

Church of Saint Thomas More

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August 01, 2010

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Rev. John A Boehning, Pastor
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Sharon McKenna, Sacristan
Harvey Burgett, Director of Music & Composer in Residence

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 and 8:00 am and 12:15 pm
(no 7:00 am Mass on Saturday)

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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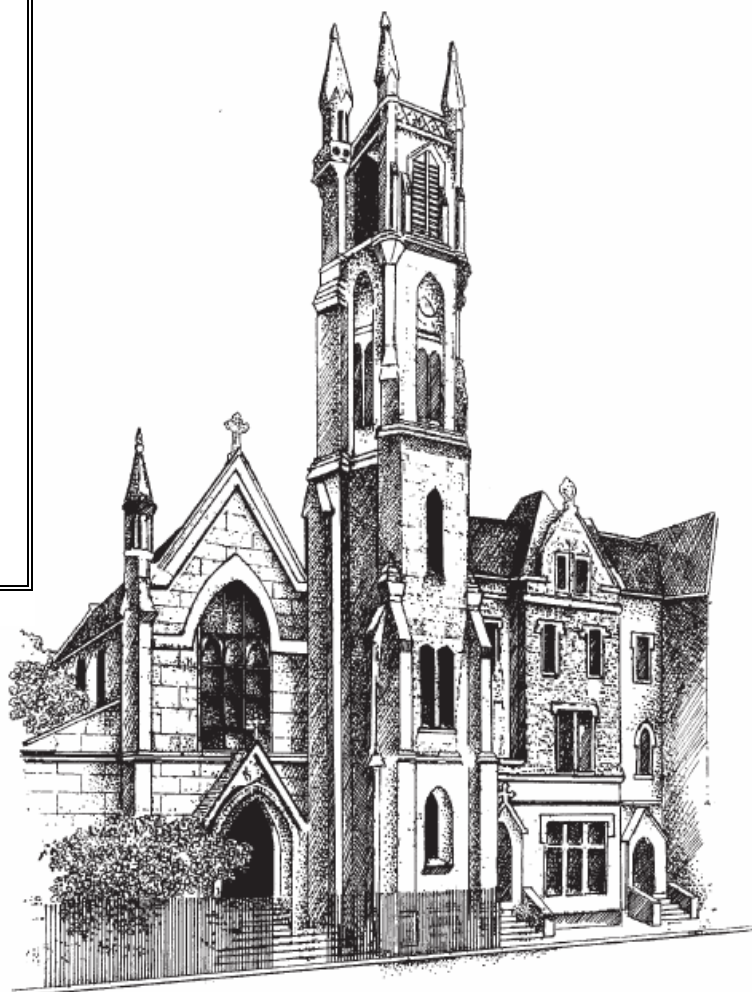
Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

SUNDAY SUMMER 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.



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The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time are best summed up with Jesus' words to the crowds who were traveling with him on his journey to Jerusalem: "One's life does not consist of possessions." As we hear throughout Scripture, true and everlasting happiness is not ultimately found on earth or in earthly matters.

Introduction To The Word

[Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23](#): In the first reading, we hear the opening words from the Book of Ecclesiastes. This Jewish wisdom book, composed about 300 BC, begins with the words of the wisdom teacher, Qoheleth (in Greek, "Ecclesiastes"). His focus is on the ideal of "vanity." For Qoheleth, all life is vanity in that life is a mystery beyond our human understanding, understood fully only by God himself.

[Col 3:1-5, 9-11](#): In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians, he addresses the issue of spiritual wealth by telling the Christians in the city of Colossae "to think of what is above, not what is on earth." For Paul, the defeat of the human failings of immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed and lying is possible because of the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. With Christ as the focus of our lives, we come to see the source of our spiritual wealth: "Christ is all and in all."

[Lk 12:13-21](#): In today's Gospel Jesus, like the wisdom teachers, instructs the crowd to be less concerned about the accumulation of material wealth and more concerned about the accumulation of spiritual wealth, a right relationship with God and neighbor.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
08/01	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
08/03	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/05	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/06	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Aug 01</u>	<u>Aug 08</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Qutorio
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Qutorio	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 10:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 111 members) to

stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Special Collection

Sunday - August 8th Parishes throughout our nation are once again being asked to take up a combined second collection for both the Catholic Home Missions and the Church in Latin America. The proceeds of the collection are sent to Dioceses, Parishes, Schools, Communities of Religious, Seminaries and other Catholic institutions that help the poor, sick and struggling.

Let us keep the Coffee Hour Brewing Strongly - Volunteer for this important community service.

To Volunteer: send an email to Elizabeth Williams Elizabeth.ewilliams@gmail.com or speak with her during the next Coffee Hour.

Also special thanks to the families who have volunteered to host the coffee hour and provide the sweets we enjoy, including the Mejer, Collins, Morriss and Williams families.

The Christian Meditation Group that meets on Wednesday at 6pm will resume on Wednesday September 1st.

