

# Church of Saint Thomas More

65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street (east of Madison Avenue)

New York City, New York 10128

November 08, 2009

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## CLERGY

Rev. John A Boehning, Pastor  
Rev. Jose C. Tentativa, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Edwin Diaz, Associate Pastor  
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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  
(no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday)

## CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday  
12:00 p.m. - 12:10 p.m. (before Mass)  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

## BAPTISM

1:30 p.m. on Sunday  
(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

George Sim Johnston  
John Morriss

## Parish Council President

Heather Crimmins

## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

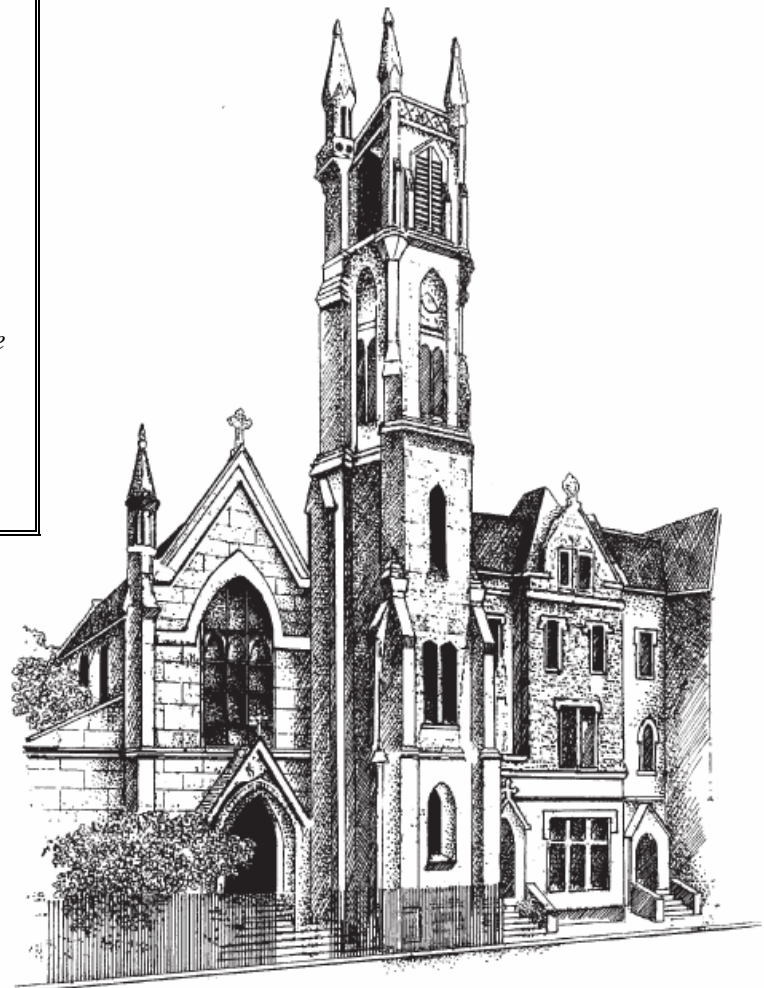
## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday Morning:** 8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass)  
11:15 am  
(Choir at 10:00 and 11:15 Masses)  
**Sunday Afternoon:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.

Families and children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.



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## The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Theme/Call To Worship

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Jesus tells us the meaning of discipleship by contrasting the self-important scribes with the actions of a poor widow. Without calculating the cost to herself, the widow gives "all she had" without counting the cost, calculating self-gain, or seeking attention.

### Introduction To The Word

1 Kgs 17:10-16: Both the law and the prophets spoke of God's command to protect the vulnerable, as well as God's condemnation of those who do not protect them. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah teaches the widow about God's love and providence for her.

Heb 9:24-28: Much of what is proclaimed today from Hebrews reflects the author's ancient Platonic worldview that what we experience here on earth is only a reflection of the true reality that is experienced in heaven.

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44: As the church year draws to a close, the Gospel readings are drawn from Jesus' preaching in Jerusalem in the final weeks leading to his suffering, death and resurrection. In today's Gospel Mark juxtaposed the poor widow with the powerful scribes of Jerusalem to make a striking social commentary. Jesus points out to the crowd that the scribes violate Jewish law, because they failed to protect the vulnerable, rather they "devour the houses of widows," and he praises the actions of the poor widow who gives back to God out of "her poverty."

