

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 15, 2009

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Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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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

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
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Parish Council President

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Church of St. Thomas More
FEBRUARY 15, 2009
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

Jesus agreed to cure a Leper to show the compassion of God for the outcast. If we ask, Jesus will agree to touch each of us, to draw us into full community with God.

Introduction To The Word

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46: This reading shows the Law given by the Lord to Moses and Aaron, to preserve the community when faced with the public health threat of Leprosy.

1 Cor 10:31-11:1: In this letter, St. Paul reminds the Church to “do everything for the glory of God.” “To be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

Mk 1:40-45: Moved with pity, Jesus agrees to heal a Leper. As he healed the man, Jesus directed him to follow the law of Moses to permit his reentry into the community. He also directed the Leper not to reveal the details of the miracle. Unfortunately, in his joy, the healed man revealed the details, causing a level of excitement in the community that prevented Jesus from entering a town openly, so he remained in deserted places and the people kept coming to him from everywhere.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
02/15	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
02/17	Leisure Club Luncheon	after 12:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/18	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
02/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>February 15</i>	<i>February 22</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Joy	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy



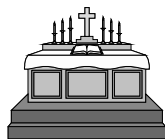
Save the Date – 2009 Lenten Retreat

- Sat. Feb 28 5:45pm Anticipatory Mass
- Sun. March 1 Children’s Mass at 10:00 A.M. Homily on Traditional Practices for Modern Catholics: A new look at Fasting & Almsgiving, Forgiveness and Prayer.
- Mon. March 2 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditations led by Fr. Andreassi on Fasting & Almsgiving.
- Tues. March 3 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditations led by Fr. Andreassi on Forgiveness.
7:00pm Penitential Service & Confessions
- Wed. March 4 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditations led by Fr. Andreassi on Prayer.
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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS AT
ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 21

Monday, February 16

7:00 Andrew Fernandez (I)

8:00 Paul Yuschak (d)

12:15 Rene DeGarmo (d)

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)

8:00 Drew Erickson (d)

12:15 James A. Harkins (d)

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 Rose Garabedian (d)

8:00 Guss Stanus (d)

12:15 Debra Houry (I)

Thursday, February 19

7:00 David W Denton (d)

8:00 Joseph Kapralick (d)

12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Friday, February 20

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)

8:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)

12:15 Santo Alessi (d)

Saturday, February 21

8:00 Guadalupe Regalado (d)

12:15 Maxie Damley (I)

5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/16 *Gn 4:1-15, 25, Mk 8:11-13*

02/17 *Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10, Mk 8:14-21*

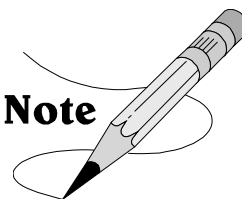
02/18 *Gn 8:6-13, 20-22, Mk 8:22-26*

02/19 *Gn 9:1-13, Mk 8:27-33*

02/20 *Gn 11:1-9, Mk 8:34-9:1*

02/21 *Heb 11:1-7, Mk 9:2-13*

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

2009 Lenten Retreat

The Spiritual and Liturgical Committee of the St. Thomas More Parish Council cordially invites all parishioners and members of our faith community to participate in its Lenten Retreat, which will begin on Monday, March 2, 2009 and conclude on Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

In advance of the Retreat, we are particularly blessed that Father Anthony Andreassi, C.O., has agreed to serve as the weekend homilist at all our Masses the first weekend in Lent, beginning with the anticipatory Mass at 5:45 on Saturday, February 28, and to serve as the celebrant at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, March 1. His homilies will form the basis of the Lenten meditations that will be offered during the Retreat.

The Retreat Schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, March 1 Children's Mass at 10:00 A.M. Homily on Traditional Practices for Modern Catholics: A new look at Fasting & Almsgiving, Forgiveness and Prayer.
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St. Thomas More Music Program

Save the Dates:

*March***MORE***Music*

5 Sundays - March 1 to March 29

3:30 PM

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.

St. Jean's Players - Many Happy Returns

An evening of one-act plays

Feb. 20 & 21- 8PM & Feb. 22 – 3PM

Adults: \$15, Seniors and Students: \$8

St. Jean Baptiste High School Auditorium

167 E. 75th St. (btwn. Lex. & 3rd Aves.) Manhattan

February 22, 2009

The Peter's Pence Collection

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concerns of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

Your generosity is appreciated.