

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
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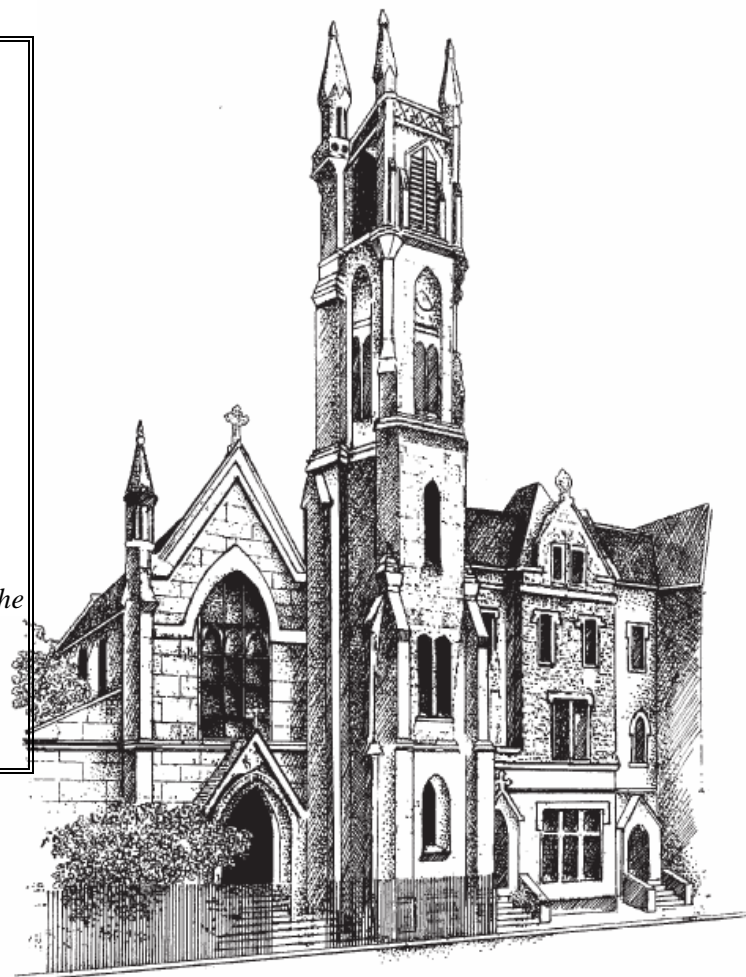
Parish Council President Alicia Damley

Head Usher John F.R. Smilgin, III

Finance Committee Chairperson Michael Poulos

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent speak to the depth of God's desire for reconciliation with us. But as we hear in the readings, true and lasting reconciliation with God must be rooted in repentance.

The Gospel reading for today is the parable of the prodigal son. Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve this parable. It is likely, therefore, that Luke believed this parable spoke in a profound way to his largely Gentile Christian community. Jesus directs this parable to the Pharisees and scribes who were complaining about Jesus sharing table fellowship with tax collectors and sinners. As the parable unfolds, it becomes evident that within its original historical context, Jesus may well have intended both the Pharisees and the tax collectors to see themselves as the two sons in the story—the Pharisees as the loyal and faithful son to the father and the tax collectors as the son who squandered his father's inheritance. At the heart of the father's compassion and forgiveness for the lost son was the son's sincere repentance for the sins he committed and the lifestyle he chose to live. It was nearly impossible for the faithful son to show equal mercy as the father did toward the repentant brother. For many of the religious leaders of Jesus' day, the concept of the historic God of Israel unconditionally embracing repentant tax collectors and sinners (and even Gentiles) was very difficult to accept. It was largely incongruent with their understanding of the teachings of the law and the prophets.

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

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

March 6	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	Morriss Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

March 13	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Boorady Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Madigan	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

A Eucharist for Healing Dedicated to the Sacred Heart will be celebrated at St Thomas More at 7 PM on these Thursdays in 2016:
April 7, May 5, and June 9

Christian Meditation

March 9th – 6:00pm - Chapel

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

Donald Main - 415-668-1430

costmny@christianmeditation.us

This Sunday's Special Collection

This Sunday the Church of St. Thomas More will be asked to participate in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Campaign. This collection is designed to fund Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in the Lord around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettlement of displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, CRS allows us to see Christ in every suffering person.

