

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
Paul Saunders

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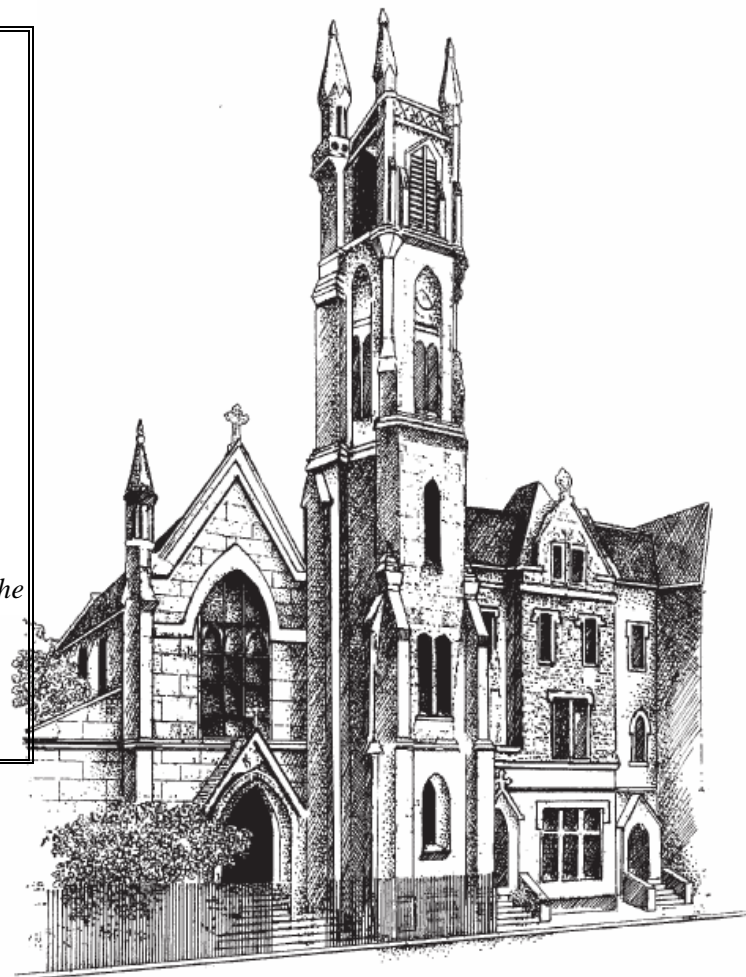
Alicia Damley

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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The Epiphany of the Lord

The Gospel reading is Matthew's story of the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. It is very likely that Matthew was well aware of the Isaiaic prophecy (First Reading) as he told the story of the visit of the Magi, since numerous details align: the "nations" (the Magi from the East) came and gathered around the newborn Jesus; the Magi were "radiant" ("overjoyed") at what they saw; "gold and frankincense" were brought as gifts to the newborn and in praise of the Lord. It is apparent that Matthew saw the prophecies of Isaiah fulfilled in the visit of the Wise Men.

In addition to fulfilling prophecy, the story also foreshadowed the contrasting reactions to Jesus and his public ministry: people were either threatened by Jesus or they were attracted to him. On the one hand, there is the reaction of the Jewish leadership in Jerusalem—they rejected Jesus. Rather than rejoice at the prophecies being fulfilled, the religious leaders and "all Jerusalem" were "greatly troubled" by the prospects of the birth of the Messiah. The people and religious leaders in Jerusalem were not open to the gift that God was offering the world. But for others, like the Wise Men from the East, representing the other nations of the world, the news of the birth of the Christ brought them great joy. And so too, the words and deeds of Jesus brought joy to many who experienced him in his public ministry. Many rightly paid "homage" to Jesus in his public ministry like the Magi.

