

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MARCH 4, 2007
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ©

Theme/Call To Worship

The three apostles closest to Jesus — Peter, John and James — had a strange experience and encounter with God that signaled a new beginning for them and for Israel.

Introduction To The Word

I. Gen 15:5-12, 17-18. God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torched passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

II. Phil 3:17—4:1 Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

III. Lk 9:28b-36. Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. The spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
03/04	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
03/05	Carnegie Hill Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/06	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	Narnia Club Confessions	4:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/07	Narnia Club Confessions	4:00 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
03/08	Narnia Club Confessions	4:00 p.m.
	STM Playgroup Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/09	St. David's Penance Service	10:00 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/10	3 rd Sunday in Lent Vigil Mass	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/05	Dn 9:4b-10, Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Lk 6:36-38
03/06	Is 1:10, 16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mt 23:1-12
03/07	Jer 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16, Mt 20:17-28
03/08	Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 16:19-31
03/09	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
03/10	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**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.

Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend on Sunday, March 11, 2007. Please move your clock ahead one (1) hour.

"Let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet."
-1 Thes 5:8-

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

FOR

PETER'S PENCE 2007

For the Works of the Holy Father

Today, 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.

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 89th 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.

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 84th Street, 212-288-3588, www.saintignatiusloyola.org.

"Do everything in love."

- Cor 16:14-

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4TH

Monday, March 5th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Wladyslaw Branach (d)
- 12:15 Vincent Orlando (d)
- 5:45 Joan Coleman (d)

Tuesday, March 6th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Christine Wafula (d)
- 12:15 Thelma & John Alleyne (d)
- 5:45 Joanne O’Leary (l)

Wednesday, March 7th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Maurice Richer (d)
- 12:15 Angel L. Medina & Family (l)
- 5:45 Joanne O’Leary (l)

Thursday, March 8th

- 7:00 Bishop Patrick Ahern (l)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Patrick Williams (d)
- 5:45 Patrick Kehler (d)

Friday, March 9th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Patrick Kehler (d)
- 12:15 Carlo & Lia (d)
- 5:45 Lakovos Stratis (d)

Saturday, March 10th

- 8:00 Romana Pimentel (d)
- 12:15 Gloria Calle (d)
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>March 4th</i>	<i>March 11th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Francis
Sun. 8:30 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Francis	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Tentativa

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

Last year the Cardinal’s Appeal was suspended in our parish so that we could conduct our own Parish Bicentennial Campaign – a campaign to put us in a better financial footing for the 21st Century.

This year we are once again holding the Cardinal’s Appeal — which is a necessary source of funding for the Archdiocesan social service agencies, our parish communities and Catholic Schools and religious education programs, our Archdiocesan seminary system, and our retired priests and religious. It is an opportunity to make an investment in the lives of others.

Our assigned and mandatory goal this year is \$137,500. I ask all of you to please consider participating in *Sharing God’s Gifts*. Thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration of this request.

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 24th, 2007 at *Saint Ignatius Loyola Church*, 980 Park Avenue at 84th 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.

Prayer 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 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*
- *Pray for a conversion of hearts of those who are lawyers, judges, or political leaders to become life-giving*
- *Pray for peace throughout the world and an end to all wars*
- *As always, pray before the Eucharist in the tabernacle. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet have been given to us as tremendous weapons in this age of spiritual warfare.*

“If my people, who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

- 2 Chr 7:14 -

“Love is patient.”

- 1 Cor 13:4 -