

# Church of Saint Thomas More

65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street (east of Madison Avenue)

New York City, New York 10128

February 14, 2010

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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

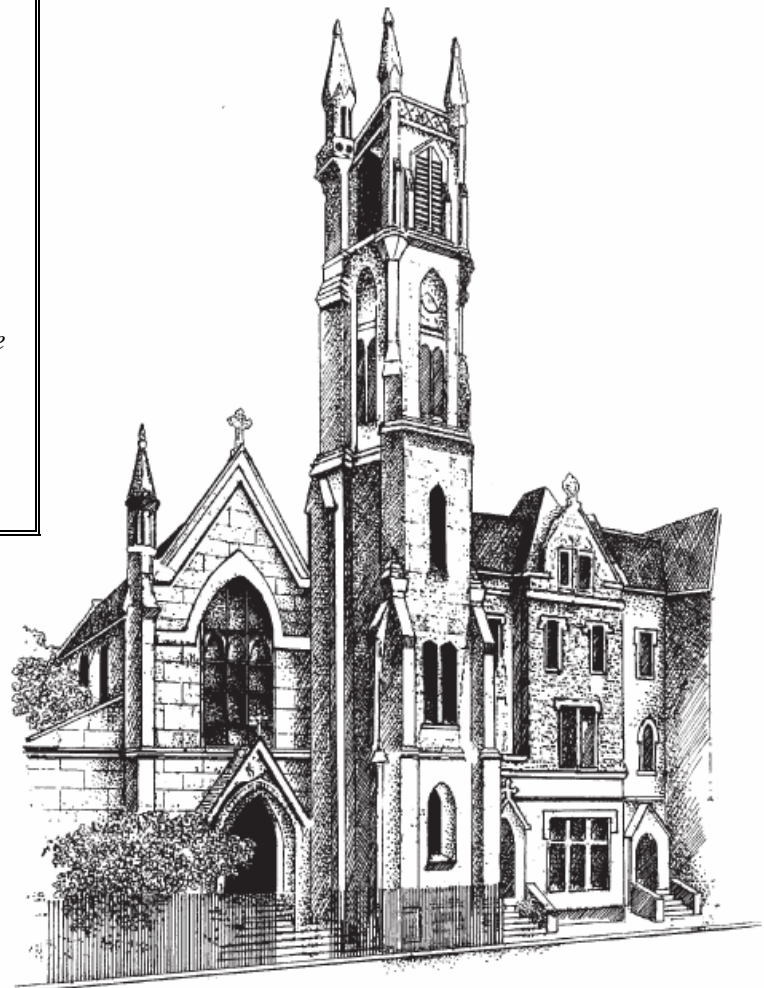
## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

## 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**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2010**  
**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

Today's readings speak of the choices we all face: living our lives in the context of what God values versus what the world values. Scripture is consistent in telling us that those who place their trust in that which God values find blessings and wisdom.

**Introduction To The Word**

[Jer 17:5-8](#): Within the turbulent and uncertain times of mid-seventh century BC Israel, Jeremiah saw that many of the Israelites trusted more in human beings than in God. For Jeremiah, trusting more in people than in God was the essence of sin, and the path to national destruction, a path that he dramatically illustrated by speaking of the contrasting images of a barren bush and a healthy tree.

[1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#): In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul challenged the values of his world which questioned the idea of a resurrection from the dead. As a man of faith, Paul believed and trusted that God did raise Jesus from the dead.

[Lk 6:17, 20-26](#): The Gospel reading for today is St. Luke's version of Jesus' Sermon of the Plain. Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" is the counterpart to Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount". Luke's sermon may be outlined as follows: an introduction consisting of blessings and woes; the love of one's enemies; the demands of loving one's neighbor; good deeds as proof of one's goodness; and a parable illustrating the result of listening to and acting on the words of Jesus.

***At St. Thomas More This Week***

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
02/14	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
02/15	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
02/16	Leisure Club Lunch after 12:15PM Mass	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/17	<b>Ash Wednesday – See Special Schedule</b>	
	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
02/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

***Celebrant Schedule***

<b>Mass</b>	<b>February 14</b>	<b>February 21</b>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Joy	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 11:15 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Joy
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz

**Feb. 14 - Special Collection  
Peters Pence Appeal**

An appeal that enables us to demonstrate our fidelity to the Holy Father and our concern for and solidarity with those who are less fortunate. You will be doing the work of the Lord, and for this I am most grateful.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

**Ash Wednesday**

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.

**Parish Council**

**Save the Date**

**Join us on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> for**



**Family Day**

**in the Rochester Room following the 10AM Mass. Enjoy Pizza, Treats, drinks, conversation and Looney Louie's fantastic magic and juggling show. As always coffee and donuts will be served.**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
JANUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 20**

Mon. February 15 *President's Day*

*Parish Office Closed*

7:00 **No Mass**

8:00 Jerry Vyriter (d)

12:15 Jerry Vyriter (d)

Tues. February 16

7:00 Catherine Gilroy (d)

8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

12:15 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

Wed. February 17 *Ash Wednesday*

*Fast & Abstinence*

7:00 James Smith (d)

8:00 Stephan Marjai (d)

12:15 Catherine Gilroy (d)

4:00 **Service of the Word**

5:45 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

Thurs. February 18

7:00 Catherine Gilroy (d)

8:00 Colum O'Regan (d)

12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

Fri. February 19 *Fast & Abstinence*

7:00 Catherine Gilroy (d)

8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)

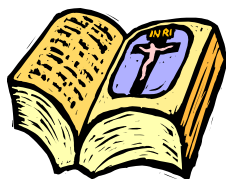
12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Sat. February 20

8:00 Paulette Parault (d)

12:15 Nair Lambert (d)

5:45 Sunday Vigil



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

02/15 [Jas 1:1-11](#), [Mk 8:11-13](#)

02/16 [Jas 1:12-18](#), [Mk 8:14-21](#)

02/17 [Jl 2:12-18](#), [2 Cor 5:20—6:2](#), [Mt 6:1-6, 16-18](#)

02/18 [Dt 30:15-20](#), [Lk 9:22-25](#)

02/19 [Is 58:1-9a](#), [Mt 9:14-15](#)

02/20 [Is 58:9b-14](#), [Lk 5:27-32](#)

**Get Involved in St. Thomas More  
Join the Parish Council!**

If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information with Margaret Peet in the rectory or email Heather Crimmins at [hcrimmins23@gmail.com](mailto:hcrimmins23@gmail.com)

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

Save the Date

Fr. Benedict Groeschel  
March 15, 2010

**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 LUNCH  
EON FEBRUARY 16**

*Catholic Charities: Sheltering the Homeless* Catholic Charities' Homeless Prevention Programs help more than 3,000 families and individuals throughout the Archdiocese stay in their homes. When homes are lost, Catholic Charities provides emergency overnight shelter for 1,500 or temporary or traditional apartments for another 2,000. 2,500 families live in affordable housing thanks to Catholic Charities. To learn more: [www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org).

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Become a Lector!**

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# ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17, 2009

Wednesday, February 17, 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.