

**Church of Saint Thomas More
New York City, New York
December 20, 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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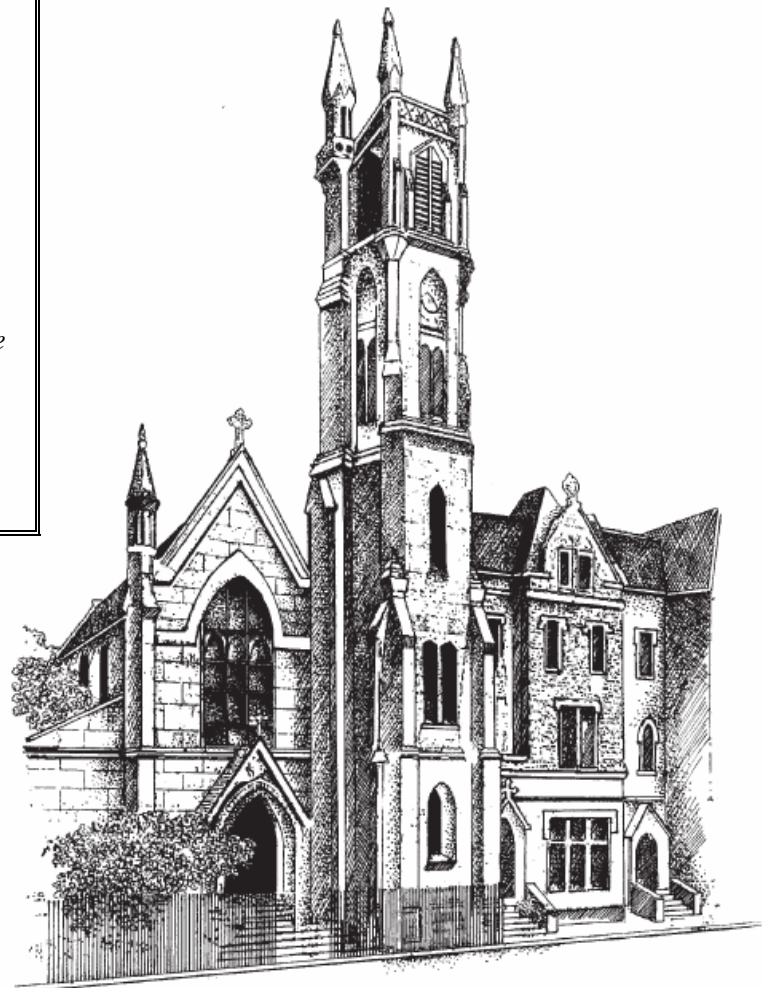
Head Usher

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 20, 2009

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Theme/Call To Worship

Today's readings teach us that the season of Advent is a time of believing and a time of blessing. With our celebration of the birth of Christ only days away, we are reminded by the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth that what we believe about the birth of Christ brings a blessing to our lives.

Introduction To The Word

[Mi 5:1-4a](#): The first reading taken from the prophet Micah speaks of a coming messianic age and calls Israel to believe in God's promise of a brighter future.

[Heb 10:5-10](#): In the letter to the Hebrews St. Paul speaks about the reason for Jesus' coming. "As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God."

[Lk 1:39-45](#): Today's Gospel reading is drawn from Luke's infancy narrative. In this exchange Luke presents to us the first Advent: Mary and Elizabeth are the first to anticipate and celebrate the birth of Christ. In this reading Luke places his focus not so much on the anticipated birth of Jesus, but rather on the presence of the Holy Spirit, on Mary's faith and on the link between belief and blessing.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/20	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
12/21	Confession	11:45 am – 12:10 pm
12/22	Confession	11:45 am – 12:10 pm
	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/23	Confession	11:45 am – 12:10 pm
	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
12/24	Confession	11:45 am – 12:10 pm
	Confession	1:00 pm – 1:30 pm
12/25	Parish Office Closed	after 2:00PM
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>December 20</u>	<u>December 27</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 12/21 [Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45](#)
12/22 [1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56](#)
12/23 [Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66](#)
12/24 [2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79](#)
12/25 [Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14](#)
12/26 [Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22](#)

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

AT ST. THOMAS MORE

FOR WEEK OF

DECEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 26

Mon. December 21 *Saint Peter Canisius*

- 7:00 Jayne Wrightsman (l)
8:00 James William Moore (d)
12:15 Louis & Mark O'Connor (d)

Tues. December 22

- 7:00 Jayne Wrightsman (l)
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12:15 Edelberta Gomez (d)

Wed. December 23 *St. John of Kanty*

- 7:00 Mrs. Delarenta (l)
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12:15 Eileen Grunauer (d)

Thurs. December 24

- 7:00 Francis Guss & Family (l)
8:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)
12:15 Seton Fell Holt (d)

Christmas Vigil

- 4:00 Children's Mass with Choir
& Crèche Blessing
5:45 Solemn Mass with Choir
12:00 Midnight Mass with Choir

Fri. December 25 *Christmas*

- 8:30 Christmas
10:30 Christmas
12:30 Christmas

Sat. December 26 *Saint Stephen*

- 8:00 Josie Murray (l)
12:15 Tomasa Salgado (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

Special Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 19

4:30PM to 5:00PM

Monday, Dec. 21, Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Wednesday, Dec. 23

11:45AM to 12:10PM

Thursday, December 24

11:45AM to 12:10PM and 1:00PM to 1:30PM

Special Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24

4:00PM Children's Mass with Choir and
Blessing of the Christmas Crèche

5:45PM Solemn Mass with Choir

12:00AM Midnight Solemn Mass with Choir

A special Choir program precedes each of the above Masses.

Friday, December 25

8:30AM, 10:30AM and 12:30PM (All masses with music)

No evening Mass on Christmas Day. Our Parish Office will be closed after 2:00PM on Friday, Christmas Day.

"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His Mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh". - - Mt. 2:10-11.

