

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 10, 2009

CLERGY

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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Parish Council President

Heather Crimmins

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George Sim Johnston

Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

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Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Theme/Call To Worship

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches and without his help and guidance we can do nothing. But unlike a passive vine in the garden, our role is to surrender ourselves to his pruning, to keep his commandments and to bear fruit through our deeds.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 9:26-31: Even though Saul (Paul) encountered Jesus and he "spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord," his entry into the Christian community was greeted with skepticism and fear. To overcome this skepticism, his persistence and the assistance of Barnabas allowed him to be accepted into and protected by the growing church.

1 Jn 3:18-24: In this letter, St. John reminds us to "love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

Jn 15:1-8: Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
05/10	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
05/12	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/13	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
05/14	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/15	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/16	Narnia – Confirmation	10:00 am
	Wedding – Badlani & Appleton	4:00 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Anthony, OC	Fr. Boehning
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Anthony, OC	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Joy

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words

Join the E-Group (currently 70 members) to

stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information.

Catholic Charities Employment Assistance Programs

- Career Coaching Workshops
 - Confidential Individual Sessions
- More Information - 646-794-3635



2009 Cardinal's Annual Appeal

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

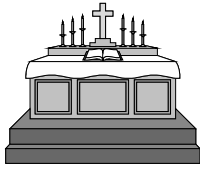
Because of your support of the annual Cardinal's Appeal the Archdiocese of New York is better able to do immense good in many areas of concern:

- 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 **\$57,315**. 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.

Parish Pay

We encourage you to make use of the automated giving program called Parish Pay which is approved by the Archdiocese of New York. For information and to enroll directly please visit the Parish Pay website, www.parishpay.com or call 1-866-Parish 1



**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
MAY 11 – MAY 16**

Mon. May 11

- 7:00 Gloria DeAngelis (d)
- 8:00 Julita Del Castillo (d)
- 12:15 Philip Herrera (d)

Tues. May 12 *Sts. Nereus and Achilles; St. Pancras*

- 7:00 Bernadette M Lane (d)
- 8:00 Maria Wasmer (l)
- 12:15 Maureen & Declan McMillan (d)

Wed. May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

- 7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
- 8:00 Seton Fell Holt (d)
- 12:15 Roberta Beck Connelly (d)

Thurs. May 14 *St. Matthias*

- 7:00 Karen Deeter (d)
- 8:00 Bill Bowen (d)
- 12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Fri. May 15 *St. Isidore*

- 7:00 Joe Kapralick & Family (l)
- 8:00 Carmela Canape (d)
- 12:15 Giovanni Mastrangelo (d)

Sat. May 16

- 8:00 Donald Thomas Bergen (d)
- 12:15 Nicholas A. DiCorato (d)
- 5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 05/11 *Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26*
- 05/12 *Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a*
- 05/13 *Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8*
- 05/14 *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Jn 15:9-17*
- 05/15 *Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17*
- 05/16 *Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21*

Join Boomers & Beyond
(50+ Catholics who are single,
divorced or widowed)

for drinks, and to welcome the Spring at the
Roof Garden of the Metropolitan Museum of Art
on Friday, May 15th, from 6-8pm. Cash Bar. In
case of rain, location will change to the Balcony
Bar, overlooking the Great Hall. Further
information, email

BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com
(preferred) or call 646-241-1332.

**MORE FOR LESS FAIR – 2009
Saturday, October 24th 2009**

If your closets and drawers are filling up, give us your **gently used designer and vintage clothing, silver, jewelry, crystal, glassware, knick-knacks, linens (new and vintage). Art-work and small pieces of furniture** are also gratefully accepted. 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.

The St. Jean's Players

Spring 2009 Show "Never Too Late"

by Sumner Arthur Long

May 8, 9 and 15, 16 - 8:00 PM

May 10 and 17 - 3:00 PM

\$18 Adults - \$9 Seniors & Children

St. Jean's Auditorium 167 East 75th Street
between Lex. and 3rd Ave's in Manhattan

Reservations: www.SmartTix.com

(search on St. Jean's)

or call 212-868-4444

**PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU
AND ALPINE EUROPE**

11 Days, July 5-15, 2010 - \$3,959
First class hotels, meals and round trip airfare.
Fully escorted through Germany, Switzerland
and Austria.

Call: Father James Flanagan
Holy Family Rectory - 718-863-9156

Swine Flu Concerns

Due to the concerns about the Swine Flu Virus, some parishioners have asked if they should refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace at mass. It is important to emphasize that the invitation to offer the sign of peace permits the individual parishioner to choose how that sign will be expressed. Consequently, those parishioners who are concerned about spreading the swine flu virus by shaking hands at the sign of peace should express peace in another manner, such as the wave of a hand or the nod of the head.

SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND – MAY 16 & 17

All parishioners will receive a mailing this week on our Spring Semi-Annual Appeal. We depend on this Appeal to carry us over the summer when so many are away and inevitably the Sunday collections drop off and ordinary expenses do not. Please read the letter carefully and respond as generously as you can. Below is a description of giving for our last Spring Semi-Annual Appeal.

<u>OUR PARISH REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009</u>	
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)	
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$28,483.86
PARISH PAY	\$3,850.00
SECOND COLLECTIONS	
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$1,696.00
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$2,136.63
FUEL	\$3,000.81
BAPTISMS	
<i>Katie Kristina Farrell</i>	
FUNERAL	
<i>Angelina Martinez</i>	
<i>Charles Severs</i>	
<u>FEBRUARY 2009</u>	
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)	
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$28,588.18
PARISH PAY	\$3,800.00
SECOND COLLECTIONS	
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$1,772.00
PETER'S PENCE	\$3,093.00
MUSIC	\$3,518.74
BAPTISMS	
<i>Jack Robert Barry</i>	
<i>Lawrence Augusta Robillard</i>	
FUNERAL	
<i>Robert Fairchild</i>	
<i>Segundo A Perez</i>	

2008 SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$16,000	1	\$16,000
14,885	1	14,885
4,000	1	4,000
3,000	1	3,000
2,000	1	2,000
1,500	1	1,500
1,340	1	1,340
1,000	9	9,000
800	1	800
750	2	1,500
600	1	600
500	26	13,000
400	2	800
350	4	1,400
300	9	2,700
250	22	5,500
225	1	225
200	20	4,000
184	1	184
175	1	175
150	7	1,050
120	2	240
100	53	5,300
Under 100	143	4,151
Anonymous Cash.....		1,527
TOTAL		\$94,877