

Church of Saint Thomas More

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April 5, 2009

CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, In Residence

STAFF

Edward Litcher, Business Manager
Margaret Peet, Development
Sharon McKenna, Sacristan
Harvey Burgett, Director of Music & Composer in Residence

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:45 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.(Family Mass)
11:15 a.m.
(Choir at 10:00 and 11:15 Masses)
Sunday Afternoon: 12:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening: 5:45 p.m.
Families with children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
(no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays)

CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday
12:00 Noon (before Mass)
Saturday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

1:30 p.m. on Sundays
(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

George Sim Johnston
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APRIL 05, 2009

Palm Sunday

Theme/Call To Worship

On this Palm Sunday, we proclaim two contrasting gospels that were utterly consistent with whom Jesus truly was. In these gospels we see that Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was not about immediate acclamation and glory but about a glory realized only through the cross.

Introduction To The Word

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16: The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem; "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Is 50:4-7: In this reading the prophet Isaiah said: "The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Phil 2:6-11: In this reading St. Paul proclaims the glory of Jesus Christ. "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God...emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...becoming obedient to the point of death." "Because of this, God greatly exalted him...Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39: The Passion and Death of Christ

At St. Thomas More This Week

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Time:</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 04/05 | Group Baptism | 2:00 pm |
| 04/07 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 04/08 | Christian Meditation | 5:45 pm |
| 04/09 | Tenebrae Service | 9:00 am |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 04/10 | Tenebrae Service | 9:00 am |
| | The Seven Last Words | 1:00 pm |
| | Lords Passion and Death | 3:00 pm |
| | Stations of the Cross | 6:00 pm |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 04/11 | Tenebrae Service | 9:00 am |

Celebrant Schedule

| <i>Mass</i> | <i>April 05</i> |
|--------------|------------------|
| Sat 5:45 pm | Fr. Boehning |
| Sun 8:30 am | Msgr. Shelley |
| Sun 10:00 am | Fr. Diaz |
| Sun 11:15 am | Fr. Van Dyke, SJ |
| Sun 12:30 pm | Fr. Van Dyke, SJ |
| Sun 5:45 pm | Fr. Joy |

| <i>Mass</i> | <i>April 12</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Sat 7:30 pm | Fr. Joy |
| Sun 8:30 am | Fr. Van Dyke, SJ |
| Sun 10:00 am | Msgr. Shelley |
| Sun 11:15 am | Fr. Boehning |
| Sun 12:30 pm | Fr. Diaz |
| No Evening Mass | |



2009 Cardinal's Annual Appeal

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

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. To date we have received \$28,820. 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 new assigned goal of \$144,375 but you enable the Archdiocese to continue services vital to so many.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
APRIL 06 – APRIL 11**

Mon. April 06

7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
8:00 Tom McHugh (d)
12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Tues. April 07

7:00 Erlinda Jabino (l)
8:00 Tom McHugh (d)
12:15 Elizabeth & Joseph Hughes (d)

Wed. April 08

7:00 Mary Lynch (d)
8:00 Robert, William, George Lunsford (d)
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thurs. April 09 *Holy Thursday*

9:00 Morning Prayer / Tenebrae Service
6:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri. April 10 *Good Friday*

9:00 Morning Prayer / Tenebrae Service
1:00 Service of the Seven Last Words
3:00 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and
Death of Christ
6:00 Stations of the Cross

Sat. April 11 *Holy Saturday*

9:00 Morning Prayer / Tenebrae Service
7:30 Solemn Liturgy of the Easter Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

04/06 *Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11*
04/07 *Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*
04/08 *Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25*
04/09 *Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15*
04/10 *Is 52:13—53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9,
Jn 18:1—19:42*
04/11 *Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a, Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Ex 14:15-15:1,
Is 54:5-14, Is 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15, 32C4:4,
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16:1-7*

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2009
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**

April 6, 7, 8 Masses:

7:00, 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Confessions:

11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
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HOLY THURSDAY, April 9

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 p.m. – **CONCELEBRATED MASS OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER**

Homily by Fr. Gerald P. Fogarty, S.J.

7:30 – 11:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Reserved
Sacrament in the Chapel
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GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours

1:00 p.m. – Service of the

SEVEN LAST WORDS

With Fr. Gerald P. Fogarty, S.J.