Please be as generous as you can, as your support truly makes a difference.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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Fernando Malvar - Ruiz

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How Can I Keep From Singing

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 / 7:30pm

Church of St. Thomas More

65 East 89th Street, New York, NY 10128

Tickets: Premium front seating \$45

General admission \$30 Seniors/Students \$20

**Tickets available at the Parish House and at
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2512289**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 06 – MARCH 12**

Mon. March 07 *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*

8:00 Hugh G. Murphy (L)

* 12:15 Augustin Lameda (D)

Tues. March 08 *St. John of God*

8:00 Santiago Leonard (D)

* 12:15 James W. Metz (D)

Wed. March 09 *St. Frances of Rome*

8:00 Mrs. Josephine Allain (D)

* 12:15 Joseph Palczynski (D)

Thurs. March 10

8:00 Peter Coppolino (D)

* 12:15 Adelina S. Limpoco (D)

Fri. March 11 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00 Kim Hucker (D)

* 12:15

Sat. March 12

8:00

* 12:15 Yeya Hernandez (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Mrs. Gwendolyn Van Norden (D)

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



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

Sun: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thurs: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

*Glorify the LORD with me, let us
together extol his name.*

**Leisure Lunch Program
Next Lunch - March 8th**

Events at St Thomas More.....

Date	Event	Time
3/06	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
3/07	CHADD	5:45pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/08	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/09	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
3/10	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/11	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/12	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
3/13	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
3/14	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
	Parish Council Meeting - OLGC	7:00pm
3/15	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/16	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
3/17	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/18	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/20	Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
3/21	Reconciliation Monday	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/22	Leisure Lunch after the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
3/23	Christian Meditation	6:00pm

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.

To volunteer, please use the following link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a4a62ea2f49-coffee>

Cardinal's Appeal 2016

To date our parish has received from 28 families \$28,910 in pledges/gifts toward our goal of \$85,000 for the *2016 Cardinal's Appeal*. For this *Appeal* to be successful, we must have the support of all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese.

Sunday – February 28, 2016

Regular Collection - \$10,851.14

Regular Weekly Expenses - \$13,726.86

Attendance – 725

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 memorial masses, class re-unions, etc. Our current mailing list includes over 600 names. To register please go online to <http://bit.do/cccpaa>

Pope Francis has called what is happening to Christians in the Middle East “genocide.”

The European Parliament has done the same, as have prominent voices such as the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and Genocide Watch. This is not a partisan issue. Presidential candidates and elected leaders of both American political parties have said Middle Eastern Christians are facing genocide. But despite the evidence that these individuals and institutions have found compelling, the U.S. State Department has still not made such a designation. Experts indicate such a designation could help those who are suffering so much by opening up for them certain legal protections and options that might otherwise be unavailable.

Please take two minutes to join Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as well as Catholic bishops, Christian religious leaders and other advocates and join me in signing the petition at StopTheChristianGenocide.org.

Please pass this along to relatives and friends to join the campaign.

**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, March 5th, 2016, 6:30PM
Where: St. Thomas More Church, Chelsea Room
65 East 89 Street, New York, NY, 10128
RSVP to Rocio Raventos by phone: 917-903-8650;
or by email at rocioraventos@gmail.com*

Girl Scout Cookies for Sale
*Brownie Troop 3719
will be selling Girl Scout Cookies,
including Samoas,
in the Rochester Room, after the
10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.*

**STM Youth Initiative
Sandwich Making for NYCP**

Date: March 20, 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.

Upcoming dates: April 17, May 15 and Jun 12.

These efforts are aided with the generous contributions from Eli's (monthly bread), Whole Foods (PB&J, jam, cheese) and Gristedes, D'Agostino and Fairway Gift Cards.

**You are invited to the annual
St. Patrick's Day Ceili!
Sunday, March 13, 2016
1:00PM – 5:00PM**

**In the Parish Hall of
Our Lady of Good Counsel
230 East 90th Street
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Cash Bar**

**Music by Peter Street Band
Tickets May Be Purchased In Advance at
the Rectory**

Tickets	Advance	At Door
Adults	\$15.00	\$20.00
Children 6 & up	\$8.00	\$10.00



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts

The Cardinal's Appeal Supports
PREPARING THE CLERGY

with \$2 MILLION

**Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God. — Matthew 5:8**

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP requires many years of study and spiritual preparation. Let us show our seminarians that we support them, and are proud of their decision to serve the people of God.

Join in helping others during this
Year of Mercy.

This Year the Parish Goals are:

Thomas More - \$85,000

Our Lady of Good Counsel - \$41,500

Our Combined Parish - \$126,500

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY

www.cardinalsappeal.org

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



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