

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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## CLERGY

Rev. John A Boehning, Pastor  
Rev. Jose C. Tentativa, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Edwin Diaz, Associate Pastor  
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

December 27, 2009

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

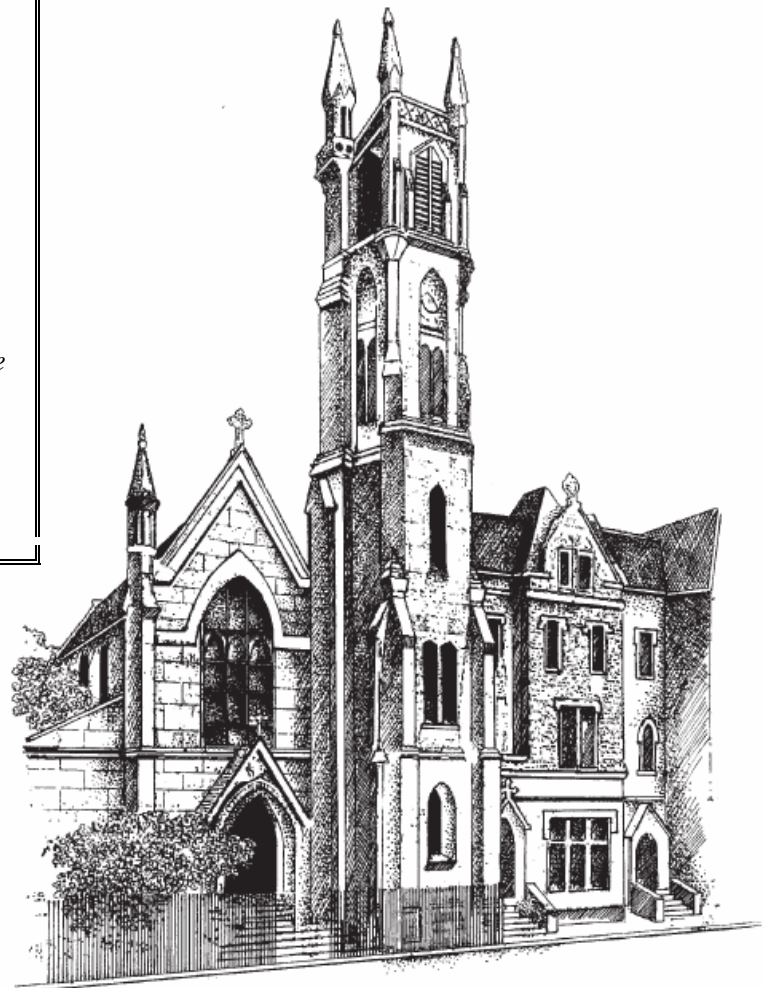
**Saturday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.

**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.



# Church of St. Thomas More

DECEMBER 27, 2009

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Theme/Call To Worship

During the season of Christmas, we recognize not only the birth and manifestation of Jesus as God's only divine Son, we also recognize that Jesus was born into a family with an earthly mother and foster father. The feast of the Holy Family teaches us important lessons for our contemporary Christian family life. As parents, we need to foster our children's relationship with God and be a model to them by living our own faith-filled relationship with God.

### Introduction To The Word

[Sir 3:2-6, 12-14](#): The first reading taken from the Book of Sirach illustrates the importance of positive relationships within the family. "Kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you."

[Col 3:12-21](#): In this letter St. Paul writes of the need to emulate Christ in all of our relationships. "Put on, as God's chosen one, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...and let the peace of Christ control your hearts."

[Lk 2:41-52](#): In today's Gospel, we get a glimpse of Jesus' mission. When Mary and Joseph find their lost son in the Temple in Jerusalem he asked them "why are you looking for me...did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" This reading also allows us to see the relationship between Jesus and his family "he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them...and Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

### At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/27	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
	MoreMusic Concert	3:30 pm
12/29	<b>No Leisure Club Lunch</b>	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/30	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
01/01	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

### Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>December 27</u>	<u>January 03</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Joy	Fr. Anthony, CO
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Anthony, CO
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz

