

Church of Saint Thomas More

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October 26, 2008

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

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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.

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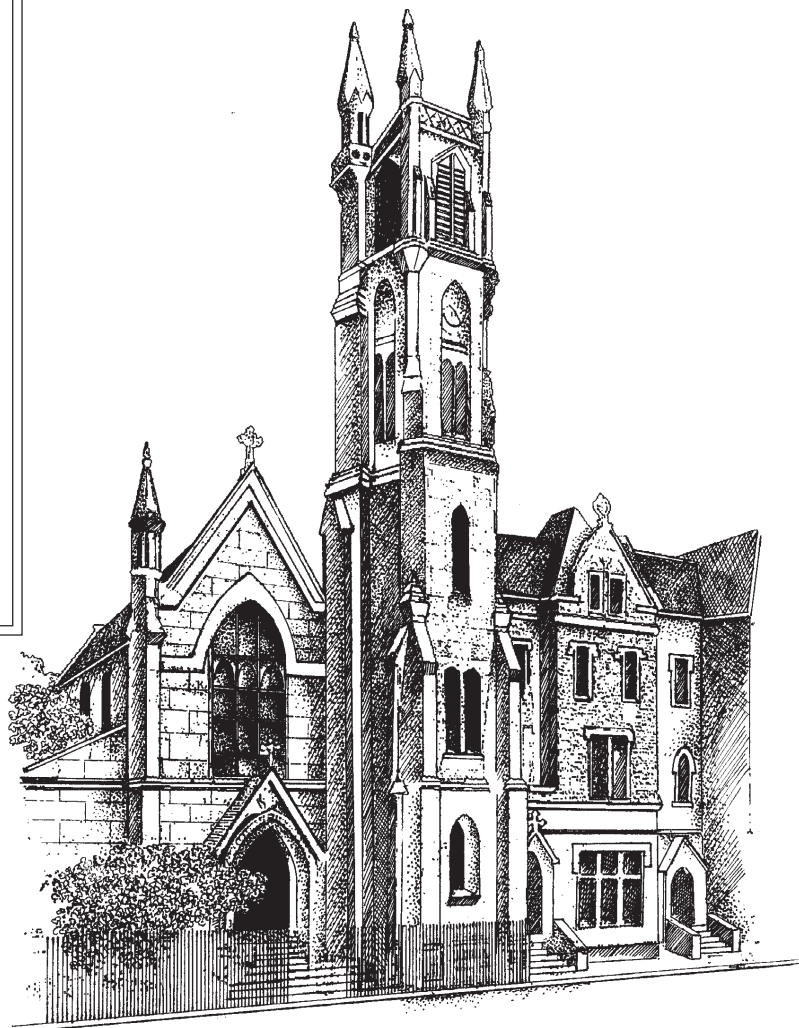
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Church of St. Thomas More
OCTOBER 26, 2008
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Theme/Call To Worship

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” The utterance of this Great Commandment is a confirmation that God has first loved us in such a way that it is supremely possible for us to love him as he demands. The generosity of our charity toward others flows from our mindfulness that we “were once aliens,” but then God’s love came and claimed us. That is why we truly can become “imitators of the Lord.”

Introduction To The Word

- I. **Exodus 22: 20-26** This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.
- II. **1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5c-10** Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel Matthew 22: 34-40 Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, “Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?” With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one’s entire being; the second is to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

At St. Thomas More This Week:


<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
10/26	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
10/28	Leisure Club Lunch – after 12:15 Mass AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
10/29	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
10/30	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
10/31	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>October 26</i>	<i>November 2</i>
Sat. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 11:15 a.m.	Fr. Anthony	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Anthony	Fr. Joy
Sun. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Francis	Fr. Joy

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

- 10/27 Eph 4: 32-5:8; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 13: 10-17
- 10/28 Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5; Lk 6: 12-16
- 10/29 Eph 6: 1-9; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 13: 22-30
- 10/30 Eph 6: 10-20; Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13: 31-35
- 10/31 Phil 1: 1-11; Ps 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 14: 1-6
- 11/1 Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 John 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12a



MOREMusic

The Fall Series concludes this afternoon with a concert at 3:30 p.m. featuring virtuoso classical guitarist Stephen Robinson. The suggested contribution is \$15/\$10 for Seniors. Children are admitted free, so bring the whole family!

As organ preludes and postludes at the 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday masses today, Harvey Burgett will perform the monumental E-Flat Prelude and Fugue by Johann Sebastian Bach. Those, especially children, who would like to come up to the console during the postlude to experience organ playing first-hand will be most welcome on this occasion.

