

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 3, 2008

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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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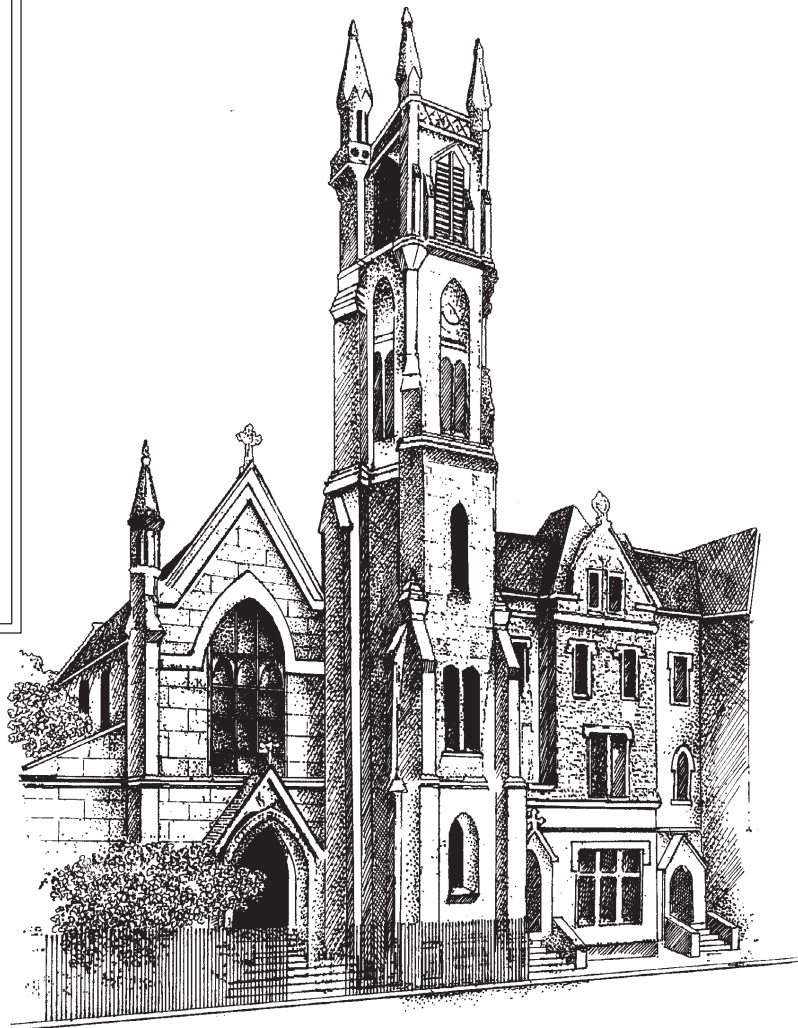
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
FEBRUARY 3, 2008
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Theme/Call To Worship

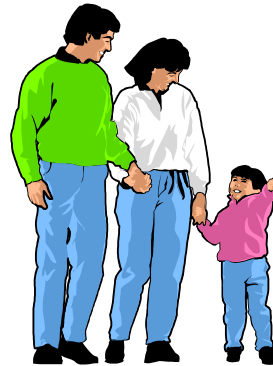
Zephaniah preached in the southern kingdom of Judah during the first decade of the reign of King Josiah (640-609 BC). Zephaniah was the prophetic forerunner to the great prophet Jeremiah, and he was active in the waning years of the mighty Assyrian Empire. Zephaniah was in many ways a prophet of doom; he foretold of “the day of the Lord” and spoke of that day as one of judgement and doom. Historically, the judgement of doom was only a few years away, when in 597 BC, the newly arisen Babylonian Empire would seize and capture the southern kingdom of Judah, sending most of the inhabitants into exile. But Zephaniah did hold out hope for those Israelites who sought justice and humility.

Introduction To The Word

- I. Gn 2:7-9. 3:1-7.** The passage narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.
- II. Rom 5:12-19.** Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.
- III. Mt 4:1-11.** In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore.”

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
02/03	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
	Private Baptism	2:30 p.m.
02/04	CHADD Meeting	6:00 p.m.
02/05	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/06	STD Ash Wednesday Mass	9:00 a.m.
	Ash Wednesday Prayer Svc.	4:00 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
02/07	STM Playgroup Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/09	Vigil: First Sunday of Lent	5:45 p.m.



Saint Thomas More Family Day 2008

Please join us for the Saint Thomas More Family Day on Sunday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Rochester Room. Come enjoy food, coffee and entertainment, while chatting with other families in our parish. Looney Louie will be there to mystify all with his magic tricks, wit and balloon animals. We hope to see you there! Sponsored by the Saint Thomas

More Parish Council.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/04	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 5:1-20
02/05	1 Cor 1:26-31, Ps 31, Lk 9:23-26; or 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3, Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Mk 5:21-43
02/06	Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17, 2 Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
02/07	Dt 30:15-20, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 9:22-25
02/08	Is 58:1-9a, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19, Mt 9:14-15
02/09	Is 58:9b-14, Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 5:27-32

THANK YOU for your most generous contributions to the Fuel Fund taken up last weekend. May your generosity continue to be a blessing to you and your families.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

FOR

PETER’S PENCE 2008

For the Works of the Holy Father

Next Sunday, our parish participates in the Peter’s Pence 2008 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Each year the Holy Father asks us to help him provide for our neediest brothers and sisters throughout the world — those who suffer due to war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness. Please pray for the Holy Father and give generously to this *special appeal*. Thank you.

