

Church of Saint Thomas More

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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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Heather Crimmins

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:45 pm

Sunday Morning: 8:30 am

10:00 am (Family Mass)

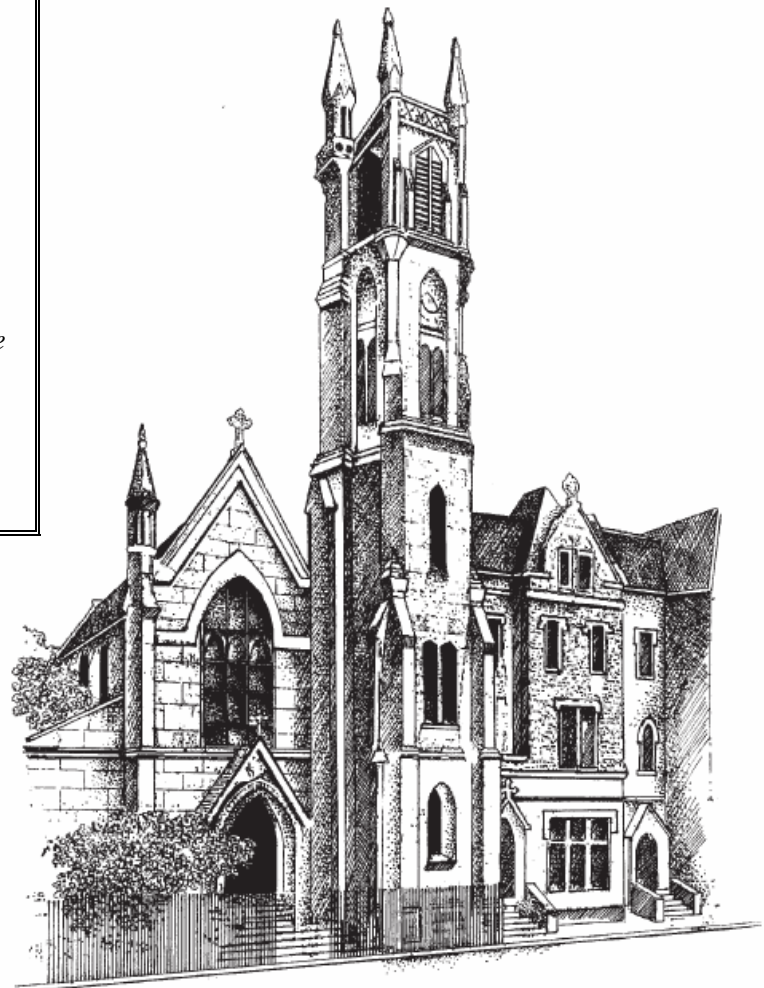
11:15 am

(Choir at 10:00 and 11:15 Masses)

Sunday Afternoon: 12:30 pm

Sunday Evening: 5:45 pm

Families and children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:00 am



Church of St. Thomas More

APRIL 11, 2010

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Theme/Call To Worship

The readings for the Second Sunday of Easter remind us that the church, both at its beginning and now, is often marked by fear and doubt. But we live in hope because our church is grounded in God who raised Jesus from the dead and who sends his Holy Spirit to us.

Introduction To The Word

[Acts 5:12-16](#): The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is one of St. Luke's many summary statements about life in the early church: a church united under apostolic leadership, guided by the Holy Spirit, growing and spreading throughout the Roman Empire.

[Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19](#): The second reading from the Book of Revelation recounts the initial vision that John received while exiled at the Roman penal colony on the island of Patmos. This initial vision contains a message of hope for the community of Christians who were suffering under the persecution of Emperor Domitian (AD 81 – 96)

[Jn 20:19-31](#): A similar message of hope is given to the apostles in the Gospel reading from St. John. The resurrected Christ appears to the apostles with the words: "Peace be with you," and gives to them the gift of the Holy Spirit – even to the doubting Thomas.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
04/11	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
04/12	CHADD	5:55 pm
04/13	Leisure Club Lunch after 12:15PM Mass A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/14	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
04/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>April 11</u>	<u>April 18</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Joy
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning



THE ARCHDIOCESAN
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

2010

Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

The *Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal* offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as our own parish. Please show your support for the Appeal by making your pledge today. Thank you to everyone for your prayerful consideration of your *Appeal* commitment.

MORE MUSIC

PROGRAM CHANGE FOR SPRING CONCERT

The program for the April 25th MORE Music concert featuring Beatrice Broadwater has been **rescheduled for December 1st at 3:30**. That concert will include the premiere of a composition commissioned for Ms. Broadwater, *Three Portraits of Mary*, with music by Harvey Burgett and paintings by Jonathan Marz. Please mark your calendars for this exciting afternoon at St. Thomas More.

MORE Music Concert – April 25th

Please join us Sunday afternoon, April 25th at 3:30 for our Spring MORE Music concert, featuring the *Quintet for Clarinet and Strings* by Johannes Brahms. Performers will include members of The Burgett Ensemble - Jo-Ann Sternberg, clarinet; Jorge Avila, violin; Paula Flatow, violin; Kathleen Foster, viola; and Arthur Fiacco, cello. Also on the program will be premieres by Harvey Burgett, including *Elegy and Scherzo for String Quartet* and *Isorhythmic Fantasy for Clarinet, Violin and Cello*.