3:00 p.m. – **SOLEMN LITURGY:**

Liturgy of the Word

Homily by Fr. Gerald P. Fogarty, S.J.

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. – **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

with individual veneration of the cross
(Choral Music by St. Thomas More Choir
at the afternoon and evening services)
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HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

of the Liturgy of the Hours

Confessions:

Immediately following Morning Prayer

And from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
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EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

7:30 p.m. – **SOLEMN LITURGY**

OF THE EASTER VIGIL

(First Mass of Easter)

Lighting of the New Fire

Solemn Easter Proclamation

Liturgy of the Word

Homily by Fr. Gerald P. Fogarty, S.J.

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Liturgy of the Eucharist

And Holy Communion
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EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

8:30, 10:00 & 11:15 a.m.

and 12:30 p.m.

(There will be NO evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

Special Good Friday Collection

The Holy Father asks all of the parishes throughout the world to take up a very special collection on Good Friday to assist the Holy Land Missions. Through this appeal, the Franciscan Friars, who have been entrusted by the Holy Father with the care of the holiest sites of our Faith, are able to continue the dedicated and exemplary service of pastoral care and maintenance that they provide to these sacred shrines. Thus it is that I ask you to be generous as possible in assisting the Franciscan Friars with this important work of the Church.

Edward Cardinal Egan
Apostolic Administrator

Celebrate the Joy of Easter Join with the Parish Council at the Easter Egg Hunt

When: April 12th – after the 10:00 AM Mass
Where: Rochester Room
During the Coffee Hour

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group
Send an email with your Name and the words
Join the E-Group (currently 67 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com
Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important
information.

St. Thomas More

Welcomes a Special Holy Week Homilist

Rev. Gerald P Fogarty, S.J. Ph. D

The William R Kenan Jr. Professor of Religious Studies and History, University of Virginia; and Loyola Chair of History, Fordham University 2008-2009.

Author of: *The Vatican and the Americanist Crisis; The Vatican and the American Hierarchy from 1870 to 1965; American Catholic Biblical Scholarship: A History from the Early Republic to Vatican II; and Commonwealth Catholicism: A History of the Catholic Church in Virginia.*

Share in the Easter Celebration as a Choral Group Volunteer

Every year we at St. Thomas More participate in a Tenebrae Service. The word Tenebrae is Latin for shadows and the purpose of the Tenebrae Service is to recreate the passion story. This year, the service is planned to begin at 9:00 AM each morning during the Triduum, the three days before Easter; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

To become a Choral Group Volunteer, you must have the ability to sing. Music will be provided, so it would be most helpful if you can read music, but if necessary, help with your preparation can also be provided. As a volunteer you must be available for one or more of the three days and you must be able to meet before each service to permit a 10 or 15 minute rehearsal and vocal warm up. If you are interested, please leave a message with the Parish Receptionist. The Choral Group Coordinator will call you to plan the next step.

If you are not able to participate as a Choral Group Volunteer, please attend at least one of these important services and share in a fuller understanding of the miracle and mystery of Easter.

EASTER GIVING

In considering your *Easter gift*, it may be of help to you to see a description of our parish gift-giving last Easter. We are deeply grateful and pray that your stewardship will continue this Easter.

May the risen Lord grant you peace and joy and an abundance of Easter grace.

| <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>DONOR</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 10,000 | 1 | 10,000 |
| 6,000 | 1 | 6,000 |
| 2,000 | 2 | 4,000 |
| 1,150 | 1 | 1,150 |
| 1,000 | 4 | 4,000 |
| 800 | 1 | 800 |
| 500 | 7 | 3,500 |
| 450 | 1 | 450 |
| 400 | 3 | 1,200 |
| 325 | 1 | 325 |
| 300 | 7 | 2,100 |
| 250 | 16 | 4,000 |
| 225 | 1 | 225 |
| 200 | 9 | 1,800 |
| 175 | 1 | 175 |
| 150 | 6 | 900 |
| 120 | 1 | 120 |
| 105 | 1 | 105 |
| 100 | 63 | 6,300 |
| under 100 | 140 | 4,101 |
| cash | | 6,186 |
| TOTAL | 267 | \$57,437 |