

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

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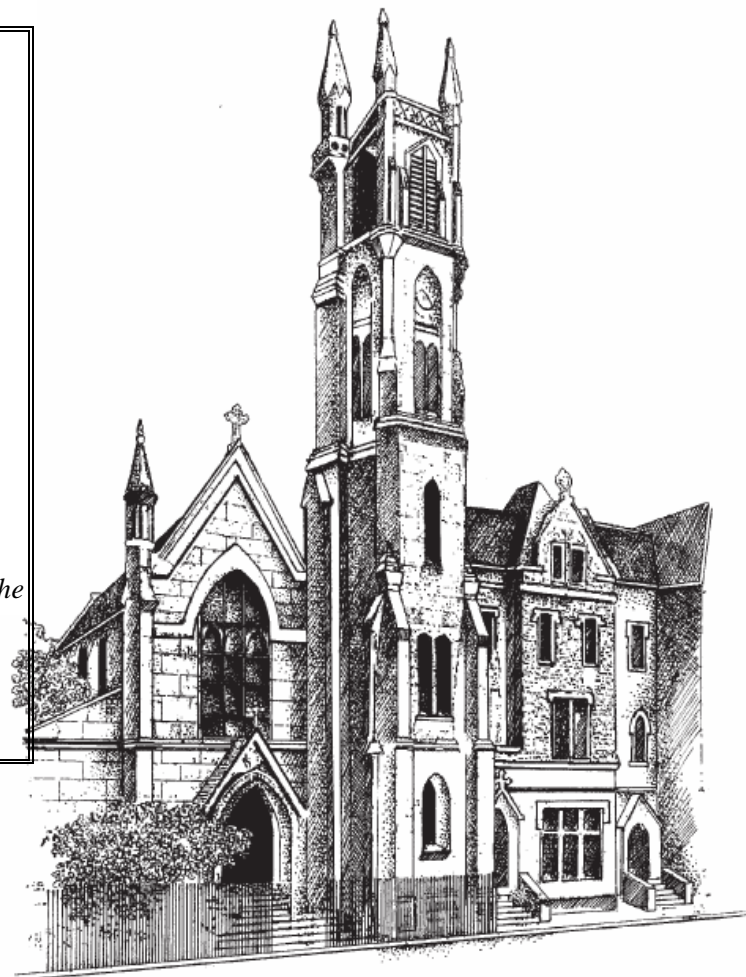
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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.



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Luke's account of the call of the first disciples. Unlike the other Evangelists, Luke places a spotlight on the call of Simon Peter in this call narrative. As the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (Luke–Acts), Luke is not just telling the story of Jesus, he is also telling the story of the early church. Since Peter is a central figure in both the life of Jesus and the life of the early church, Luke viewed the call of the disciples as a prime opportunity to introduce and highlight Peter.

Luke knew Mark's version of the call of the disciples, which offers few additional details beyond all four responding positively to Jesus' invitation. In Luke's retelling of the call, Andrew is not mentioned at all, James and John play a very minor role, a miraculous catch of fish is added, and the interaction between Jesus and Simon Peter is the main focus. Luke portrays Peter as a humble and trusting man, well aware of his own limitations. In the various ways in which he redacts Mark's call narrative, Luke actually transforms the "call" of Simon Peter into a "commission" narrative. Jesus not only invites Peter to follow him, he commissions Peter—"From now on you will be catching men." Indeed, throughout Luke–Acts, and especially in Acts, Peter emerges as the lead apostle in the early church "catching men" to follow Christ, and the miraculous catch in today's reading served as a metaphor for the impact that Peter would have as an apostle of Christ and as an evangelizer for the good news—as Peter ventured "into deep water" he caught such "a great number of fish" that "their nets were tearing."

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

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Feb 07	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Barry Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

Feb 14	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

But by the grace of God I am what I am.

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

Feb 11, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 9

Super Bowl Sunday

We anticipate that a large number of our parishioners will be participating in Super Bowl events and have decided to cancel this month's Parish Cocktail Hour.

