

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2007**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ©**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

The “good news” of Jesus’ desert experience is that unlike his ancestors, Jesus did not fail the test of his faith and fidelity to God. Jesus withstood the temptations in the desert that his ancestors failed. Indeed a new beginning was unfolding for Israel in the desert experience of Jesus.

**Introduction To The Word**

**I. Dt 26:4-10.** Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

**II. Rom 10:8-13.** Paul tells us that if we proclaim, “Jesus is Lord” and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

**III. Lk 4:1-13.** Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

**At St. Thomas More This Week:**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Event:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
02/25	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
	Narnia Confirmation Retreat	1:30 p.m.
	Pvt. Baptism	2:30 p.m.
02/26	Parish Lenten Retreat*	5:45 p.m.
02/27	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	Parish Lenten Retreat*	5:45 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/28	Parish Lenten Retreat*	5:45 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
03/01	STM Playgroup	8:30 a.m.
	Narnia Parents Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/02	Exposition	12:45 p.m.
	Benediction	5:15 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/03	Penance Service - Fr. Murray	9:00 a.m.
	Pvt. Baptism	4:30 p.m.
*	<b><i>Retreat begins after Mass</i></b>	

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

02/26	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46
02/27	Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15
02/28	Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32
03/01	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12
03/02	Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26
03/03	Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

**WEEKEND COOK NEEDED**

**AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

Our parish is looking for someone to cook for our clergy staff on weekends. Please inquire at the Rectory on 212-876-7718.

“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” - Gal 4:6 -

“Love one another deeply, from the heart.” - 1 Pt 1:22 -

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

**FOR**

**PETER’S PENCE 2007**

*For the Works of the Holy Father*

*Next Sunday, our parish participates in the Peter’s Pence 2007 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Each year the Holy Father asks us to help him provide for our neediest brothers and sisters throughout the world—those who suffer due to war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness. Please pray for the Holy Father and give generously to this special appeal. Thank you.*

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION**

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:15 PM mass on Friday, March 2nd and continue throughout the afternoon and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 PM.*

*Please commit yourself to an hour of adoration. Church law requires the physical presence of people during hours of adoration. A Sign-Up Sheet is available in the rear of the Church.*

*The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola cordially invites you to a public lecture by Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society, Fordham University, “Becoming a Community of Disciples”, Monday, March 5, at 7PM, Wallace Hall, 980 Park Avenue at 84<sup>th</sup> Street, 212-288-3588, www.saintignatiusloyola.org.*

*“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

*- Col 1:27 -*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25TH**

**Monday, February 26th**

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 The Aiken Family (l)
- 12:15 A Special Remembrance
- 5:45 Jim Regan (d)

**Tuesday, February 27th**

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 David Denton (d)
- 12:15 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

**Wednesday, February 28th**

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Rosina Paladino (d)
- 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

**Thursday, March 1st**

- 7:00 Bridget Rockford (d)
- 8:00 Joan Coleman (d)
- 12:15 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 5:45 Mary & Santo Alessi (d)

**Friday, March 2nd**

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Mario
- 5:45 Ramon del Castillo, Sr. (d)

**Saturday, March 3rd**

- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 5:45 -

***Celebrant Sunday Schedule***

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Feb. 25th</b>	<b>Mar 4th</b>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Francis	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. O'Grady	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Francis
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Boehning

***Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations***

Thinking of the priesthood? Try praying every day, twice a day, for 20 minutes each (possibly before the Blessed Sacrament). If you are a young man interested in the priesthood, please contact Father Luke Sweeney or Father Luis Saldaña at the Vocation Office in the Archdiocese of New York at (914) 968-1340, vocations@archny.org or www.archnyvocations.org; Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

**CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2007**

By now everyone should have received a letter from Cardinal Egan regarding this year's Annual Cardinal's Appeal. Please remember that last year the Cardinal's Appeal was suspended in our parish so that we could conduct our Parish Bicentennial Campaign.

The Cardinal's Appeal is an essential source of funding for the charitable, educational and spiritual works of the Archdiocese of New York which benefit all the parishes of the Archdiocese. These works include liturgical resources, seminaries, Catholic schools and religious education programs, support for retired priests and religious, pastoral and social services, and hospital chaplaincies. Without your support these important works would not be possible.

Our assigned and mandatory goal this year is \$137,500. I ask all of you to please consider participating. Your gift will help us meet this goal and ensure the continuation of these vital programs that make a difference in the lives of so many people each year.

**Save the date:** The Catholic Churches of the Eastside invite you to a Lenten Reflection on Catholic Social Teaching:

- What is Catholic social teaching?
- What does it mean for the Catholic Community?
- What are we called to do?

To be held Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at *Saint Ignatius Loyola Church*, 980 Park Avenue at 84<sup>th</sup> Street from 9:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m. The keynote Speaker is Peggy Steinfelds, co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture, author and former editor of *Commonweal Magazine*. For more information call (212) 371-1000, ext. 2473.

**MORE Hot Topics:**

***Opus Dei: The Facts The Myths – What it is and what it is not...***  
A presentation by George Sim Johnston & Elizabeth Heil; Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the Rochester Room of Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street, New York. RSVP: 212-876-7719.

Visit with speakers and share light refreshments following the presentation. Free will offering accepted. Sponsored by: The Education & Communication Committee of the Parish Council.

**Pray and fasting intentions for Lent:**

- Pray for a change of heart for all forms of media to reflect "culture of life" values
- Pray for an increase of vocations to the religious life, priesthood, or to become a permanent deacon
- Pray for the people in your family to accept the Father's love
- Pray for those who have been hurt by abortion or by any action of the culture of death