

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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

New York City, New York 10128

November 15, 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

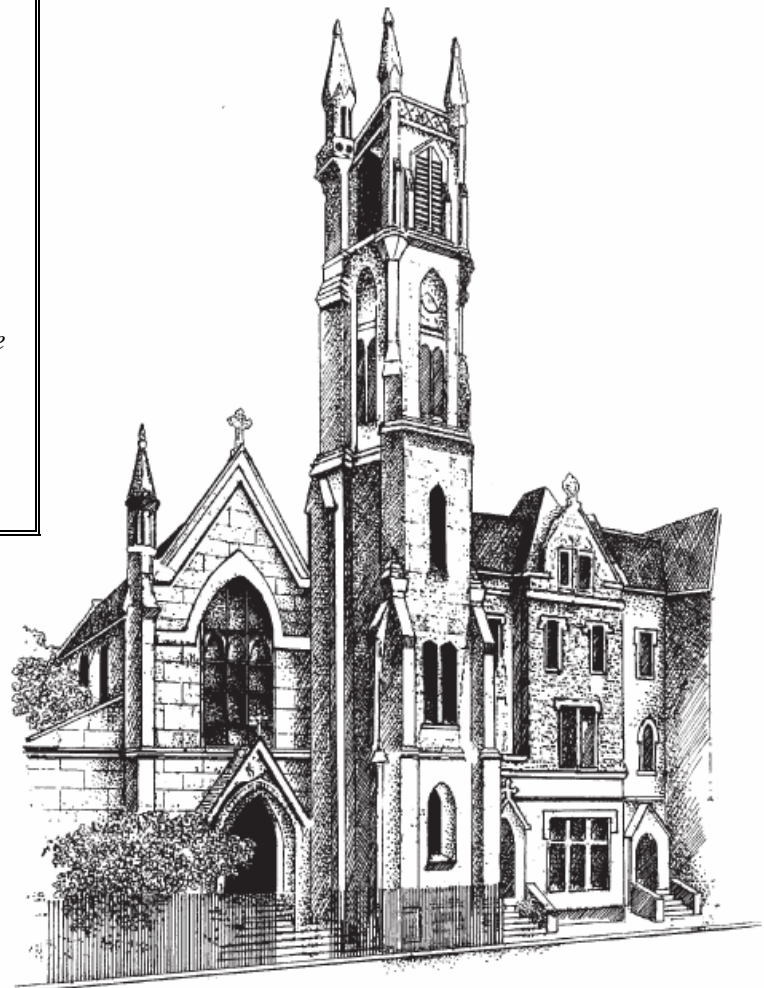
## Head Usher

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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NOVEMBER 15, 2009

## The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Theme/Call To Worship

We think of Jesus' Second Coming as a future event. In fact, the trials and tribulations that Jesus foretold not only beset the first disciples, they are also part of our own lives. In today's readings we hear about the ultimate victory over darkness that belongs to those who are faithful, the victory that we can share, the victory that is now.

### Introduction To The Word

Dn 12:1-3: The first reading, taken from the book of Daniel was written during the Greek persecutions of the Jews (167-164BC), points to the extent and depth of the persecutions and the hope and belief in God's universal judgment of all people, both the living and the dead, in the end time.

Heb 10:11-14, 18: In the second reading, the author of Hebrews sees Jesus as the everlasting high priest in heaven whose sacrifice of his body and blood is the final and definitive sacrifice that takes away the sins of the world.

Mk 13:24-32: Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' "eschatological (end time) discourse." In this reading, Jesus speaks of himself as "the Son of Man coming in the clouds" in power and glory "to gather his elect at the end time."

Like the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation, Jesus uses apocalyptic images and symbols with his disciples to encourage his disciples, because of the crisis that will be endured by the first generation of Christians.

