

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 1, 2009

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Margaret Peet, Development
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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

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The First Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

On this first Sunday, we enter our Lenten desert to confront our temptations and to turn ourselves more perfectly toward God and each other so we can emerge as an Easter people ready to proclaim the Gospel through our everyday thoughts and words and deeds.

Introduction To The Word

Gn 9:8-15: In this reading God reveals his covenant with Noah. "I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

1 Pt 3:18-22: In this reading St. Peter compares the salvation of the man through the actions of Noah to the salvation we receive through the water of Baptism, "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Mk 1:12-15: In this gospel, Jesus proclaims "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

At St. Thomas More This Week

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Time:</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 03/01 | Group Baptism | 1:30 pm |
| 03/02 | CHADD Meeting | 5:30 pm |
| 03/03 | Leisure Club Luncheon | after 12:30 pm Mass |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| | Lenten Confessions | 7:00 pm |
| 03/04 | Christian Meditation | 5:45 pm |
| | Lenten Wine and Cheese | 7:00 pm |
| 03/05 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 03/06 | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 pm |

Celebrant Schedule

| <u>Mass</u> | <u>March 01</u> | <u>March 08</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sat 5:45 pm | Fr. Diaz | Fr. Joy |
| Sun 8:30 am | Fr. Diaz | Fr. Boehning |
| Sun 10:00 am | Fr. Anthony, OC | Msgr. Shelley |
| Sun 11:15 am | Fr. Joy | Fr. Van Dyke, SJ |
| Sun 12:30 pm | Msgr. Shelley | Fr. Van Dyke, SJ |
| Sun 5:45 pm | Fr. Boehning | Fr. Diaz |

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words

Join the E-Group to

stm_business@hotmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin
and other important information.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

As prescribed by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Daylight Saving Time will start: on the Second Sunday in March - **March 08, 2009** and end on the First Sunday in November - November 01, 2009 at 2 am local time.



Save the Date – 2009 Lenten Retreat

Sat. Feb 28 (5:45pm Anticipatory Mass) and

Sun. March 1

Fr. Andreassi will deliver each of the Homilies highlighting the themes of the Lenten Meditations.

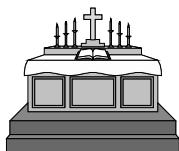
- Mon. March 2 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditation led by Fr. Andreassi on Fasting & Almsgiving.
- Tues. March 3 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditation led by Fr. Andreassi on Forgiveness.
7:00pm Penitential Service & Confessions
- Wed. March 4 5:45pm Mass
6:15pm Lenten Meditation led by Fr. Andreassi on Prayer.
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Reception

MORE Hot Topics by the STM Education Committee

March 29 2009: Islam & Catholicism: An Historical Overview. Presented by Mr. Andrew Bieszard.

June 2009: St. Thomas More: Patron of our Parish.

To Be Determined: Maurice and Thérèse: The Story of a Love – A play based on Bishop Ahern's book of the same name.



**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 02– MARCH 07**

Mon. March 02 *St. Agnes of Bohemia*

7:00 Bridget Rochford (d)
8:00 Ramon DelCastillo (d)
12:15 Joseph & Maria Muccino (d)
5:45 Meditation - Fasting & Almsgiving

Tues. March 03 *St. Katharine Drexel*

7:00 Julita DelCastillo (d)
8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
12:15 Vincent O'Connell (d)
5:45 Meditation - Forgiveness

Wed. March 04 *St. Casimir*

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
12:15 Edward W. Anthes (d)
5:45 Meditation - Prayer

Thurs. March 05 *St. John Joseph of the Cross*

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
8:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
12:15 Sr. Catherine Doran (d)

Fri. March 06 *Servant of God Sylvester of Assisi*

7:00 Shaughnessy & Donlon Families (d)
8:00 Rosario Conejos (d)
12:15 Jackie Maloney (l)

Sat. March 07 *Sts Perpetua and Felicity*

8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
12:15 Bishop Patrick V. Ahern (l)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/02 *Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46*
03/03 *Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15*
03/04 *Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32*
03/05 *Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12*
03/06 *Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26*
03/07 *Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48*

St. Thomas More Music Program

MarchMOREMusic

Five Concerts – Five Sundays – 3:30PM

March 1st - Vivaldi, Bach, Messiaen and Burgett
*Jorge Avila, Violin; Arthur Fiacco, Cello; and
Harvey Burgett, Organ;*

March 8th Improvisations - 19th Century Romantic Style
Martino Cernuschi, Organ

Suggested Contribution: adults \$20; students and seniors \$10; children free.

Choir CD Available: for \$20 in cash or check (payable to – St. Thomas More Church - More Music).

The Cardinal's Annual Appeal is an essential source of funding core ministries in the Archdiocese. These activities, which directly benefit our diverse parish communities, include Liturgical resources, seminaries, Catholic schools



2009 Cardinal's
Annual Appeal

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

and religious education programs, support for retired priests and religious, and pastoral and social services. Please take time to prayerfully consider your sacrificial gift.

SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH 08

Next week, we will have a special collection to help support our major Parish Outreach Program, the Tuesday Leisure Luncheon for Area Seniors. In recent years a portion of the More for Less Fair receipts have provided some support, but since the Fair was suspended last Fall, this collection will be the only support for this program during this Fiscal Year, which has been budgeted at \$6,000. Your generosity is appreciated

Fr Boehning

Happy Birthday Bishop Ahern on his 90th Birthday

We invite parishioners to drop off Mass Cards with Margaret Peet in the Rectory. If you need a Mass card, they are also available in the Rectory.

The Mass Cards will be put into a large gift box and delivered to the Bishop in March for his birthday.

We know he'd love to hear from you!

2009 Lenten Retreat

The Church and Parish of St. Thomas More will conduct a Lenten Retreat from Saturday, February 28th through Wednesday, March 4th.

Father Anthony Andreassi, who has been with us on a number of occasions as a Sunday Mass Celebrant, will be the principal homilist at Saturday's anticipatory 5:45 P.M. Mass and will be the principal homilist at all of Sunday's Masses.

On the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Father Andreassi will offer three evenings of Meditation immediately following the celebration of the 5:45 P.M. evening Mass. Monday's meditation themes will be **Fasting and Almsgiving**.

On Tuesday, the Sacrament of Penance will be offered and confessions will be heard. Tuesday's meditation theme will be **Forgiveness**.

On Wednesday, the meditation theme will be **Prayer**. After the conclusion of that evening's meditation, there will be a wine and cheese social gathering which will allow participants to meet Father Andreassi personally.

All are invited. All are encouraged to participate in this important Lenten observance.

March 1, 2009

Dear Parishioners,

As you already know, our Archdiocese received major news this week with the announcement that Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of Milwaukee has been appointed to succeed Cardinal Edward Egan as Archbishop of New York, effective April 15, 2009. We wish Cardinal Egan a happy retirement and welcome Archbishop Dolan as our new Shepherd.

A few years ago Fr. Anthony Andreassi, who is conducting our Parish Retreat this week, invited Archbishop Dolan to be the prelate ordaining him a Deacon at the Oratory Church of St. Boniface in Brooklyn. They had come to know each other in Washington, D.C. when Fr. Anthony was working on his doctoral thesis at the Catholic University of America.

Msgr. Shelley and I were also at Fr. Anthony's deaconate ordination and had the opportunity at that time to converse personally with Archbishop Dolan. We found him to be extremely friendly and outgoing as well as an engaging conversationalist.

I think his first statement to the people of our Archdiocese which was released this past Monday reflects this side of his personality:

My brother bishops, priests, religious women and men, seminarians, committed Catholics of this wonderful Church, I pledge to you my love, my life, my heart, and I can tell you already that I love you, I need so much your prayers and support, I am so honored, humbled, and happy to serve as your pastor.

We do indeed offer him our prayers and support.

Fr. Boehning

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY M. DOLAN

Born in 1950, the oldest of five children, to Robert and Shirley Dolan, Archbishop Dolan's education began at Holy Infant Grade School in Ballwin, Missouri, and continued at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, Cardinal Glennon College, and the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on June 19, 1976, Father Dolan then served as a parish priest, earned his doctorate in Church History at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., worked at the Apostolic Nunciature (Vatican Embassy) in Washington, D.C., served on the faculty at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, and returned to Rome as rector of the Pontifical North American College.

He came back to the Archdiocese of St. Louis as auxiliary bishop in June 2001, to be appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee a year later.