

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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November 16, 2008

## CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor  
Rev. Jose C. Tentativa, Jr., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Edwin Diaz, Associate Pastor  
Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, In Residence  
Rev. A. Francis Ong, SSS, In Residence

## STAFF

Edward Litcher, Business Manager  
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

George Sim Johnston  
John Morriss

## Parish Council President

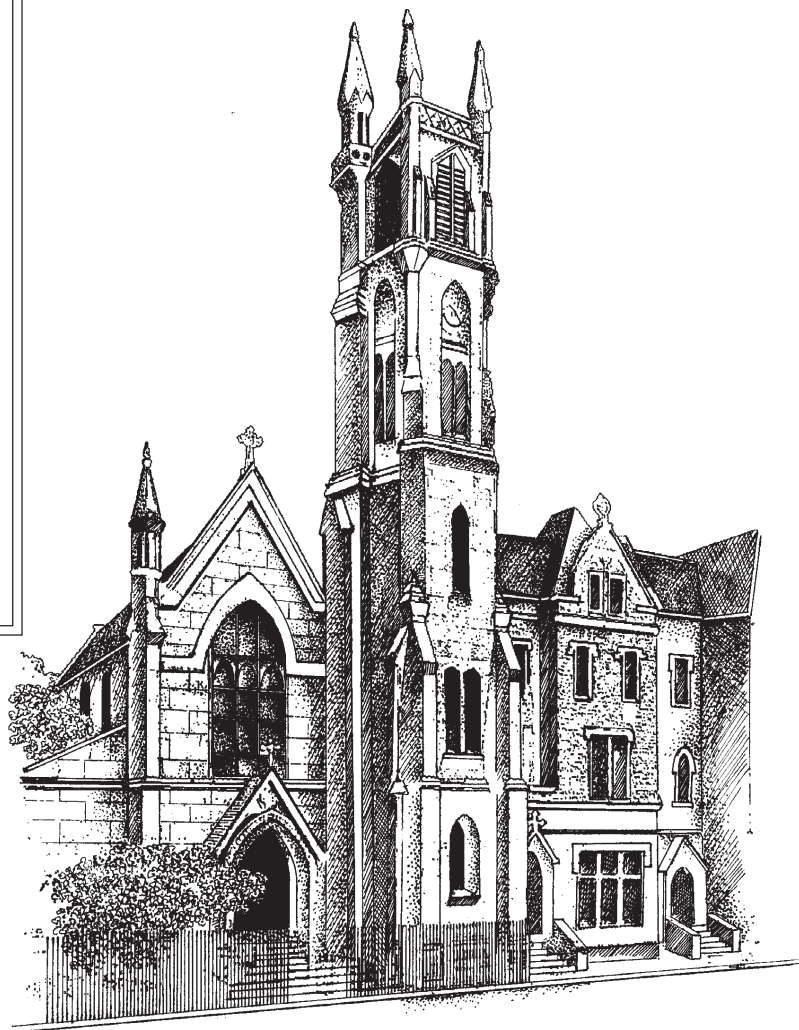
Heather Crimmins

## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III



**Church of St. Thomas More**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2008**  
**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

Think for a moment. What are two special gifts that we have, not merited or earned but are gifts of God to us? They are the gift of life and the gift of grace. Are we able to recognize them as gifts and express our appreciation for them? How well do we use them?

**Introduction To The Word**

- I. Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31** An encomium for a good and worthy wife. This passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.
- II. 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6** Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”
- III. Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30** Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

**At St. Thomas More This Week:**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Event:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
11/16	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
11/17	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
11/18	Leisure Club Lunch after 12:15 p.m. Mass AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
11/19	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
11/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
11/21	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Parish Council of St. Thomas More will hold its monthly meeting this Monday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rochester Room. All Parishioners are invited.

**CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION**

*Sunday, November 30 – Sunday, December 14*

The Parish Council of St. Thomas More is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Collection on Sunday, November 30 through Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. NEW toys and gifts (no gift wrap please) for ages 2 – 16 may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Gifts will be donated to The Little Sisters of the Assumption. The gifts will be distributed to children participating in their Free Arts Groups. Sports related gifts and group games are particularly appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!

**Celebrant Schedule**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>November 16</i>	<i>November 23</i>
Sat. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 11:15 a.m.	Fr. Joy	Fr. Van Dyke
Sun. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Van Dyke
Sun. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy

**Are You a Registered Parishioner?**

The Church of St. Thomas More values you as a member of its Faith Community. It is very important that you register with us as a parishioner. Please take a minute to visit the Receptionist in the Rectory or call in at your earliest convenience to Margaret Peet at 212-876-7718.

**Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations**

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Luke Sweeney at (914) 968-1340 (priesthood), Sr. Deanna Sabetta (212) 371-1011 ext 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext 8269 (Diaconate).

**MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 22**

**Monday, November 17**

- 7:00 Adelia Gongales (d)  
8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)  
12:15 Catherine Leahy (d)

**Tuesday, November 18**

- 7:00 Eileen O'Connor (d)  
8:00 Donna Ryan Bayard (d)  
12:15 Clodauldo Vicente

**Wednesday, November 19**

- 7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
...8:00... Mildren Allen (d)  
12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

**Thursday, November 20**

- 7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:00 Andrew Ganover (d)  
12:15 Salva B. Marte (d)

**Friday, November 21**

- 7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory (d)  
8:00 Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (d)  
12:15 Nino Cesareo (d)

**Saturday, November 22**

- 8:00 Frances Rock Slavin (d)  
12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)  
5:45 Sunday Vigil

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

- 11/17 1 John 3: 14-18; Ps 34; Lk 6: 27-38 or Rev. 1: 1-4,  
2: 1-5; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 18: 35-43  
11/18 Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Ps 98; Matt 14: 22-33 or  
Rev 3: 1-6, 14-22; Ps 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:  
1-10  
11/19 Rev 4: 1-11; Ps 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19: 11-28  
11/20 Rev 5: 1-10; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 19:  
41-44  
11/21 Zech 2: 14-17; Lk 1; Matt 12: 46-50 or Rev 10: 8-  
11; Ps 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19: 45-48  
11/22 Hos 2: 16bc, 17cd, 21-22; Ps 45; Matt 25: 1-13 or  
Rev 11: 4-12; Ps 144: 1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20: 27-40

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

*Helping people help themselves...* Next Weekend, November 22/23, our parish has been asked to respond to the Church's call to bring a lasting end to poverty across our nation. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your generosity will help make a difference in the Archdiocese of New York. Please read Cardinal Egan's letter on the Campaign in this bulletin.

**Listening to the Spirit Within**

**A Weekend Retreat with Sr. Stella Herrera, RJM**

Time for prayerful reflection, quiet, and sharing. The weekend will help participants become more aware of the inner movements that drive us toward, or away from, God. BETHANY SPIRITUALITY CENTER, HIGHLAND MILLS, NY NOVEMBER 21 – 23  
\$150.00  
(845) 460-3061

**ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.  
TEMPLE SHAARAY TEFILA  
79<sup>TH</sup> STREET & SECOND AVENUE**

The Program of this annual **Yorkville Christian-Jewish Council Interfaith Thanksgiving** gathering will include musical performance by The Young People's Choir of New York City; Shaaray Tefila School of Rock (children's choir); Kol Rinnah, the temple's adult chorale; and Cantor Judith Rolland. Rabbi Jonathan Stein and Monsignor Thomas Modugno, Catholic Vicar of East Manhattan, will offer holiday messages.

A SOCIAL HOUR WITH PUMPKIN PIE AND CIDER WILL FOLLOW THIS FREE EVENT.

The Church of St. Thomas More is a founding member of the Yorkville Christian-Jewish Council

***CONTEMPORARY PRAYER  
Psalms, Poems and Songs for the  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Pilgrim***

**Speaker**

**Sr. Margaret Holden, F.S.P.**

Sr. Margaret is the creator of Canticle Ministry, which is a Franciscan ecumenical ministry focused especially on peacemaking through spiritual direction and retreats.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR

AT ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL

950 MAMARONECK AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20. SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT.

BRING LUNCH. BEVERAGES & DESSERT PROVIDED

FOR INFORMATION CALL THE CENTER AT 914-946-5729



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November, 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Thanks giving Day provides each of us an opportunity to thank the Lord for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us as well to think about and do something for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Nearly four decades ago, a holy and compassionate clergyman, Bishop Michael R. Dempsey, who was personally known to me, launched the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. It has since become a national collection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which, because of its emphasis on providing for the neediest in our midst, is taken up in our parishes at Thanksgiving. This collection does immense good for the hungry, the homeless, the stranger, and the physically and mentally afflicted across the nation, including here in our own Archdiocese where it assists, for example, Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice and the North West Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition. With this letter, I ask you to consider making a generous contribution to this very worthy campaign.

May you and your loved ones have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

With prayerful best wishes, may I remain

Very truly yours in Christ.

Edward Cardinal Egan  
Archbishop of New York