

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 11, 2008

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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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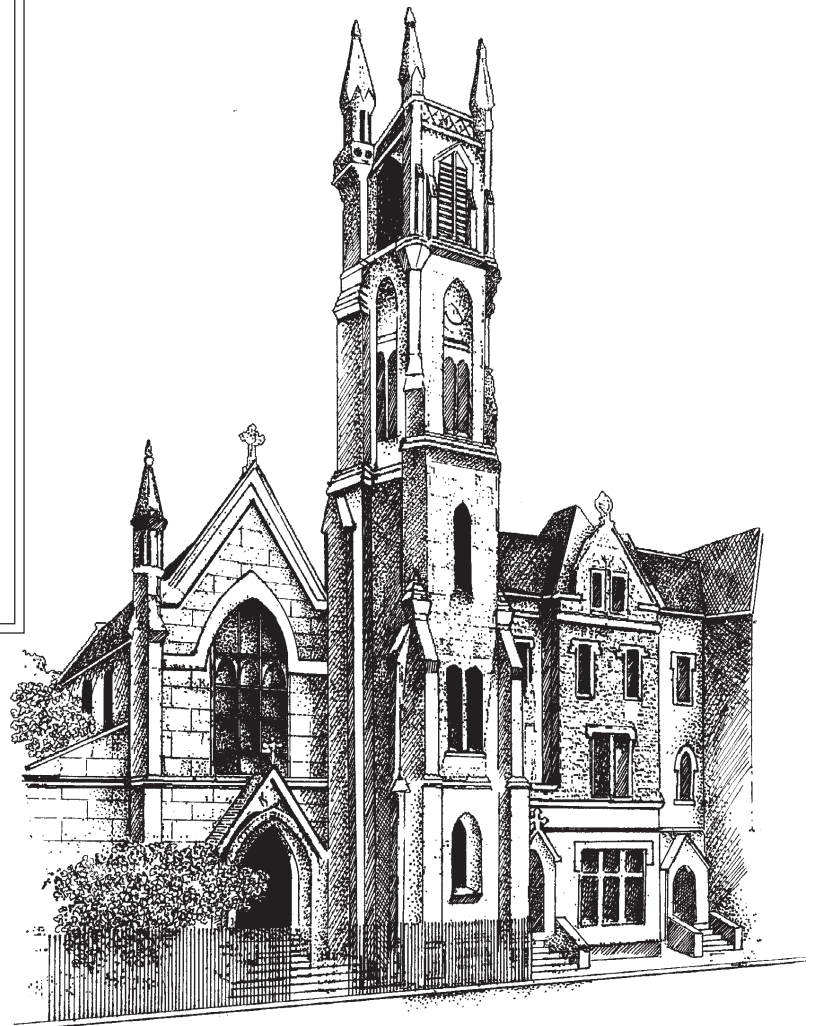
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MAY 11, 2008
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Theme/Call To Worship

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion, the Holy Trinity was fully revealed, and the Church was made manifest to the world.

Introduction To The Word

- I. **Acts 2:1-11** On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues: those who heard them were filled with amazement.
- II. **1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13** Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel John 20:19-23 Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Time:</u> |
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| 05/11 | Group Baptism | 1:30 p.m. |
| 05/13 | Narnia Doctrine Bee | 3:30 p.m. |
| | AA Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| 05/14 | Christian Meditation | 5:45 p.m. |
| 05/15 | AA Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| 05/16 | Saint David's | |
| | Confirmation | 9:00 a.m. |
| | AA Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| 05/17 | Marymount | |
| | First Eucharist | 10:00 a.m. |

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF MAY 11 – MAY 17, 2008

Monday, May 12

- 7:00 Vito Nicola Racanelli (d)
8:00 Carmela DeLuca (d)
12:15 Joan Frouge (d)

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 Pedro Ragara (d)
8:00 Robert McAuvic (d)
12:15 Faithfilled Conversion (d)

Wednesday, May 14

- 7:00 Elsie Babiano & Family
8:00 Robert Callender (d)
12:15 Kathryn & Denis Leahy (d)

Thursday, May 15

- 7:00 Elizabeth O'Brien (l)
8:00 Aziz S. Gorra (d)
12:15 Mary O'Connor (l)

Friday, May 16

- 7:00 Rosemary Schiller (l)
8:00 In Thanksgiving
12:15 Carolina Dunphy (d)

Saturday, May 17

- 8:00 Patricia O'Neill (d)
12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday May 10

5:45 p.m. Fr. Joy

Sunday May 11

8:30 a.m. Fr. Joy
10:00 a.m. Msgr. Shelley
11:15 a.m. Fr. Billanes
12:30 p.m. Fr. Boehning
5:45 p.m. Fr. Diaz

