

**Church of St. Thomas More**  
**JANUARY 18, 2009**  
**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

We cannot truly be Disciples of Christ unless we, too, hear God's call, respond by transforming our lives, and take up the saving mission of Christ.

**Introduction To The Word**

**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19:** "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening".

**1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20:** "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit ..."

**Jn 1:35-42:** John the Baptist proclaims Jesus as the Messiah, "Behold the Lamb of God", and Jesus begins to gather his Disciples.

**At St. Thomas More This Week**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
01/18	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
01/19	Education Committee Fr. Groeschel, CFR	7:00 pm
01/20	Leisure Club Luncheon After 12:30 pm Mass A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/21	Christian Meditation Narnia – Parents	5:45 pm 6:00 pm
01/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

***Celebrant Schedule***

<i>Mass</i>	<i>January 18</i>	<i>January 25</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelly	Msgr. Shelly
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Van Dyke	Msgr. Shelly
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Van Dyke	Fr. Joy
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning

**Family Day**

**Sunday Feb 8 following the 10 AM mass.**

Enjoy conversation with your fellow parishioners while the kids are entertained by the humorous magic show of Looney Louie.

The event will take place in the Rochester Room. We hope to see you there.

**Save the Date - 2009 Lenten Retreat**

Sat. Feb 28	5:45pm Anticipatory Mass
Sun. March 1	Fr Anthony Andreassi, C.O., our Lenten Moderator, will be the Homilist at each Mass.
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

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect young children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we periodically reach out to the Catholic community to advise them whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at 914-594-4646. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org).

Information can also be found on the Archdiocese website, <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**MASS INTENTIONS AT**  
**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**FOR WEEK OF**  
**JANUARY 19 – JANUARY 24**

Monday, January 19

7:00 James McManus, Sr.

8:00 Greta Raby (d)

12:15 Mollie Donoghue (d)

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 Joseph Kauper (l)

8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)

12:15 John F. Baldwin (d)

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 James McManus, Sr.

8:00 Fructuoso B. Marte (d)

12:15 Regina, Luisa & Manuela Gomez(d)

Thursday, January 22

7:00 Celia McManus

8:00 Nora McManus

12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Friday, January 23

7:00 Denis McManus

8:00 Michael Gillespie

12:15 Mary Gillespie

Saturday, January 24

8:00 Margaret Collins (d)

12:15 James McManus, Sr.

5:45 Sunday Vigil

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

01/19 Heb 5:1-10, Mk 2:18-22

01/20 Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28

01/21 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Mk 3:1-6

01/22 Heb 7:25—8:6, Mk 3:7-12

01/23 Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19

01/24 Heb 9:2-3, 11-14, Mk 3:20-21

**March for Life in Washington DC**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2009**

Join us on pilgrimage to Washington DC! 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)

**SPECIAL FUEL COLLECTION**

Next Sunday, January 25, we have a special second collection to defer the increasing cost of heating our Church and Parish House.

During our last fiscal year that ended on 8/31/2008, we spent a total of \$48,574, which was a 25% over our 2007 expense. This year, the cost of fuel continues to rise. So far this year, from 09/01/2008 to 12/31/2008, we have already spent \$18,772, which was 13% more than our year to date expense for last year.

Your wonderful generosity for this special collection is much appreciated.

Today: January 18, 2009

3:00 PM

**Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God,**  
opening the week of prayer for Christian Unity.  
Church of St. Monica 413 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street

**Open House**

**Xavier High School - 30 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street**

212-924-7900 ext. 1442

January 31, 2009

1:00 – 4:00 PM

**MORE**



**Presentations  
Discussions  
Movies  
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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**

**Sponsored by: The Education & Communication Committee of the Parish Council**