## 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

### Special Mass Schedule

### Holy Day of Obligation

### The Solemnity of the Blessed

### Virgin Mary

### the Mother of God

Thursday, December 31

5:45PM

Friday, January 01

8:30AM and 12:30PM

### Next Sunday's Special

### Collection

The Catholic University of America and the Catholic Communication Campaign

Your Generosity is appreciated

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 02**

Mon. December 28     *Feast of the Holy Innocents*

7:00 Leonard Terzaghi (d)  
8:00 Janice Numarato (l)  
12:15 Seton Fell Holt (d)

Tues. December 29

7:00 Hank Herzfeld (d)  
8:00 Janice Numarato (l)  
12:15 Frank Lorusso (d)

Wed. December 30

7:00 Nino Correa (d)  
8:00 Holy Souls  
12:15 Janice Numarato (l)

Thurs. December 31

7:00 Anna Geletey (d)  
8:00 Josephine Terzaghi (d)  
12:15 Thanksgiving  
Solemnity of Mary - Vigil Mass  
5:45 Holy Day of Obligation

Fri. January 01     *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, the Mother of God*

8:30 Holy Day of Obligation  
12:30 Holy Day of Obligation

Sat. January 02     *Saints Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen*

8:00 Mrs. Sulzberger (d)  
12:15 Mrs. Sulzberger (d)  
5:45 Sunday Vigil



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

12/28 [1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 2:13-18](#)  
12/29 [1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35](#)  
12/30 [1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40](#)  
12/31 [1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18](#)  
01/01 [Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21](#)  
01/02 [1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28](#)

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**St. Thomas More Lectors**

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

**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.*

**THE NEXT LUNCHEON JANUARY 19**

**Join the St. Thomas MoreE-Group**

Send an email with your Name and the words  
Join the E-Group (Currently 96 members) to

[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com)

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important  
information.

**St. Thomas More  
Education Committee  
More Hot Topics / 2009-2010**

**Save the Date  
Fr. Benedict Groeschel  
March 2010**

EXCERPT FROM THE MESSAGE OF  
HIS HOLINESS  
POPE BENEDICT XVI  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE  
1 JANUARY 2010

**IF YOU WANT TO CULTIVATE  
PEACE, PROTECT CREATION**

At the beginning of this New Year, I wish to offer heartfelt greetings of peace to all Christian communities, international leaders, and people of good will throughout the world. For this XLIII World Day of Peace I have chosen the theme: *If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation*. Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because “creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God’s works,” and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind. Man’s inhumanity to man has given rise to numerous threats to peace and to authentic and integral human development – wars, international and regional conflicts, acts of terrorism, and violations of human rights. Yet no less troubling are the threats arising from the neglect – if not downright misuse – of the earth and the natural goods that God has given us. .... For this reason, I invite all believers to raise a fervent prayer to God, the all-powerful Creator and the Father of mercies, so that all men and women may take to heart the urgent appeal: *If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation*.

*From the Vatican, 8 December 2009*

**BENEDICTUS PP. XVI**

**Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice**

The Church & Migration – 2009

**The Bishops Call for Comprehensive  
Immigration Reform**

The Hispanic Pew Forum estimates that at least twelve million undocumented immigrants live and work in the United States today. The motivations pushing immigrants to risk unauthorized entry into America are varied, but most come with the hope of reuniting with family members already here or to find work that will provide support for their family back home. The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized capacity, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. The Church believes that current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants’ human dignity and have kept families apart. The Catholic bishops of the United States have been strong supporters of comprehensive immigration reform, which includes:

- A broad based legalization (permanent residency) of the undocumented of all nationalities;
- Reform of our family-based immigration system to allow family members to reunite with loved ones in the United States;
- Reform of the employment-based immigration system to provide legal pathways for migrants to come and work in a safe, humane, and orderly manner;
- Abandonment of the border "blockade" enforcement strategy;
- Restoration of due process protections for immigrants.

For more information on the activities of the Catholic Church in the United States as it reaches out to refugee populations in need, please visit

[www.usccb.org/mrs/policypositions.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/policypositions.shtml) or contact Tom Dobbins, Jr., Catholic Charities Department of Social and Community Development at (212)371-1000, ext 2473 or e-mail him at [Thomas.dobbins@archny.org](mailto:Thomas.dobbins@archny.org).



**Have a  
Happy,  
and Healthy  
New Year**