HELPER

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN’S PROGRAM 10:00 — 11:00 A.M. Please contact Sharon McKenna through the Parish Office (212-876-7718).

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI will visit our Archdiocese! For inquiries please visit the ANY website: www.archny.org or contact Mark Ackerman, The Papal Visit Office, 1011 First Avenue, Floor 20, New York, NY 10022; 212.371.1011, ext. 2958.

Mark Your Calendars - Mass for Vocations. On Monday, February 11, 2008 the Archdiocesan Vocation Office will continue the long-standing tradition of celebrating a Mass for vocations, with a dinner to follow, at *Saint Joseph Seminary*. The Mass is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP at 914-968-1340 with the number of interested men.

“Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” -Dt 8:3 -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3RD

Monday, February 4th

7:00 Pillar Campos (l)
8:00 Mildred Allen (d)
12:15 John Ash (d)

Tuesday, February 5th

7:00 Julia Pietri (d)
8:00 Iphogene Sulzberger (d)
12:15 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 6th

7:00 Martina Ureña (d)
8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:15 Clifford Louis Emmerich (d)
5:45 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Thursday, February 7th

7:00 Antti Tapio (d)
8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:15 Lance Corporal Clarence Martin (l)

Friday, February 8th

7:00 Antti Tapio (d)
8:00 Adelia Gongalves (d)
12:15 Edward & Dorothy Lane (d)

Saturday, February 9th

8:00 Livia Birlea (d)
12:15 Kenneth Farrell (d)
5:45 *Vigil Mass: First Sunday of Lent*

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Feb. 3rd</i>	<i>Feb. 10th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 8:30 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Van Dyke
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Monaghan	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Monaghan	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning

Archdiocese of New York Vocation Office

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WWW.NYPRIEST.COM is our new website for those young men interested in a vocation. If you are a young man interested in the priesthood, please contact Father Luke Sweeney or Father Luis Saldaña at the Vocation Office in the Archdiocese of New York at (914) 968-1340 or www.NYPRIEST.COM.

In Memory of St. Blase, the Blessing of the Throats may be given Sunday, February 3rd by a priest, deacon, or lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a lay minister. During Mass, the blessing follows the homily and general intercessions, or, for pastoral reasons, it may take the place of the final blessing of the Mass.

Lenten Vespers 2008...

At Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenues, New York, NY 10027; Sunday's at 4:00 p.m.; www.corpus-christi-nyc.org; 212-666-9250:

- February 10 Ecumenism;** Preacher: Rev. Canon John G.B. Andrew, Rector Emeritus, St. Thomas' Church; Music: The Choir of Corpus Christi Church
- February 17 Biblical Scholarship;** Preacher: Rabbi Neil Gillman, Professor of Jewish Philosophy, The Jewish Theological Seminary; Music: William Brown, trombone (Manhattan School of Music)
- February 24 Immigrants;** Preacher: Dr. Ana Maria Diaz-Stevens, Professor of Church and Society, Union Theological Seminary; Music: The Choir of Corpus Christi Church
- March 2 Liturgy and Spirituality;** Preacher: Rev. Raymond M. Rafferty, Pastor, Corpus Christi Church; Music: Preston Smith, organ (Director of Music, Church of Ascension)
- March 9 Education;** Rev. Patrick Ryan S.J., Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Fordham University; Music: Sarum (Columbia University).

World Marriage Day, February 10, 2008 - Longest Married Couple Search.....

Plans for World Marriage Day 2008 are underway. This annual celebration honors the vocation of marriage and family life, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the largest Catholic pro-marriage and family movement in the world.

The search is on for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter, the couple must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and live in the Archdiocese of New York. The winning couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 10th at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Reception will follow at Holy Family Parish, 315 East 47th Street, New York City. For more information contact Nancy Rizzi at 212-371-1011, ext. 3190.

"He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

- Rom 8:27 -

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified;"-Jos

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Wednesday, February 6, will be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. The following Liturgical notes have been sent to all parishes from the Office of the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York.

Why Ashes?

On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the coming Season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through prayer and fasting. (See note below on Lenten Fast & Abstinence).

Who may receive Ashes?

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason and Catechumens may receive ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes as ashes are traditionally intended for those who are capable of personal sin. But babies and young children can certainly be presented for a special blessing when a parent comes to receive his or her ashes.

Ash Wednesday Schedule in our Parish

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the parish Masses on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 and 8:00 a.m.; 12:15 and 5:45 p.m.

Ashes will also be distributed in conjunction with a Service of the Word at 4:00 p.m.

Important Note:

In accordance with Church norms, ashes can only be distributed at Mass or at the scheduled Word Service. Please be on time as the ashes are imposed in the first part of each Mass and Service.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

“**Fasting**” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59.

“**Abstinence**” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.