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SUMMER WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am, 8:00 am and 12:15 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS
Monday thru Friday
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm

BAPTISM
1:30 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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John F.R. Smilgin, III

September 01, 2013

SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:45 p.m.

Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (Family Mass)

Sunday Afternoon: 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening: 5:45 p.m.

Families and children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Theme/Call To Worship
The readings for today teach all people about the nature of the kingdom of God: God expects nothing in return except for us to humbly accept his invitation to share in his banquet and join him in this New Covenant.

Introduction To The Word
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29: The first reading is taken from the Book of Sirach. This Jewish wisdom book which was written about two hundred years before the birth of Christ speaks to the virtue of humility as the sure path to wisdom. “My child, conduct your affairs with humility and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.”

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a: The second reading contains a final appeal for adherence to Christian teaching that compares the covenant of Moses to the covenant of Christ. In this section of Hebrews, the author argues that the Mosaic covenant originated from the fear of God and threats of divine punishment. While the covenant given to us by Christ gives us direct access to God, makes us members of the Christian community as children of God, a sanctified people, who have Jesus as our mediator to speak for us.

Luke 14:1, 7-14: In the Gospel reading for today, a “leading Pharisee” invited Jesus to dine (recline at table) in his home. By doing so, he was displaying honor toward Jesus and publicly recognizing Jesus as a social equal. Jesus uses this invitation to table-fellowship to teach the leading Pharisee the importance of humility from God’s point of view. The Pharisee and the other social elites at table with him and Jesus would not have been surprised at what Jesus says about humility, since they would have known it from their own wisdom traditions as reflected in our first reading from the Jewish wisdom Book of Sirach. But they surely would have been startled when Jesus turns the conversation to the social etiquette of whom to invite to table-fellowship. Jesus challenged that leading Pharisee to change the social norms of reciprocity around table fellowship, to invite those who do not deserve it, and who cannot repay.

Leisure Club Schedule
Lunch Resumes – Tuesday
September 24th After the 12:15 Mass

The More for Less Fair is back! After a four-year hiatus, the STM volunteers are organizing a fun and fair day. We must have two things – volunteers and goods. From now until October 26th – the date of the fair – we’ll be asking parishioners and their friends to donate the following: Boutique & vintage clothing, jewelry & accessories, china, silver, crystal & glassware, collectibles, household items, adult & children clothing in very good condition, games & toys. No books.. Bring your donations to the rectory and ask for a tax deductible slip.

We need your help. We ask volunteers to contact Alice Casey at 212-369-8519.

Celebrant Schedule

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Sunday Collection – August 25, 2013
Total Regular Collection - $6,286.96
Weekly Expenses - $5,198.66
Adult Attendance – 348

Christian Meditation: Sept 4th - 6pm
Location: The Church of St. Thomas More
65 East 89th Street – Manhattan
Group Facilitator: Donald Main 415-668-1430
costmnyc@christianmeditation.us
MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 01 – SEPTEMBER 07

Mon. September 02  Labor Day
Parish Office Closed
Mass for the Blessing of Human Labor
7:00  No Mass
8:00  Cynthia Collins (D)
* 12:15  Anthony R. Declemente (D)

Tues. September 03  St. Gregory the Great
7:00  Mrs. Sulzberger (D)
8:00  Eligio Manapat, Jr. (D)
* 12:15  Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

Wed. September 04
7:00  Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)
8:00  Patrick Houssey (D)
* 12:15  Lonie James (D)

Thurs. September 05  Bl. Teresa of Calcutta
7:00  Leonard Terzaghi (D)
8:00  Mary Benjamin (D)
* 12:15  Msgr. George Bardes (D)

Fri. September 06
7:00  Joseph Risi (D)
8:00  Mae E. Rooney (D)
* 12:15  Mae E. Rooney (D)

Sat. September 07
8:00  Lori Ciancaglini (D)
* 12:15  Michael Hearty (D)
5:45  Sunday Vigil
* Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass

Parish Pay

If you would like to remember someone who has passed away or is just in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions are available for many of our weekday Masses. Visit the Parish Office during regular business hours to review our list of available Masses.

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to Lisa Mitchell for hosting this gathering, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another as well as to share a sweet and a cup of coffee or apple juice for the children. We look forward to meeting you there after the 10:30am Mass.

Parish Council Meeting
Monday, September 30th at 6:45pm
All Parishioners are Welcome

God is the Bigger Elvis
Join Mark G. Ackermann, President and CEO Lighthouse International, and Mother Dolores Hart, OSB Prioress of the Abbey of Regina Laudis for a special evening featuring Mother Dolores’ new memoir The Ear of the Heart: An Actress’ Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows, and A short documentary God is the Bigger Elvis
111 East 59th Street • New York City
Monday, 6pm, September 23, 2013
Space is limited • RSVP by September 20 to Melissa Shorey at mshorey@lighthouse.org or (212) 821-9227

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING
09/02  Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
09/03  Tues: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
09/04  Wed: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
09/05  Thurs: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
09/06  Fri: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
09/07  Sat: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.