

Church of Saint Thomas More

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New York City, New York 10128

November 29, 2009

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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

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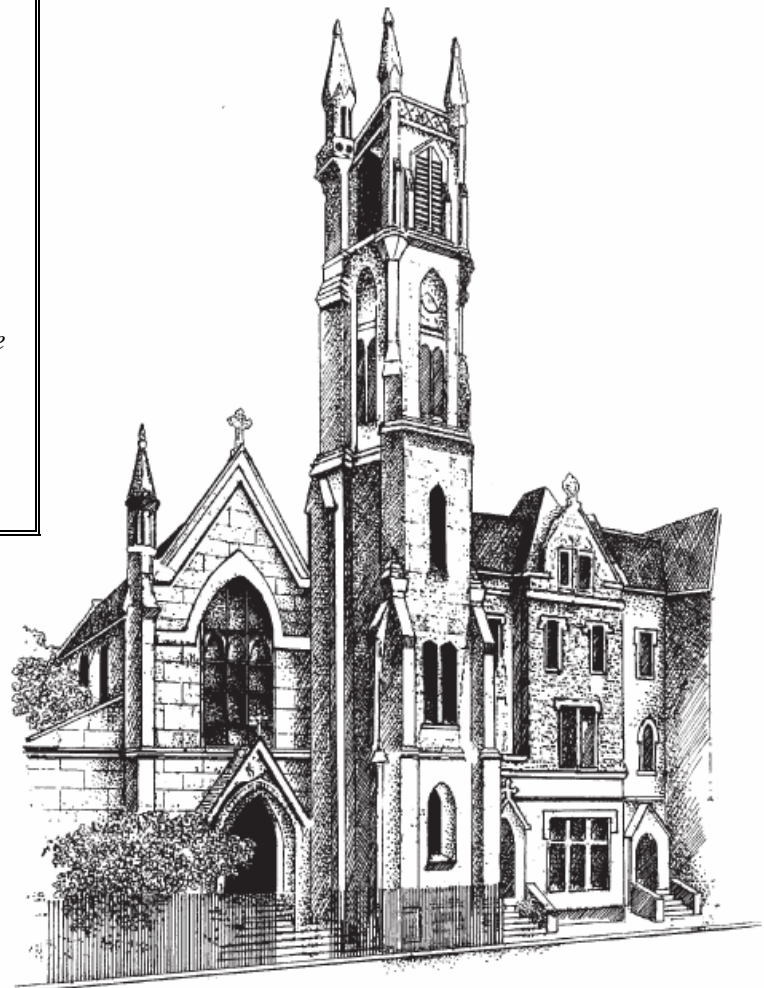
Head Usher

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 29, 2009

The First Sunday of Advent

Theme/Call To Worship

Dating back to the tenth century, the church has a long tradition of beginning each new church year with the Season of Advent. The Season of Advent is a time of preparation that marks the historical birth of Christ over two thousand years ago, as well as a time of hope and expectation for the second coming of Christ as both Lord of the universe and judge of the world.

Introduction To The Word

Jer 33:14-16: In the first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, we hear of God's promise to Israel, the promise of Messiah, the promise of Advent. "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land."

1 Thes 3:12-4:2: The second reading, taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, the earliest book of the New Testament, shows St. Paul's concern about the relationships within the community, especially in the light of their anticipation of an imminent return of Jesus.

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36: Just before His suffering and death, Jesus spoke to the disciples of his return as Son of Man. In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus informs the disciples of certain "signs" that will prefigure his second coming and presses them to "be vigilant at all times" in anticipation of his return.

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
11/29	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
12/01	Leisure Club Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass Narnia – St. Nicholas Family Mass	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/02	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
12/04	First Friday - Benediction	1:30 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>November 29</u>	<u>December 06</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH COUNCIL TOY DRIVE

FROM NOV 29TH TO DEC 13TH

BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS, SPORTS
RELATED GIFTS AND BOARD GAMES
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8-14 SERVED

BY

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION

ST. THOMAS MORE RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION FOR THE
YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY

Nov. 22 to Nov. 30

DROP OFF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE
BACK OF THE CHURCH DURING THE WEEK.

