

Church of Saint Thomas More

65 East 89th Street (east of Madison Avenue)

New York City, New York 10128

September 20, 2009

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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 4:30 - 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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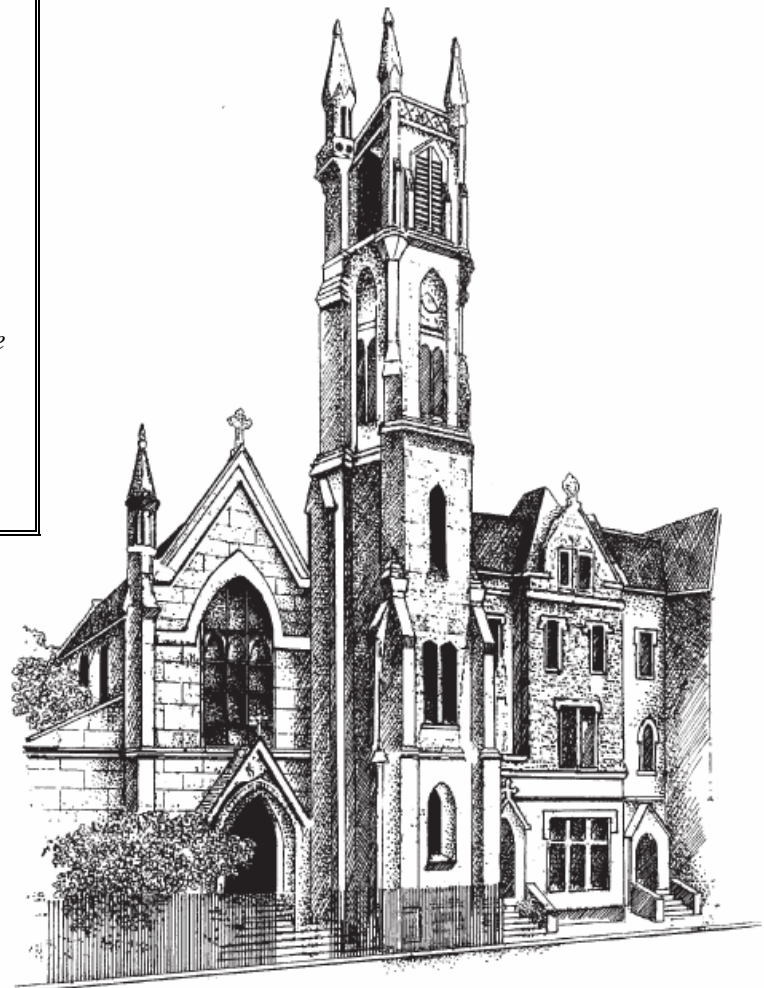
Head Usher

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.



Church of St. Thomas More

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

Today's readings relate to the human characteristic of ambition, which is, at times, selfish and jealous. If we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus, we too must learn to temper our ambition with the virtues of humility and simplicity.

Introduction To The Word

Wis 2:12, 17-20: In the first reading from the book of Wisdom, we hear that blind ambition and jealousy lead to the justification of remarkably cruel human behavior.

Jas 3:16-4:3: In the second reading, St. James identifies the root of jealousy, self ambition, disorder, "every foul practice" and even war as the product of misguided passion.

Mk 9:30-37: In today's Gospel St. Mark gives us the second of Jesus' passion predictions. In this discourse Jesus again emphasizes the centrality of his suffering, death and resurrection in terms of his identity as the Messiah and the Son of Man. In response, the Twelve "did not understand the sayings, and they were afraid to question him." Instead of questioning him they began to air their own ambitions about their roles within the community. Seeing that their human ambitions were blinding them, Jesus taught them about the virtues that should temper their ambition. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all. Whoever receives one child...receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
09/20	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
09/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
09/23	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
09/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<u>Mass</u>	<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Joy	Msgr. Shelly
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun 12:30 pm	Msgr. Shelly	Fr. Joy
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy

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.parishpay.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 88 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com

Receive the weekly Bulletin and other important
information

MOREMusic Organ Recital

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 - 3:30 p.m.

