

Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 21, 2010

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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
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Heather Crimmins

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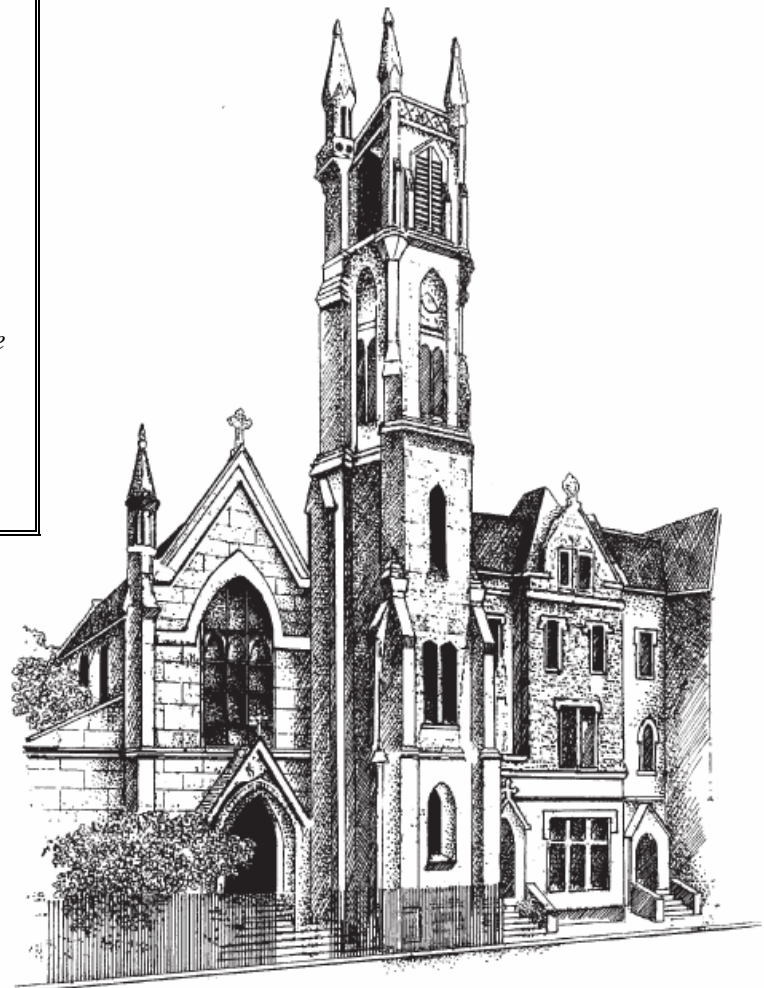
Head Usher

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 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

The journey of Lent, covering the next six Sundays, is meant to prepare us for the celebration of the sacred Triduum and Easter, and remind us of our need for reconciliation with God and with each other.

Introduction To The Word

Dt 26:4-10: In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy Moses instructed the Israelites that when offering thanksgiving to God, for the fruits derived from the Promised Land, the story of the Exodus was to be retold. For Israel the Exodus event was the first step in forming Israel into a great and holy nation before God.

Rom 10:8-13: In this letter from St. Paul to the Romans he speaks of the connection between faith and salvation. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Lk 4:1-13: In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus, like ancient Israel, had his own desert experience. Jesus' temptation in the desert was one of the defining moments in preparation for his public ministry. But whereas ancient Israel failed many of the tests encountered in their desert experience, Jesus, as Son of God, overcame the devil in the desert and passed all the tests presented by the devil.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
02/21	Group Baptism Family Day after the 10:00AM Mass	1:30 pm
02/23	Leisure Club Lunch after 12:15PM Mass A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/24	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
02/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>February 21</u>	<u>February 28</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Boehning
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Joy	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy

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

Parish Council Join us Today Sunday February 21st 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.

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 LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 23

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 27**

Mon. February 22 *Chair of St. Peter*

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

8:00 Joseph, Joe & Jerry Joe (I)

12:15

Tues. February 23 *St. Polycarp*

7:00 Hugh Maguire (d)

8:00 Dolores Moeschberger (d)

12:15

Wed. February 24

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

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12:15

Thurs. February 25

7:00

8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

12:15 Vincent Leahy (d)

Fri. February 26 *Abstinence – No Meat*

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

8:00 Christopher Begley (d)

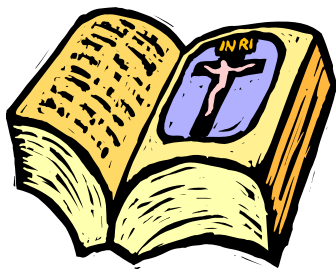
12:15

Sat. February 27

8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families

12:15 Christopher Begley (d)

5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/22 [1 Pt 5:1-4](#), [Mt 16:13-19](#)

02/23 [Is 55:10-11](#), [Mt 6:7-15](#)

02/24 [Jon 3:1-10](#), [Lk 11:29-32](#)

02/25 [Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25](#), [Mt 7:7-12](#)

02/26 [Ez 18:21-28](#), [Mt 5:20-26](#)

02/27 [Dt 26:16-19](#), [Mt 5:43-48](#)

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

Save the Date

Fr. Benedict Groeschel

March 15, 2010

**Get Involved in
St. Thomas More
Become a Lector!**

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**Theology on Tap: An Evening
with the Archbishop**

- Metro 53 Bar and Restaurant - 307 East 53rd Street, between 2nd and 1st
- New York, NY 10022
- Contact: Mario Bruschi
- Phone: 917.597.3453
- Email: questions@totnyc.org
- Web Site: www.totnyc.org

When: Monday, February 22, 2010

Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

Where: Metro 53 Bar and Restaurant - New York, NY

Cost: Free

Details: Join us for this historic event. For the first time in the history of Theology on Tap-NYC (A Young Adult Apostolate for adults in their 20's and 30's), the Archbishop of New York will be speaking in this venue.

Join the St. Thomas MoreE-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words Join the E-Group (Currently 98 members) to stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

The Cardinal's Appeal Has a New Name:

THE ARCHDIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

This month marks a very important time here at our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York. It is the official kickoff of *The Annual Stewardship Appeal* (the new name for the Annual Cardinal's Appeal). There are so many reasons why the *Appeal* is important not only to those in need in the Archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the *Annual Appeal* helps countless men and women and it sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes.

If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Archbishop Dolan along with some material that illustrates the deep importance of the *Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal* to our community. Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and a responsible tending of that which God has entrusted to us. His Excellency Archbishop Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative.

- Your Gift to the *Appeal*:

- Helps educate our children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs;
- Provides for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement care they deserve after decades of service;
- Helps to educate our future clergy studying at Saint Joseph's Seminary preparing them for a life of service; and
- Helps fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our Archdiocese.

- It is through the *Appeal* and your generosity that the Archdiocese of New York distributed \$24,000,000 last year in grants to our needy parishes and schools. This support allows struggling parish communities to continue to shepherd their people and educate their youth.

- Finally, it is through the *Appeal* that we receive a myriad of services and guidance from the Archdiocese. Whether it involves building, finance, questions of law or questions of faith, the Archdiocese of New York has at our service professionals of the highest quality. It is with their help that we are able to go about our role of caring for the faithful of St. Thomas More Parish.

The Archdiocesan goal for the *2010 Appeal* is \$17,000,000. We have been asked as a parish to raise at least \$112,000 to enable the diocese to reach its full goal. The letter that you will receive or have received from Archbishop Dolan is asking for your support. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift and fill out the pledge card and mail it in.

Thank you so much for your support of the *Annual Appeal* and please pray for its success at our parish.

Fr. Boehning