

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 2, 2008

## CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor  
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## 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 (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

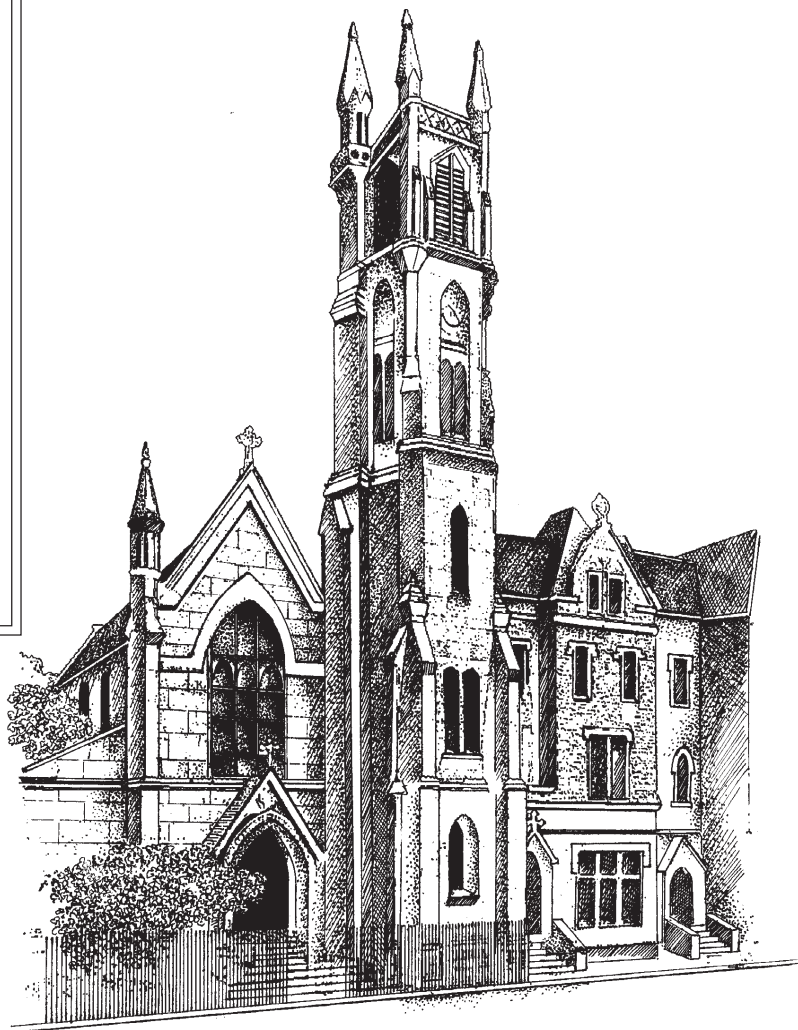
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**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**MARCH 2, 2008**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

The healing of the blind man begins with a simple and logical question that the disciples ask Jesus: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” The disciples’ question exemplifies their limited vision and their tendency to see only the superficial. It is Jesus alone who sees that this man was born blind not because of sin; rather, the man was born blind “so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” In the end, Jesus is most critical of the Pharisees who refuse to see Jesus’ healing of this blind man as “the works of God.” The Pharisees remain trapped in their human vision and thus were the ones truly blind to God’s work in their midst. For Jesus, this was the sin of the Pharisees: refusal to embrace God’s vision.

**Introduction To The Word**

- I. 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.** In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.
- II. Eph 5:8-14.** Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”
- III. Jn 9:1-41.** Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner”, but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	
03/02	Narnia Club’s Retreat	1:00	p.m.
	Group Baptism	1:30	p.m.
03/03	CHADD Meeting	5:30	p.m.
03/04	Narnia Club’s Confessions	4:00	p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30	p.m.
03/05	Narnia Club’s Confessions	4:00	p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45	p.m.
03/06	Narnia Club’s Parents	6:00	p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30	p.m.
03/07	First Friday Holy Hour Adoration	12:45	p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30	p.m.
03/08	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent	5:45	p.m.

**First Friday Holy Hour Adoration** will begin after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and conclude with Benediction at 1:30 p.m.. Please plan on adoring Jesus when the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed.

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to the St. Thomas More Music Program fund taken up last weekend. May your generosity continue to be a blessing to you and your families.

**Sisters of Charity...** tickets are on sale now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seton Hall Legacy Event being held Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River, New York. This year’s Legacy Award Recipients are Sister Mary Louise Brink SC former principal of Seton Hall and John Schmitt Jr., former All Pro Center for the Super Bowl Champion New York Jets. For more information and reservations, please contact Adam Szczepanski at 718-424-1813 or email: [aszczepanski@schalifax.org](mailto:aszczepanski@schalifax.org).

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

03/03	Is 65:17-21, Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4:43-54
03/04	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16
03/05	Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30
03/06	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Jn 5:31-47
03/07	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
03/08	Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, Jn 7:40-53

**His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI** will visit our Archdiocese!

Papal Visit: April 18-20, 2008

Volunteer Applications can be obtained by contacting Ivelisse Sanchez, Papal Visit: Volunteers, Room 1879, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Application forms are required by February 22, 2008.

**A Prayer for Priests:**

“Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord, keep them, for they are Thine – Thy priests whose lives burn out before The consecrated shrine. Keep them, for they are in the world, though from the world apart; when earthly pleasures tempt, allure, – shelter them in Thy heart. Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, when all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain. Keep them, and O remember, Lord, they have no one but Thee, yet they have only human hearts, with human frailty. Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress; their every thought and word and deed, Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.”

*Imprnatur: +D. Card. Dougherty, Arch. Of Philadelphia*

Our Father, Hail Mary. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for them.

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” - Gal 3:26 -

**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9, 2008**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 2ND**

**Monday, March 3rd**

- 7:00 Luigi Fedulb (d)
- 8:00 Amalia Avila (d)
- 12:15 Edward & Dorothy Lane (d)

**Tuesday, March 4th**

- 7:00 Edward W. Anthes (d)
- 8:00 Alfredo Rotondi (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

**Wednesday, March 5th**

- 7:00 Betty Vogel (d)
- 8:00 Jayne Wrightsman (l)
- 12:15 Rebecca Ciriaco (d)

**Thursday, March 6th**

- 7:00 Tom McHugh (l)
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- 12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

**Friday, March 7th**

- 7:00 Muriel McMahon (d)
- 8:00 Anthony Baldwin (d)
- 12:15 Mr. Nardello (d)

**Saturday, March 8th**

- 8:00 In Honor of Saint Joseph
- 12:15 Frederic J. Fuller (d)
- 5:45 *Vigil Mass: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**Celebrant Sunday Schedule**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Mar. 2nd</i>	<i>Mar. 9th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Boehning	Mmgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Mmgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz

**Archdiocese of New York Vocation Office**

Father. Destiny. Courage. Character. Tradition. Sacrifice. Love.

As with David, not as the world sees does God see. If God is calling you, do not underestimate Divine Providence. The spring Discernment Weekend for young men ages 18-40 considering the priesthood will be Palm Sunday Weekend, March 14-16, 2008. For more information please contact Father Luke Sweeney for Father Luis Saldaña at (914) 968-1340 or [www.NYPRIEST.COM](http://www.NYPRIEST.COM). ***“The World Needs Heroes.”***

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” - 1 Jn 4:10 -

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions April 2008:**

1. **General:** That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ’s resurrection, the source of hope and peace.
2. **Mission:** That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world.

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions May 2008:**

3. **General:** That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favor a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.
4. **Mission:** That just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

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“You are a rich nation but on your streets I saw a man lying drunk and no one picked him up, no one seemed to bother about him, no one tried to restore him his human dignity, to bring back to him the sense that he is a brother, a child of God.”

“One day a lady came to me dressed in a very rich sari. She told me: ‘Mother, I want to share in your work.’ I prayed for a moment to get the right answer to give her about sharing in my work. And I told her: ‘I would begin with the sari. You start buying a cheaper sari each month, and the money you save, you bring it to me for the poor.’ So she started buying cheaper saris and she said it changed her life. She has really understood sharing. And she told me that she has received much more than she has given.”

***-Mother Teresa - The Joy in Loving***

**Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes:**

“O Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, you are the refuge of sinners and the comfort of the afflicted. Look, with mercy on us. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes you gave the world hope. Your Son has healed many, thanks to your compassionate intercession. Therefore, I come humbly before you to ask for your motherly intercession for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit. Holy Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of death.” Amen.

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations.” - Ps 119:90 -



ONE COMMUNITY...  
ONE FAITH...  
ONE BODY IN CHRIST!

The Annual Appeal supports  
*the Formation of Our Clergy*  
and  
*the Care of our Retired Religious*



Through the Cardinal's Appeal, \$1.25 million is dedicated to our Seminary system. Another \$1.25 million is set aside to assist our retired priests and religious.

Our three Seminary programs - our Major Seminary Saint Joseph's, The Neumann Residence and Hall, and the Cathedral Prep Program - provide guidance and training to our young men as they prepare to live a life dedicated to Christ and his people here in the Archdiocese of New York.

Upon retirement, our elderly clergy receive loving care in places such as John Cardinal O'Connor and the Our Lady of Consolation Residences.

Please make your gift to support these important works!