SPECIAL CONCERT

This Tuesday evening, October 28th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Brick Presbyterian Church (Park Avenue at 91st Street), the Stetson University Concert Choir will present a program which will include the Requiem by Maurice Durufle. A suggested contribution of \$20 will be taken at the door.

REMINDER – TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 2 – we “fall back,” but “gain an hour.”

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before retiring, or Sunday Morning.

**MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1**

Monday, October 27

7:00 Barbara Wiordarski (d)
8:00 Jenny Rivera (d)
12:15 Patrick O'Hare (d)

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 Christopher Begley (d)
8:00 Celia McManus (d)
12:15 Paul Curran (d)

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 Eugene Diserio (d)
8:00 Carol Hess (d)
12:15 Barry Harvey (d)

Thursday, October 30

7:00 Robert Blais (d)
8:00 James McManus (d)
12:15 Matthew Powell (d)

Friday, October 31

7:00 Norah McManus (d)
8:00 Denis McManus (d)
12:15 Louis Agudo (d)

Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day

8:00 Holy Day
12:15 Holy Day
5:45 Sunday Vigil

ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 1

This year All Saints Day is not an obligatory Holy Day.

Masses of the Feast are at 8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 1.

ALL SOULS DAY, NOVEMBER 2

Masses for All Souls Day begin Saturday, November 1 at 5:45 p.m. and continue on Sunday at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:15 a.m., 12:30 and 5:45 p.m.

Names of deceased family and friends enrolled on the special All Souls Envelopes will be remembered in a Novena of Masses beginning Monday, November 3 and ending Wednesday, November 12.

BEAREAVEMENT SUPPORT RETREAT DAY

Retreat Director Rose Lisi will guide this day of peaceful reflection, sharing, and prayer for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The day will close with Eucharistic Liturgy. \$40. Bethany Spirituality Center in Highland Mills also offers a Transformative Aging Retreat, "Open Your Heart...Enjoy New Freedom in Later Life," with Sr. Ann Billard, OLM, Ph.D., November 16-20. \$325. (845) 460-3061.

The Christophers have announced the ***Nineteenth Annual Poster Contest for High School Students***, with the theme, ***"You Can Make a Difference."*** Cash prizes totaling \$2,250 will be awarded. Entry deadline is January 19, 2009. For rules and entry forms, contact the Christophers at 212-759-4050, email youth@christophers.org or visit www.christophers.org.

Boomers & Beyond, the newly-formed group for single, widowed and divorced Catholics, age 50 or older who worship at parishes of the Upper East Side, will have a casual dinner on Monday, November 10, from 6-9 p.m. at Samalita's Restaurant (1681 First Avenue at 87th Street). Price: \$40 per person (if received by Monday, November 3) or \$50 afterwards includes: hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, one glass of draft beer, wine, or soda at dinner, dessert with coffee/tea (inc. tax & tip). Cash bar for other beverages. **Payment deadline: Friday, November 7.**

Space limited. Names held at door. Make check or PMO payable to: Church of St. Ignatius Loyola (list ***Boomers & Beyond*** in memo area). Mail or hand deliver to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish House, 980 Park Avenue, New York 10128. No payment accepted at the restaurant. Questions: email BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com or call 646-241-1332.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Frank Langella

**In the Title Role of The Patron Saint of Our Church
Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.**

Limited number of tickets available. Ticket cost: \$100 to \$114, depending on seat location (price reflects our special group discount and a donation to the Parish)

Questions: Call (212) 876-7719 for Margaret Peet or email at: moredu.stmnyc@gmail.com before 10/27/08

THE BICENTENNIAL LECTURES SERIES

Thursday, 13 November 2008, 7:00 p.m.

***Francis Cardinal Spellman and the Holy See
During World War II***

SPEAKER: GERALD P. FOGARTY, S.J., THE WILLIAM R. KENAN PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES,
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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This month marks a milestone in my priestly ministry.

My present priestly assignment here at St. Thomas More (which I expect to be my last until retirement) has now become my longest, exceeding the fourteen years I spent in my first assignment at Holy Family Parish in the Bronx.

Subsequent to that I spent four years at St. Patrick Church in Richmondtown, Staten Island; two years at St. Joseph of Yorkville on East 87th Street; and twelve years at St. Anastasia in Harriman, after which I came here in 1994.

Each parish I have served in has had its own special challenges but all have presented the basic challenge to which each priest must respond and that is to bring to his people the comforting and strengthening love of Jesus present in scripture and sacrament.

Please pray that I and my associate clergy may meet this challenge with prayerful dedication.

God Bless You,

Fr. Boehning