MORE MUSIC CONCERT

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

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important
information.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 05**

Mon. November 30 *St. Andrew*

7:00 Marurice Quinn (d)
8:00 Frances Palombo (d)
12:15 Brian Casey (d)

Tues. December 01

7:00 Frank Allan Dugan (d)
8:00 Albert Schabhutt (d)
12:15 James Corbett (d)
5:00 Narnia – St. Nicholas Family Mass

Wed. December 02

7:00 Lewis Worth (d)
8:00 Mary McDonough (d)
12:15 John Figge (d)

Thurs. December 03 *St. Francis Xavier*

7:00 Alice Farley (l)
8:00 Frances Ziminsky (d)
12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Fri. December 04 *St. John of Damascus*

7:00 Sarafina Nakervis (d)
8:00 Leonard Terzaghi (d)
12:15 Joseph Terzaghi (d)
1:30 First Friday - Benediction

Sat. December 05

8:00 Adele Bagley (d)
12:15 James Gorman (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

11/30 [Rom 10:9-18](#), [Mt 4:18-22](#)
12/01 [Is 11:1-10](#), [Lk 10:21-24](#)
12/02 [Is 25:6-10a](#), [Mt 15:29-37](#)
12/03 [Is 26:1-6](#), [Mt 7:21, 24-27](#)
12/04 [Is 29:17-24](#), [Mt 9:27-31](#)
12/05 [Is 30:19-21, 23-26](#), [Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8](#)

**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

Save the Date
Fr. Benedict Groeschel - March '10

**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 76th Street – Manhattan

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.*

DEC. 01 – LUNCH
DEC. 08 – LUNCH
DEC. 15 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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St. Paul the Apostle Church
59th Street at Lincoln Center
Manhattan

Day of Recollection for Women

Saturday – December 12th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fee is \$25 (includes lunch)

MANAGING YOUR FINANCES

IN HARD TIMES

SURVIVAL STRATEGIES

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 1ST

5:30 – 8:30 PM

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

652 LEXINGTON AVENUE (55TH ST)

MANHATTAN

212-490-9535

**The 30th Annual "A City Singing
at Christmas" Concert**

When: Thurs., Dec. 17, 2009 **Time:** 7PM - 9PM

Where: The Cathedral of Saint Patrick - NYC

Featuring: The Cathedral of Saint Patrick Choir

The Young People's Chorus of New York

Schola Cantorum on Hudson

The Cathedral Organs

The New York Symphonic Brass

Details: A City Singing at Christmas" promises to delight listeners. This festive **free** Christmas concert, a tradition in New York City, will be sure to put you in the mood for a joyous and holy Christmas season as you listen to the choirs and instruments and join in the singing of great Christmas hymns and carols.

General Seating is free and open to the public. For more information and to join the "Friends of Music of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick," please contact Mr. Robert Evers, Music Administrator, at 212.753.2261

Ext. 274, or via e-mail at

musicdept@saintpatrickscathedral.org.

www.saintpatrickscathedral.org

St. John the Martyr Church
259 East 71st Street
Manhattan
212-744-4880

Wednesdays – December 02, 09, & 16 – 7:00 pm

"Finding Advent, Finding Ourselves in the
Persons of Holy Scripture"

A Discussion led by Fr. Paul Feeley, O. Carm,

Friday – December 04 – 6:30 pm

Pizza, Soda and Movie Night

"The Apartment"

Followed by a Discussion led by

Fordham Professor, Michael Tueth, SJ

\$10 Offering Requested

Brown Gardens Flea Market

December 09 & 10 - 10am to 4pm

225 East 93rd Street

Between 2nd & 3rd Avenues

Manhattan

Assist the programs offered by the Brown
Gardens low income senior citizen
apartment building.

EDITH STEIN, ECHT AND THE TRUTH

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 5TH

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

62ND STREET BETWEEN 2ND & 3RD AVES.

MANHATTAN

10:00 AM – MASS

11:00 AM DOCUMENTARY

\$15 – PAYABLE TO THE EDITH STEIN GUILD

Ms. SUSANNE SCHUDEL

99-47 63RD RD, REGO Pk., NY 11374

718-897-7427

IN 1998 EDITH STEIN (1891 – 1942) WAS CANONIZED BY
POPE JOHN PAUL II, A GERMAN PHILOSOPHER OF JEWISH
DECENT, STEIN CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM IN 1922 AND
LIVED AS A NUN IN THE CARMELITE CONVENT OF ECHT IN THE
SOUTH OF THE NETHERLANDS. DURING WORLD WAR II SHE
WAS DEPORTED AND DIED IN AUSCHWITZ