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

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Jan 03	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

Jan 10	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	TBD	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	TBD	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	TBD	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	TBD	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	TBD	Chris Baldwin

January 3rd Special Collection

The Catholic University of America belongs to each of us and we **each** have a share in the education of the future leaders of our Church. Your contribution will help many students to have access to quality academic and spiritual programs. Also, through the Catholic Communications Campaign the bishops' conference is able to fund the production of spiritual and educational programs for radio and television.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your participation in these two important collections and with prayerful best wishes for a holy, healthy and happy new year, I am.

Faithfully in Christ
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics

Many people—Catholics, those of other religions and of no religion—have been struck by the words and actions of Pope Francis. Included among them are former Catholics who have long felt alienated from many of the Church's positions and practices, but now may be considering giving Catholicism a second look. This series of "conversations," not lectures, is designed for such people—not for those who are comfortable in their faith and are looking for spiritual development. In a series of six non-judgmental, open yet focused discussions, Fr. Madigan will help participants reflect on their lived experience of Catholicism, its positive and negative aspects, in the hope of discovering possible directions for the future. The general approach could be described as a "therapy of the imagination," an attempt to discover how familiar doctrines, metaphors and images can be mined for new insights and meaning.

The series will begin at the Parish House on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 7:00pm. There is no fee and refreshments will be served. To register call the Parish House at 212-876-7718. Please share this information with family members or friends whom you think might be interested

Leisure Lunch Program Next Lunch - January 19th

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteer *Robin Poulos* 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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
JANUARY 03 – JANUARY 09**

Mon. January 04 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:00 John Gesuale (D)

* 12:15 Barbara Root (D)

Tues. January 05 *St. John Neumann*

8:00 Thomas M. Kelly (D)

* 12:15 Hilda Handal (D)

Wed. January 06 *St. Andre Bessette*

8:00 Angel Barrios (D)

* 12:15 Rosetter Tarlou (D)

Thurs. January 07 *St. Raymond of Penyafort*

8:00 Beth Rivers Curry (D)

* 12:15 Jose R. Pentecostes (D)

Fri. January 08

8:00 John R. Sano (D)

* 12:15 Wesley Rogers, Jr. (D)

Sat. January 09

8:00 Fred Marolda (D)

* 12:15 Maru Hagerty (L)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Anthony Torrusio (D)

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

***Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come***

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Christian Meditation

January 6th – 6:00pm - Chapel

Location: St. Thomas More - 65 East 89th St

Manhattan Group Facilitator:

Donald Main - 415-668-143

costmny@christianmeditation.us

Events at St Thomas More.....

Date	Event	Time
1/3	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Cocktail Hour following the 5:45pm Mass	
1/4	CHADD	5:45pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/5	No Leisure Lunch	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/6	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
1/7	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/8	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/9	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
	STM PC Youth Committee	
	Community Service Outreach Event 1/10	
	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
1/11	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/12	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/13	Christian Meditation	6:00pm

**New York Encounter Catholic
Cultural Festival**

Dear Friend in Christ:

One of the most striking things Pope Francis has witnessed to our world is the hope that one man can bring to the lives of so many. That is why I heartily invite you and your parishioners to join us at *New York Encounter* (www.newyorkencounter.org).

This 3-day annual cultural festival will take place **January 15-17, 2016** at the Metropolitan Pavilion at 215 West 18th Street. This year's Encounter entitled *Longing for the Sea and yet (NOT) Afraid* will offer public discussion, exhibits, and live performances as a means to encounter people whose desires have enabled them to overcome their fears, drawing them out into the open waters of faith and freedom. Most events are FREE of charge.

Since 2010, when *New York Encounter* was founded by members of the Catholic lay movement Communion and Liberation, it has fostered dialogue between faith and the public sphere and has provided a vibrant meeting point to thousands of people of different beliefs, traditions and cultures striving for reciprocal understanding, broadened perspectives and the possibility for true friendship.

We would like to extend this invitation to all of your parishioners and we would be grateful if you could include the announcement below in your parish bulletin. If you would like to receive more information, or free promotional material, please call [\(212\) 253-5777](tel:2122535777).

Sincerely,
Maurizio Maniscalco
President, New York Encounter