

Church of Saint Thomas More

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New York City, New York 10128

December 13, 2009

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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

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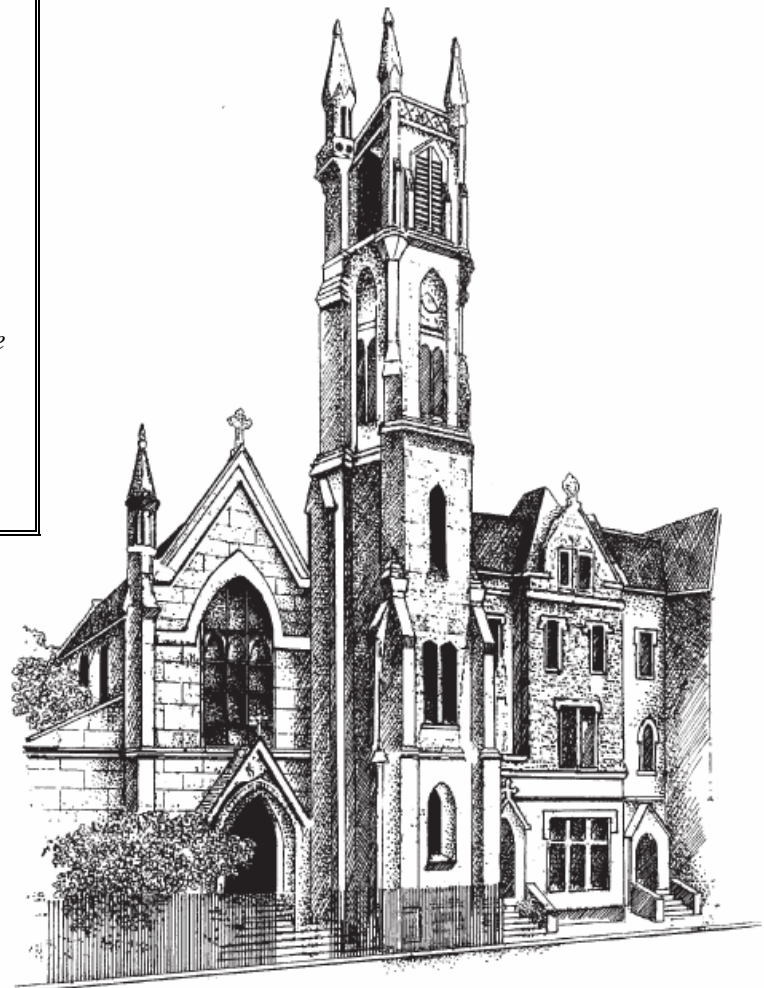
Head Usher

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 13, 2009

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday

Theme/Call To Worship

As we anticipate the imminent birth of Christ, the readings from this Sunday call us to be people who rejoice in God's gift of his Son. Central to our rejoicing is the recognition that this divine gift is intended to transform us and our world.

Introduction To The Word

[Zep 3:14-18a](#): "Sing joyfully" and "Shout for joy" proclaims the prophet Zephaniah. His words of hope can resonate just as boldly today as they did in the land of Israel so long ago. As Christians, our hope is rooted in the fact that our Savior Jesus Christ came to free us from the ancient enemy, the powers of sin and death.

[Phil 4:4-7](#): St. Paul writes of the importance of "rejoicing in the Lord always." He emphasizes rejoicing because Paul recognizes that the gift of Jesus is the "peace of God." It is faith in Jesus Christ that brings about a transformation of "hearts and minds" – an inner peace that God intends for all.

[Lk 3:10-18](#): In today's Gospel, the preaching of John the Baptist is our first introduction to the theme of transformation. More than John's baptism, which involves water and brings a forgiveness of sins, Jesus' baptism involves the Holy Spirit, which brings a transformation of self and the world, a true reason to rejoice.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/13	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
12/14	CHADD	5:55 pm
12/15	Leisure Club Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/16	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
12/17	Saint David's – Lessons & Carols	6:30 pm
12/18	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>December 13</u>	<u>December 20</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Anthony, CO	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Anthony, CO	Fr. Diaz
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH COUNCIL TOY DRIVE

FROM NOV 29TH TO DEC 13TH

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

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

St. Thomas More

Christmas Food

Campaign



To aid the Lenox Hill
Common Pantry

St. Thomas More Lectors

The 2010 Workbook for Lectors is
available. Please see the Church
Receptionist for your copy.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
DECEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 19**

Mon. December 14 *Saint John of the Cross*

7:00 Fotini Livanos (l)
8:00 Michael Brewer (l)
12:15 Gloria DeAngelis (d)

Tues. December 15

7:00 George, Marina, Georgi & Alexis Colettis
8:00 Louise Tembeckasian (l)
12:15 Elizabeth & Joseph Hughes (d)

