

Church of Saint Thomas More

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May 4, 2008

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Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, In Residence

STAFF

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

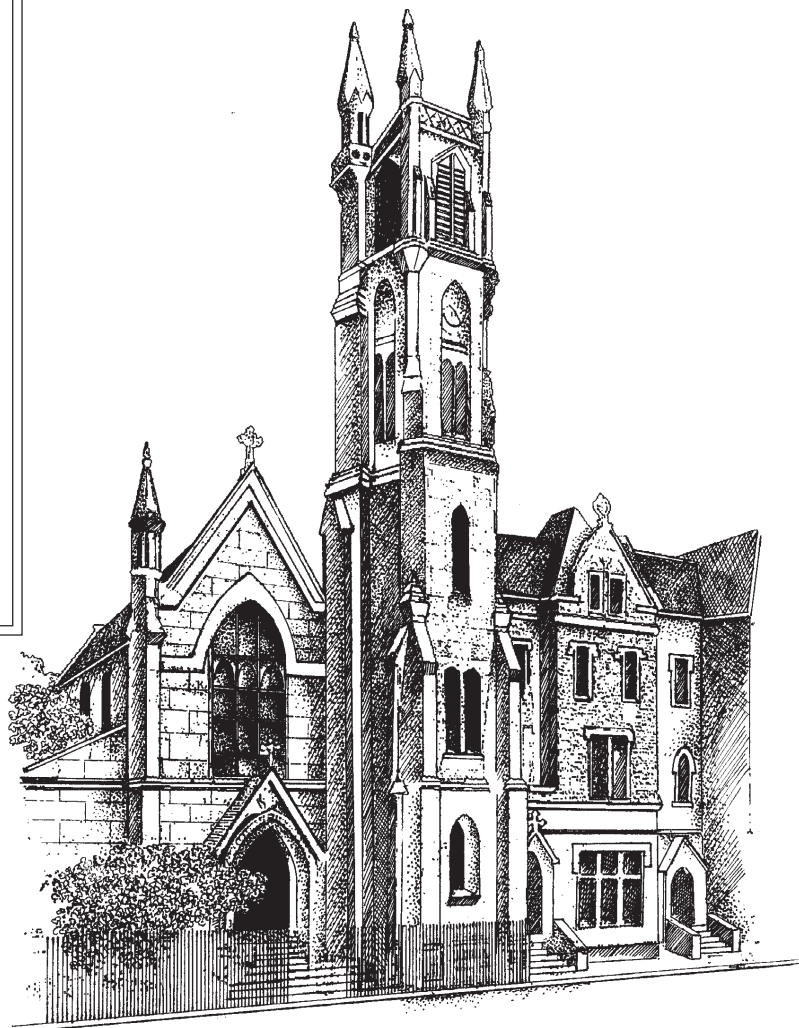
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CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MAY 4, 2008
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme/Call To Worship

“Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the One whom You sent, Jesus Christ...I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones You have given Me, because they are Yours and everything of Yours is Mine, and I have been glorified in them.”

Introduction To The Word

- I. **Acts 1:12-14** After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.
- II. **1 Peter 4:13-16** Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.

Gospel John 17:1-11a This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that He has made His name known, that He has finished the work His Father has given Him, and that He wishes now to share in the glory at His side.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
05/04	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
	Private Baptism	2:30 p.m.
05/05	CHADD Meeting	5:30 p.m.
05/06	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/07	Narnia First Eucharist	
	Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
05/08	Narnia First Eucharist	
	Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/09	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/10	Narnia First Eucharist	10:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF MAY 4 – May 10, 2008

Monday, May 5

7:00 David & Edna Tavares(d)
8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik(d)
12:15 John DeFeo(d)

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 Epifanio & Concesa Sarte(d)
8:00 Eileen O'Connor(d)
12:15 Catherine Leahy(d)

Wednesday, May 7

7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 Ed Tate(d)
12:15 Julieta Gauzon(d)

Thursday, May 8

7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 Ritsue Dorothy Yanuska (d)
12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Friday, May 9

7:00 Concesa Sarte(d)
8:00 Robert Callender(d)
12:15 Esther Desmond(d)

Saturday, May 10

8:00 Karen Ann Ferraro(d)
12:15 Nicholas Angelo DiCorato(d)

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday May 3

5:45 p.m. Fr. Diaz

Sunday May 4

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

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

“HEALTHY SOLUTIONS TO SPOUSAL INFERTILITY- A Catholic Perspective”

At The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

Tuesday May 6th, 2008- 7:00 P.M.

