvation to mankind, through scripture, anthems, and familiar carols.

**Day, Date and Time:** Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3:00pm

**Cost:** Free Will Offering

**Location:** The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer  
869 Lexington Avenue NYC

**Contact:** Music Office: (212) 744-2080, ext. 16