### At St. Thomas More This Week

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u>                                    | <u>Time:</u> |
|--------------|--|--------------|
| 11/15        | Group Baptism                                    | 1:30 pm      |
| 11/16        | Parish Council Meeting                           | 6:45 pm      |
| 11/17        | <b>Leisure Club Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass</b> |              |
|              | A.A. Meeting                                     | 6:30 pm      |
| 11/18        | Christian Meditation                             | 5:45 pm      |
| 11/20        | A.A. Meeting                                     | 6:30 pm      |

### Celebrant Schedule

| <u>Mass</u>  | <u>November 15</u> | <u>November 22</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sat 5:45 pm  | Fr. Joy            | Fr. Joy            |
| Sun 8:30 am  | Msgr. Shelley      | Fr. Anthony, CO    |
| Sun 10:00 am | Msgr. Shelley      | Fr. Anthony, CO    |
| Sun 11:15 am | Fr. Anthony, CO    | Fr. Boehning       |
| Sun 12:30 pm | Fr. Anthony, CO    | Msgr. Shelley      |
| Sun 5:45 pm  | Fr. Boehning       | Fr. Diaz           |

### 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.

## MORE MUSIC CONCERT

TODAY - 3:30PM

ROCHESTER ROOM

FEATURING TWO OF OUR CHOIR MEMBERS

BETSY BATES - SOPRANO

WENDY GILLES – ALTO

AND

HARVEY BURGETT – PIANO

PERFORMING WORKS OF

MENDELSSOHN, BRAHMS, WOLF, DEBUSSY

FRANCK, GERSHWIN, GOUNOD, BARBER, BURGETT

FOLLOWED BY A MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION

ALL ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME.

CONCERT IS FREE - CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE

MOREMUSIC PROGRAM ARE 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)

MAR 14 LAUNCH OF AETERNA, OUR NEW CD

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 95 members) to

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

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other information

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

**FOR WEEK OF**  
**NOVEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 21**

Mon. November 16     *St. Margaret of Scotland*  
*St. Gertrude*

7:00 John Figge (d)  
8:00 Madlyne Piliero (d)  
12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

Tues. November 17     *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

7:00 Leo Flaherty (d)  
8:00 Albert, Regina, Virginia Wojcik(d)  
12:15 Gloria DeAngelis (d)

Wed. November 18 *Dedication of the Basilicas*  
*Of St. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

7:00 Donna Ryan Bayard (d)  
8:00 Joan Leisure (d)  
12:15 The John Elson Family

Thurs. November 19

7:00 In Thanksgiving  
8:00 Barbara Root (I)  
12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Fri. November 21

7:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Luke  
8:00 Ken Avanzino (d)  
12:15 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat. November 22     *The Presentation of the*  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 Alfred Vassalotti (d)  
12:15 Joseph & Maria Muccino (d)  
5:45 Sunday Vigil



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

11/16 [1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63,](#)  
[Lk 18:35-43](#)  
11/17 [2 Mc 6:18-31, Lk 19:1-10](#)  
11/18 [2 Mc 7:1, 20-31, Lk 19:11-28](#)  
11/19 [1 Mc 2:15-29, Lk 19:41-44](#)  
11/20 [1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, Lk 19:45-48](#)  
11/21 [1 Mc 6:1-13, Lk 20:27-40](#)

**OUR PARISH REPORT FOR**  
**SEPTEMBER 2009**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)**  
*REGULAR COLLECTIONS*     \$28,800.55  
*PARISH PAY*     \$2,300.00

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
*ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY*     \$3,945.29

**BAPTISMS**  
*Tyler Christopher Brown*  
*Conrad St. John Quinlan*  
*Jack Tucker Ross*  
*Marie Louise Trennert*

**FUNERAL**  
*John T. Elson*  
*Desiree Pardi*  
*Joan Stanton*  
*Leonard Terzaghi*

**WEDDINGS**  
*E. Ernesto Meier &*  
*Elena Laura Mestre*  
*Brett H. Johnson &*  
*Marie F. Harrison*

**OCTOBER 2009**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)**  
*REGULAR COLLECTIONS*     \$36,423.26  
*PARISH PAY*     \$3,175.00