### At St. Thomas More This Week

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u>                                    | <u>Time:</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 11/08        | Group Baptism                                    | 1:30 pm      |
| 11/10        | <b>Leisure Club Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass</b> |              |
|              | A.A. Meeting                                     | 6:30 pm      |
| 11/11        | Christian Meditation                             | 5:45 pm      |
| 11/13        | A.A. Meeting                                     | 6:30 pm      |

### Celebrant Schedule

| <u>Mass</u>  | <u>November 08</u> | <u>November 15</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sat 5:45 pm  | Fr. Boehning       | Fr. Joy            |
| Sun 8:30 am  | Fr. Diaz           | Msgr. Shelley      |
| Sun 10:00 am | Msgr. Shelley      | Msgr. Shelley      |
| Sun 11:15 am | Fr. Boehning       | Fr. Anthony, CO    |
| Sun 12:30 pm | Fr. Joy            | Fr. Anthony, CO    |
| Sun 5:45 pm  | Fr. Joy            | Fr. Boehning       |

### Two great ways to get involved in the life of our Parish

The Liturgical and Spiritual Committee is looking for Weekday and Weekend Lectors

And

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers for the Coffee Hour.

If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information in the rectory.

### FREE MOREMUSIC CONCERT

*THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE*  
*SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 3:30PM*

*ROCHESTER ROOM*

*FEATURING TWO OF OUR CHOIR MEMBERS*

*BETSY BATES - SOPRANO*

*WENDY GILLES – ALTO*

*AND*

*HARVEY BURGETT – PIANO*

*PERFORMING THE WORKS OF*

*MENDELSSOHN, BRAHMS, WOLF, DEBUSSY*

*BARBER, BURGETT*

*FOLLOWED BY A MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION*

*ALL ARE COURDIALLY WELCOME.*

*CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MOREMUSIC PROGRAM*

*GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.*

### SAVE THE DATE

*DEC 27 MOREMUSIC CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT*

*JAN 17 HARVEY BURGETT, ORGANIST*

*FEB 07 ROBERT KOVAKS (TITULAR ORGANIST, EISENSTADT CATHEDRAL, AUSTRIA*

*APR 25 THE BURGETT ENSEMBLE*

### Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words

Join the E-Group (currently 93 members) to

[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com)

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important information

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

**FOR WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 08 – NOVEMBER 14**

Mon. November 09 *Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica in Rome*

- 7:00 Anne Adimari (d)
- 8:00 Nnette Obenza (d)
- 12:15 All Souls Novena

Tues. November 10 *St. Leo the Great*

- 7:00 Dietrich VonBothmer (d)
- 8:00 Leo James O'Brien (d)
- 12:15 All Souls Novena

Wed. November 11 *St. Martin of Tours  
Veteran's Day*

- 7:00 Joseph Ryan (d)
- 8:00 Angela Pasquale (d)
- 12:15 All Souls Novena

Thurs. November 12 *St. Josaphat*

- 7:00 Betty Garvey (d)
- 8:00 Dorothy McAvoy (d)
- 12:15 All Souls Novena

Fri. November 13 *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

- 7:00 Desmond Toole (d)
- 8:00 Sandra Cattani (d)
- 12:15 Santiago Rendon (d)

Sat. November 14

- 8:00 John Stewart (d)
- 12:15 James W Brady (d)
- 5:45 Sunday Vigil



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

- 11/09 [Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17,](#)  
[Jn 2:13-22](#)
- 11/10 [Wis 2:23-3:9, Lk 17:7-10](#)
- 11/11 [Wis 6:1-11, Lk 17:11-19](#)
- 11/12 [Wis 7:22b-8:1, Lk 17:20-25](#)
- 11/13 [Wis 13:1-9, Lk 17:26-37](#)
- 11/14 [Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Lk 18:1-8](#)

***2009 FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL  
NEXT WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 14 AND 15***

This year's *FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL* will be taken up on the weekend of November 14 and 15. Letters will be mailed to you this week. Once again, we humbly appeal to your goodness and generosity. Below is a description of giving in last year's Fall Semi-Annual Appeal.

**2008 FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL  
COLLECTION**

| <u>AMOUNT</u>       | <u>DONORS</u>     | <u>\$TOTAL</u>          |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| \$26,000            | 1                 | \$26,000                |
| 10,000              | 1                 | 10,000                  |
| 8,504               | 1                 | 8,504                   |
| 8,000               | 1                 | 8,000                   |
| 5,200               | 1                 | 5,200                   |
| 5,000               | 3                 | 15,000                  |
| 3,250               | 1                 | 3,250                   |
| 3,000               | 2                 | 6,000                   |
| 2,600               | 1                 | 2,600                   |
| 2,051               | 1                 | 2,051                   |
| 2,000               | 5                 | 10,000                  |
| 1,750               | 1                 | 1,750                   |
| 1,500               | 1                 | 1,500                   |
| 1,040               | 1                 | 1,040                   |
| 1,000               | 8                 | 8,000                   |
| 800                 | 1                 | 800                     |
| 750                 | 1                 | 750                     |
| 600                 | 2                 | 1,200                   |
| 505                 | 1                 | 505                     |
| 500                 | 16                | 8,000                   |
| 400                 | 2                 | 800                     |
| 350                 | 1                 | 350                     |
| 300                 | 5                 | 1,500                   |
| 250                 | 10                | 2,500                   |
| 225                 | 1                 | 225                     |
| 200                 | 16                | 3,200                   |
| 160                 | 1                 | 160                     |
| 150                 | 7                 | 1,050                   |
| 135                 | 1                 | 135                     |
| 125                 | 3                 | 375                     |
| 110                 | 1                 | 110                     |
| 100                 | 31                | 3,100                   |
| Below 100           | 161               | 4,283                   |
| Anonymous           | Cash              | 2,583                   |
| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b> | <b><u>290</u></b> | <b><u>\$140,521</u></b> |

