

Church of Saint Thomas More

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October 18, 2009

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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
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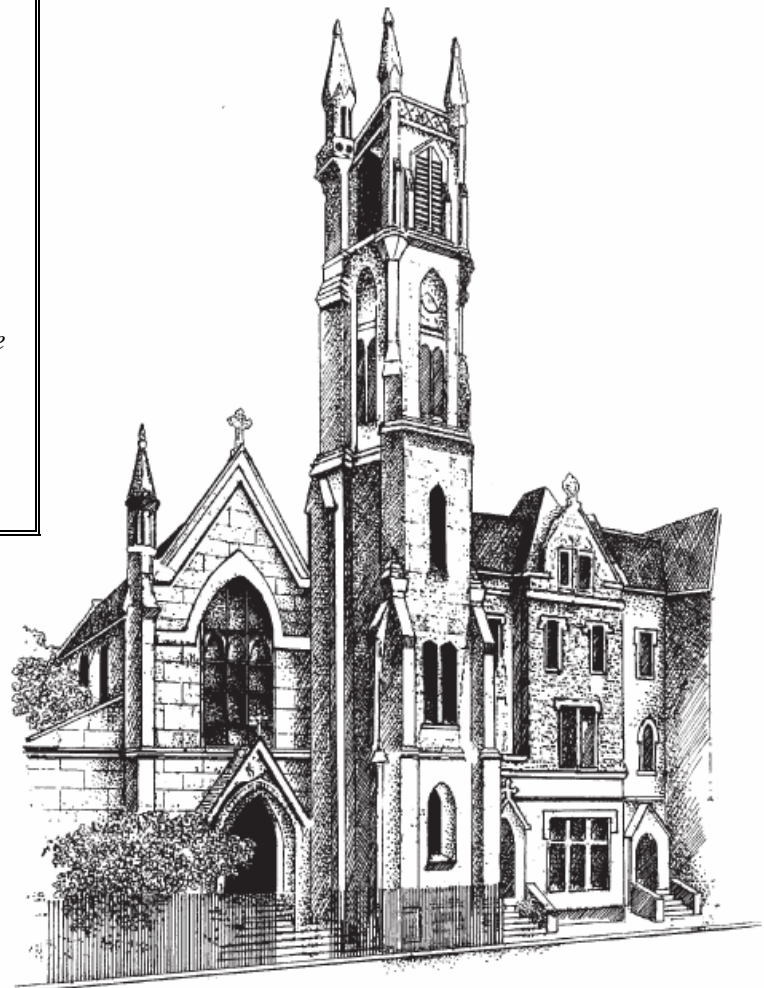
Head Usher

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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OCTOBER 18, 2009

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

In today's readings we hear that biblical history is filled with people, from the prophets to the apostles, who suffered and sacrificed for others.

Introduction To The Word

Is 53:10-11: The first reading, written during the Babylonian exile and associated with a prophet commonly called the Second Isaiah, is a reflection of the Israelite community in exile who saw the sufferings endured by this prophet as directly connected to their own salvation. "Through his suffering my servant shall justify many and their guilt he shall bear."

Heb 4:14-16: In the second reading St. Paul refers to Jesus as "a great high priest." A high priest who is able to "sympathize with our weaknesses" because he was "tested in every way." Through Jesus' own suffering and sacrifice, we see the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and the call to authentic discipleship.

Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45: In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the apostles the important lessons of sacrificing for others and "servant" leadership. "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
10/18	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
10/20	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/21	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
10/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Joy
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning

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.paritypay.com or call 1-866-Parish 1

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name
and the words

Join the E-Group (currently 93 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important
information

World Mission Sunday October 18th

Your generous support of the missions, though the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will reach those who await the "Good News," longing to experience Christ's hope and love. For this I am deeply grateful.

With prayerful best wishes, I am, Faithfully in Christ,
Most Reverend Timothy M Dolan
Archbishop of New York

10:00AM Sunday Family Mass

Beginning this Month Children in the 2nd grade and up will be invited to participate in their own Liturgy of the Word.

Most Sundays the Children will be invited into the Chapel, after the opening prayers, where one of the Parish Priests will provide them with a simplified version and explanation of that Sunday's Scriptures. The Children will then return to their families after the recitation of the Creed.

On some of the Sundays, the Children will be asked to remain with their families and the Priest celebrating the Mass will use the homily time to engage them through questions and discussion.

Children younger than the 2nd grade can go to a special religious program in the Chelsea Room with Ms. Sharon McKenna where they will remain throughout the whole mass.

Special Note: We are looking for a dozen or so parents who can take turns going into the Chapel with the Children during their Liturgy of the Word there. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Margaret Peet at the Parish Office 212-876-7718.

