

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MAY 20, 2007
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ©

Theme/Call To Worship

The stoning of Stephen is a vivid portrayal of what was at stake for the original generation of Christians seeking to establish the church.

Introduction To The Word

I. Acts 7:55-60. Steven was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

II. Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20. John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

III. Jn 17:20-26. Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
05/20	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
	More Lecture Series	4:00 p.m.
05/21	STM Playgroup Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/22	STM Playgroup Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
	Narnia Club's Social	5:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/23	Narnia Club's Rosary	3:30 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
05/24	STM Playgroup Rehearsal	10:45 a.m.
	STM Playgroup Graduation	1:00 p.m.
	STM Playgroup Graduation	3:30 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/25	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/26	Pvt. Baptism	11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/21	Acts 19:1-8, Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab, Jn 16:29-33
05/22	Acts 20:17-27, Ps 68:10-11, 20-21, Jn 17:1-11a
05/23	Acts 20:28-38, Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab, Jn 17:11b-19
05/24	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Jn 17:20-26
05/25	Acts 25:13b-21, Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab, Jn 21:15-19
05/26	Phil 4:4-9, Ps 34, Jn 17:20-26; or Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Ps 11:4, 5 and 7, Jn 21:20-25

The Parish Council of St. Thomas More will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. All members of the Parish are cordially invited to attend.

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jer 29:11 -

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

FOR

AMERICAN BISHOPS' OVERSEAS APPEAL

Today, our parish is invited to participate in the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal (ABOA). ABOA helps fund the work of Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Father's Relief Fund, and the U.S. Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services and the international peace and justice initiatives.

Please join in this powerful way of building global solidarity through your generous gift.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OF AGE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Camp Program will once again commence this July, at the CYO Valley Camp facility in Putnam Valley, New York. An introductory meeting to meet with Msgr. Thomas Derivan, Camp Director, and the volunteer counselors will be held:

Date: Tuesday, June 5th
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Place: Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish House
 (Park Avenue between 83-84 Street)

Parents/guardians and children are invited to attend to hear more about this wonderful opportunity. Your attendance does not constitute a commitment on your part. Please contact the school/parish for more detailed information if you are interested in having your child participate.

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MAY 20TH

Monday, May 21st

- 7:00 Peter Viani
- 8:00 Ralph Calmenero
- 12:15 Lillian Swanson & Family (d)
- 5:45 Catella Caputo (d)

Tuesday, May 22nd

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Eleanor Sclafani (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Gilroy (d)
- 5:45 Benedetta Delia (d)

Wednesday, May 23rd

- 7:00 Angelo Rodriguez (d)
- 8:00 Isabella Durando (d)
- 12:15 Thomas Burke (d)
- 5:45 Michael McMorrow (d)

Thursday, May 24th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Sr. Margaret Dowling (d)
- 12:15 The Clark, Fernandes & Baez Families (l)
- 5:45 Alice El Koury (d)

Friday, May 25th

- 7:00 Seamus Durnin (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Charles McKenna, Sr. (d)
- 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

Saturday, May 26th

- 8:00 Helen & Bill Bock (l)
- 12:15 A Special Remembrance
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>May 20h</i>	<i>May 27th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Asebias

Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations

God's greatest attribute is Mercy, but we live in a world that despairs of His Love and Mercy. In the Sacrament of Confession, this Divine Mercy of God comes to us from the absolution of the priest. If you are 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).

MORE LECTURE SERIES 2007

Eye On Ethiopia! Today, our parish will host an Educational Journey through a Photographer's Lens. A Photo Exhibit by Jonathan Alpeyrie.

Jonathan Alpeyrie is a well-known photojournalist who has covered social unrest in Panama, Central America, the Caucausus (with work in Armenia, Georgia – South Ossentia, Azerbaijan and Karabakh), Lebanon and Africa including the Congo, the Ivory Coast and most recently Ethiopia.

Please join the Parish Council today at 4:00 p.m. in the Rochester Room of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street (between Park and Madison Avenue).

RSVP: www.events4JC.com or Tel: (212) 876-7719. Visit with the Speaker and share light refreshments following the presentation. Sponsored by: The Education & Communications Committee of the Parish Council.

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Invites you to attend a conference by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM, Cap, D.D., Ph.D. Pope John Paul II appointed Fr. Cantalamessa Preacher to the Papal Household in 1979. He continues to serve in this capacity under Pope Benedict XVI. Conferences: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:4

- Monday, May 21, 2007, The Center for Spiritual Development, Auditorium, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22, 2007, St. Joseph's Seminary, Conference for Priests, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.; St. Paul the Apostle Church, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23, 2007, Gathering for Capuchin Friars and Friars of Renewal

Prayer for Our Troops..."Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, P.O. Box 4469, Washington, DC 20017; 202-269-9100; www.milarch.org.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."