

Church of Saint Thomas More

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April 27, 2008

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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

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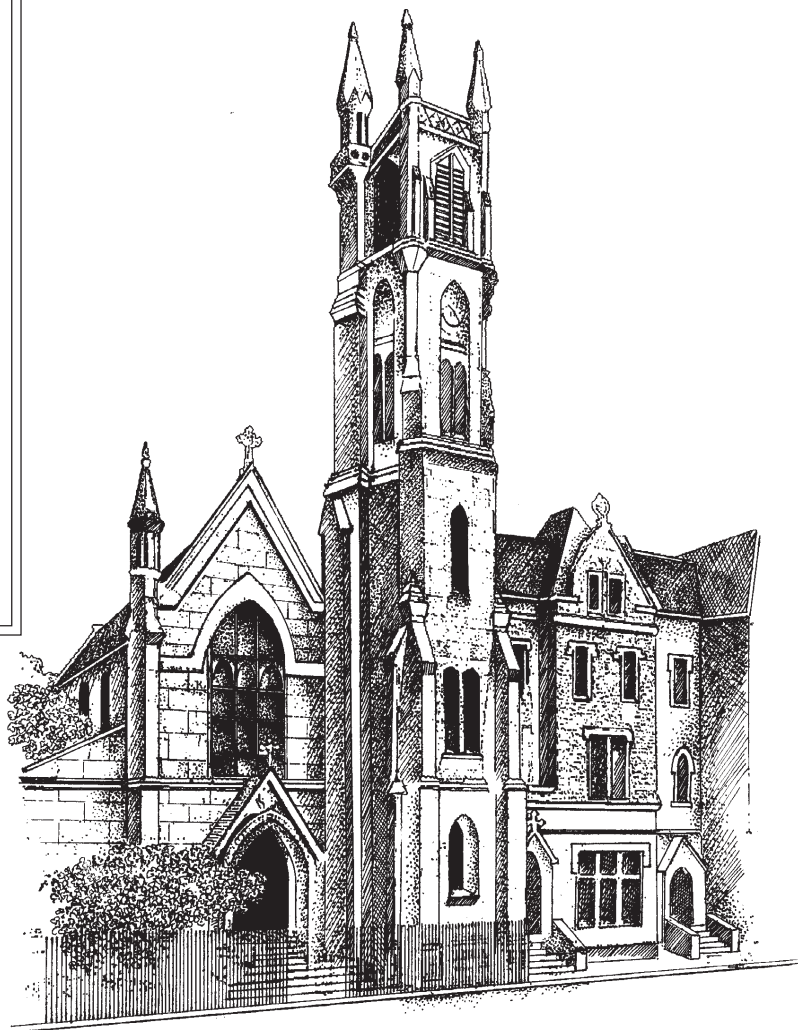
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
APRIL 27, 2008
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme/Call To Worship

We are called to be holy. We are called upon as witnesses and teachers. We are empowered by the Spirit to be able to do all these things. May the Spirit of Jesus really come alive in us.

Introduction To The Word

I. Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs.

II. 1 Peter 3:15-18 Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Gospel John 14:15-21 In His words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
04/27	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
04/28	Narnia Confirmandi Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
04/29	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/30	Narnia First Eucharist Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
05/01	Saint David's Mass	9:00 a.m.
	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/02	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF APRIL 27 – May 3 2008

Monday, April 28

7:00 Christopher Begley (d)
 8:00 Hugh O'Connor (d)
 12:15 Edmund Faustino (d)

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 Dan Maher (d)
 8:00 Christopher F. Dearie (d)
 12:15 Dr. Robert Gittler (d)

Wednesday, April 30

7:00 Peg Connor (d)
 8:00 Karen Ann Ferraro (d)
 12:15 Albert Dieterich (d)

Thursday, May 1

7:00 NO INTENTION HOLY DAY
 8:00 NO INTENTION HOLY DAY
 12:15 NO INTENTION HOLY DAY
 5:45 NO INTENTION HOLY DAY

Friday, May 2

7:00 Eileen O'Connor (d)
 8:00 John Russo(d)
 12:15 Eileen O'Connor (d)

Saturday, May 3

8:00 Dan Rochford (d)
 12:15 Edna & Eloise Tavares(l)

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

Saturday May 3

5:45 p.m. Fr. Diaz

Sunday May 4

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

Note to Parishioners from Fr. Francis Ong

Fr. Francis wishes to thank all in our parish who prayed for his mother, Natividad, during her long and difficult illness and continue to offer prayers following her death on February 7 of this year.

On behalf of his family he writes: "During these times of mourning, we would like to thank you for being with us in our grief, consoling us with your kind words, and comforting us with your presence and prayers. Those were priceless moments that eased our sadness and made us feel that God is there in our loneliness and pain."

Fr. Antonio-Francis Ong
Our Lady of Prompt Succor
401 21st Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses that day are:

7:00 and 8:00 a.m.
12:15 and 5:45 p.m.

Questions of the Week

Adults In what ways am I most aware of God's presence in my life? How open am I to that presence?

Children When I am feeling alone, do I remember that God is with me and that I can talk to him in my heart?

FOURTH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

At St. Monica's Church Today!

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

Please contact the St. Monica's Rectory at 212-288-6520 today.

A Special Thank You to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for blessing us with his Pastoral Visit to the Archdiocese of New York

The Church of St. Thomas More was honored to be represented with more than fifty thousand of the faithful in the Mass celebrated by Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, at Yankee Stadium last Sunday.

Your Parish Council met on Monday and interrupted its usual business for reflections by all on the Holy Father's visit.

We were unanimous that his speeches from the six days should be read and fully digested, and the full text of each is available on the Vatican website at the following link:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2008/april/index_en.htm

"Past generations have left you an impressive legacy. In our day too, the Catholic community in this nation has been outstanding in its prophetic witness in the defense "of life, in the education of the young, in care for the poor, the sick and the stranger in your midst. On these solid foundations, the future of the Church in America must even now begin to rise!"

"Empowered by His Holy Spirit, let us work with renewed zeal for the spread of His Kingdom." With these words, the pope concluded the homily for his Mass in Yankee Stadium.

BOOK-SIGNING

THIS AFTERNOON- SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2008

**Please join us today in
The Rochester Room
4:00- 6:00 pm**

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

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

On Tuesday April 8th clergy and parishioners of the Catholic churches of East Manhattan filled St. Monica’s Church to overflow for the Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of the diocese of New York.

Highlighted during that memorable evening was the recently published work of our priest-in-residence, 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; this 600-page beautifully illustrated history of our Archdiocese complements Monsignor Shelley’s previous tome, *Empire State Catholics*, which many of you enjoyed reading.....and a copy of which was given to Pope Benedict XVI by the seminarians at St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers last weekend.

Our Parish Council joins me in inviting you to this special book-signing reception today! **Father Boehning**

**Please note:* Please make checks payable to Church of St. Thomas More if attending.

Contribution at Door is \$10.00 per person

*Cost of Book is \$30.00***