

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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February 24, 2008

## CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor  
Rev. Jose C. Tentativa, Jr., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Edwin Diaz, Associate Pastor  
Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, In Residence

## STAFF

Theresa Clark, 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  
Florence White

## Parish Council President

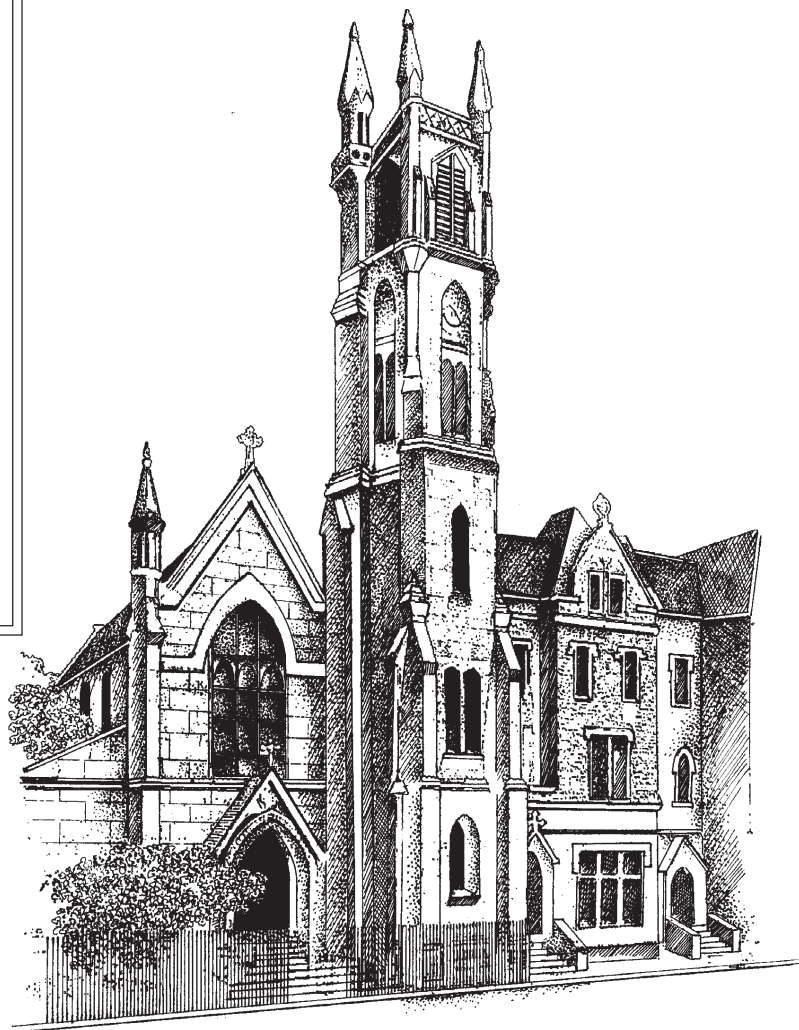
Laura Ross

## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III



**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2008**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

In today's reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well and initiates a dialogue with her with a simple request: "Give me a drink." This encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman falls into four parts: 1) The Samaritan woman challenges Jesus. 2) She recognizes Jesus as a prophet and Jesus reveals to her his messianic identity. 3) The disciples return and the woman leaves to tell others of her belief in Jesus. 4) The Samaritans themselves recognize Jesus as "truly the savior of the world."

**Introduction To The Word**

**I. Ex 17:3-7.** This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

**II. Rom 5:1-2, 5-8.** Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

**III. Jn 4:5-42.** Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir..." Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	
02/24	Family Day Celebration	11:00	a.m.
	Group Baptism	1:30	p.m.
02/25	Lenten Weekday		
02/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30	p.m.
02/27	Christian Meditation	5:45	p.m.
02/28	Narnia Club's Parents	6:00	p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30	p.m.
02/29	A.A. Meeting	6:30	p.m.
03/01	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of the Year	5:45	p.m.

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

02/25	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Lk 4:24-30
02/26	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Ps 25:4-5a, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, Mt 18:21-35
02/27	Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, Mt 5:17-19
02/28	Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 11:14-23
02/29	Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, Mk 12:28-34
03/01	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

***His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI*** will visit our Archdiocese! For inquiries please visit the ANY website: [www.archny.org](http://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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst..." Drink deeply of the gifts of your sacrament on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is April 18-20. For more information call: The Family Life Office at 212-371-1000, ext. 3190.

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR OUR MUSIC PROGRAM**

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Today, 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 this Sunday to help preserve and enhance the valuable asset of music in our parish community.

*Thank you!*

*Fr. Boehning*

"Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, think about such things."

- Phil 4:8

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24TH**

Monday, February 25th

7:00 Mrs. Sullivan (d)  
 8:00 J. Kevin Kenny (d)  
 12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Tuesday, February 26th

7:00 Elizabeth Mary Cole (d)  
 8:00 David Denton (d)  
 12:15 Maria Tortoro (d)

Wednesday, February 27th

7:00 Orlando Costo (l)  
 8:00 Mrs. Sullivan (d)  
 12:15 Anne Milia (d)

Thursday, February 28th

7:00 Christopher Begley (d)  
 8:00 Orlando Costo (l)  
 12:15 Kathy Nicholson (l)

Friday, February 29th

7:00 Bridget Rochford (d)  
 8:00 Petronila Jeménez Cruz (d)  
 12:15 Raymond Feerick (d)

Saturday, March 1st

8:00 Ramon Del Castillo, Sr. (d)  
 12:15 Anthony Baldwin (d)  
 5:45 *Vigil Mass: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Celebrant Sunday Schedule**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Feb. 24th</i>	<i>Mar. 2nd</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 10:00 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	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.

***Prayer For the Suffering..***”Mary, Mother of Sorrows and Comforter of the Afflicted, grant that we may share with you in the pain of your Son’s sufferings. As you were so fully present to the agony of your Son, may we too be present to the pain and suffering of those in our midst and, through our compassion and love, bring to them a measure of consolation, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.”

**OUR PARISH REPORT FOR  
JANUARY 2008**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)** \$ 34,725  
*Solemnity of Mary* \$ 2,911  
*Parish Pay* \$ 3,691

**SECOND COLLECTION**

*Catholic U/Communication* \$ 3,103  
*Fuel Fund* \$ 5,770

**BAPTISMS (3)**

William Edward Deitch  
 Devin McCrie Kellan  
 Grace Tiley Gonyo

**MARRIAGES (0)**

**FUNERALS (1)**

Joyce Whyte Braga

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions April 2008:**

- General:** That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ’s resurrection, the source of hope and peace.
- Mission:** That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world.

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions May 2008:**

- General:** That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favor a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.
- Mission:** That just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

***Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA***

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*Archbishop for the Military Services*



ONE COMMUNITY...  
ONE FAITH...  
ONE BODY IN CHRIST!

The Cardinal's Appeal Supports  
*Academic and Spiritual Formation*



The schools and catechetical programs in the Archdiocese of New York are as excellent as any in the country. The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office supports our parish religious education programs, enabling 10,000 volunteers to educate more than 100,000 young people.

Our 225 Elementary and Secondary Schools receive guidance from the Archdiocesan Department of Education so they may continue to provide the very best education for our young people.

Through your support of the Annual Appeal, \$5.5 million will benefit these excellent programs.