The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer at 869 Lexington Avenue will be hosting a discussion of pro-life, pro-family and pro-health approaches to treating infertility. NFP and NaPro Technology offer couples promising treatments that avoid the ethical and medical challenges posed by IVF.

Please come learn with Fr. Christopher Saliga, OP, RN, who will speak on “Words and Deeds: A Catholic Analysis of In-Vitro Fertilization,” and Katia Peacher, CFCP, who will speak on “Healthy Alternatives to IVF; Natural Family Planning and Natural Procreative Technology”.

“THE LIFE OF MOTHER THERESA”

At St. Elizabeth’s Church Hall-

Saturday May 10th, 2008

The Church of St. Elizabeth’s at 211 East 83rd St. (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) will be hosting a discussion of “The Life of Mother Teresa” at 8:00 pm on Saturday May 10th. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children under 12.

Please contact the St. Elizabeth’s Rectory at 211 East 83rd St. between 2nd and 3rd Avenues

THE WORLD NEEDS HEROES- If you have ever thought God was calling you to the priesthood, visit NYPriest.com brought to you by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of New York. Nine Deacons from St. Joseph’s Seminary, highlighted during The Holy Father’s recent Apostolic visit, are expected to be ordained to the priesthood next Saturday May 10th at 9:00 am 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 “The World Needs Heroes”.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Questions of the Week-May 4th, 2008

Adults

How have I come to know Christ over the course of my faith journey?

Children

What people and things remind me that I am a friend of Jesus?

A Special Thank You from Monsignor Thomas J. Shelley

I would like to use the bulletin this week to express my sincere thanks to Father Boehning, the members of the Parish Council of The Church of St. Thomas More, and all of those who were involved in any way in arranging and publicizing the book-signing ceremony last Sunday afternoon for my *Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese of New York*, published by Editions du Signe.

I am grateful to them and to all who were kind enough to attend the event and give me the opportunity to share with them my own deep interest in the history of the Catholic community in New York. It is a remarkable story and I hope that my book may help to make it better known and better appreciated. Thank you!

Monsignor Thomas J. Shelley

“The increase in the number of parishes and the number of the diocesan priests is often used as a gauge to indicate the vitality of Catholic life in the Archdiocese of New York in the nineteenth century. Another important gauge was the growth of the religious communities of men and women, and the educational and charitable institutions that they founded and operated. The sisters, brothers and religious order priests became so deeply imbedded in every aspect of organized Catholic life in New York that it became impossible to conceive of the Archdiocese without them.”

From Chapter 12, “The Impact of the Religious Communities” *Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese of New York* by Monsignor Thomas J. Shelley, published by Editions du Signe.

SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL- NEXT SUNDAY MAY 10-11, 2008

All parishioners will receive a mailing this week concerning our **Spring Semi-Annual Appeal**. Our focus is making up for the very much lower Sunday collections during the warmer months and maintaining our revenues for major projects. 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 in 2007**.

Father Boehning

SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL 2007

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donors</u>	<u>Amount</u>
\$19,499	1	\$ 19,499
12,000	1	12,000
10,242	1	10,242
7,500	1	7,500
5,000	1	5,000
3,000	1	3,000
2,500	2	5,000
1,609	1	1,609
1,580	1	1,580
1,000	5	5,000
800	1	800
750	2	1,500
600	1	600
550	1	550
500	23	11,500
400	4	1,600
300	6	1,800
250	21	5,250
240	1	240
225	1	225
200	15	3,000
175	1	175
150	7	1,050
120	1	120
100	45	4,500
under 100	185	5,028
anonymous cash		4,418
<u>Totals</u>	330	\$112,786