Admission is free, although contributions will be gratefully received. A "Meet the Artists" reception will follow in the Rochester Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend!

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
APRIL 11 – APRIL 17**

Mon. April 12

7:00 Baba O'Shanghnessy (l)
8:00 John Waltenen (l)
12:15 John Leahy (d)

Tues. April 13 *St. Martin I*

7:00 Sr. Teresa Sheehan (l)
8:00 Robert W. Mullen (d)
12:15 The Weidner Family

Wed. April 14

7:00 Lisa Ruggeri's Aunt (d)
8:00 The Bowler Family
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thurs. April 15

7:00 The Kinney Family
8:00 The Souls in Purgatory
12:15 Ignacio & Criscenza Allera (d)

Fri. April 16

7:00 Leo Walsh (d)
8:00 The Souls in Purgatory
12:15 Jayne Wrightsman (l)

Sat. April 17 *Bl. Kateri Tekakwita*

8:00 Gayle Osterberg Chorske (d)
12:15 Edith Bills (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

04/12 [Acts 4:23-31](#), [Jn 3:1-8](#)
04/13 [Acts 4:32-37](#), [Jn 3:7b-15](#)
04/14 [Acts 5:17-26](#), [Jn 3:16-21](#)
04/15 [Acts 5:27-33](#), [Jn 3:31-36](#)
04/16 [Acts 5:34-42](#), [Jn 6:1-15](#)
04/17 [Acts 6:1-7](#), [Jn 6:16-21](#)

**St. Thomas More
Education Committee
More Hot Topics 2010**

April 26, 2010 - 7:00pm

*A Priest Forever According to the
Order of Melchizedek:*

What Does this Mean

For the Priest and For the Laity?

A Panel Discussion with

Fr. Aquinas Guilbeau, OP

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, JCD

Rev. Luke M. Sweeney, STL

May 10, 2010 – **Fr. George Rutler**

Cloud of Witnesses

June 7, 2010 – **The Parish Readers**

The Trial of St. Thomas More

October 18, 2010

Esther Joos Esteban

The Work of Children

Join the St. Thomas More

Parish Council or Become a Lector

If you are interested, please leave your name
and contact information with

Margaret Peet in the rectory or

email Heather Crimmins at

hcrimmins23@gmail.com

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words
Join the E-Group (Currently 107 members) to

stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other
important information.

LEISURE CLUB CALENDAR

*THE LEISURE CLUB IS A ST. THOMAS MORE
OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A
WEEKLY LUNCH TO SENIORS IN OUR
COMMUNITY, ON TUESDAYS AFTER THE
12:15PM MASS.*

NEXT LUNCHEON – APRIL 13TH

Excerpts from a Holy Week Homily of Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, Ireland

This has been a difficult year. We see how damaging failure of integrity and authenticity are to the Body of Christ. Shameful abuse took place within the Church of Christ. The response was hopelessly inadequate. I do not wish to give the impression that I want to go on forever hammering home a message of grief about the past, that I am obsessed with the past. Some ask me: "Can we not leave all that aside now, proclaim closure and move on?"

I cannot agree. There can be no overlooking the past. There is no short-cut in addressing the past. The credibility of the Church in this diocese of Dublin will only be regained when we honestly recognize the failures of the past, whatever our share of responsibility for them. There can be no rewriting history. There is no way *we* should impose fast-track healing on those whose vulnerability was abused.

We have to address the past but we cannot become imprisoned in the past. We cannot allow the freshness and newness of the Gospel message to be anesthetized; we cannot allow the enthusiasm of our desire to share that message with others to be smothered. We do not seek to impose a message or a way of life on others. We must, however, witness to what the message of Jesus means to us and what it can bring to society and our world. In that sense we must move forward, but we can only do so bearing within us the wounds of what has happened. Yet recognizing our woundedness may indeed be our strength, if we witness more authentically to the Jesus who

renounced all arrogance and power.

Where do we go from here? We can work on strategies and programs, but in the first place we must turn to Jesus. He alone has words of eternal life. He alone is the way, the truth and the life. Renewal must begin with knowing Jesus and deepening our relationship with Jesus; he alone will give us the strength and the confidence to renew the Church.

Many say to me – especially young people – that they have lost confidence in and even reject what they call "the Church as an institution," but that they still hold and cherish the message of Jesus. But where do they turn to find that message? They will not find it in popular culture. They will not keep it hoping that their knowledge of Jesus acquired as a child or in school will keep their faith alive as they face the challenges of adult life.

Faith in Jesus is not an ideology or a personal view on life. Jesus established a people, not a collection of individuals. Jesus established his Church as communion. The Church is not a group of individuals each with their own faith, but the Body of Christ of which we are all part.

I know that everyone here is here because of their love of the Church and their commitment to the Church. I know that everyone here hurts because of the hurt caused to the body of Christ. May the Church of Christ, built on the Word of God and on the Eucharist, once again appear in our world as a community which reflects the love and the care and the mercy of Jesus.

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