

Church of Saint Thomas More

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January 6, 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.
12:15 and 5:45 p.m.
(no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays)

CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday
12:00 Noon and 5:30 p.m. (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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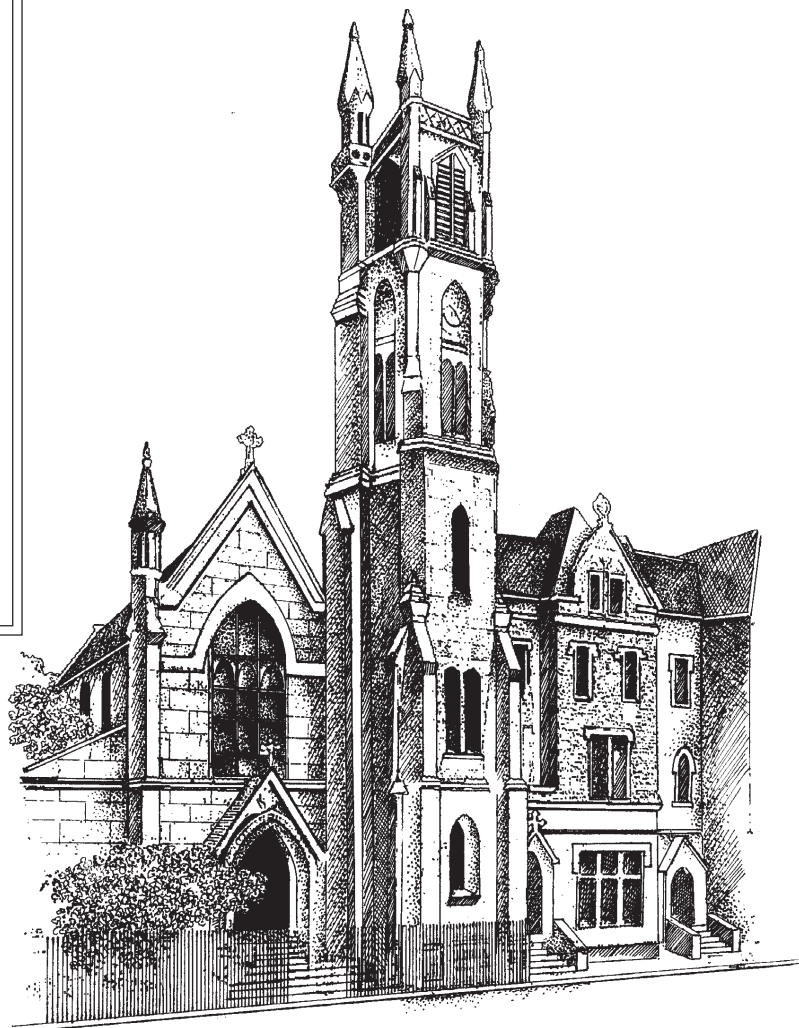
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
JANUARY 6, 2008
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A)

Theme/Call To Worship

The Magi who brought gifts to Jesus are traditionally identified as Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar, three astrologers from the East, representing the other major nations of the world in the time of Christ.

Introduction To The Word

- I. Is 60:1-6.** Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.
- II. Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6.** Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”
- III. Mt 2:1-12.** Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow the star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
01/06	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
01/07	<i>Raymond of Peñafort, priest</i>	
01/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/09	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
01/10	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/11	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
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01/12	<i>Vigil Mass: Baptism of the Lord</i>	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

01/07	1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
01/08	1 Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44
01/09	1 Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52
01/10	1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22a
01/11	1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16
01/12	1 Jn 5:14-21, Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 3:22-30

More Hot Topics.....”*The Making of Bella: Behind-the-Scenes Stories*” TBC - presenter/facilitator: Fr. Roderick Ermatinger; Monday, January 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Rochester room of the Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street, (bet. Park & Madison Avenues). Visit with the speaker and share light refreshments following the presentation.

Courage International is an official ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, headquartered in the Archdiocese of New York, providing spiritual support which is in complete accord with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. We offer weekly meetings designed to help a person with same-sex attractions develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. We can also provide you with resources to help you to minister to persons with same-sex attractions. You can communicate to others that a life of joyful chastity is possible with God’s grace, and that is the calling for all Christians! Please contact: Rev. John F. Harvey, OSFS, Director, Courage Central Office, Church of St. John the Baptist, 210 West 31st Street, NY 10001; 212-268-1010.

We Need Your Help

I regret to inform you that our 2008 Daily Mass Schedule Book has mysteriously disappeared.

If you have arranged anything in the Church or Parish — Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, meetings, or any event, please call Margaret Peet in the Rectory at 212-876-7718. Thank you.

Fr. Boehning

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.

March For Life in Washington, D.C.: Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008...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 B’way and 8th) at 7:00 a.m./Mass at 6:15 a.m. 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 and to register call Sr. Mary Loretta at (212) 371-1011, ext. 3195, or email: sr.mary.loretta@archny.org.

“The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.” - Ex 33:11 -

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”-Jn10:10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 6TH

Monday, January 7th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Ramon del Castillo Jr. (d)
- 12:15 Maisie Jeffers (d)

Tuesday, January 8th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 The Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 12:15 Josephine Terzaghi (d)

Wednesday, January 9th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Nino Cesareo (d)
- 12:15 The Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)

Thursday, January 10th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Helen Cahill (d)
- 12:15 Mary Maguire (d)

Friday, January 11th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 The Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 12:15 The Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)

Saturday, January 12th

- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 The Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
- 5:45 *Vigil Mass: Baptism of the Lord*

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Jan. 6th</i>	<i>Jan. 13th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Monaghan
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Monaghan	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Monaghan	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Boehning

World Marriage Day - Sunday, February 10, 2008

Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York cordially invite you, your family and your friends to celebrate World Marriage Day 2008 on Sunday, February 10, 2008, 10:15 a.m. Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. World Marriage Day is an annual event to honor the sacramental vocation of marriage and family life. The celebration affirms life-long, sacramental commitment of husbands and wives and the positive impact of their vocation on their families, communities, the Church and our Nation! For reservations contact: 212.371.1000, ext. 3190.

“The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.”
- Nm 14:18 -

**SECOND COLLECTION
FOR
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION/CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY**

Next Sunday is the National Collection for the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States — The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., was founded in 1887. Here are some of the many reasons to support its work:

- ◆ The faculty of Catholic University includes many of our country’s — and the world’s — most influential Catholic thinkers and researchers;
- ◆ It offers the nation’s only ecclesiastical program in canon law, philosophy and theology and the Catholic world’s leading Biblical Studies program;
- ◆ Its Parish Scholarship Program gives \$3,000 guaranteed and annual renewable grants to every recommended high school senior from our parish admitted to the University;

Please give generously!

Have You Considered Automated Giving?

Just as you rely on your Church for your spiritual needs, your Church relies on you for your regular support to cover its expenses. *Automated Giving*, or *ParishPay*, is an alternate means of support for Saint Thomas More instead of using envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the ParishPay program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card account. There is NO cost to you to participate in the program.

For more information and to enroll directly visit the ParishPay website at www.parishpay.com or call 1-866-Parish-1.

SCHEDULE CHANGES AT ST. THOMAS MORE

- Weekday Mass Schedule - Beginning December 26 the 5:45 p.m.. Weekday Mass will be dropped Monday through Friday but will remain on Saturday and Sunday.
- For many years we have had 6 priests living here and now we are down to four. We are reducing the number of daily masses since Church law prohibits a priest from celebrating more than one mass each day unless there is an urgent need. During most weeks in the last four months our priests have often celebrated two or more masses each day.
- First Friday Devotions - These used to end with Benediction followed by the 5:45 p.m. Mass. Since we will no longer have this Mass, we are adopting a different format for the afternoon adoration.
- We will have a Holy Hour following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. This will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Rosary will be recited followed by a period of silent prayer and adoration concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30 p.m.

“This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God....”

Womb Lk 1:42 Blessed Are You Among Women and Blessed Is The Fruit Of Your