Saturday May 18

5:45 p.m. Fr. Boehning

Sunday May 19

8:30 a.m. Fr. Boehning
10:00 a.m. Fr. Billanes
11:15 a.m. Msgr. Shelley
12:30 p.m. Msgr. Shelley
5:45 p.m. Fr. Joy

Reminder- LAST LEISURE CLUB LUNCH WILL BE THIS TUESDAY MAY 13th in THE ROCHESTER ROOM

“SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL” TODAY-

The Church of St. Thomas More sent a mailing to all parishioners this week concerning the Spring Semi-Annual Appeal. Our focus, once again, is on making up for the very much lower Sunday collections during the winter months and maintaining revenues for major projects. Please read the letter carefully and respond as generously as you can.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) MAY 17/18

The annual collection is all the more poignant this week as Catholic Relief Services is much involved in relief for one of Asia’s most devastating cyclones. At the time of writing, the main official sources for casualties and damage reported an updated death toll of 22,980 with 42,119 missing.

The United Nations Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says that the death toll is expected to rise "dramatically." Your encouragement to support this collection for Catholic Relief Services is therefore all the more appreciated. CRS has supported long-term development programs and emergency relief efforts, including in response to cyclones and severe natural disasters, in the Southeast Asia and Pacific region for more than 60 years.

REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI’s VISIT-Christ Our Hope in Defense of Life by Deirdre A. McQuade

I’ll remember those sunny spring days for a long time. The skies here in Washington, DC were clear and blue...the temperature, perfect with colorful banners waving in the breeze. The very daffodils stood tall and fresh – all to welcome His Holiness Benedict XVI during his first apostolic visit to the United States. It was as if creation itself were giving witness to what his predecessor had called the “new springtime of evangelization” already blossoming in the Church.

What fruit might the papal visit now bear as we continue working for the protection of all life? The theme of the visit was “Christ Our Hope.” Throughout his various addresses, Pope Benedict XVI invited Catholic Christians to enter more deeply into relationship with Jesus Christ. Happiness, peace, freedom and justice

cannot authentically derive from any other source, even though the secular influences in culture might have us believe otherwise – that it is possible to live without Christ and still live well.

The Holy Father cautioned against “a growing separation of faith from life: living ‘as if God did not exist’,” and exhorted us to remain steadfast in objective truth:

“May you find the courage to proclaim Christ...and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in him...They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world – including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother’s womb...” (*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Yankee Stadium*).

Given all the unknowns, we may sometimes be tempted to discouragement. And yet, we are called to remain bold and joyful in our work, confident that Jesus Christ has already won the war against death. As the Pope encouraged us at St. Patrick’s Cathedral:

“The proclamation of life, life in abundance, must be the heart of the new evangelization. For true life – our salvation – can only be found in the reconciliation, freedom and love which are God’s gracious gift...[O]ur most urgent challenge is to communicate the joy born of faith and the experience of God’s love.....” (*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at St. Patrick’s Cathedral*).

The pope’s visit surely gave witness to God’s love in the world. Let us pray that it will inspire all Christ’s followers to do the same – in service to neighbor and enemy alike. The most vulnerable members of our human family are counting on it.

Deirdre A. McQuade is Assistant Director for Policy & Communications at the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

THE WORLD NEEDS HEROES

Nine Deacons from St. Joseph’s Seminary were ordained to the priesthood yesterday morning at The Cathedral of St. Patrick. As they move forward, others will take the steps to prepare for the priesthood in their path. If you want to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, please call Fr. Luke Sweeney or Fr. Luis Saldana at 914- 968-1340 or visit nypriest.com.

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Dear Friends in the Lord,

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection helps the Church to make an important difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Lord, both here at home and across the world. This year's theme, *Jesus in Disguise*, reminds us that Christ is equally present in those who suffer as well as in those who respond with compassion.

Last year, the Collection enabled Catholic Relief Services to assist thousands of subsistence farmers in obtaining seeds and in receiving training in farming techniques to better support their families. The Collection also made it possible for the Migration and Refugee Services and Catholic Legal Immigration Networks, Inc. to provide for thousands of refugee families and immigrants. Additionally, Catholic Relief Services and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, working hand-in-hand, led to United States legislation that supported fledgling democratic reforms in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by making available much-needed financial aid. These are but a few examples of how your contributions helped Catholic Relief Services to effect positive changes in the lives of those most in need throughout the United States and beyond.

With all of this in mind, I ask that you be as generous as your means allow in supporting the 2008 Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your gift, together with your prayers, will make it possible for Catholic Relief Services to continue the work of the Lord.

With prayerful best wishes, may I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ.

Edward Cardinal Egan
Archbishop of New York