

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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January 4, 2009

## CLERGY

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

## Parish Council President

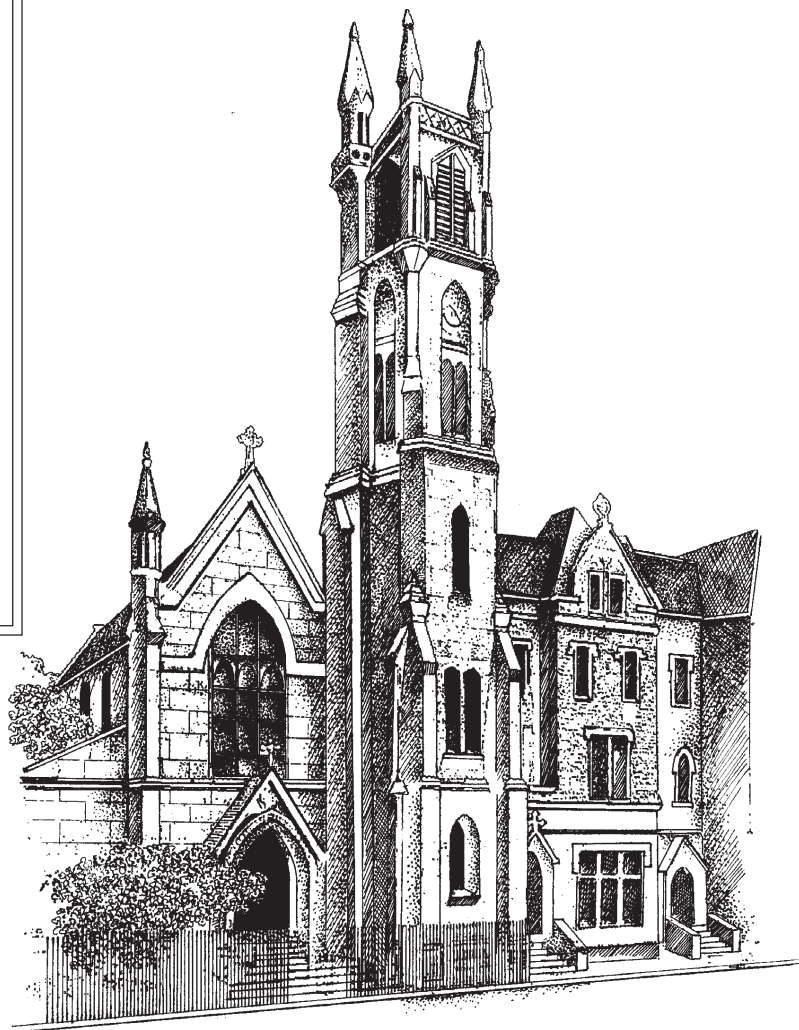
Heather Crimmins

## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III



# Church of St. Thomas More

JANUARY 04, 2009

EPIPHANY

## Theme/Call To Worship

We are the Magi today: still searching for the “newborn king,” still following the light, still being surprised by what and how God is revealed to us along the way.

## Introduction To The Word

- I. **Is 60:1-6:** The glory of the Lord shines upon you. “...upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory”.
  - II. **Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6:** Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise. “...members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”
  - III. **Mt 2:1-12:** We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Following their understanding of astrology, the magi traveled west to seek the new born King. When they reached Israel, they made a required visit with King Herod. During this meeting, they discussed their findings with the king who was “greatly troubled”. In response to the news, Herod assembled all of the chief priests and scribes, who referred him to a statement from the prophet Micah that foretold the Messiah’s birth in Bethlehem. When the magi found the child, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage... and offered him gifts...” After their visit, they received a warning in a dream, not to return to Herod, but to return home by another route.
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## At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
01/04	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
01/06	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/07	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
	Rochester – Co-op Meeting	6:00 pm
01/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/09	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

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## Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice National Migration Week 2009

Catholic social teaching provides the foundation on which the Church addresses issues relate to immigration. The following five basic principles, laid out in the 2003 pastoral document *Strangers No Longer*, provide points of reflection for all Catholics as they think about the issues surrounding illegal immigration, migrants, refugees, and other people on the move:

1. Persons have the right to find economic, political and social opportunities in their homeland.
2. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.
3. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
4. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
5. Human dignity and the rights of all migrants should be respected.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).

## *Celebrant Schedule*

<i>Mass</i>	<i>January 04</i>	<i>January 11</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Shelly	Fr. Anthony
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Anthony
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Francis	Fr. Diaz
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Francis
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy

# *Mass Schedule*

## **MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 05 – JANUARY 10**

### Monday, January 05

7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)

8:00 Hilda Handal (d)

12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

### Tuesday, January 06

7:00 Raymond Del Castillo, Jr. (d)

8:00 Maisie Jeffers (d)

12:15 Anna McHugh (d)

### Wednesday, January 07

7:00 James McManus, Sr. (d)

8:00 Madeline Aiken (l)

12:15 Eileen Whiting (d)

### Thursday, January 08

7:00 Celia McManus (d)

8:00 Rev. Thomas Francis Mulvey (l)

12:15 James McManus, Jr. (d)

### Friday, January 09

7:00 Norah McManus (d)

8:00 Filomena Ciampa (d)

12:15 Denis McManus (d)

### Saturday, January 10

8:00 Virginia M. Marte (d)

12:15 Nancy Keating (d)

5:45 Sunday Vigil

### **WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

01/05 1 Jn 3:22–4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

01/06 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

01/07 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

01/08 1 Jn 4:19–5:4, Lk 4:14-22

01/09 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

01/10 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

### **March for Life in Washington DC**

**Thursday, January 22nd, 2009**

Join us on pilgrimage to Washington DC! We will gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A Manhattan bus (Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office) will be leaving from St. Malachy's Church, 329 W. 49th St. (between Broadway and 8th) at 6:45am/Mass at 6:15am. The cost for the trip is \$35. If you are not able to make the trip, please consider making a donation so that others can attend.

For further information or to register call Sr. Mary Loretta at 212-371-1011 Ext. 3195 or e-mail [sr.mary.loretta@archny.org](mailto:sr.mary.loretta@archny.org)

### **Choral Vespers for the Solemnity of Epiphany**

Sunday, January 4, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

A service with Gregorian chant antiphons, psalms, lessons, motets, hymns, and organ music.

This presentation includes:

Organ Fantasia

"Das alte Jahr vergangen ist"

that was written by our own Harvey Burgett.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**

529 West 121st Street, East of Broadway  
212-666-9350

No. 1 subway to 116th Street Columbia University, or M4 or M104 bus

A freewill offering will be received.

A reception immediately follows the service.



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December 14, 2008

Dear friends in the Lord:

In January, the Archdiocese of New York is asked to take up a special collection to support The Catholic University of America and the Catholic Communications Campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. is truly a unique institution of higher learning inasmuch it is the only one founded by the United States Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. As such, the University belongs to each of us, regardless of where we reside. Hence, it is incumbent upon us to assist the University in educating the future leaders of our Church and Nation. All of the funds received through this collection go towards underwriting the financial aid program of the University. Simply put, your contributions directly benefit students who come from across the United States, including here in the Archdiocese. Last year, as a result of this collection, three thousand students who otherwise would not have been able to attend the University were given an opportunity to do so, thanks in large part to your generosity.

The Catholic Communications Campaign enables the Bishops' Conference to serve all of the Catholic archdioceses and dioceses of our nation by producing spiritual and educational programs for radio and television. Moreover, one-half of what you give to the Campaign remains here in the Archdiocese, assisting the ongoing efforts of our Communications Office. Thus, this too is a most worthy call upon your generosity.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your participation in these two important collections, may I remain

Very truly yours in Christ,

Edward Cardinal Egan  
Archbishop of New York