

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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January 13, 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 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

George Sim Johnston  
Florence White

## Parish Council President

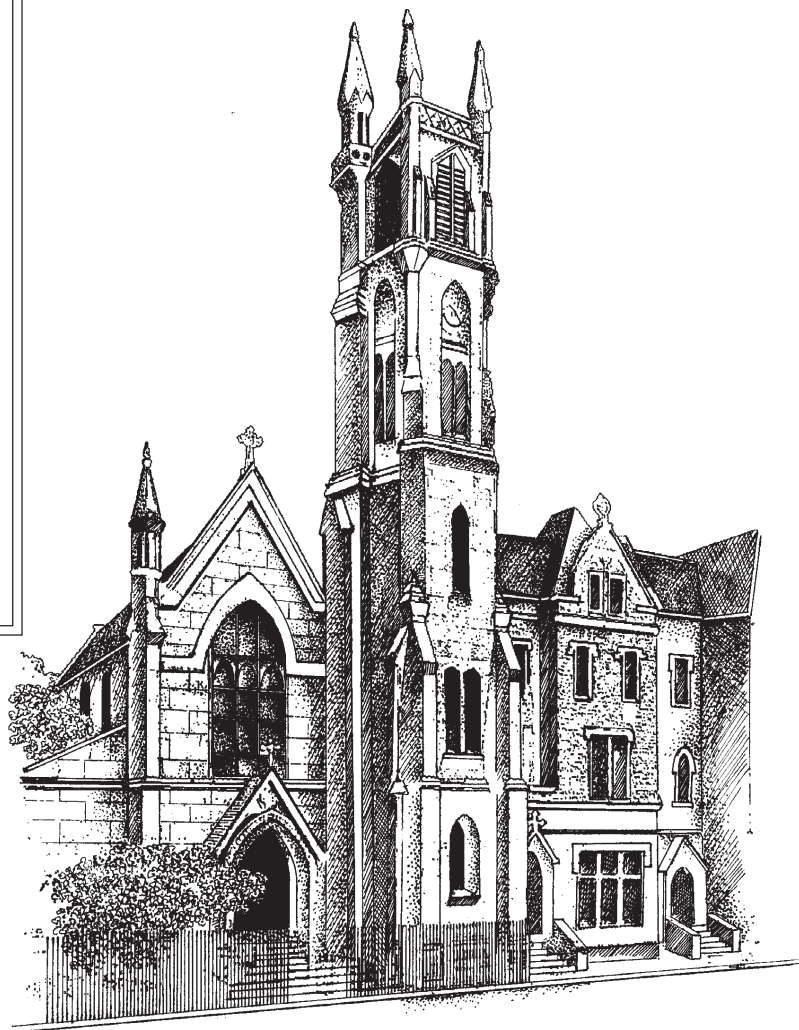
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John F.R. Smilgin, III



**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**JANUARY 13, 2008**  
**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (A)**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

Today's Sunday celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the conclusion of the season of Christmas. We celebrate the conclusion of the Christmas season with the theme of *baptism*. Our readings teach us that just as God was well pleased with his own beloved Son, God too is well pleased to welcome us all into his family. Peter bears witness to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon those assembled in Cornelius' household, and subsequently ordered the baptizing of those Gentiles. Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and on the disciples in the upper room after Jesus' death and resurrection, the Gentiles too had their own experience of the Holy Spirit and Baptism.

**Introduction To The Word**

**I. Is 42: 1-4, 6-7.** This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

**II. Acts 10: 34-38.** In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

**III. Mt 3: 13-17.** After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

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

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Event:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
01/13	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
01/14	<i>First Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
	<i>Parish Council Meeting</i>	6:15 p.m.
01/15	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/16	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
01/17	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/18	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/19	<i>Vigil: Second Sunday of the Year</i>	5:45 p.m.

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

01/14	1 Sm 1:1-8, Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19, Mk 1:14-20
01/15	1 Sm 1:9-20, Ps: 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Mk 1:21-28
01/16	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Mk 1:29-39
01/17	Eph 6:10-13, 18, Ps 16, Mt 19:16-26; or 1 Sm 4:1-11, Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25, Mk 1:40-45
01/18	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Ps 89:16-17, 18-19, Mk 2:1-12
01/19	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Ps 89:16-17, 18-19, Mk 2:1-12

**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](http://www.NYPRIEST.COM).

***March For Life in Washington, D.C.: Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. 49<sup>th</sup> St. (between B'way and 8<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:sr.mary.loretta@archny.org).

***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 89<sup>th</sup> Street, (bet. Park & Madison Avenues). Visit with the speaker and share light refreshments following the presentation.

***Prayer From Saint Ignatius....***"O Lord Jesus Christ, take as your right, receive as my gift, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my will, all that I have, all that I am, all that I can be. To you, O Lord, I restore it, all is yours, dispose of it according to your will. Give me your love. Give me your grace. It is enough for me. Amen."

***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.

***Pray 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."

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 13TH**

Monday, January 14th

- 7:00 Catherine Kinney (l)
- 8:00 Bridget Fitzsimons
- 12:15 Herbert & Monica Gompertz (d)

Tuesday, January 15th

- 7:00 Warren & Genevieve Kinney (l)
- 8:00 Rita Bowler (d)
- 12:15 Andreas Kozkowski

Wednesday, January 16th

- 7:00 John Crean (d)
- 8:00 Dave Erikson & Family (l)
- 12:15 Claire Flom

Thursday, January 17th

- 7:00 John Crean (d)
- 8:00 Patricia McMeramin (d)
- 12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

Friday, January 18th

- 7:00 John Kenney (d)
- 8:00 William Francis Ewald
- 12:15 Gary Greenberg (l)

Saturday, January 19th

- 8:00 John Kenny (d)
- 12:15 Beatrice Michelina Pirchio (d)
- 5:45 *Vigil Mass: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*

***Celebrant Sunday Schedule***

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Jan. 13th</i>	<i>Jan. 20th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Monaghan	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Monaghan
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz

*Saint Ignatius Loyola* parish offers a 5:30 p.m. Mass daily. Location: Park Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC.

**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*

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

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

**FOR  
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION/CATHOLIC  
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**Today** 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:

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- ◆ 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](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1-866-Parish-1.

**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.

**Hail Mary, full of grace!** The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*”

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**Talks  
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Presentations  
Movies**

***The Making of BELLA: Behind-the-Scenes Stories  
As Three Catholics Take on Hollywood***

**A PRESENTATION**

By

**Fr. Roderick Ermatinger, LC**

Eduardo Verastegui, Alejandro Monteverde, and Leo Severino walked similar paths: all are Catholics; all used their talents to produce art on screen; all were dissatisfied with previous efforts and began looking for more meaningful projects. Their lives converged and together they formed Metanoia Films, and produced their first film - Bella - winner of the Toronto Film Festival People's Choice (2006) and the Smithsonian Institute Legacy awards.

Fr. Roderick Ermatinger, a Legionary priest, in the months leading up to the 2007 release of the film, helped to lead the grass-root promotional efforts in Manhattan and Long Island. He will talk about his personal experiences of working with the executive producers, director, writer, and the lead actor, as well as other experiences connected to "Bella".

This presentation will include behind-the-scenes testimony of the central figures, including the conversion of the lead actor, and will help to explore the importance of using one's talents to influence society and culture.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008**

at 7:00 PM

in

**THE ROCHESTER ROOM**

of

**Church of St. Thomas More**

**65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Tel: (212) 876-7719**

**(Between Park & Madison Avenues)**

Visit with the Speaker and Share Light Refreshments Following the Presentation

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