Questions: contact – Carlo Ortho-Pallanzini 646-469-6308 or corthpax@earthlink.net or www.wccm.org

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
AUGUST 01 – AUGUST 07**

Mon. August 02 *St Eusebius of Vercelli &
St. Peter Julian Eymard*

- 7:00 Oscar de la Renta (I)
8:00 Sister Dolores Mascali (d)
12:15 Jayne Wrightsman (I)

Tues. August 03

- 7:00 Louise Moran (d)
8:00 Antoinette Martin (I)
12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Wed. August 04 *St. John Mary Vianney*

- 7:00 Jayne Wrightsman (I)
8:00 Adeeley Gorgalves (d)
12:15 Teofilo Gomez (d)

Thurs. August 05 *Bl. Frédéric Janssoone*

- 7:00 William Cavell (I)
8:00 Oscar de la Renta (I)
12:15 Vincent Leahy (d)

Fri. August 06 *Transfiguration of the Lord*

- 7:00 Rosemarie Conti (d)
8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
12:15 Philomena Moriarity (d)

Sat. August 07 *St. Sixtus II & companions
St. Cajetan*

- 8:00 Philomena Moriarity (d)
12:15 Helen Burke (I)
5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 08/02 [Jer 28:1-17](#), [Mt 14:13-21](#)
08/03 [Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22](#), [Mt 14:22-36](#)
or [Mt 15:1-2, 10-14](#)
08/04 [Jer 31:1-7](#), [Mt 15: 21-28](#)
08/05 [Jer 31:31-34](#), [Mt 16:13-23](#)
08/06 [Dn 7:9-10, 13-14](#), [2 Pt 1:16-19](#),
[Lk 9:28b-36](#)
08/07 [Hb 1:12—2:4](#), [Mt 17:14-20](#)

Welcome to Our Guest Bishops

Over the next two weeks, we will be welcoming two bishops from the [Republic of the Philippines](#). The Most Rev. Crispin Varguez who is the Bishop of the Diocese of Borongan, and the Most Rev. Nereo Odchimar, the Bishop of Tandag.

During Bishop Varguez's visit he will be visiting Filipino Clergy from his Diocese, serving in the New York Metropolitan area, as part of his Diocesan preparation for its October 22nd Golden Jubilee. It should be noted that St. Thomas More has a special connection to the Diocese of Borongan because both Fr. Joy, our Associate Pastor, and Msgr. Quitarro, who is assisting us during the summer, are both from this Diocese.

Bishop Odchimar who will be staying with us this weekend (July 31 – August 1), is the President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), and is an associate of Msgr. Quitarro, who is the Media Director for the CBCP, the Editor of the CBCP Monitor (www.cbcpmonitor.com) a catholic newspaper, the Editor of CBCP News (www.cbcpnews.com) a daily news service and the Vice President of CBCP World (www.cbcpworld.com) an Internet Service Provider that hosts the Parish website.

**New York City Festivals &
Special Events**

Sunday August 1st
The C.O.R.E. Health Expo
(on Broadway from 47th - 57th St)

Friday August 6th
Financial Community Day Series
(on Fulton St. from Water - Ryders Alley)

Saturday August 7th
Greenwich Village Festival
(on Greenwich Ave from 6th - 7th Ave)

See you in September

Our Regular Mass Schedule will return on September 12, 2010, when the 10:00am and 11:15am Masses will resume.

To add a Name of a Sick or Deceased Parishioner to the

Sunday Prayer of the Faithful,

please contact the Parish Office at 212-876-7718 by Wednesday
(No Contribution Required).

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to check the availability of a date for a **Mass Intention**. The offering for a Mass is \$15 for a Scheduled Mass or \$5 for a Mission Mass

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: PROTECTING CHILDREN AND NURTURING YOUTH

Unemployment continues to be of serious concern for New Yorkers. Catholic Charities has provided 23 career coaching workshops to more than 370 participants. Their "[Help and Hope](#)" program provides short-term career counseling through workshops at Archdiocesan parishes for individuals who have lost their jobs, anticipate a job loss, or need to change jobs. Referrals are made by parish pastors to the Catholic Charities Parish Counseling Network. To learn more or participate, call 888-744-7900, or visit www.CatholicCharitiesNY.org.

Light a candle, Light an Empire, on August 26th

According to the press, the application to light the Empire State Building on August 26th to honor Mother Teresa's 100th birthday has been denied. Apparently, this denial occurred because the Empire State Building has a specific policy against lighting for religious figures, religious organizations, and additional religious holidays.

But the question does remain -- is it reasonable for the Empire State Building not to include Mother Teresa in their current list of notables, a list that already includes Cardinal O'Connor, Pope John Paul II and the Rev. Martin Luther King?

And although it can not be denied that Mother Teresa was the founder of a religious order, the Missionaries of Charity, it is my opinion that her real work was not the creation of an order but the creation of a symbol of what people can do for each other when they truly embrace the universal principle of charity. A symbol that was embraced when she was awarded the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971, the Kennedy Prize in 1971, the Nehru Prize "for promotion of international peace and understanding" in 1972, the Albert Schweitzer International Prize in 1975, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985, the Congressional Gold Medal in 1994 and when she was given Honorary Citizenship of the United States in 1996.

In each case, Mother Teresa received the award not because of her activities as a Catholic or as a Religious or as the Founder of an organization, in each case the award was given to mark her service to mankind. To quote from the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States, this award is given to a recipient who has made "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

To demonstrate in favor of honoring Mother Teresa, the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights is planning a protest on August 26th in front of the Empire State Building at 6pm, and will provide more detailed information on their website www.catholicleague.org as the date approaches. If you not able to participate perhaps it will be enough to offer a quiet moment to celebrate an important life and an important symbol.

Fr. John Boehning