

Church of Saint Thomas More

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November 30, 2008

CLERGY

Rev. John A. Boehning, Pastor
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Rev. A. Francis Ong, SSS, In Residence

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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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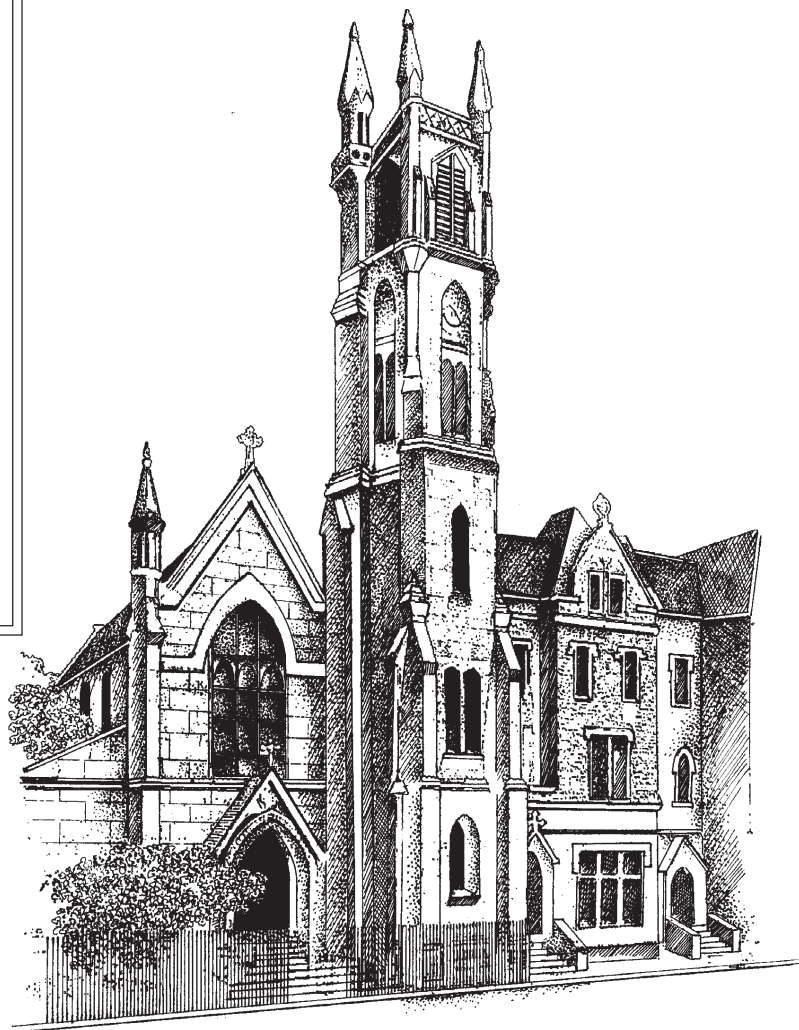
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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme/Call To Worship

Can Advent become for Christians a spiritual retreat? There are many counter trends we will have to resist – but also personal examples we can emulate.

Introduction To The Word

- I. **Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19b; 64: 2b-7** In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”
- II. **1 Corinthians 1” 3-9** Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God’s grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.
- III. **Gospel Mark 13: 33-37** Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
11/30	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
12/01	Carnegie Hill Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	CHADD Meeting	5:30 p.m.
12/02	Leisure Club Lunch after	12:15 p.m.
	Mass	
	Yorkville Area Council	6:00 p.m.
	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/03	St. Nicholas Mass	5:00 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
12/04	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/05	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>November 30</i>
Sat. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 11:15 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Francis
Sun. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Boehning

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Friday, December 5. Benediction will follow at 1: 30 p.m.

First Sunday in Advent

“I continually thank my God for you because of the favor He has bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, in whom you have been richly endowed with every gift of speech and knowledge. Likewise, the witness I bore to Christ has been so confirmed among you that you lack no spiritual gift as you await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We begin a new year of grace and listen to the opening greeting of Paul to the Corinthians. In this, the year of St. Paul, he gives thanks for the gifts they have received, reminding them they have been enriched in every way. He encourages them to be faithful.

Advent is not only a period of preparation and waiting, it is the moment to look at ourselves and discover how blessed we have been and inquire as to the depth of our gratitude for the gift of faith, of grace, all the gifts great and small. Advent ought to be a time to recognize all that God has given us and find how we can use His generosity to us for the well being of others.

A running topic in the weeks ahead will center on ‘how much’ people will spend on gifts during difficult economic times. May our Advent be a period of taking stock and determining ‘how well’ we use His gifts to us for our spiritual growth and the good of others. We lack no spiritual gift and now is the time to make sure that we will use them with others in mind.

Why not take a minute to make an Advent list? Christmas lists can wait! *From HIS WORD TODAY, Rev. William J. Reilly*

**MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6**

Monday, December 1

7:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
8:00 Calo Balayan (d)
12:15 Kerry R. Golden (d)

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 Claire Hofmann (d)
8:00 Betty Feeny (l)
12:15 Frank Allen Dugan (d)

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 Alice Farley (l)
8:00 Milagrosa R. Pasaporte (d)
12:15 Msgr. George F. Bardes (l)
5:45 St. Nicholas Mass

Thursday, December 4

7:00 Margaret de Bourbon (d)
8:00 Barbara M. Regalado (d)
12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Friday, December 5

7:00 Christine & Thomas Durnin (d)
8:00 Rosario Conejas (d)
12:15 Lydia Tanbukon (d)

Saturday, December 6

8:00 Nicholas Armington (d)
12:15 James Gorman (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

12/01 Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8: 5-11
12/02 Is 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10: 21-24
12/03 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Ps 117; Mk 16: 15-20 or Is 25: 6-10a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15: 29-37
12/04 Is 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7: 21, 24-27
12/05 Is 29: 17-24; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
12/06 Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York *St. Nicholas Project* is underway. This program provides gifts of necessity including coats, scarves, blankets, etc. to more than 2,000 needy individuals. Volunteers are needed from NOW until January 2009 to help with office work, accept donations, sort items for distribution and assist with the shopping day, scheduled for Saturday, December 13. If you are interested in volunteering at the program's main office in NYC or participating in the shopping day, please contact the Archdiocese.

KATHLEEN MCGOWAN AT 212-371-1011, EXT. 2439 OR
KATHLEEN.MCGOWAN@ARCHNY.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Hour with Santa

Sunday, December 14th, at 11:00 a.m.
In the Rochester Room

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION
Sunday, November 30 – December 14

The Parish Council of St. Thomas More is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Collection on Sunday, November 30th through Sunday, December 14th. 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!

CONTEMPORARY PRAYER
Psalms, Poems and Songs for the
21st 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

SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER
WITH BOOMERS & BEYOND
WITH CAROLING AT THE LOTT ASSISTED
LIVING CENTER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, FROM 2-4 P.M.

FOLLOW WITH A TOAST (OR TWO) TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT OSSO BUCO RISTORANTE, 1663 3RD AVENUE (CASH BAR)

RSVP BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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First Sunday of Advent