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

**FOR WEEK OF
OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 24**

Mon. October 19 *Saint John de Brébeuf
Saint Isaac Jogues*

7:00 Jayne Wrightsman (I)

8:00 Souls in Purgatory

12:15 Josefina Rendon (d)

Tues. October 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross*

7:00 Jayne Wrightsman (I)

8:00 Joseph Crossey (d)

12:15 Frank Czaja (d)

Wed. October 21

7:00 Souls in Purgatory

8:00 Nicola Ferrara (d)

12:15 Kathryn Leahy (d)

Thurs. October 22

7:00 Souls in Purgatory

8:00 Michael Terlato (d)

12:15 Albert P. Clark, Sr. (d)

Fri. October 23 *Saint John of Capistrano*

7:00 Claire Mulligan (d)

8:00 Harold Black (d)

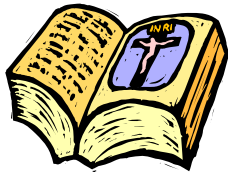
12:15 George Creamer (d)

Sat. October 24 *Saint Anthony Mary Claret*

8:00 Wendell Gallagher (d)

12:15 Come Buhembe (d)

5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

10/19 [Rom 4:20-25](#), [Lk 12:13-21](#)

10/20 [Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21](#), [Lk 12:35-38](#)

10/21 [Rom 6:12-18](#), [Lk 12:39-48](#)

10/22 [Rom 6:19-23](#), [Lk 12:49-53](#)

10/23 [Rom 7:18-25a](#), [Lk 12:54-59](#)

10/24 [Rom 8:1-11](#), [Lk 13:1-9](#)

**MORE FOR LESS FAIR 2009
Saturday, October 24th 2009**

Would you like to become a more active member of the St. Thomas More Parish? Then become one of the More for Less Fair volunteers. It's a great way to make new friends and at the same time contribute to the welfare of the poor, elderly and disabled of our parish and community. We need volunteers the day of the Fair, October 24th, but equally important, volunteers are needed to help us set up booths, arrange tables and tag items to be sold. Volunteers may set their own hours, day or evenings, October 19th through the 25th. Leave your name and contact information in the Parish Office. You'll receive an email or call from Clodna Egan, head of the Volunteer Committee. The More for Less Fair has become a well-known event in the community. To keep it going we need your help.

And please note the request sheets at the back of the church that call for contributions of baked goods and other foods to be sold at the Fair. Even if you can't volunteer your time for the Fair you may contribute to it by donating specialty foods, either baked or bought. You might wish to tag these gifts "Baked by (your name)" so we can thank you personally.

**NEW YORK CITY FESTIVAL &
SPECIAL EVENTS**

10AM - 6PM

Sunday October 18th

The Great Third Avenue Fair
(on 3rd Avenue from 23rd - 34th Street)

Saturday October 24th

Park Avenue South Autumn Fair
(on Park Avenue South from 17th - 23rd St.)

Sunday October 25th

The 7th Avenue Autumn Carnival
(on 7th Avenue from 47th - 57th Street)

SAVE THE DATE

MORE MUSIC

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 15TH 3:30PM

BETSY BATES - SOPRANO

WENDY GILLES - ALTO

HARVEY BURGETT - PIANO

Blessing for Expectant Families

Date: Sunday Nov. 01, 2009

Time: 10AM – Family Mass

Parish: The Church of St. Thomas More

Expecting the birth of a child is both a time of joyful waiting and great anxiety. To rejoice with you and help you through this time, we invite you to receive a Blessing for Expectant Families. Let our Lord and the Church Community reach out to you with a blessing of support, comfort and reassurance. During our celebration of the Eucharist, a prayer and a blessing will be offered for the whole family, and especially for the mother and her unborn child. Each mother in waiting will receive a blessed medal. All expectant parents, their families and friends are invited.

***Please call (212) 876-7718 by
Friday, Oct. 30th to pre-register***

Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice

The Church & Migration – 2009

In January 2003, the Catholic bishops of the United States and Mexico issued a joint pastoral letter entitled [Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope](#), which called for a “globalization of solidarity” and an overhaul of the U.S immigration system.

The following year, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration and the board of directors of the [Catholic legal Immigration Network, Inc. \(CLINIC\)](#), resolved to make comprehensive immigration reform – with special emphasis on legalization – a major public policy priority within the Church.

In 2005, the [Justice for Immigrants \(JFI\)](#) campaign was launched with three objectives:

- ❖ Educate Catholics about the challenges that immigrants face in the United States;
- ❖ Build support and work for the passage of a national comprehensive immigration reform policy that is consistent with the immigration reform principles articulated by the bishops;
- ❖ Strengthen relationships between immigrant communities and dioceses across the country.

For more information on how you can help, please visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org 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.

H1N1 Swine Flu Virus

The Archdiocese of New York, Vicar General, the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan has provided the following information to help parishioners prevent the spread of this infection.

Due to concerns about the Swine Flu virus, some parishioners have asked if they should refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace at Mass. It is important to emphasize that the invitation to offer the sign of peace permits the individual parishioner to choose how that sign will be expressed. For example, some parishioners may choose to wave their hands or nod their heads as a sign of peace. While shaking hands is not obligatory, it is another acceptable expression of the sign of peace. Consequently, those parishioners who are concerned about spreading the swine flu virus by shaking hands at the sign of peace, should express peace in another manner.

The faithful are also advised to practice good hygiene and hand washing and if they are ill they should not receive from the cup if Holy Communion is done under both species.

For more information about this virus and its prevention please visit the CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>.

Also

Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml>

IRA Charitable Rollover

Parishioners who are at least 70½ years old can now make a tax free gift from their IRA. To take advantage of the new IRA Charitable Rollover rule, before it expires on December 31, 2009, please call the [Office of Gift Planning](#) at 212-371-1011 ext. 3116 or email gift.planning@archny.org.

St. Albert's Day Lecture

The Catholic Voice in the Public Square:

Sectarian or Civic?

Professor Helen Alvaré

George Mason University School of Law

Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

869 Lexington Avenue – Manhattan

November 12 – 7:00PM