

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 17, 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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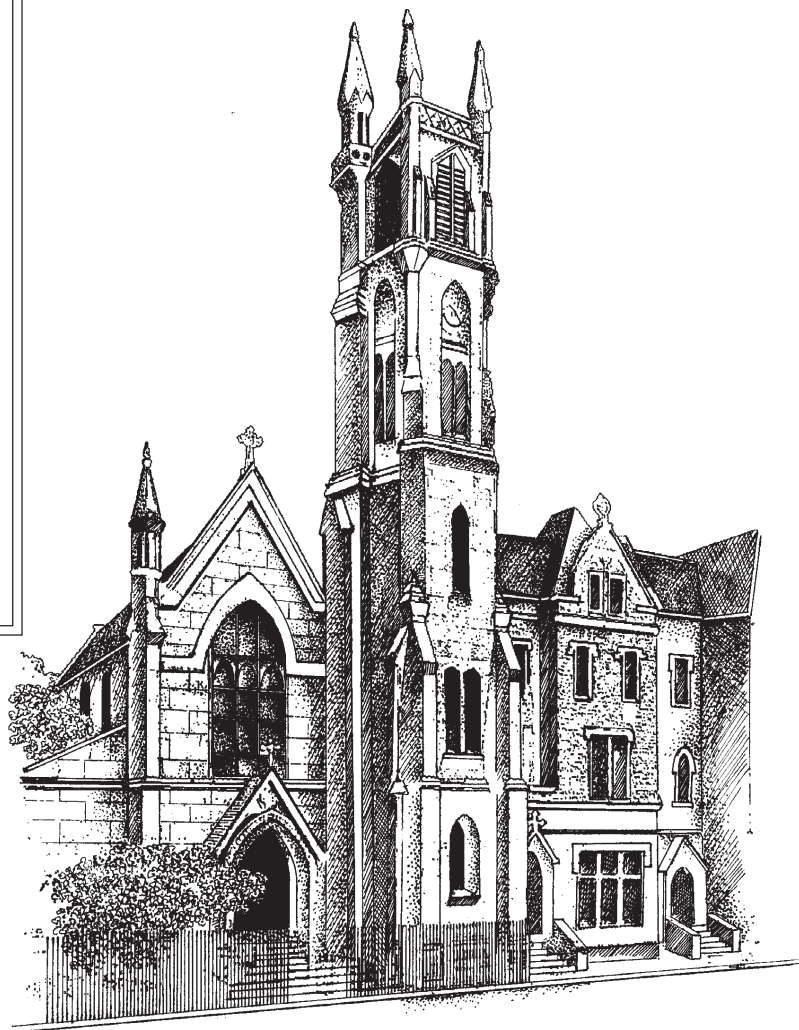
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
FEBRUARY 17, 2008
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Theme/Call To Worship

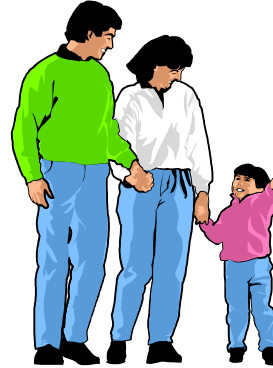
On this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear proclaimed the call of Abraham and the transfiguration of Jesus. These are two moments in salvation history where God communicates an important message: trust me to be your guide and listen to my Son. Matthew teaches his community that God is doing something new: God's definitive revelation now lies with his beloved Son. Just as God had once called Abram to trust him to be Abram's guide, God now calls the three disciples (Peter, James, and John) to trust the words of his beloved Son: "Listen to Him."

Introduction To The Word

- I. Gn 12:1-4a.** God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.
- II. 2 Tm 1:8a-10.** Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.
- III. Mt 17:1-9.** Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

At St. Thomas More This Week:

Date:	Event:	Time:
02/17	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
02/18	<i>President's Day - Parish Office Open</i>	
02/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/20	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
	Park Regis Meeting	6:00 p.m.
02/21	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/22	STD Penance Service	10:00 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/23	STM Family Day Set-up	All Day
	<i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent</i>	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

02/18	Dn 9:4b-10, Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Lk 6:36-38
02/19	Is 1:10, 16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mt 23:1-12
02/20	Jer 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16, Mt 20:17-28
02/21	Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 16:19-31
02/22	1 Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6, Mt 16:13-19
02/23	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

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Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, OP at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at 914-594-4646. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website: <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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.

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"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." -Gal 3:28

"You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe."Ps61:3

Lenten Meditation

"Many false apostles, in spite of themselves, do good to the masses, to the people, through the very power of the doctrine of Jesus, which they preach — even though they don't practice it. But this good does not compensate for the enormous and very real harm they do by killing the souls of leaders, of apostles, who turn away in disgust from those who don't practice what they preach. That's why such men and women, if they are not willing to live an upright life, should never push themselves forward as leaders." - #411, *The Way by Josemaría Escrivá*

"His love endures forever."

- Ps 136:1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17TH

Monday, February 18th

- 7:00 Leno Pino (d)
- 8:00 In Thanksgiving to Infant of Jesus
- 12:15 The Porter Family (d)

Tuesday, February 19th

- 7:00 Lonzie Medina (l)
- 8:00 J. Kevin Kenny (d)
- 12:15 Bryon Hero (d)

Wednesday, February 20th

- 7:00 Paul Cronin (d)
- 8:00 Paul Calandrillo (d)
- 12:15 Lance Corporal Clarence Martin (l)

Thursday, February 21st

- 7:00 Angel Michelle Medina (l)
- 8:00 Evan Galbraith (d)
- 12:15 Nino Casareo (d)

Friday, February 22nd

- 7:00 Theresa A. Clark (l)
- 8:00 Mary A. Magagna (d)
- 12:15 Kenneth Farrell (d)

Saturday, February 23rd

- 8:00 Violeta P. Prado (d)
- 12:15 Barbara Polito (d)
- 5:45 *Vigil Mass: Third Sunday of Lent*

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Feb. 17th</i>	<i>Feb. 24th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz

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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 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).

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.

"Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, popularly known as the Little Flower, died in 1897 at the age of twenty-four. Had she lived to be ninety, as two of her blood sisters did, she would have died in 1963. She is, therefore, in a sense, our contemporary. As Pope John Paul II said when he named her a Doctor of the Church in 1997, she offers us a contemporary understanding of love, the essence of the gospel."

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

- Gal 3:26

- *The Word Among Us*

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR OUR MUSIC PROGRAM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Next Sunday, February 24, a special collection will be taken at all Masses in support of our Parish Music Program.

We are proud of the tradition of musical excellence at St. Thomas More which continues through our professional choir and cantors (sopranos Jeanne Ommerlé and Melissa Fogarty, tenor Michael Brown, and baritone Aaron James), and our Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence, Harvey Burgett. Each year they enhance nearly 350 liturgies, including six weekly Sunday masses, ten Christmas Masses and Preludial Concerts, four Holy Week services, six Easter Masses, as well as the 12:15 Masses on Ash Wednesday and New Year's Day.

The budget line for our Parish Music Program is a major item on our annual report, currently \$70,000, which includes the stipends paid to the choir and cantors as well as the purchase of new music, substitute organists, additional singers and instrumentalists for festive occasions, and professional development of our Music Director. It does not include the Music Director's salary and benefits or the cost of maintaining the Church pipe organ.

Please contribute generously to the special collection next Sunday to help preserve and enhance the valuable asset of music in our parish community.

Thank you!

Fr. Boehning