

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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October 12, 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

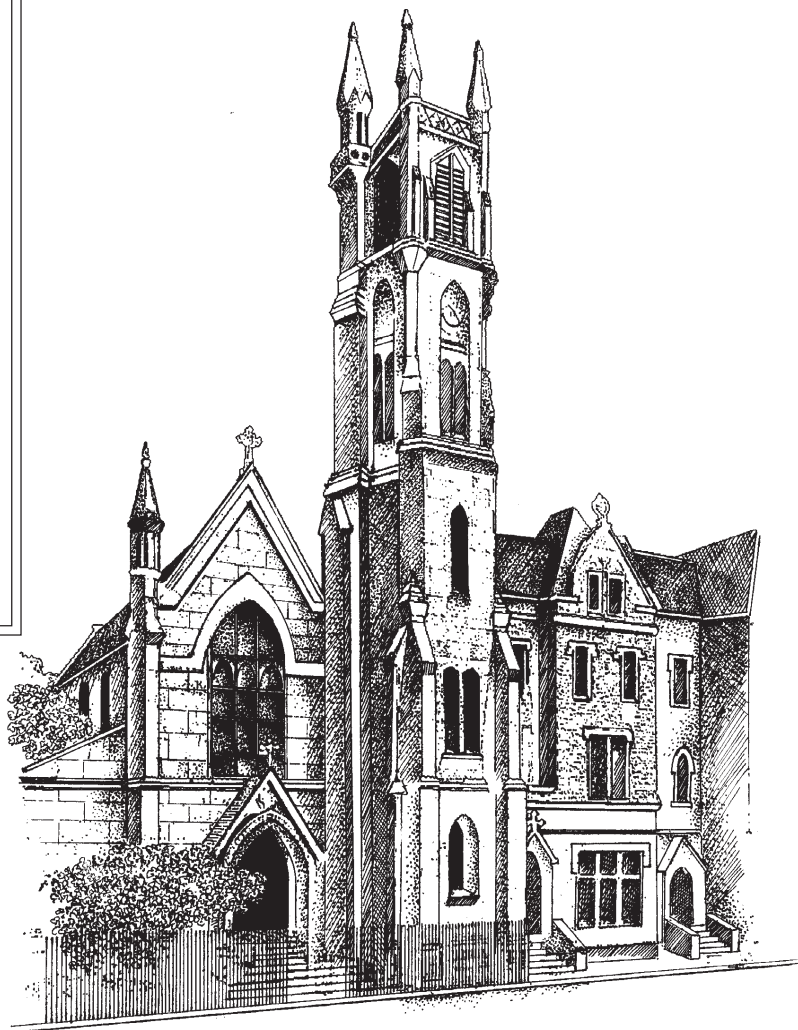
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## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III



**Church of St. Thomas More**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2008**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

God prepares an irresistible wedding feast and invites us to it ... but so often we refuse. In spite of our freedom to reject God, God will never cease providing for all peoples this rich feast of His Son. For true happiness comes when we realize that "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." "Let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us."

**Introduction To The Word**

- I. Isaiah 25: 6-10a** This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.
- II. Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20** In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

**Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14** Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."

**At St. Thomas More This Week**

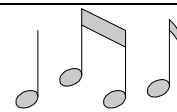
| <b><u>Date:</u></b> | <b><u>Event:</u></b>                     | <b><u>Time:</u></b>     |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 10/12               | Group Baptism                            | 1:30 p.m.               |
| 10/14               | Leisure Club Lunch – after<br>AA Meeting | 12:15 Mass<br>6:30 p.m. |
| 10/15               | Christian Meditation                     | 5:45 p.m.               |
| 10/16               | A.A. Meeting                             | 6:30 p.m.               |
| 10/17               | A.A. Meeting                             | 6:30 p.m.               |

**Celebrant Schedule**

| <b><u>Mass</u></b> | <b><u>October 12</u></b> | <b><u>October 19</u></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat. 5:45 p.m.     | Fr. Boehning             | Fr. Francis              |
| Sun. 8:30 a.m.     | Fr. Van Dyke             | Msgr. Shelley            |
| Sun. 10:00 a.m.    | Fr. Van Dyke             | Fr. Francis              |
| Sun. 11:15 a.m.    | Fr. Francis              | Fr. Joy                  |
| Sun. 12:30 p.m.    | Msgr. Shelley            | Fr. Boehning             |
| Sun. 5:45 p.m.     | Fr. Joy                  | Fr. Boehning             |

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

- 10/13 Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Lk 11: 29-32
- 10/14 Gal 5: 1-6; Ps 119: 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11: 37-41
- 10/15 Rom 8: 22-27; Ps 19; Jn 15: 1-8 or Gal5: 18-25; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11: 42-46
- 10/16 Eph 1: 1-10; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11: 47-54



**MOREMusic**

The Fall Series begins today, October 12, at 3:30 p.m. with a performance of compositions by our Director of Music, Harvey Burgett, sung by our magnificent choir augmented to sixteen voices. Next Sunday's concert will feature major organ compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach. Children are free, so bring the whole family!

