

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

Parish Council President

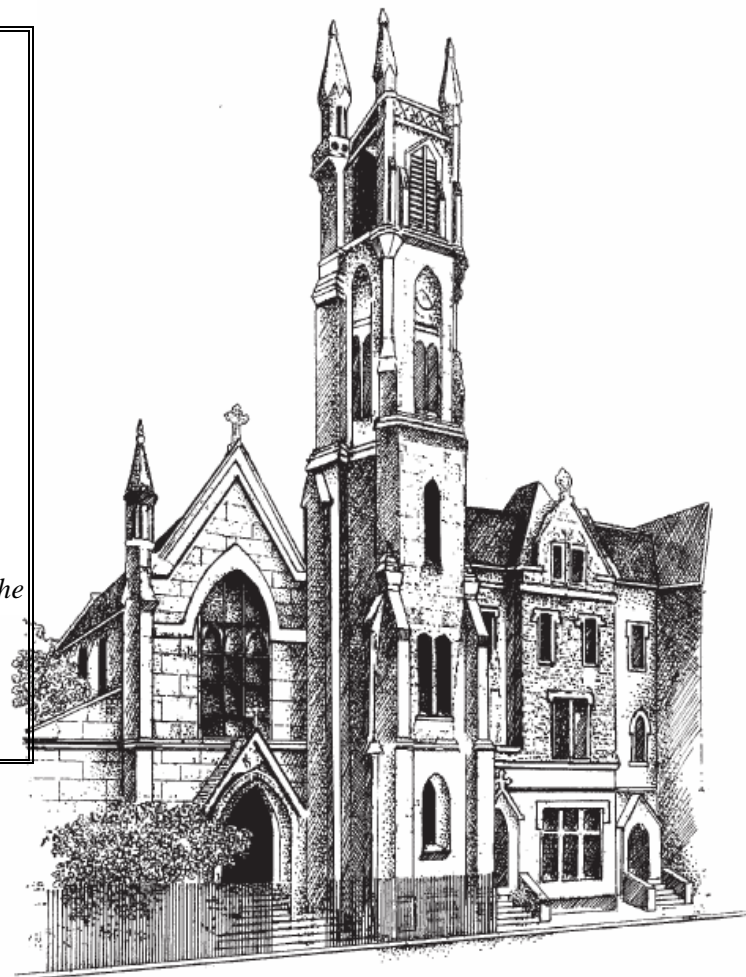
Alicia Damley

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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The Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas celebration and marks the final epiphany of the Christmas season.

The Gospel reading is Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus. Included in the baptism story is part of John the Baptist's teachings on the Messiah and the messianic age. John clarifies to the crowds that he is not the Messiah for he only baptized with water. The coming Messiah, according to John, would baptize believers "with the Holy Spirit and fire." For Luke, fire was a powerful symbol for the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is mentioned often in the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel and at the baptism of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is present and active in the life of Jesus. Luke concludes his account of Jesus' baptism by reporting a private revelation experienced by Jesus: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord affirms Jesus' identity as the Son of God and his mission throughout his public ministry as Spirit-driven.

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

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Jan 10	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Osborne Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

Jan 17	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Rory Kelleher

God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

Next Sunday - The Keep our Church Comfortable Fuel Collection

Despite our active program of energy conservation, fuel system and boiler management and building maintenance, the cost of Fuel will remain an ongoing and significant program expense. Your wonderful generosity for this special collection is much appreciated.

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 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 take place in the St. Thomas More Rectory, 65 East 89th St., on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 p.m. To register, call 212-876-7718. There is no charge; refreshments will be served.

The topics for discussion:

- 1/13 Catholicism is not a religion for over-achievers.
- 1/20 Will the real Jesus please stand up.
- 1/27 The Church, who needs it anyway?
- 2/03 I would describe myself as "spiritual, but not religious."
- 2/10 Fast-food Catholicism may be dangerous to your health.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
JANUARY 10 – JANUARY 16**

Mon. January 11

8:00 Jean Carney (L)

* 12:15 Sharon Kavanaugh (D)

Tues. January 12 *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

8:00 Dan & Sarah Walsh (L)

* 12:15 Regina, Luisa & Manuel Gomez (D)

Wed. January 13 *St. Hilary*

8:00 Mary & Caroline Cullen (L)

* 12:15 John Tardera (D)

Thurs. January 14

8:00 James O'Brien (D)

* 12:15 Rita & Kenny McCleary (L)

Fri. January 15

8:00 Carey de Puy (D)

* 12:15 Dan Millner (D)

Sat. January 16

8:00 Martha, George & Alexi Colettis (L)

* 12:15 Jennie & Jared Rothman (L)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Pamela O'Malley (D)

* Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Christian Meditation

January 13th – 6:00pm - Chapel

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

Manhattan Group Facilitator:

Donald Main - 415-668-143

costmny@christianmeditation.us

Leisure Lunch Program

Next Lunch - January 19th

Events at St Thomas More.....

Date	Event	Time
1/10	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass Outreach - Sandwich Making 12pm	
1/11	Parish Council Meeting (STM)	7:00pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/12	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/13	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
	Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics	7pm
1/14	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/15	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/16	STM Parish Food Drive	
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	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
1/18	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/19	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/20	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
	Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics	7pm
1/21	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/22	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/24	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
1/25	Parish Council Meeting (OLGC)	7:00pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/26	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/27	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
	Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics	7pm
1/28	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/29	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/30	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
1/31	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Family Day Celebration	
2/01	CHADD	5:45pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/02	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/03	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
	Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics	7pm
2/04	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/05	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/06	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
2/07	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteer

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.

To volunteer, please use the following link

[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a4a62ea2f49](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a4a62ea2f49-coffee)
[-coffee](#)

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:212-253-5777).

Sincerely,
Maurizio Maniscalco
President, New York Encounter

Workshop

Introduction to Chant Course

Mondays from 7:00-9:30pm, January 18 – May 2
St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception,
Huntington

Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson, DMA
Parish musicians and other interested students are invited to attend this introductory course on the subject of chant. Opportunities for study and music making throughout the course. Special tuition rate for parish musicians: \$750 (3 credits)/\$500 (audit). To [register](#), fill out the [online form](#) or [contact](#) the Office of Liturgy.

Bus to March for Life - Fri, Jan 22nd Sign up now!

The Archdiocesan Family Life / Respect Life Office is in full gear and preparing to head to DC for the Pilgrimage and March for Life at
5:00am on Fri, Jan 22nd.

Join Sr. Shirley and others on the Manhattan bus. Seats are limited so please register now at
Sr.ShirleyAnn@archny.org

NEW FOR 2016: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan at 10:30 AM, in the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD

Bus departs at 5 AM from:

Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
457 West 51st Street (between 9th & 10th Ave)

Total cost for the trip is \$50

Checks made payable to "Sisters of Life."

Payment is non-refundable.

Sr. Lucy Marie Respect Life Coordinator

Archdiocese of New York

646-794-3192

Mon-Thurs 9:45am-4:45pm

Where is the church going?

A discussion with [Fr. Matt Malone, S.J.](#), Editor in Chief of America and [Fr. James Martin, S.J.](#), Editor at Large of America on Pope Francis and the Year of Mercy.

Moderated by [Kerry Weber](#), Managing Editor, America Magazine

Thursday, January 14, 2016 | 7-8:30 p.m.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Wallace Hall, 980 Park Ave. at 84th St., New York, NY 10028

Bereavement Support Group

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Beginning on Tuesday, February 9th, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 980 Park Avenue (83-84 Streets) 7:00 - 8:30PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators. Registration is required.

For information and/or to register for the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group, please email: EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com or leave your name and phone number at [212-288-3588](tel:212-288-3588).

Forum on Human Trafficking: Analysis and Action Plan

"Human trafficking is a scourge upon the body of Christ." Pope Francis

Speakers:

- Carol Smolenski: Executive Director of ECPATUSA, leader in the fight against child trafficking
- Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia: Worker Justice Center of NY, expert on debt bondage in agriculture
- Patricia Latona: UN Representative for ZONTA International, advocate for international women's rights

Followed by a short workshop for interested audience participants

Where: Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Murphy Center,
213 W 82nd Street 10024

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Date: Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016

RSVP: holytrinityreled@earthlink.net

Cost: good will offering

Child Safety

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect young children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we periodically reach out to the Catholic community to advise them whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr Eileen Clifford, OP at 212-371-1000 X 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org.

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Archdiocese of New York Financial Wrongdoing Hotline

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at The Archdiocese of New York Web Reporting System. Both are available 24-hours per day.

Thank You,
Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo
Chancellor

LOVE AS A DECISION: Approaches to married happiness, a talk with George Sim Johnston

George Sim Johnston is a former investment banker who is a full-time freelance writer. He has written for the Wall Street Journal, Harper's, Commentary, Harvard Business Review, National Catholic Register, and other publications. He is a three-time winner of the Journalism Award from the Catholic Press Association and has taught marriage preparation for the Archdiocese of New York for twenty years. He lives in Manhattan with his wife Lisa and they have four children.

When: Saturday, 01/23/2016, 6:30PM

Where: Church of St. Thomas More
Chelsea Room

RSVP: Rocio Raventos

Call: 917-903-8650

Email: rocioraventos@gmail.com

A Eucharist for Healing Dedicated to the Sacred Heart will be celebrated at St Thomas More at 7 PM on these Thursdays in 2016

March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2

Jan 10, noon - 1:30pm: STM Youth Initiative- Sandwich Making for NYCP, Location: Rochester Room - A new initiative at STM for parish youth and neighborhood schools. Help make and wrap PB&J and cheese sandwiches for NY Common Pantry. Sandwiches will be delivered for dinner service that evening. A great family activity! On-line sign-up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49aeaf2ba4fb6-sandwichmaking> or via the parish website.