

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 8, 2009

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Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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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

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The Second Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

Through faithfulness to our Lenten journey, we are given the opportunity to share in Jesus' Life, Death and ultimate Glory.

Introduction To The Word

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18: In this reading we witness Abraham's surrender to the will of God. As a result of his willingness to sacrifice his most precious son, God rewarded Abraham as our father in faith. "I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore."

Rom 8:31b-34: In this reading St. Paul recounts the sacrifice of Abraham to remind us of God's commitment to our salvation. "He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?"

Mk 9:2-10: In this gospel, the apostles witness Jesus' Transfiguration, an event that gave them a brief glimpse at Jesus' true nature and glory. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
03/08	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
03/10	Leisure Club Luncheon	after 12:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/11	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
03/12	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/13	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

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

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words
Join the E-Group (currently 63 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other
important information.

Public Policy Forum Day 2009

State Capitol Albany – Tuesday March 10
Join Cardinal Egan, the Bishops of New York
State and over 1000 committed Catholics.

Register – 518-434-6195

www.nyscatholic.org/pages/home.asp

MORE FOR LESS FAIR – 2009

Saturday, October 24th 2009

Because of storage limitations, we are asking for
specific donations during specific months.

March - Jewelry and Watches

Donations can be checked in at the Rectory
Reception Desk from 10AM to 5PM, 7 days a week.
Tax deduction contribution forms are available.
Please note that items should be in good condition.

Thank you for your help
The More-for-Less Fair Committee

MORE Hot Topics

by the STM Education Committee

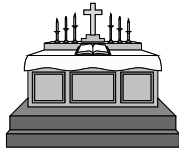
March 29 2009: Islam & Catholicism: An Historical
Overview. Presented by Mr. Andrew Bieszard.

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.

Website Warning

The Apostolic Nunciature has related to the
American Bishop's Conference that the Holy See's
Secretariat of State has warned that the fundraising
scheme and assertions made by the following
websites www.delivermyprayer.org,
www.delivermyprayer.com, and
www.vaticanreading.com do not have any
connection to or approval of the Holy See.



**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 09– MARCH 14**

Mon. March 09 *St. Frances of Rome*

7:00 Vincent O'Connell (d)
8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Tues. March 10 *St. Dominic Savio*

7:00 John Crean (d)
8:00 Kevin Dillon (d)
12:15 Jean Keune (d)

Wed. March 11 *St. John Ogilvie*

7:00 John Crean (d)
8:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thurs. March 12 *Blessed Angela Salawa*

7:00 Kate Kenny (d)
8:00 Neil Swainson (d)
12:15 Olga Raggio (d)

Fri. March 13 *St. Leander of Seville*

7:00 Kate Kenny (d)
8:00 Bishop Patrick V. Ahern (I)
12:15 The Bowler Family

Sat. March 14 *St. Maximillian*

8:00 Bishop Patrick V. Ahern (I)
12:15 Elaine Johnson (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/08 *Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38*
03/09 *Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12*
03/10 *Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28*
03/11 *Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31*
03/12 *Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*
03/13 *Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

St. Thomas More Music Program

March MORE Music

Five Concerts – Five Sundays – 3:30PM

March 8th Improvisations - 19th Century Romantic Style

Martino Cernuschi, Organ

March 15th Gregorian Chant – Bach, Palestrina, Byrd, Vittoria and Burgett


Jean Ommerlé, Soprano; Melissa Fogarty

Soprano; Michael Brown, Tenor; and Aaron

James, Baritone

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).



2009 Cardinal's
Annual Appeal

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

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

Family Life Conference

March 21, 2009 - 10:00AM to 3:30PM

St. Joseph's Seminary

Dunwoodie – Yonkers New York

Suggested Donation: \$20 (lunch included)
Free Admission for Clergy, Religious and Students

Register: 212-371-1011 Ext. 3195 or www.flrl.org

Mass 8:45AM – Bishop Gerald Walsh Celebrant
Maggie Gallagher – *Marriage and Religious Liberty: How Will Same-Sex Marriage Affect the Common Good and Catholic Institutions?*

Kathleen Gallagher – *Advocacy for Life in Albany: The Roadmap for Hope*

Damon Owen – *Theology of the Body for Teens vs Planned Parenthood*

Damian Wargo – *Home Invasion: Protecting Your Home and Family Against Pornography*

CHURCH BELL RESTORATION

The bell tower of our church houses an actual bell installed when the church was dedicated as the Episcopal Church of the Beloved Disciple in 1873. The front of the bell bears this inscription:

This Church was founded and together with this Bell was donated by Caroline Talman, daughter of Mr. John H. and Mrs. Sarah Somarindyck Talman, All Saints Day, November 1, 1873.

On the reverse side of the bell, an inscription reads: *May Jesus Christ Be Praised.*

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York purchased the church in 1950 and it was rededicated on July 9, 1950 as the Church of St. Thomas More. In 1952 Bishop Philip Furlong, the first Catholic Pastor, installed a mechanical system to ring the bell twice daily for the Angelus. Prior to this installation, the bell was sounded by pulling a rope that manually swung our large 1,500 pound bell.

After a half century of service certain parts of this system were wearing out and we were advised by the original installer, the Verdin Company, to upgrade it to a modern solid-state system and as replace the bell striker to protect our most beautiful bell from cracking. This was done last month at a total cost of \$14,690, which includes new wiring and a new striker.

We are happy to receive special donations toward this restoration. Five Thousand dollars have already been received. If you wish to donate to this special Bell Restoration Fund, please contact Margaret Peet at the Parish Office, 212-876-7718.

Gratefully,
Fr. John Boehning

Suggested Prayer Intention for Lent

Last Sunday, 38 young people, who are all candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here on May 16th, and who are members of the Narnia Club Religion Program, participated in an afternoon retreat and the 5:45PM Mass. At that Mass, I suggested to the congregation that they "adopt" one of these youngsters as a Prayer Intention during Lent.

To move this idea forward, below is a list of their names. Choose one or more and pray for them in a special way during this Lenten season. By "adopting" them, your prayers will help them to be well prepared to receive this sacrament, which will strengthen them to live as Faithful Catholics in the years ahead.

Fr. Boehning

Charlotte Guestier Berkowitz
Hayward Manice Berkowitz
Thomas Goelet Berkowitz
Liam John Buckley
Ty Michael Buckley
George Edward Bushnell IV
Jack Coffey
Annabel Web Darling
Nicolas "Chase" Donarski
Christopher John Dunne
Lenna Maria Frechen
John Charles Gallagher
Thomas Richard Gallagher

Nicholas Godridge
Matthew Lee Goodman
John Jude "Jack" Harvey
Sean Conor Hoban
Thomas Patrick Horey
Madeline Kelly
Joseph Anton Ljuljdjuraj
John Lu
Alexander Mahedy
Kyra Martin
Alejandro Alberto Osio
Lucy Ryan Pash
Ian Gildea Phelan

Trevor Picot
Florian Cornelius Pontani
William Russell Reid
Alana Resnick
Spencer Anthony Reuben
William R. Reynolds
Anthony M. Scotto
Carlin Smith
Liam Treanor
Andrew James Trousdale
Daniel Wayland
Luke White