

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 10, 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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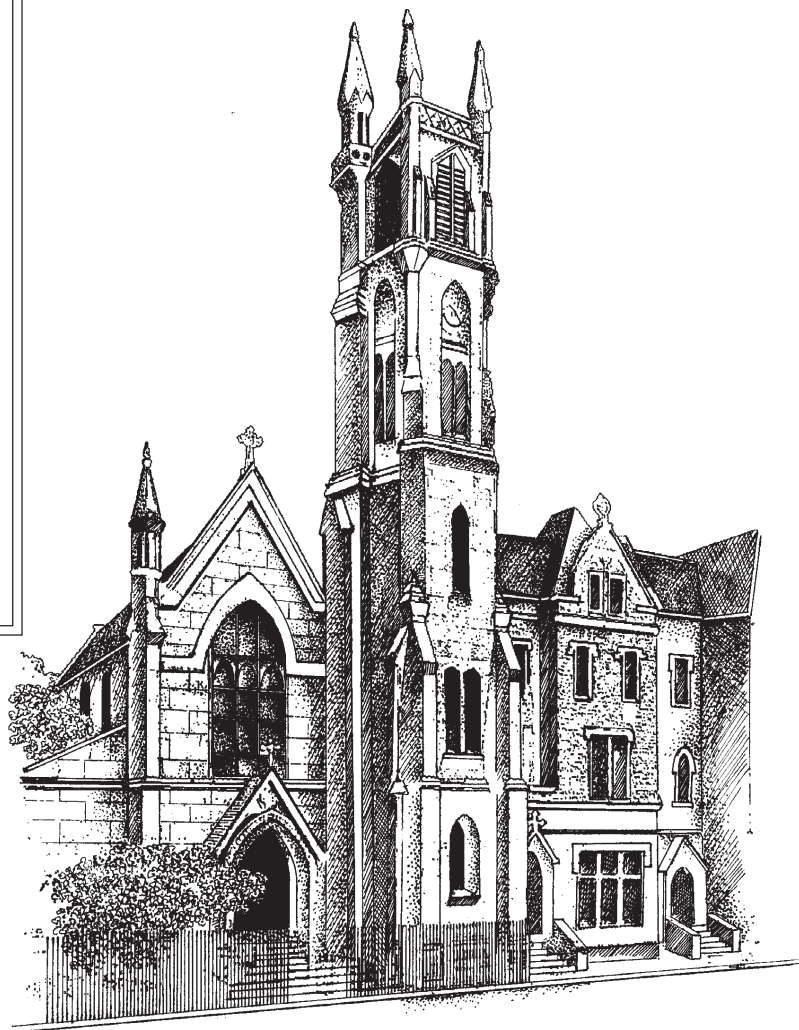
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
FEBRUARY 10, 2008
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Theme/Call To Worship

Throughout the Sunday readings of Lent in Year A, we will hear the story of Israel, which includes some of the main figures from the Old Testament: Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, and Ezekiel. It will be through Israel's story that we will better understand the story of Jesus as told by Paul and by the Evangelists Matthew and John. The desert experience of ancient Israel had both high and low points. In the end, after forty years of journeying, Israel failed in the desert to live according to the Law handed down to Moses from God. And so, all the Israelites who were rescued from Egyptian slavery died in the desert.

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:

Date:	Event:	Time:
02/10	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
	Youth Retreat/Pizza Party	3:00 p.m.
02/11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick</i>	
	<i>Lenten Mass</i>	5:45 p.m.
	<i>Lenten Meditation</i>	6:15 p.m.
02/12	<i>Lenten Mass</i>	5:45 p.m.
	<i>Lenten Meditation</i>	6:15 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/13	<i>Lenten Mass</i>	5:45 p.m.
	<i>Lenten Meditation</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
02/14	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/15	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/16	<i>Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent</i>	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/11	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46
02/12	Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15
02/13	Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32
02/14	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12
02/15	Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26
02/16	Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

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.

