

Church of Saint Thomas More

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April 20, 2008

CLERGY

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

STAFF

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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Parish Council President

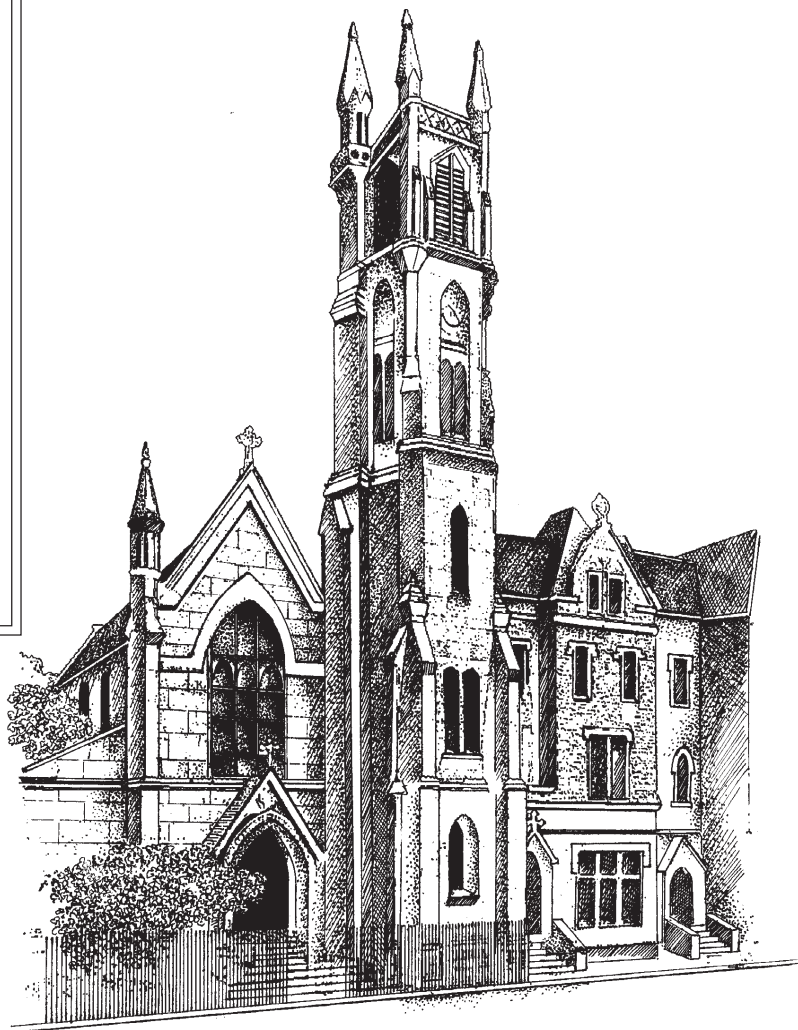
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
APRIL 20, 2008
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme/Call To Worship

We suffer with Him to have life in Him. From the cross flows the gift of Easter and new life!

Introduction To The Word

I. Acts 6: 1-7 During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

II. 1 Peter 2: 2:4-9 Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones ... an edifice of spirit."

Gospel: John 14:1-12 In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that He is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Who ever has seen me has seen the Father."

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
04/20	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
	Private Baptism	2:30 p.m.
04/21	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/22	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/23	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
04/24	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/25	Saint David's	10:00 a.m.
	First Eucharist	
	A..A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week



MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF APRIL 20 – APRIL 27 2008

Monday, April 21

7:00 Mary & Michael Egan (d)
8:00 Jean Strangis (d)
12:15 Jon Lawrence Shevell (d)

Tuesday, April 22

7:00 Frank Koe (d)
8:00 Christopher F. Dearie (d)
12:15 Judson Hannigan (d)

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 Epifanio Sarte (d)
8:00 Thomas Irish (d)
12:15 Kathryn & Denis Leahy (d)

Thursday, April 24

7:00 Christine & Thomas Durnin (d)
8:00 Joanne Enriquer (d)
12:15 Albert Dieterich (d)

Friday, April 25

7:00 Connie DeLuca (d)
8:00 Thomas McHugh (d)
12:15 Thomas McHugh (d)

Saturday, April 26

8:00 Thomas McHugh (d)
12:15 Thomas McHugh (d)

