

Church of Saint Thomas More

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December 14, 2008

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Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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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

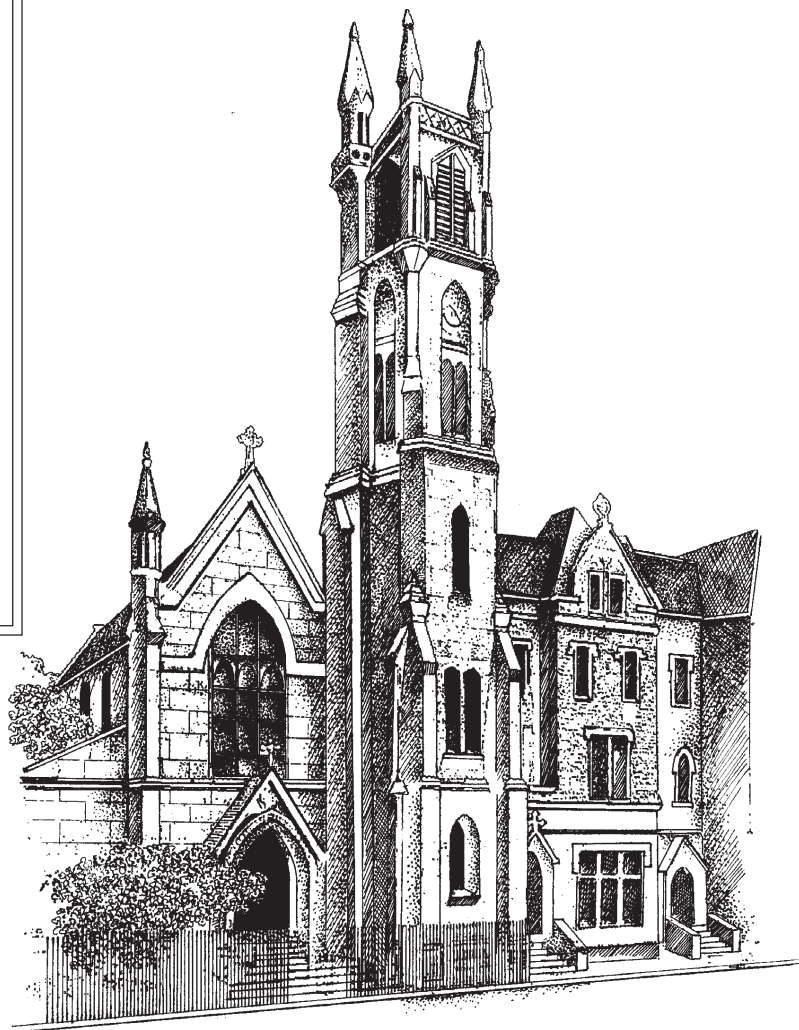
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme/Call To Worship

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "GAUDETTE SUNDAY" from the Latin word meaning to "rejoice". We are to rejoice because our salvation is nearer, because the time of Advent is nearly over, and because the celebration of the birth of Christ draws near.

Introduction To The Word

- I. **Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11:** "I rejoice heartily to the Lord". Isaiah rejoices the gift he has received from the Lord and the duty it has bestowed on him. As fellow gift recipients, we too should seek ways to rejoice and ways to honor the obligation that has been bestowed on us.
- II. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24:** St. Paul reminds his congregation and us, to always be in a state of preparedness. For only in this state can we seek our ultimate reward and "be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- III. **Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28:** St. John the Baptist explains his role by quoting Isaiah "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord."

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/14	Special Christmas Coffee Hour	11:00 a.m.
	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
12/15	Parish Council	6:30 a.m.
12/16	Leisure Club Lunch after Mass	12:15 p.m.
	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/17	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
12/18	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

We encourage you to make us of the automated giving program called Parish Pay which is approved by the Archdiocese of New York. For information and to enroll directly please visit the Parish Pay website, www.parishpay.com or call 1-866-Parish 1.

As we prepare for our Christmas Celebration, next week, we will be sending an appeal for special contributions for our Christmas Flower and Decoration Fund. Your faithful generosity is deeply appreciated.

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>December 14</i>	<i>December 21</i>
Sat. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 a.m.	Fr. Anthony	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Anthony	Fr. Joy
Sun. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy

Visit the St. Thomas More website, www.thomasmorechurch.org read about upcoming events, learn about the history of our parish and obtain other important information.

To receive e-mail announcements about upcoming events, please send an e-mail to stm_business@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS AT
ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 20

Monday, December 15

- 7:00 Joe Crabtree (d)
8:00 Manuel Alejagca, Sr. (d)
12:15 Kris Marceno (d)

Tuesday, December 16

- 7:00 Mary Gillespie (d)
8:00 Grace Timmeny (d)
12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Wednesday, December 17

- 7:00 Michael Gillespie (d)
8:00 James Smith (d)
12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

Thursday, December 18

- 7:00 James McManus (d)
8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
12:15 Nino Cgsareo (d)

Friday, December 19

- 7:00 Mary & Michael Egan (d)
8:00 Guy Dubouillon (d)
12:15 Warren Williamson (d)

Saturday, December 20

- 8:00 Michael Sherman (d)
12:15 Albert P Clark, Jr. (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 12/15 Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mat 21:23-27
12/16 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23; Mat 21:28-32
12/17 Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mat 1:1-17
12/18 Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mat 1:18-25
12/19 Jud 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps: 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
12/20 Isa 7:10-14; Ps 24; 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 7c & 10b; Lk 1:26-38

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.

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Journey Through Advent

at
Church of
St. Ignatius Loyola

Sunday, December 14th
Christmas Concert – 4:00PM
Young Adult Series – Shall We Look for Another
– 5:30PM

Thursday, December 18th
Reflection on the Advent Gospels – 7:00PM

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