**NEW YORK CITY FESTIVAL & SPECIAL EVENTS**

**10AM - 6PM**

Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Madison Avenue Holiday Expo  
(on Madison Avenue from 42<sup>nd</sup> - 57<sup>th</sup>  
Street)

Wednesday November 11th  
Veteran's Day Parade Block Party  
(on 56th Street from Madison - 6th  
Avenue)

Wednesday November 11th  
Veteran's Day Festival  
(on Broadway from Cedar St. - Battery  
Pl.)

Saturday November 14th  
Times Square Holiday Fair  
(on 45th St. from 5th - 7th Ave.)

**St. Thomas More  
Education Committee  
More Hot Topics / 2009-2010**

Monday - December 14  
Pulitzer prize-winner Tracy Kidder  
discusses his latest book "Strength in  
What Remains"

Presentations begin on Monday at  
7:00 pm in the Rochester Room

**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](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1-866-Parish 1

**MORE FOR LESS FAIR**

The Fair Committee extends its heartfelt  
congratulations and appreciation to all the  
parishioners who volunteered on the day of the  
Fair, during the week before - setting up and on  
the day after - cleaning up, and to all those who  
donated items to sell. We couldn't have done it  
without you. Your efforts netted approximately  
\$19,000, which will be used to benefit the  
elderly and disabled of the parish and the  
neighborhood.

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

**Luck Winners: More for Less Raffle**

We thank our local merchants for their generous  
donations and to all those who supported our raffle.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>John Connor</b>     | 2 – Louis XVI Chairs                 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>Robin Gibson</b>    | Ladies Rex Fur Scarf                 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>G. Ellis</b>        | Bronze Monk Statue                   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>Ann Curtin</b>      | Ruffle Scarf & Matching Bag          |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>Barbara Kushner</b> | Plaid Pillow & Framed Pictures       |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>Irene Dickey</b>    | 3 Framed Scrapbook Pages             |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>B. Parker</b>       | Ladies Beaded Twin Set               |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>A Kehoe</b>         | 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Water Color |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>  | <b>Wm. Blades</b>      | Sirius Satellite Radio               |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Nilsa Santiago</b>  | Ladies Belt                          |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Linda Branch</b>    | Men's Silk Tie                       |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Mark Goldsmith</b>  | Chocolate Fountain                   |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Maria Kratounis</b> | Coffee Maker                         |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Elaine Hallet</b>   | Picture Frame/Calendar               |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Mgt. O'Connell</b>  | \$200 Gift Certificate               |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Eliz. Cummins</b>   | \$100 Gift Certificate               |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Rose Rerucha</b>    | \$100 Gift Certificate               |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Ann Leibowitz</b>   | \$60 Gift Certificate                |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Gloria Gibson</b>   | \$100 Gift Certificate               |

**November 08, 2009**  
**The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrant:** To the God whose giving knows no ending, let us bring our needs in confidence.

**Lector:** For the Church, that we may imitate the Lord who came to preach the Good News to the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

For our nation, especially for all those who serve in public office, that they may always be mindful of the needs of those who are most vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord.

For the unemployed, and for all whose lives have been touched by the financial crisis, that God may give them courage and hope for the future, let us pray to the Lord.

For all of us, gathered in this holy place, that we may be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, let us pray to the Lord.

For the sick and the suffering, the bereaved and the distressed, especially, Rita Shannon, Veronica Martin, Ellen McClenahan and Erlinda Pizana, let us pray to the Lord.

For the gentle repose of the faithful departed, especially, Rev. Daniel A. Cassiero, John C. Klett, III and Mary Ann Hagerty, let us pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Generous God, you are the giver of all good gifts; you are the source of all that we have, all that we are. May we cherish, tend, and share the good things you have entrusted to us. By our prayer and action may we help to lead others to Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Lector:** The ushers will now take up the collection. We are most grateful to you for your generosity.