World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 10, 2008, 10:15 a.m. Mass; St. Patrick's Cathedral. World Marriage Day is an annual event to honor the sacramental vocation of marriage and family life. This celebration affirms the life-long, sacramental commitment of husbands and wives, and the positive vocation on their families, communities, the Church and Nation!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

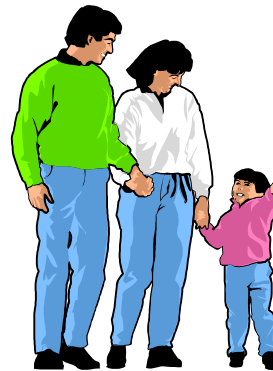
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PETER'S PENCE 2008

For the Works of the Holy Father

Today, 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.

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.

Mass for Vocations...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.

Spring 2008 Programs for Catholic Lawyers: Fordham Law School, 140 West 62nd Street, NY (Room 430 B/C). Open to the public. Monday, February 11, 2008, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.; "Catholic Social Thought and the Multinational," Gerald J. Russello. \$65 fee to receive 2 non transitional CLE professional practice credits. \$55 for alumni.

"Man does not live on bread alone but on every word..." - Dt 8:3a -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10TH

Monday, February 11th

- 7:00 Barbara Polito (d)
- 8:00 Adelia Gongalves (d)
- 12:15 Peter Tierney (d)
- 5:45 *Lenten Mass followed by Meditation*

Tuesday, February 12th

- 7:00 Drew Erickson (d)
- 8:00 Bruce Bell (d)
- 12:15 Francis Guss (l)
- Lenten Mass followed by Meditation*

Wednesday, February 13th

- 7:00 The Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 Alda Plante (d)
- 12:15 Genevieve Gay (d)
- Lenten Mass followed by Meditation*

Thursday, February 14th

- 7:00 Francis J. Fabrizio (d)
- 8:00 Dr. Kurt W. Deuschle (d)
- 12:15 Jerry Byriter (d)

Friday, February 15th

- 7:00 Jayne Wrightsman (l)
- 8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
- 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

Saturday, February 16th

- 8:00 Margaret Collins (d)
- 12:15 Andrew Fernandes (l)
- 5:45 *Vigil Mass: Second Sunday of Lent*

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Feb. 10th</i>	<i>Feb. 17th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Van Dyke	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Tentativa

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.

“You have been my refuge a strong tower against the foe.”Ps 61

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:

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

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions February 2008:

1. **General:** That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition.
2. **Mission:** That Institutes of Consecrated Life, so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of Gospel counsels, be generous in bearing witness to Christ and proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions March 2008

3. **General:** That the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ’s love, the source of new humanity.
4. **Mission:** That Christians persecuted because of the Gospel in various parts of the world and in various manners may be sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God.

“How great are your works, O Lord.”

- Ps 92:5 -

From the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners:

At a clergy meeting for East Side Pastors this past Monday we were provided with information about Pope Benedict's visit to New York.

The only event open to the general public will be a Mass on Sunday, April 20, at 2:30 p.m. in Yankee Stadium.

Unfortunately, we learned that the entire country has been invited to this Mass and so tickets have been allotted to each of the 190 dioceses of the United States. (We were told that 100 people were expected from the diocese of Honolulu alone.) This means that while the greatest allotment will go to our Archdiocese, the number of tickets available to each parish will be very small (3.5% of average Sunday Mass attendance.) For us that would be around 20 tickets.

Since I am obliged to provide them first to Parish Staff and Office Holders, there will be at best only a handful available for the rest of the Parish. It has been suggested we have a ticket lottery for those who wish to go.

If you call Margaret Peet at the Parish Office no later than this Thursday, February 14, we will put your name in the hopper.

Please do not submit your name unless you positively intend to go. Tickets will be free but non-transferable. They will contain a bar-code with your name, address and date of birth and can only be presented with a photo I.D. that matches that information.

You would have to arrive at Yankee Stadium some 3 or 4 hours before 2:30 p.m. by public transportation (cars will not be allowed anywhere near the Stadium).

Further information will be provided those who receive tickets.

In the months ahead we are asked to pray that Pope Benedict's visit to our land and our City will be safe for him and inspiring for us.

*God Bless You,
Fr. Boehning*