**October Organ Music**

The organ preludes and postludes at the 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday masses during October will be major compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach as preludes and postludes. Today Harvey will play Prelude and Fugue in B Minor.

**WELCOME SENIORS**

On Tuesday, October 14, we will resume our Leisure Club Lunches in the Rochester Room after the 12:15 Mass. All Seniors are welcome.

- 10/17 Phil 3: 17-4:1; Ps 34; Jn 12: 24-26 or Eph 1: 11-14; Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12: 1-7
- 10/18 2 Tim 4: 10-17b; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 17-18; Lk 10: 1-9

**MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 18  
2008**

Monday, October 13

7:00 Thanksgiving for St. Joseph  
8:00 Thanksgiving for St. Joseph  
12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 Thanksgiving for St. Joseph  
8:00 Thanksgiving for St. Joseph  
12:15 Millie Ferrer (d)

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 William A. Eagan, Jr. (d)  
8:00 Janet H. Sughrue (d)  
12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

Thursday, October 16

7:00 Mihovil Rucando (d)  
8:00 Thanksgiving for St. Joseph  
12:15 Veronica Martin (l)

Friday, October 17

7:00 Thanksgiving for St. Joseph  
8:00 Jerry  
12:15 Alice Clark (l)

Saturday, October 18

8:00 Holy Souls  
12:15 Josefina Vergara (d)  
5:45 Sunday Vigil

***From the Office of the Vicar General  
Archdiocese of New York***

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at 914-594-4646. Both may also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

***ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY***

***Tuesday, October 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.***

***Church of the Heavenly Rest***

***5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 89<sup>th</sup> & 90<sup>th</sup> Street***

- Computers (laptop and desktop), monitors, printers, keyboards, mice and cables
- TV's and VCR's (no wooden console models, only plastic cases)
- Fax Machines, Cell Phones and Pagers

FOR MORE INFORMATION 212-477-4022 OR  
[WWW.LESECOLOGYCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.LESECOLOGYCENTER.ORG)

***A Day of Recollection  
"The Impossible Mandate: Love One Another"***

WITH SR. ROSEMARY MANGAN, RJM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

BETHANY SPIRITUALITY CENTER, HIGHLAND MILLS, NY

DONATION \$35; SENIORS: \$25

INFORMATION 845-460-3061

***One Sunday for the Whole World***

Next Sunday, October 19, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be a missionary. It's ***World Mission Sunday!***

As Catholics around the world – here at home and in the Missions – gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to ***pray*** for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to ***offer financial help*** through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR WORLD MISSIONS AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

***Graymoor Lectures***

***Why Try to Convert?***

***Reflections on Proselytization, Religious Freedom  
And Soteriology***

With Dr. Kusumita Priscilla Pedersen, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, St. Francis College

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FROM 9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH, 529 WEST 121<sup>ST</sup> STREET

DONATION: \$20. A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 14

INFORMATION: 212-666-9350 OR [WWW.CORPUS-CHRISTI-NYC.ORG/MERTONSOCIETY.HTM](http://WWW.CORPUS-CHRISTI-NYC.ORG/MERTONSOCIETY.HTM)

***A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS***

Please see the Bulletin Insert this week from The Education & Communication Committee of the Parish Council.



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September 15, 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

At Baptism, each of us is marked by the Lord and entrusted with a special responsibility to tell the world of His "Good News." We are, indeed, called to serve as His missionaries.

World Mission Sunday affords all baptized Catholics an opportunity to celebrate their missionary vocation in the Eucharist as well as through prayer and sacrifice for the missionary work of the Church.

This year's World Mission Sunday, **October 19**, is particularly special for American Catholics inasmuch as it marks the 100th Anniversary of our "mission independence." Through 1908, the Church in the United States was the beneficiary of the generosity of the Catholic faithful of Europe through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. In fact, two-thirds of the very first collection of the Propagation of the Faith, in 1822, was sent to the Church in America, making it possible to build churches and schools, educate clergy and religious, provide for the good works of religious communities, and support evangelization here at home. By a 1908 Papal decree, the designation "mission territory" was removed from the United States. One hundred years later, as we recall our own mission history, we are called upon to assist both spiritually and financially the more than 1,150 "young churches" in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America, all of which have the same needs that the United States once had.

With this in mind, please be as generous as your means will allow this Mission Sunday so that the Propagation of the Faith can continue to spread the "Good News" to the growing faith communities of our day. So, too, following the call of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, let us pray that our celebration of World Mission Sunday will generate within us a renewed awareness of the need to proclaim the Gospel to all corners of the world.

With prayerful best wishes, may I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Edward Cardinal Egan  
Archbishop of New York