

# Church of Saint Thomas More

65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street (east of Madison Avenue)

New York City, New York 10128

December 06, 2009

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## 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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday  
12:00 p.m. - 12:10 p.m. (before Mass)  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

## BAPTISM

1:30 p.m. 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

George Sim Johnston  
John Morriss

## Parish Council President

Heather Crimmins

## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

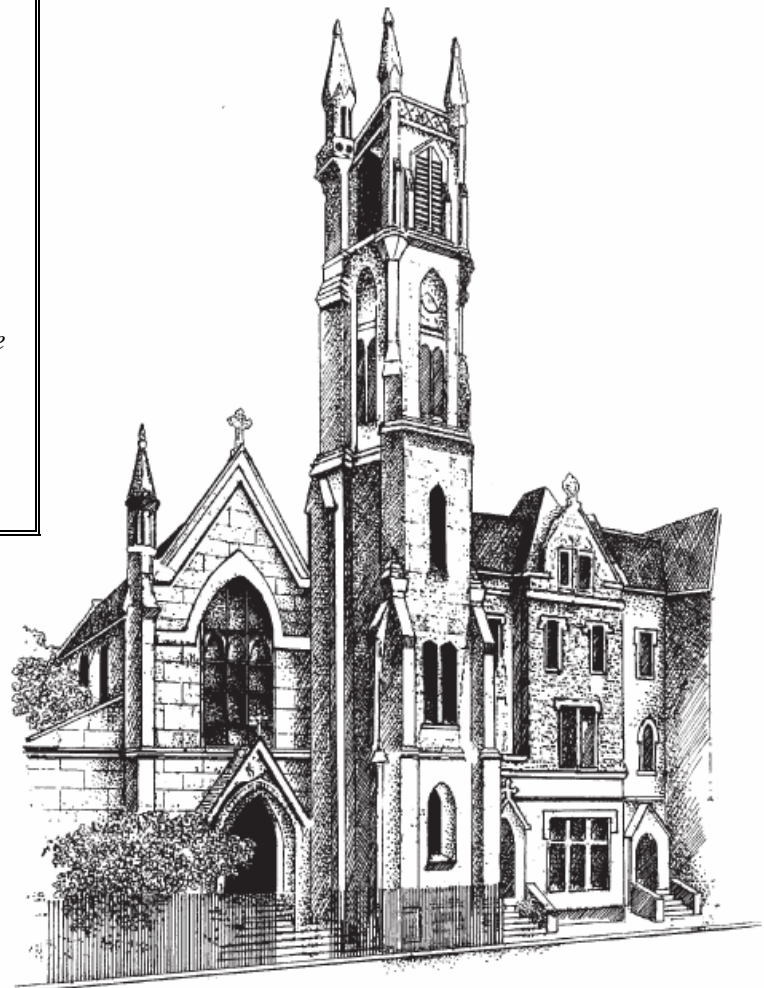
## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday Morning:** 8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass)  
11:15 am  
(Choir at 10:00 and 11:15 Masses)  
**Sunday Afternoon:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.

Families and children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.



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DECEMBER 06, 2009

## The Second Sunday of Advent

### Theme/Call To Worship

When John the Baptist appeared on the scene in the Judean desert, preaching with the words and images of the ancient prophets, many were filled with a renewed hope for better days. With John's emphasis on a baptism of repentance Israel saw, once again, an opportunity to restore and renew their relationship with God, just as in the days of the exile in Babylon. In the biblical tradition, John can be seen as the culminating prophetic voice turning our attention to God's saving work accomplished in Jesus Christ.

### Introduction To The Word

**Bar 5:1-9:** In the first reading, Baruch the scribe to the prophet Jeremiah offered a message of hope and joy to the captive Israelites in Babylon. According to Baruch, because of Israel's repentance in exile, God forgave Israel of its sins and promised Israel a bright future.

**Phil 1:4-6, 8-11:** In the second reading, St. Paul urges the Church of Philippi to prepare for the second coming of Jesus. "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ."

**Lk 3:1-6:** In today's Gospel St. Luke presents John the Baptist within Israel's prophetic tradition, but unlike Mark or Matthew, Luke stresses the universal scope of God's salvation by placing John's teaching in its historical context and by concluding John's preaching with the phrase "and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke, unlike the other evangelists, included this phrase because he had the advantage of historical perspective. He had seen how the early church grew to include both Jews and Gentiles (i.e., "all flesh").

### At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/06	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
12/07	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
12/08	Leisure Club Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/09	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
12/11	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

### Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>December 06</u>	<u>December 13</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Anthony, CO
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Anthony, CO
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Joy

### Special Mass Schedule

December 08<sup>th</sup>

The Holy Day of Obligation

the Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 and 8:00am,

12:15 and 5:45pm

### ST. THOMAS MORE

### PARISH COUNCIL

### TOY DRIVE

FROM NOV 29<sup>TH</sup> TO DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>

BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS, SPORTS

RELATED GIFTS AND BOARD GAMES

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8-14 SERVED

BY

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION

### MORE MUSIC CONCERT

### SAVE THE DATE

DEC 27 MOREMUSIC CHORAL &  
INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

JAN 17 HARVEY BURGETT, ORGANIST

FEB 07 ROBERT KOVAKS (TITULAR  
ORGANIST, EISENSTADT CATHEDRAL,  
AUSTRIA)

MAR 14 LAUNCH OF AETERNA, OUR NEW CD

APR 25 THE BURGETT ENSEMBLE

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 06 – DECEMBER 12**

Mon. December 07 *St. Ambrose*

7:00 Lucille Gut (d)

8:00 Ferenc Harsany (d)

12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Tues. December 08 *Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 Holy Day of Obligation

12:15 Holy Day of Obligation

5:45 Holy Day of Obligation

Wed. December 09 *St. Juan Diego*

7:00 Clark, Fernandez & Farley Families

8:00 Joan Kirkpatrick (d)

12:15 Jaime Ocampo (d)

Thurs. December 10

7:00 Don Quinn (d)

8:00 Elsa L'Official (d)

12:15 Joseph & Maria Muccino (d)

Fri. December 11 *St. Damasus I*

7:00 Durnin Family(d)

8:00 St. Lucy

12:15 Theresa Clark (l)

Sat. December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)

12:15 Clark, Fernandez & Medina Families

5:45 Sunday Vigil



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

12/07 [Is 35:1-10](#), [Lk 5:17-26](#)

12/08 [Gn 3:9-15, 20](#), [Eph 1:3-6, 11-12](#), [Lk 1:26-38](#)

12/09 [Is 40:25-31](#), [Mt 11:28-30](#)

12/10 [Is 41:13-20](#), [Mt 11:11-15](#)

12/11 [Is 48:17-19](#), [Mt 11:16-19](#)

12/12 [Zec 2:14-17](#) or [Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab,](#)  
[Lk 1:26-38](#) or [Lk 1:39-47](#)

**St. Jean Baptiste Thrift Shop**

**Christmas Fair**

December 12, 2009

11:30AM to 4:30PM

Jewelry, Cashmere Sweaters, Cook  
Books, Baked Goods, and Gift Items  
184 East 76<sup>th</sup> Street – Manhattan

**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.*

DEC. 08 – LUNCH

DEC. 15 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Big Apple Chorus  
at the  
South Street Seaport**

45-minute shows to brighten up your holiday  
season:

- Sunday, **December 6:** 3pm & 4pm
- Friday, **December 11:** 6pm & 7pm
- Saturday, **December 12:** 3pm, 4pm & 5pm
- Sunday, **December 13:** 3pm, 4pm & 5pm
  - Friday, **December 18:** 6pm & 7pm
  - Saturday, **December 19:** 3pm & 4pm
  - Sunday, **December 20:** 3pm & 4pm
  - Thursday, **December 24:** 3pm & 4pm
  - Saturday, **December 26:** 3pm & 4pm
  - Sunday, **December 27:** 3pm & 4pm

**LOCATION:** Cobblestones/Fulton & Front  
Street

**Join the St. Thomas More E-Group**

Send an email with your Name and the words  
Join the E-Group (currently 95 members) to  
[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com)

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important  
information.

## The 30th Annual "A City Singing at Christmas" Concert

*When: Thurs., Dec. 17, 2009 Time: 7PM - 9PM*

*Where: The Cathedral of Saint Patrick - NYC*

*Featuring: The Cathedral of Saint Patrick Choir*

*The Young People's Chorus of New York*

*Schola Cantorum on Hudson*

*The Cathedral Organs*

*The New York Symphonic Brass*

*Details: A City Singing at Christmas" promises to delight listeners. This festive **free** Christmas concert, a tradition in New York City, will be sure to put you in the mood for a joyous and holy Christmas season as you listen to the choirs and instruments and join in the singing of great Christmas hymns and carols. General Seating is free and open to the public. For more information and to join the "Friends of Music of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick," please contact Mr. Robert Evers, Music Administrator, at 212.753.2261 Ext. 274, or via e-mail at [musicdept@saintpatrickscathedral.org](mailto:musicdept@saintpatrickscathedral.org). [www.saintpatrickscathedral.org](http://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org)*

## Catholic Charities

Feeding the Hungry  
and Sheltering the Homeless

Emergency food programs serve more than 5 million meals a year throughout the New York metropolitan area. More than 3,000 families and individuals were helped to avoid evictions and stay in their homes. Emergency shelter was provided to 1,500 individuals and transitional or permanent apartments were found for more than 2,000 households.

To learn more please visit:  
[www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

## St. Thomas More Education Committee

### More Hot Topics / 2009-2010

Monday - December 14

Pulitzer prize-winner Tracy Kidder  
discusses his latest book

**"Strength in What Remains"**

Presentations begin on Monday at 7:00  
pm in the Rochester Room

Save the Date Fr. Benedict Groeschel -  
March 2010

## Fair Trade Chocolate

Would you like to indulge your sweet tooth and support economic justice? The [Catholic Relief Services \(CRS\) Fair Trade Chocolate Project](#) can help you do just that! Through their partners, [SERRV](#) and [Equal Exchange](#), you can buy Fair Trade chocolate for any occasion and know that you're supporting Fair Trade cocoa farmers overseas.

## Coffee Grounds for Justice

[Catholic Relief Services Coffee Project](#) is a parish based education, advocacy, and consumer initiative to increase demand for fair trade coffee, tea and cocoa, and to support small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

For information on how you can get involved, please call Lourdes Ferrer at 212-371-1000 ext. 2474, or email her at [Lourdes.ferrer@archny.org](mailto:Lourdes.ferrer@archny.org).

## Next Sunday's Special Collection

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I ask your generous support for the **Annual Appeal for Retired Religious**.

Our retired religious men and women, especially through their dedicated work in education, health care and social services, led the way in serving and attending to many of the needs of this special community of faith. Now in their advanced years, these builders of Catholic life need your assistance.

Please be as generous as you can in helping our retired sisters, brothers and priests to defray the ongoing costs of their health care and related needs.

Your gift will be an expression of your heartfelt gratitude for their exemplary lives of dedicated service to the Lord and His Church.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Advent, I am.

Faithfully in Christ

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York