

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 8, 2009

CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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Rev. Edwin Diaz, Associate Pastor
Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, In Residence
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

George Sim Johnston
John Morriss

Parish Council President

Heather Crimmins

Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

Church of St. Thomas More
FEBRUARY 08, 2009
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

Like those in the Gospel, we too come to Jesus with expectations. The challenge is to move beyond our expectations and to seek what Jesus really wants to give us – the Good News of Salvation. The Good News that Jesus preaches does not give us the assurance of never having needs, rather, it gives us the strength to keep our needs in perspective.

Introduction To The Word

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7: In Job's quest for purpose, he ponders the reality of his every day life, "is not man's life on earth a drudgery."

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23: In this letter, St. Paul, speaks of his obligation to preach the Gospel. "If I preach the Gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me."

Mk 1:29-39: Although Jesus cured many people and drove out many demons, he kept his focus on his primary purpose, which was to preach. "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
02/08	Family Day	after 10:00 am Mass
	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
02/10	Leisure Club Luncheon	after 12:30 pm Mass
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/11	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
02/12	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/13	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>February 08</i>	<i>February 15</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Anthony CO	Fr. Boehning
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Anthony CO	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz

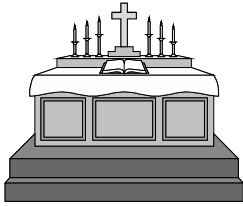


Save the Date - 2009 Lenten Retreat

- Sat. Feb 28 5:45pm Anticipatory Mass
- Sun. March 1 Fr Anthony Andreassi, C.O., our Lenten Moderator, will be the Homilist at each Mass.
- Mon. March 2 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditations
- Tues. March 3 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Mediations
7:00pm Penitential Service & Confessions
- Wed. March 4 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditations
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Reception

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group
 Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group to
stm_business@hotmail.com
Receive the weekly Bulletin
 and other important information.

St. Thomas More Parish Council
Family Day
 Today, following the 10 o'clock Mass,
 in the Rochester Room.
 pizza, treats, drinks, conversation and
 Looney Louie's fantastic magic and
 juggling show!
As always, coffee and donuts will be served!



MASS INTENTIONS AT
ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 09 – FEBRUARY 14

Monday, February 09

- 7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 8:00 Lucrecia Abad (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Tuesday, February 10

- 7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 12:15 Dr. Kurt W. Deuschle (d)

Wednesday, February 11

- 7:00 Peter Fleming (d)
- 8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
- 12:15 Mrs. Sulzberger (d)

Thursday, February 12

- 7:00 Francis Guss (d)
- 8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 12:15 Molly & Roger Donoghue (d)

Friday, February 13

- 7:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)
- 8:00 Albert, Regina, Virginia Wojcik (d)
- 12:15 Candido Balbin, Jr (d)

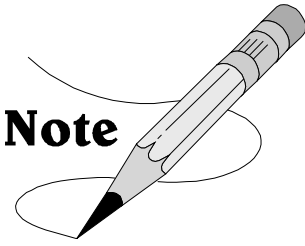
Saturday, February 14

- 8:00 Jerry Byriter (d)
- 12:15 Walter Urbanski (d)
- 5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 02/09 Gn1:1-19, Mk 6:53-56
- 02/10 Gn 1:20-2:4a, Mk 7:1-13
- 02/11 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17, Mk 7:14-23
- 02/12 Gn 2:18-25, Mk 7:24-30
- 02/13 Gn 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37
- 02/14 Gn 3:9-24, Mk 8:1-10

Take Note



MORE FOR LESS 2009

After a one-year hiatus, the popular parish fair will be back on Saturday, October 24th 2009. Over the five years that the Fair has existed, funds have been raised towards assisting the elderly, infirm and disadvantaged of the parish and the community. In this difficult economic climate it is more important than ever to offer affordable items to everyone, thereby benefiting not only STM programs but our parishioners and neighborhood as well.

So, we ask for your donations to accomplish this goal. Because of storage limitations, we are asking for specific donations during specific months, beginning in FEBRUARY with SILVER / SILVER-PLATE items. Donations can be checked in at the Rectory Reception Desk from 9AM to 5PM, 7 days a week. Tax deduction contribution forms are available. Please note that items should be in good condition.

If you would like to volunteer to work on the Fair – and we welcome your participation – you can obtain a volunteer form from the Rectory and we will get in touch with you.

Thank you for your help
 The More-for-Less Fair Committee

PARISH REPORT

NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)

Regular Collections	\$28,776.00
Parish Pay	\$3,882.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

All Saints Day	\$913.00
Thanksgiving Human Dev.	\$2,662.00
Fall Semi-Annual	\$60,997.00

BAPTISMS

Fiona Margaret Bailey
James Reid Clark
Charles Peter Gibbons
Connor Robert Janiak
Takashi Hudson Naito
Julian Michael Santini

WEDDINGS

Brian Francis Colalucci
& Emilee Michelle Noll

FUNERALS

Elizabeth F. Cooper

DECEMBER 2008

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)

Regular Collections	\$28,863.00
Parish Pay	\$3,760.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Immaculate Conception	\$2,233.00
Christmas	\$68,495.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2,674.00
Priest & Religious Retirement	\$4,140.00
Fall Semi-Annual	\$51,324.00

BAPTISMS

Annalise Catu
Carter Scott Evans III
Grace Barrett Jeanes
Daniel Ronan McCance
Amanda Lillian Nee

IRA Charitable Rollover

Parishioners who are at least 70½ years old can now make a tax free gift from their IRA. To take advantage of the new IRA Charitable Rollover rules, please call the Office of Gift Planning at 212-371-1011 ext. 3116 or email gift.planning@archny.org.

St. Thomas More Choir CD Available

A new CD has been released featuring members of the St. Thomas More Choir, singing vocal compositions by our Director of Music and Composer in Residence, Harvey Burgett. It is available for purchase from the Receptionist in the Parish House for \$20 in cash or check (payable to – St. Thomas More Church - More Music). We hope you enjoy the music.

The Catholic Channel is now on XM Radio

The Archdiocese of New York, Catholic Channel on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 159), is now available on XM Satellite Radio (channel 117). The Catholic Channel features contemporary talk, plus live daily Mass from St. Patrick's, a weekly program with Cardinal Egan and Notre Dame sports too. Parishioners can sample the channel for three days (FREE) on Sirius.com/catholic or order at a special discounted price through the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org.

STM Education Committee

March 15, 2009 – *Maurice and Thérèse: The Story of a Love* – A play based on Bishop Ahern's book of the same name.

April 2009 – Islam & Catholicism: An Historical Overview.

June 2009 – St. Thomas More: Patron of our Parish.

St. Jean's Players

Many Happy Returns

An evening of one-act plays
Performances: Feb. 20 & 21 at 8PM
& Feb. 22 at 3PM
Adults: \$15, Seniors and Students: \$8

St. Jean Baptiste High School Auditorium
167 E. 75th St. (btwn. Lex. & 3rd Aves.) Manhattan