Wed. December 16

7:00 Nikitos & Sofia Colettis (d)
8:00 George Livanos (d)
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thurs. December 17

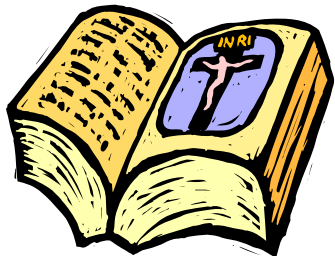
7:00 James & Helen Mary Smith (d)
8:00 James William Moore (d)
12:15 Hannah Smith (d)

Fri. December 18

7:00 Dr. Edward Reilly (d)
8:00 Kitty Walsh (d)
12:15 John Elson (d)

Sat. December 19

8:00 Alicia Buzan Cordon (d)
12:15 Hugh Maguire (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

12/14 [Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a](#), [Mt 21:23-27](#)
12/15 [Zep 3:1-2, 9-13](#), [Mt 21:28-32](#)
12/16 [Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25](#), [Lk 7:18b-23](#)
12/17 [Gn 49:2, 8-10](#), [Lk 7:18b-23](#) or [Mt 1:1-17](#)
12/18 [Jer 23:5-8](#), [Mt 1:18-25](#)
12/19 [Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a](#), [Lk 1:5-25](#)

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. 15 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This Sunday's Special Collection

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I ask your generous support for the

Annual Appeal for Retired Religious.

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

Faithfully in Christ
Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York

CHADD of New York

Date: 12/14/09

Location: St Thomas More

Time: 5:55PM to ~7:20PM

ADD in the Love: When ADD is a third party in your love life, it can create chaos. Often, in the day to day struggle to manage life with ADD, the love that brought a couple together gets buried under the messes and piles, not to mention all those fires that continually need putting out. This presentation will focus on ways to heal intimate relationships by putting the love at the top of the list.

Speaker: Kate Kelly, RN: A nationally known speaker and workshop leader as well as educator of ADHD coaches through the *ADD in the Spirit coach training program.*

Join the St. Thomas MoreE-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 95 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Irish Dancing Classes

Park Avenue Christian Day School

All levels from age 4 taught on Thursday afternoons in the Parlor By Deirdre O'Mara

For more information, please email Deirdre at

Deirdreomara1@hotmail.com

or call 201-679-1450

**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

**Chesterton and Christmas:
A Serious Affair**

An homage to his love for Christmas through
conversations, readings, and choral music

Speakers:

Fr. Ian BOYD, C.S.B. - President of The G. K.
Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture

Dr. Dermot QUINN - Professor of History,
Seton Hall University

Special Guests:

Mr. Tony HENDRA, writer and actor

Christopher VATH and THE COMMUNION
AND LIBERATION CHOIR

Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 7:00 pm

Pope Auditorium, Fordham University

113 West 60th Street, New York

The event is open to the public and free of
charge. For more information, visit our Web site
at www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org.

All Parishioners
Join us TODAY at a
Very Special
Christmas
Coffee hour
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
special event:
an early visit from
Santa Claus

On the 3rd day of

Christmas...



Members of the Burgett Ensemble
Performing

Salve Regina by Franz Josef Haydn

Christmas Concerto by Archangelo Marcello

And music for the season by Harvey Burgett

with orchestrations by Graham Ramsay

Aaron James, baritone	Jorge Avila, violin
Arthur Fiacco, cello	Kathleen Foster, viola
BJ Fredericks, alto	Lewis White, baritone
Betsy Bates, soprano	Melissa Fogarty, soprano
Christopher Roselli, bass	Michael Brown, tenor
Drew Martin, tenor	Paula Flatow, violin
Phyllis Kubey, alto	Jeanne Ommerle, soprano
Roger Wagner, contrabass	Jon Olund, tenor
Wendy Gilles, alto	

And Harvey Burgett, organ/conductor

Sunday, December 27th * 3:30pm

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Free Admission/Contributions gratefully
received

"Meet the Artists"

reception following the concert

**BOOMERS
& Beyond**

Holiday Gift Ideas from Boomers & Beyond
High Tea at Gracie Mansion on **Thursday Jan
14, 1-3pm**, includes a delicious selection of
homemade tea sandwiches, tea cakes and
scones and a guided tour of Gracie Mansion.
\$30 (25+ handling) is due by Mon, Dec 21. Tour
is limited...don't delay!

On **Sunday, March 14th, at 3pm**, Boomers &
Beyond goes to Broadway ... limited number of
orchestra seats for the hit musical, *Finian's
Rainbow* at only \$60 (55+handling). Check
deadline Jan. 6th.

Make checks payable to: Church of St. Ignatius
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memo section). Mail or hand deliver
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