

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 22, 2009

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STAFF

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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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George Sim Johnston

Head Usher

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

We demonstrate our great love for God by doing the work of God: to die to self so that we can be raised to new life.

Introduction To The Word

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23: The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Eph 2:4-10: God who is rich in mercy has brought us to life with Christ, and saved us by his gift of grace through faith.

Jn 3:14-21: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
03/22	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
	MarchMoreMusic	3:30 pm
03/23	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
03/24	Leisure Club Luncheon	after 12:30 pm Mass
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/25	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
03/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
03/27	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm


Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
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 (currently 65 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other
important information.



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.

MORE FOR LESS FAIR – 2009

Saturday, October 24th 2009

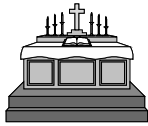
Because of storage limitations, we are asking for specific donations during specific months.

March: Silver, Silver Plate, 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.

If you would like to volunteer to work on the Fair – and we welcome your participation – you can obtain a volunteer form from the Rectory and we will get in touch with you.

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



**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 23– MARCH 28**

Mon. March 23 *St. Toribio de Mogrovejo*

- 7:00 Jerry Mulally (d)
- 8:00 Brunilda Alvarez (l)
- 12:15 John Douglas Tanner (d)

Tues. March 24

- 7:00 Jerry Mulally (d)
- 8:00 Alma Padron (d)
- 12:15 Mary Theresa Hughes (d)

Wed. March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

- 7:00 Eugenia Goncalves (d)
- 8:00 Bishop Patrick V. Ahern (l)
- 12:15 Ignacio & Fanny Umana (d)

Thurs. March 26

- 7:00 Eugenia Goncalves (d)
- 8:00 Joachim de Pombo (d)
- 12:15 William Anthony Linden, Sr. (d)

Fri. March 27

- 7:00 Jerry Byriter (d)
- 8:00 Souls in Purgatory (d)
- 12:15 Nancy & Leonard Cucchiara (d)

Sat. March 28

- 8:00 Christopher Begley (d)
- 12:15 Adelia Goncalves (d)
- 5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 03/23 *Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54*
- 03/24 *Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16*
- 03/25 *Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38*
- 03/26 *Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47*
- 03/27 *Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*
- 03/28 *Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30, Jn 7:40-53*



**Golden & Silver
Wedding Anniversary Celebrations**

Couples celebrating their **50th** Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2009 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Couples celebrating their **25th** Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2009 are invited to attend our 10:00 a.m. Family Mass at St. Thomas More on Sunday, May 3rd, to receive a special Jubilee Blessing and scroll.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact our Parish Office to register. The closing date to register for the Masses is Friday, April 4th.

**WATCH SPECIAL HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER PROGRAMMING ON EWTN –**
Join EWTN in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and live Easter Masses from Rome the Basilica in Washington, DC. Watch EWTN on 146 & 867 Time Warner Cable.

The Artists' St. Paul

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 **Time:** 6:30 PM
Where: The Kathryn Martin Theater, St. Jean Baptiste Community Center - Manhattan
Cost: \$25 (includes reception which follows)
Details: Art historian and author Jeanne Chenault Porter will give an in-depth presentation on the way artists have depicted the apostle Paul through the ages. Mrs. Porter is a specialist in the seventeenth century art of Italy, Spain, and France. She will explore the rich and varied visual legacy of St. Paul, from the early Christian catacombs to Caravaggio, and help us appreciate the greatness of one who remains so relevant today. Mrs. Porter is Associate Professor Emeritus at The Pennsylvania State University and has also taught at Hunter and Finch. Call 212.288.5082 for reservations. Proceeds benefit the New Restoration Fund of St. Jean Baptiste Church.

Share in the Easter Celebration as a Choral Group Volunteer

Every year we at St. Thomas More participate in a Tenebrae Service. The word Tenebrae is Latin for shadows and the purpose of the Tenebrae Service is to recreate the passion story. This year, the service is planned to begin at 9:00 AM each morning during the Triduum, the three days before Easter; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

To become a Choral Group Volunteer, you must have the ability to sing. Music will be provided, so it would be most helpful if you can read music, but if necessary, help with your preparation can also be provided. As a volunteer you must be available for one or more of the three days and you must be able to meet before each service to permit a 10 or 15 minute rehearsal and vocal warm up. If you are interested, please leave a message with the Parish Receptionist. The Choral Group Coordinator will call you to plan the next step.

If you are not able to participate as a Choral Group Volunteer, please attend at least one of these important services and share in a fuller understanding of the miracle and mystery of Easter.



Please join us for
MarchMOREMusic

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
East 89th Street between Park and Madison



This Sunday, March 22, at 3:30

Harvey Burgett

Organ Music by Mendelssohn, Bach,
Messiaen and Burgett



Next Sunday, March 29, at 3:30

John Walthausen

Organ Music by Bach, Franck, Messiaen
and Burgett



Suggested Contribution at the Door (cash or check)
20.00 Adults; 10.00 Students and Seniors;
Children Free

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.