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 continue 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:

- 2/10 Fast-food Catholicism may be dangerous to your health.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 07 – FEBRUARY 13**

Mon. February 08 *St. Jerome Emilani*
St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 Julia Long (D)
* 12:15 Luisa R. Eisel (D)

Tues. February 09

8:00 Seamus Osborne (D)
* 12:15 Louise Gaffey (D)

Wed. February 10 *Ash Wednesday*

Ashes will be Distributed during the following services ONLY.

8:00 May M. Sullivan (D)
* 12:15 Olivia Fleming & Dinadela Cruz (L)
4:00 Service of Ashes

Thurs. February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00 Richard Hester, Jr. (D)
* 12:15 David W. Denton (D)

Fri. February 12

8:00 Addie Pearl Whitmore (D)
* 12:15 Eugenia Frangos (D)

Sat. February 13

8:00
* 12:15 Miriam Dow Fuller (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Agatha Whelan (D)
* **Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass**

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-5

Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Christian Meditation

February 10th – 6:00pm - Chapel

Location: St. Thomas More - 65 East 89th St
Manhattan Group Facilitator:

Donald Main - 415-668-1430

costmnycc@christianmeditation.us

**Leisure Lunch Program
Next Lunch - February 9th**

Events at St Thomas More.....

Date	Event	Time
2/07	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
2/08	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/09	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/10	Ash Wednesday (please see schedule) Christian Meditation	6:00pm
	Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics	7pm
2/11	A.A Meeting Healing Mass	6:30pm 7:00pm
2/12	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/13	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
2/14	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
2/15	President's Day - Parish Office Closed A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/16	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/17	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
2/18	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/19	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
2/21	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass Sandwich Making	12:00pm - 1:30pm
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
2/22	Parish Council Meeting A.A Meeting	7:00pm 6:30pm
2/23	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass A.A Meeting	6:30pm

Sunday Coffee Hour

We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Jackie Morriss** 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-coffee>

Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2016

**Ashes will be Distributed at the
8:00am, and 12:15pm Masses
and the 4:00pm Service of Ashes
(ONLY)**

February 7th and 8th Special Collection

This week our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which enables all of us here in the Archdiocese to demonstrate both our fidelity and love to the Holy Father and to show our concern for and solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves in all corners of the world. Together with our Holy Father, you will be doing the work of the Lord by providing assistance to seminaries, institutes of Christian formation, the victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Through your generosity, with Pope Francis we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.

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).

Pilgrimage of NY 2016-Year of Mercy: From the top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan! Participants will walk the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy, and visit two churches named after two saints who are examples of God's Mercy: Saints Peter and Paul. Plus visit two churches that have designated Holy Doors for this jubilee year: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine and St. Patrick's Cathedral. This walk is a total of 13.5 total miles.

Saturday, April 16, 2016 (Rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016) 9:00 A.M.-Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040. 6:15 P.M.-Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004.

You must register in advance at www.pofnyc.org in order to participate in this event.

Sunday – January 31, 2016
Regular Collection - \$8,153.37
Regular Weekly Expenses - \$11,782.48
Attendance – 555

PASSION: STABAT MATER March 16, 2016 at 7 PM

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, music director
Victoria Drake, harp & Tami Petty, soprano

FERKO *Stabat Mater*
CULVERHOUSE *Requiem* NYC PREMIERE

Ohio native Frank Ferko's stunning, emotionally gripping *Stabat Mater* for unaccompanied choir and soprano soloist graces our *PASSION* concert, held annually just before Palm Sunday. The New York City premiere of William Culverhouse's poignant *Requiem* for choir and harp brings plaintive and restful melodies to this Lenten concert.

Individual tickets: \$25-\$80

Location : Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue
Contact : 212.288.2520 or concerts@stignatiusloyola.org.

Did you attend Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep Seminary in the Archdiocese of New York? If you attended Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep (or know someone who did), the College/Prep Alumni Association would like to add you to its mailing list. You will then receive notifications of upcoming alumni events such as memorial masses, class re-unions, etc. Our current mailing list includes over 600 names. To register please go online to <http://bit.do/cccpaa>

STM Youth Initiative Sandwich Making for NYCP

Date: Feb 21, noon – 1:30pm

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 are 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.



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Blessed are the meek, for they *shall inherit the earth.*

—*Matthew 5:5*

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