

Church of St. Thomas More

MAY 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme/Call To Worship

Jesus has chosen us to live his commandment, "to love one another as I love you," and to bear the fruit of his message through our deeds.

Introduction To The Word

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48: In this reading St. Peter revealed his understanding about the Gentiles and their relationship to Jesus' new community. "God shows no partiality...in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

1 Jn 4:7-10: In this letter from St. John, he reminds us to "love one another, because love is of God."

Jn 15:1-8: Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
05/17	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
	Private Baptism	2:30 pm
05/18	Parish Council	6:30 pm
05/19	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/20	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
05/21	Narnia – Rosary	4:15 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
05/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Joy
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Joy J
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Diaz
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz

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

SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

Today our ONE collection is for
the ***Spring Semi-Annual Appeal.***

All parishioners have received a
mailing about this important
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 be as generous as you can.

Thank You.

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 18 – MAY 23

Mon. May 18 *St. John I*

7:00 Edith Samuelson (d)
8:00 Teofila Flores (d)
12:15 Marcella Luigii (d)

Tues. May 19

7:00 Dr. Joseph Villamaria (d)
8:00 José Chegüí Torres (d)
12:15 The Elson Family

Wed. May 20 *St. Bernardine of Siena*

7:00 Mary Jane McMahan (I)
8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
12:15 Lillian Swanson (d)

Thurs. May 21 *The Ascension of the Lord*

7:00 Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 Holy Day of Obligation
12:15 Holy Day of Obligation
5:45 Holy Day of Obligation

Fri. May 22 *St. Rita of Cascia*

7:00 Tony Grames (d)
8:00 Margaret Hatton (d)
12:15 Phyllis E. Zeccardi (d)

Sat. May 23

8:00 Louis O'Connor (d)
12:15 Charles McKenna, Sr. (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

05/18 *Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4a*

05/19 *Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11*

05/20 *Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Jn 16:12-15*

05/21 *Acts 1:1-11,
Eph (1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13),
Mk 16:15-20*

05/22 *Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23*

05/23 *Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28*

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



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 **\$75,829**. 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.

contribution forms are available. Please note that items should be in good condition.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Roman Ritual states in its General Introduction:

- #8 Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.
- #9 The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious.
- #10 A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.
- #11 Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.
- #12 Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

Parishioners seeking the strength and consolation of this special sacrament should contact the Parish Office.

Our priests often administer this sacrament to those homebound or in hospitals or nursing homes.

A communal celebration of this sacrament will be held in our church on Tuesday, May 26, during the 12:15 Mass.

Anyone eligible to receive this anointing as described above is welcome to come to this Mass.

Fr. Boehning

Fordham University

Summer Course Offerings

The Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education is offering courses for credit or audit in theology, scripture and spirituality.

Summer Session I June 22 - July 9
Summer Session II July 13 - July 30

www.fordham.edu/gre
718-817-4800

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.

Young Adult Mass

Astoria Bohemian Hall Beer Garden!

When: Sunday, May 17, 2009

Time: Mass at 5PM

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Astoria, NY

Cost: Pay as you go for dinner/drinks

Join the members of The Catholic Fellowship of NYC for the Young Adult Mass on Sunday May 17th at 5pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church www.mountcarmelastoria.org located at 23-25 Newtown Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102. Following the mass, please meet the group in front of the church to head to the beer garden. The beer garden is located at: The Bohemian Hall Beer Garden 29-19 24th Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 www.bohemianhall.com If you have any questions, please contact Toan at 917.653.2140 or cfnyc@ymail.com