

Church of Saint Thomas More

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March 29, 2009

CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, In Residence

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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Parish Council President

Heather Crimmins

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George Sim Johnston

Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme/Call To Worship

The goal of Lent and of all Christian living is to be faithful to the law that Jesus has written on our hearts. The law that directs us to become the seed that dies, the life that loses itself, and the servant who follows. Our lives glorify God when we are willing to give our lives for the sake of others.

Introduction To The Word

Jer 31:31-34: And the Lord said to Jeremiah, "I will make a new covenant", a new covenant in which "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Heb 5:7-9: "Son though Jesus was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

Jn 12:20-33: Although Jesus was troubled by the events that were rapidly approaching, he remained obedient to his mission. "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
03/29	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
	Education Committee – Lecture	3:00 pm
	MarchMoreMusic	3:30 pm
03/30	Carnegie Hill Seminar	6:30 pm
03/31	Leisure Club Luncheon	after 12:30 pm Mass
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/01	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
	Model Seder	7:00 pm
04/02	Benediction	1:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
04/03	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>March 29</i>	<i>April 05</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun 8:30 am	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
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 66 members) to

stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other
important information.



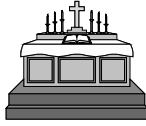
2009 Cardinal's Annual Appeal

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Because of your support of the annual Cardinal's Appeal the Archdiocese of New York is better able to do immense good in many areas of concern:

- Those most in need through its many charitable offices, agencies and programs
- Parishes and schools struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities
- Academic and spiritual formation in our schools and catechetical training in our parishes
- Care for our retired clergy and religious who have given their lives in service of the Church
- Preparation of our future clergy who will give theirs in the years to come

I am most grateful to all of you for your gift to this Appeal. To date we have received \$19,500. I ask all of you who have not yet contributed to please consider doing so. Not only do you help St. Thomas More meet its new assigned goal of \$144,375 but you enable the Archdiocese to continue services vital to so many.



**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 30 – APRIL 04**

Mon. March 30

- 7:00 Catherine Kinney (l)
- 8:00 Ruth McCarthy (d)
- 12:15 Joan Baker (d)

Tues. March 31

- 7:00 Caroline Talman (d)
- 8:00 Bishop Patrick V. Ahern (l)
- 12:15 Frederic J. Fuller, Jr. (d)

Wed. April 01

- 7:00 Luise Smol (d)
- 8:00 Alicia De Hernendes (d)
- 12:15 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)

Thurs. April 02 *St Francis of Paola*

- 7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
- 8:00 Msgr. George Bardes (l)
- 12:15 Joseph & Maria Muccino (d)

Fri. April 03

- 7:00 Elizabeth O'Connor (d)
- 8:00 Rosario Conejos (d)
- 12:15 Aldo DiGennaro (d)

Sat. April 04 *St. Isidore*

- 8:00 Edward W. Anthes (d)
- 12:15 Beatrice Lorusso (d)
- 5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 03/30 *Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62*
or 13:41c-62, Jn 8:1-11
- 03/31 *Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30*
- 04/01 *Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42*
- 04/02 *Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59*
- 04/03 *Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42*
- 04/04 *Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56*



**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.

**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.

**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.

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

Islam and the Catholic Church: How Past History is Shaping Today's Events

March 29, 2009 - 3:00 PM

St. Thomas More – Rochester Room

65 East 89th Street, Manhattan

Sponsored By: The Education Committee of the
Parish Council

Visit with the speaker and share light refreshments.
Free will offerings accepted.

Presentation By: Andrew Bieszad

For over 1000 years there have been efforts to forge a dialogue between Moslems and Catholics, two of the world's three monotheistic religions that share the Abrahamic root. However, without a basic understanding of the foundations of the other's belief, it is almost impossible to dialogue.

Mr. Bieszad is an Islamic scholar, who has lectured extensively about Islam throughout the country, will provide an overview of Islam and its relevance to 21st century Christianity. He is a member, Islam and Catholic-Moslem relations advisor, and United Nations representative of *Pax Romana* an international movement of catholic students.

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.

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network.

Join thousands of others to work for justice in society and promote the values that are important to our faith.

Contact: New York State Catholic Conference

www.nyscatholic.org.

Be Prepared for an Emergency

Monday, March 30th

6:30 pm to 7:30pm

Free – Carnegie Hill Seminar
The Church of St. Thomas More
65 East 89th St



Please join us for

*March***MORE***Music*

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

East 89th Street between Park and Madison



This Sunday, March 29, at 3:30

John Walthausen

Organ Music by Bach, Franck, Messiaen
and Burgett

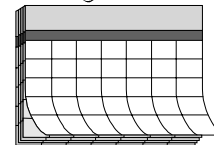


Suggested Contribution at the Door (cash or check)

20.00 Adults; 10.00 Students and Seniors;

Children Free

Mark Your Calendar!



Join with the Yorkville Christian Jewish Council at the Model Seder

Learn about the Passover, the feast that was Jesus' Last Supper. The feast that evolved through Christ, from the celebration of God's physical salvation of his People, to the celebration of God's spiritual salvation of us all.

Conducted by: Cantor Bruce Ruben

When: Wednesday – April 1st at 7:00 PM

Where: The Church of St. Thomas More
65 East 89th Street, NYC

Seats Limited: Send your name and address to:

M. Morrissey, 60 East End Avenue, #6A
New York, NY 10028

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