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
*ALTAR DECORATIONS*     \$2,664.81  
*WORLD MISSIONS*     \$2,966.86

**BAPTISMS**  
*Timothy Scherer Hale*  
*Zeba Anne Hart-Syed*  
*Courtney Jane Iagrossi*  
*Matias Wolfgang Reyniak*

**FUNERAL**  
*Patricia Kelly Brogan*  
*John Devlin*  
*Joan Ann Epstein*  
*Thomas Gordon McMahon*  
*Silvia S. Roosen*

**WEDDINGS**  
*Kevin McNulty &*  
*Maureen Hoyt*

**FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL**

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

All parishioners have received a mailing about  
**this important appeal.**

**Please be as generous as you can.**

**Thank You.**

**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

**BOOMERS  
& Beyond**

Ring in the holiday season at the Boomers &  
Beyond Christmas Party, Mon, Dec 7,  
7-9pm; Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola, 84 St/  
Park Ave. Open wine/beer bar, hors d'oeuvres,  
music of the season and good company. \$25  
admission/\$35 at door. RSVP by Dec 3:  
[boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com](mailto:boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com)  
(preferred) or 646-241-1332. More details on  
our website:  
[www.boomersbeyond.blogspot.com](http://www.boomersbeyond.blogspot.com)

**St. Jean Baptiste Thrift Shop**  
**Christmas Fair**  
December 12, 2009  
11:30AM to 4:30PM  
Jewelry, Cashmere Sweaters, Cook  
Books, Baked Goods, and Gift Items  
184 East 76<sup>th</sup> Street – Manhattan

**Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice**  
The Church & Migration – 2009  
**Refugee Fact Sheet**

Refugees are individuals who have fled their countries of  
origin and who meet the United Nations' criteria of having a  
"well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race,  
religion, nationality, membership in a particular social  
group, or political opinion."

The *World Refugee Survey 2008* reports that there are  
more than 14 million refugees worldwide. As a result of  
ethnic, political, and religious persecution, these people  
have been driven from their homelands and sent to seek  
safety elsewhere.

The Church in the United States takes very seriously the  
plight of refugees around the world and actively advocates  
for and participates in their resettlement in the United  
States. In 2007, the United States Conference of Catholic  
Bishops and its diocesan agency network helped to resettle  
13,631 refugees, or 28% of all refugees admitted into the  
United States during this period.

Since 9/11, the United States has admitted far fewer  
refugees than in the past. It is important that the American  
people call on their leaders to reopen the United States to  
refugee populations, so that refugees will have the  
opportunity to live without fear.

For more information on the activities of the Catholic  
Church in the United States as it reaches out to refugee  
populations in need, please visit  
[www.usccb.org/mrs/refugeeprogams.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/refugeeprogams.shtml) or contact Tom  
Dobbins, Jr., Catholic Charities Department of Social and  
Community Development at (212)371-1000, ext 2473 or e-  
mail him at [Thomas.dobbins@archny.org](mailto:Thomas.dobbins@archny.org).

**LEISURE CLUB CALENDAR**

*THE LEISURE CLUB IS A ST. THOMAS  
MORE OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT  
PROVIDES A WEEKLY LUNCH TO SENIORS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY, ON TUESDAYS AFTER  
THE 12:15PM MASS.*

NOV. 17 – THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON  
NOV. 24 – NO LUNCH

**ST. THOMAS MORE  
PARISH COUNCIL TOY DRIVE**  
FROM NOV 29<sup>TH</sup> TO DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>  
BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS, SPORTS RELATED  
GIFTS AND BOARD GAMES FOR BOYS AND  
GIRLS AGES 8-14 SERVED BY THE LITTLE  
SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION