

Church of Saint Thomas More

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December 7, 2008

CLERGY

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

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Parish Council President

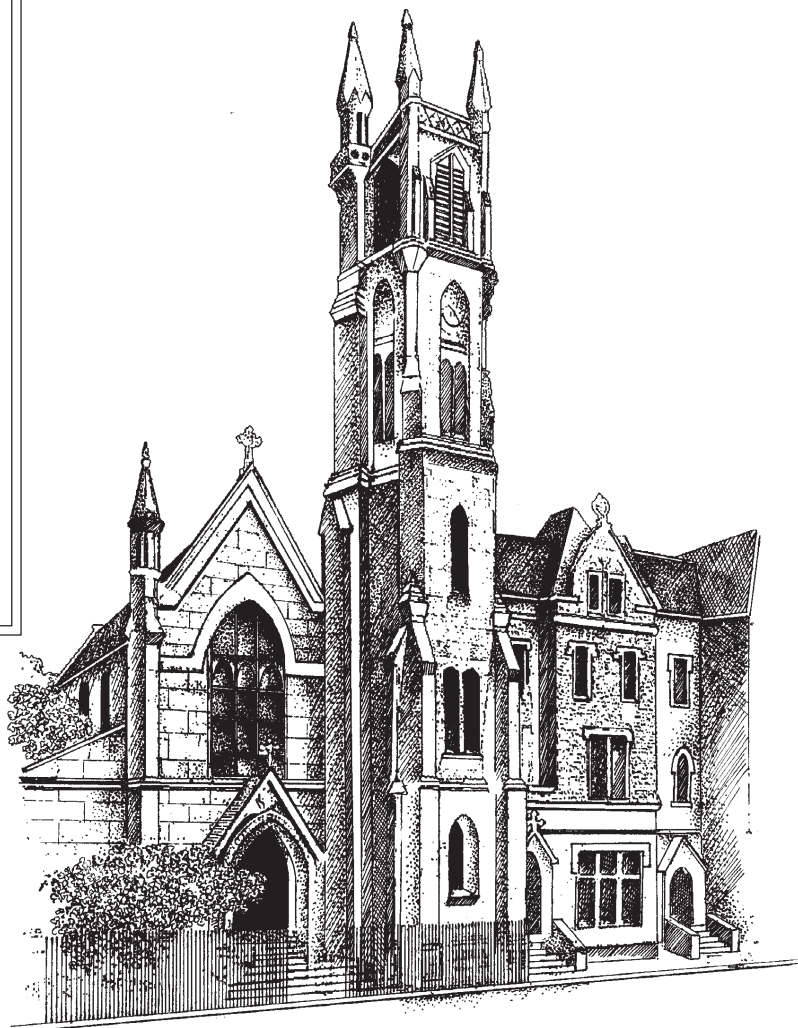
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Church of St. Thomas More
DECEMBER 7, 2008
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme/Call To Worship

The words of Peter could be summed up in the fundamental answer to 'know, love and serve my God' to make Him known, to have Him loved, and have Him served. What a wonderful advent task and program! "Make ready the way of the Lord."

Introduction To The Word

- I. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11** Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.
- II. 2 Peter 3:8-14** For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.
- III. Gospel Mark 1:1-8** In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/07	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
	Private Baptism	2:30 p.m.
	LAOH Meeting	1:30 p.m.
12/08	Saint David's Mass	9:00 a.m.
12/09	Leisure Club Lunch after	12:15 p.m.
	Mass	
	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/10	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
12/11	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
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Monday, December 8 is a
Holy Day of Obligation
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary,
Patroness of the United States of America

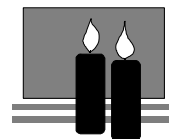
Masses for the Holy Day are on
Monday, December 8 at
7:00 & 8:00 a.m.
12:15 & 5:45 p.m.

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>December 7</i>	<i>December 14</i>
Sat. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Joy
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Van Dyke	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 a.m.	Fr. Van Dyke	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Fr. Anthony
Sun. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz

Annual Collection for Retired Sisters and Brothers

The Second Collection today is the Annual Collection for the retired Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese of New York. These Religious gave their entire lives in the service of the Church, administering and staffing our schools and hospitals for very little remuneration. Today's parochial school system and network of Catholic Health Care facilities stand as monuments to their commitment and dedication. Now we need to support them. The proceeds will help defray the cost of providing good care for the Sisters and Brothers who have devoted their lives to the care of others.



**MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 13**

Monday, December 8

7:00 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:00 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
12:15 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
5:45 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 Christopher Begley (d)
8:00 Gerardo S. Regalado (d)
12:15 Jaime Ocampo (d)

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
8:00 Charles McNamara (d)
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thursday, December 11

7:00 Celia McManus (d)
8:00 Richard Reynolds (d)
12:15 Theresa Clark (l)

Friday, December 12

7:00 Guadalupe S. Regalado (d)
8:00 John Crumler (d)
12:15 Theresa Clark (l)

Saturday, December 13

8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
12:15 Feast of St. Lucy
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

12/08 Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38
12/09 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt
18:12-14
12/10 Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30
12/11 Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt
11:11-15
12/12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps:Jud
13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47
12/13 2 Cor 10:17-11:2; Ps 31; Mt 25:1-13 or Sir 48:1-4,
9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-
13

**CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York *St. Nicholas Project* is underway. This program provides gifts of necessity including coats, scarves, blankets, etc. to more than 2,000 needy individuals. Volunteers are needed from NOW until January 2009 to help with office work, accept donations, sort items for distribution and assist with the shopping day, scheduled for Saturday, December 13. If you are interested in volunteering at the program's main office in NYC or participating in the shopping day, please contact the Archdiocese.

KATHLEEN MCGOWAN AT 212-371-1011, EXT. 2439 OR
KATHLEEN.MCGOWAN@ARCHNY.ORG

**OUR PARISH REPORT FOR
SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)

REGULAR COLLECTIONS \$30,756.28
PARISH PAY 4,193.21

SECOND COLLECTIONS

*PARISH OUTREACH
PROGRAMS* \$ 2,217.03
ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINAR6Y 2,857.12

BAPTISMS

Peter Winslow Metrailler
Parker David Kortye
Marina de Dios Sabater
Lily Scott Franklin
Graham Madigan Mahoney
Patrick Francis Hennessey

WEDDINGS

Richard J. Keating & Lisa Anne Lindstrom

FUNERALS

Virginia Connolly

OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)

REGULAR COLLECTIONS \$23,979.40
PARISH PAY 3,887.40

SECOND COLLECTIONS

ANNUAL FLOWER OFFERING \$ 2,601.30
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2,191.60

BAPTISMS

Pia Airoidi Erwine
Isabelle Alice Cryan
Mateo Anthony Girand
Robert Christopher Errico, Jr.

WEDDINGS

Andrew Fletcher & Mariana Cassin
Christopher Pegg & Alida Rowe

FUNERALS

Malcolm E. Meistrell, Jr.

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION
Sunday, November 30 – December 14

The Parish Council of St. Thomas More is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Collection on Sunday, November 30th through Sunday, December 14th. NEW toys and gifts (no gift wrap, please) for ages 2 – 16 may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Gifts will be donated to The Little Sisters of the Assumption. The gifts will be distributed to children participating in their Free Arts Groups. Sports related gifts and group games are particularly appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!

TO

ALL PARISHIONERS

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008

JOIN US AT A

VERY SPECIAL

CHRISTMAS

COFFEE HOUR

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

SPECIAL EVENT:

AN EARLY VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS

***CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION**

UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 – 16

FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION

WILL BE ACCEPTED

AT THE

CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR