

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MARCH 25, 2007
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ©

Theme/Call To Worship

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” It was Israel’s elders who were the first to recognize and accept the challenge of this new beginning: “and in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders.”

Introduction To The Word

I. Is 43:16-21. God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.”

II. Phil 3:8-14. Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus’ resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

III. Jn 8:1-11. Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
03/25	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
	Pvt. Baptism	2:30 p.m.
03/26	<i>Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity</i>	
03/27	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/28	Model Seder	All Day
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
03/29	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
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03/31	<i>Palm Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/26	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10, Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11, Lk 1:26-38
03/27	Nm 21:4-9, Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21, Jn 8:21-30
03/28	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Ps: Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Jn 8:31-42
03/29	Gn 17:3-9, Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 8:51-59
03/30	Jer 20:10-13, Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7, Jn 10:31-42
03/31	Ez 37:21-28, Ps: Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13, Jn 11:45-56

The Leisure Luncheon Club will enjoy a brief recess this Lenten/Easter Season and reconvene on Tuesday, April 17th. All Seniors are welcome.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place *Easter Sunday* immediately following the 10:00 a.m. *Family Mass*. Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome.

A Lenten Prayer...”Lord Jesus, you call us to repent and to believe, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. You teach us to do God’s will. You invite us to follow you on the way to the Cross. Lord, renew in us the grace of our baptism. Transform our thoughts, words and deeds so that we might turn away from sin and follow the Gospel.”

Expanded Offering of the Precious Blood

Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007, the Parish of St. Thomas More will offer Parishioners additional opportunities to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the form of the Precious Blood.

Essentially, our parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament in the form of the Precious Blood, at the various Sunday Masses they regularly attend, at least once a month.

The schedule is as follows:

First Sunday of a Month:

5:45 P.M. Mass (*Saturday*)
11:15 A.M. Mass
5:45 P.M. Mass (*Sunday*)

Second Sunday of a Month:

8:30 A.M. Mass
11:15 A.M. Mass

Third Sunday of a Month:

10:00 A.M. Mass
11:15 A.M. Mass

Fourth Sunday of a Month:

11:15 A.M. Mass
12:30 P.M. Mass

Prayer..”Jesus protect our Military Service men and women.”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 25TH

Monday, March 26th

- 7:00 Mary Igo (d)
- 8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:15 A Special Remembrance
- 5:45 Richard Wanderer (l)

Tuesday, March 27th

- 7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 Josephine Terzaghi (d)
- 12:15 Angel M. Medina (l)
- 5:45 Joanne O'Leary (l)

Wednesday, March 28th

- 7:00 Thomas C. Burke (d)
- 8:00 Lorraine Curry (d)
- 12:15 Mildred Scott (d)
- 5:45 Joyce Peters (d)

Thursday, March 29th

- 7:00 Catherine Sabino (d)
- 8:00 Grace Reinzo (d)
- 12:15 Thomas C. Burke (d)
- 5:45 Alice F. El Koury (d)

Friday, March 30th

- 7:00 Helen Cahill (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 A Special Intention
- 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

Saturday, March 31st

- 8:00 Anna Lloyd (d)
- 12:15 Helen Risi (d)
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>March 25th</i>	<i>April 1st</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Francis
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Asebias

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).

“Your works are wonderful.”

- Ps 139:14 -

2007 Cardinal's Annual Appeal



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Because of your support of the annual Cardinal's Appeal the Archdiocese of New York is better able to do immense good in many areas of concern:

- Those most in need through its many charitable offices, agencies and programs
- Parishes and schools struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities
- Academic and spiritual formation in our schools and catechetical training in our parishes
- Care for our retired clergy and religious who have given their lives in service of the Church
- Preparation of our future clergy who will give theirs in the years to come

I am most grateful to all of you for your gift to this Appeal and I ask all of you who have not yet contributed to please consider doing so. Not only do you help St. Thomas More meet its assigned goal of \$137,500 but you enable the Archdiocese to continue services vital to so many.

Procession of Palms at Palm Sunday Children's Mass 10:00 a.m

All children are invited to take part in this procession and should assemble in the Rectory Reception area not later than 9:45 a.m. in order to get their palms and instructions on how to process before returning to their seats in the Church with their family. If a child is a little on the young side, parents are asked to assemble in the Rectory, too, so as to escort their young children in the procession.

We would appreciate 10 to 12 parent volunteers to assist in making this procession a successful one with a minimum of confusion. Kindly sign up during the March 25th Coffee Hour after the Family Mass for the Procession or call Margaret Peet at (212) 876-7718 during the week of March 26th through March 29th.

The Wall Street Catholic Young Adults Group will host its Annual Lenten Day of Spiritual Renewal and Recollection on Saturday, March 31, 2007, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Deacon Douglas Crawford, a seminarian at St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie, will lead the group. Deacon Crawford will be ordained this coming May. The day will include two talks, exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the opportunity for confession to fulfill the Easter obligation and will conclude with the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday.