

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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January 11, 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

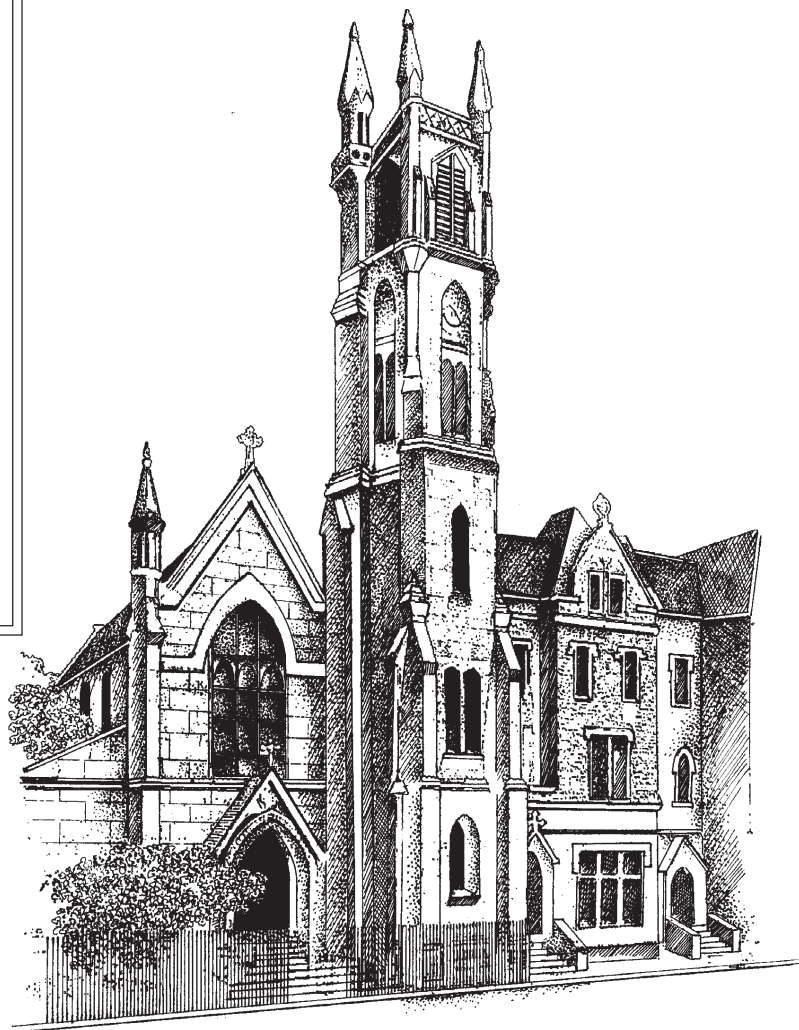
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## Finance Council Chairman

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## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III



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JANUARY 11, 2009

## The Baptism of the Lord

### Theme/Call To Worship

When the Lord had been baptized by John, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son; with him I am well pleased.

### Introduction To The Word

**Is 42:1-4, 6-7:** "I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice... a light for the nations".

**Acts 10:34-38:** Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him".

**Mk 1:7-11:** John the Baptist proclaimed: "...I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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### At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
01/11	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
01/12	CHADD Meeting	5:30 pm
	Education Committee	7:00 pm
01/13	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/14	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
01/15	Co-op Meeting	9:00 am
	Narnia – Parents	6:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

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## Save the Date

### 2009 Lenten Retreat

Sat. Feb 28	5:45pm Anticipatory Mass
Sun. March 1	3 pm Lenten Meditation Youth of the Parish (8-14 yrs) Followed by Pizza Party
Mon. March 2	5:45pm Mass 6:15pm Lenten Meditations
Tues. March 3	5:45pm Mass 6:15pm Lenten Mediations 7:00pm Penitential Service & Confessions
Wed. March 4	5:45pm Mass 6:15pm Lenten Meditations 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Reception

### *Celebrant Schedule*

<i>Mass</i>	<i>January 11</i>	<i>January 18</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Anthony	Fr. Joy
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Anthony	Msgr. Shelly
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Van Dyke
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Francis	Fr. Van Dyke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz

**MASS INTENTIONS AT**  
**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**FOR WEEK OF**  
**JANUARY 12 – JANUARY 17**

Monday, January 12

7:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)  
8:00 Barbara Moore (d)  
12:15 Pedro Sebusa (d)

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 Katlene Villers & Family (1)  
8:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)  
12:15 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 Irma Navarro (d)  
8:00 Fundador Santiago (1)  
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thursday, January 15

7:00 Luke LaValle (d)  
8:00 All Souls (d)  
12:15 Danica Sotirovich (d)

Friday, January 16

7:00 Edward Kelly (d)  
8:00 Manuel Conejos (d)  
12:15 Mary Gillespie (d)

Saturday, January 17

8:00 Michael Gillespie (d)  
12:15 Denis McManus (d)  
5:45 Sunday Vigil

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

01/12 Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20  
01/13 Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28  
01/14 Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39  
01/15 Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45  
01/16 Heb 4:1-5, 11, Mk 2:1-12  
01/17 Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17



**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)

**St. Jean Players**

**Winter One-Acts Festival**  
**February 20-22, 2009**

- **The Stronger** by August Strindberg (directed by Susan Horowitz)
- **Twice a Day** by Jay Fink (directed by Jay Fink)
- **A Well-Remembered Voice** by J. M. Barrie (directed by Bryan McHaffey)
- **Voices in the Stacks** by Pamela Robbins (directed by Pamela Robbins)

**MORE**



**Presentations  
Discussions  
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## **Breaking or Keeping the Natural Law What it Means When Society Turns Against Basic Goodness**

**A PRESENTATION**

By

**Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R.**

Father Benedict J. Groeschel, world renowned author, retreat master, psychologist and host of *Sunday Night Live with Father Benedict Groeschel*, a program broadcasted on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) whose format is a combination of interviews, viewer questions and discussions of spiritual and social matters relating to the Church. He is also one of the founders of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR) – dedicated to renewal in the church. On January 19, 2009, he will give a presentation entitled “Breaking or Keeping the Natural Law: What it means when society turns against basic goodness.”

Well known for his bold and powerful witness to the gospel and on the sanctity of life, he was an advocate of the Civil Rights in the 1960s and has long been involved with charitable facilities for the poor, including the Padre Pio Shelter, St. Anthony Residence and St. Francis Youth Center. He is director of the Office of Spiritual Development for the Archdiocese of New York and associate director of Trinity Retreat as well as executive director of The St. Francis House. He is Chairman of The St. Francis House and the Good Counsel Homes; a board member of Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida, and a member of the American Psychological Association.

Father Groeschel is the author of several books, including [The Tears of God](#) (2009), [Everyday Encounters with God](#) (2008), [Questions and Answers About Your Journey to God](#) (2007), [The Virtue Driven Life](#) (2006), and [Why Do We Believe](#) (2005).

Born in Jersey City, Father Groeschel was ordained a Capuchin priest in 1959. He has a Masters degree in Counseling from Iona College (1964) and a Doctorate in Psychology from Columbia University (1971).

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009**  
at 7:00 PM  
**THE ROCHESTER ROOM**  
of  
**Church of St. Thomas More**  
65 East 89th Street - (Between Park & Madison Avenues)  
Tel: (212) 876-7719

Visit with the Speaker and Share Light Refreshments Following the Discussion  
**Free Will Offering Accepted**

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