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday April 19

5:45 p.m. Fr. Joy

Sunday April 20

8:30 a.m. Fr. Joy
10:00 a.m. Fr. Diaz
11:15 a.m. Fr. Boehning
12:30 p.m. Msgr. Shelley
5:45 p.m. Fr. Diaz

Saturday April 26

5:45 p.m. Fr. Boehning

Sunday April 27

8:30 a.m. Fr. Joy
10:00 a.m. Msgr. Shelley
11:15 a.m. Msgr. Shelley
12:30 p.m. Fr. Boehning
5:45 p.m. Fr. Diaz

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Recognitions

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2008 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2008 are invited to our 10:00 a.m. Mass here on the same day to receive a special Anniversary Blessing from our Pastor, Fr. Boehning.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY FOR EITHER MASS.

Please contact our Parish Office for registration no later than Friday, April 25th.

Questions of the Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(The Way, the Truth, the Life)
April 20, 2008

Adults

In what areas of my life do I need a stronger faith, and how does the visit of Pope Benedict XVI inspire me to grow in that faith?

Children

Am I worried or afraid about something?
How can Jesus help me?

TODAY'S MASS AT YANKEE STADIUM

More than fifty thousand of the faithful will participate in the Mass celebrated by Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI at Yankee Stadium this afternoon. The challenge for the priests of the Archdiocese of New York is to distribute Holy Communion in a safe, reverend and timely manner.

If you are attending the Mass at Yankee Stadium this afternoon, April 20th, , please take a few moments to review the Archdiocese's "Safety-First" video by following this link

<http://www.archny.org/papalvisit/safety-first-video---yankees-stadium/>

For a full review of the Papal Visit and the recent Bi-Centennial Celebration of the Archdiocese, please see <http://www.archny.org/papalvisit/>

PARISH GROUNDS COLLECTION This Weekend Sunday April 20th

Maintaining the special and beautiful garden in front of our Church costs several thousand dollars each year.

The second collection on this Sunday, April 20th, will help us to support that maintenance.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Fr. Boehning

200th Anniversary Bi-Centennial Recognitions for Parishioners of St. Thomas More

The Church of St. Thomas More was honored to be represented at the Bicentennial Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Church of St. Monica on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The Mass for the East Manhattan Vicariate featured **Father Boehning** and multiple parishioners of The Church of St. Thomas More celebrating the 200th Anniversary on the very day on which the Archdiocese was established two centuries ago.

Madeleine Morrissey was an inspiring lector with the Second Reading, and **Nilsa Santiago** showed her flourish with the Italian language in reading the Prayers of the Faithful, along with **Father Tentativa**, who read a prayer for vocations in the Tagalog language to illustrate the diversity of our Vicariate.

Particular congratulations are in order for **Harvey Burgett**, our illustrious Music Director and Composer-in-Residence, who played a pivotal role in the wonderful music commemorating 200 years from April 8, 1808 to April 8, 2008.

FOURTH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE At St. Monica's Church Sunday April 27th

The Church of St. Monica's is holding its Fourth Annual Blood Drive in the Church Hall at 413 East 79th Street next Sunday. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome; photo IDs are required

Please contact the St. Monica's Rectory at 212-288-6520 or see churchofstmonica.org.

BOOK-SIGNING RECEPTION

**“THE BICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF NEW YORK”***

For our Priest-in-Residence, Monsignor Thomas J. Shelley

SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2008

Rochester Room 4:00- 6:00 pm

Contribution at Door is \$10.00 per person

*Cost of Book is \$30.00***

“One of the major components of our Bicentennial Celebration is a new history of the Archdiocese of New York written by Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Shelley. Entitled *The Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese of New York*, it was published by *Editions du Signe* in the fall such that our people had the opportunity to learn more about the rich heritage of faith and service of the Church in New York....the photographs and layouts that accompany the text are outstanding. This new work is a treasure about which we will be proud through the years ahead.”

Edward Cardinal Egan
Archbishop of New York

**Please note:* This book should not be confused with Msgr. Shelley’s previous book Empire State Catholics, which many of you have already read.

*** Checks should be made payable to Church of St. Thomas More*

Important to RSVP to Margaret Peet in the Parish Office at 212-876-7718.