The Church of St. Thomas More

65 East 89th Street

Between Park and Madison Avenues

Professor Martin Herchenr der

Siegen University - Germany

**Performing works of Bach, Buxtehude,
Brahms, Mendelssohn and Herchenr der**

Followed by: Meet the Artist' reception

Admission Free

Contributions to the MOREMusic program

gratefully accepted

All are welcome!

NEW YORK CITY FESTIVAL & SPECIAL EVENTS

10AM - 6PM

Sunday September 20th
Eighth Avenue Fall Festival
(on 8th Avenue from 42nd - 57th St.)

Friday September 25th
N.Y.C. Police Museum Festival
(on Old Slip from Water - South St.)

Saturday September 26th
Broadway Autumn Fair
(on Broadway from Waverly Pl.- 14th Street)

Sunday September 27th
Lexington Avenue Fall Festival
(on Lexington Avenue from 34th - 42nd Street)

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

**FOR WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 26**

Mon. September 21 *St. Matthew*

7:00 Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

8:00 Michael Hurley (d)

12:15 Ephigene Sulzberger (d)

Tues. September 22

7:00 DiJhaly Baez (l)

8:00 In Thanksgiving

12:15 Anne Kennedy O'Neil (d)

Wed. September 23 *St Pio of Pietrelcina*

7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)

12:15 Alice Bueno (d)

Thurs. September 24

7:00 Dorothy Onorato (d)

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15 Denis Leahy (d)

Fri. September 25

7:00 Khadee Jah Matthew (l)

8:00 Rev. James Black (d)

12:15 Holy Souls in Purgatory

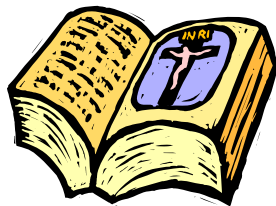
Sat. September 26 *Sts. Cosmas & Damian;*

Sts Brebuf & Jogues; BVM

8:00 Mendler Meagher Family (l)

12:15 Charles McKenna, Jr. (l)

5:45 Sunday Vigil



WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

09/21 [Eph 4:1-7, 11-13](#), [Mt 9:9-13](#)

09/22 [Ez 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20](#), [Lk 8:19-21](#)

09/23 [Ez 9:5-9](#), [Lk 9:1-6](#)

09/24 [Hg 1:1-8](#), [Lk 9:7-9](#)

09/25 [Hg 2:1-9](#), [Lk 9:18-22](#)

09/26 [Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a](#), [Lk 9:43b-45](#)

**MORE FOR LESS FAIR
2009**

Saturday, October 24th 2009

The More for Less Fair has been receiving some interesting items over the past week, including a full set of golden Depression Glass dinnerware, intriguing children's toys and boutique items, but we still are very much in need of boxed flatware, designer clothes in good condition, costume jewelry and artwork, as well as any collectible items that have perhaps never seen the light of day and could use a new home. The committee is revving up for the October event and hopes that some of the enterprising bakers among our parishioners will volunteer to turn out cookies, cakes, candies or a particular good specialty to our café at the Fair. Contributions should be delivered to the parish the Friday morning (before the Fair) of October 23rd. Of course we'd like to know in advance who is making that contribution and what it is. Leave word at the parish desk anytime during the week or call Margaret Peet at 212-876-7718. We look forward to your delicious contributions.

Video of events at St. Thomas More can
now be seen on You Tube

www.youtube.com/thomasmorechurch

**Sex & the Soul: Romance, Religion &
Responsibility**

Center on Religion and Culture Book Forum

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 6-8 pm

Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus

Pope Auditorium, 113 West 60th Street

Free and Open to the Public

RSVP: CRCEvent@fordham.edu, 212.636.7347

What are the realities of "hook-up culture"? Why do faith traditions so often falter in offering effective moral and spiritual wisdom? A theologian and an analyst of early adult life will discuss these questions with the author and young people. **Peter Steinfelds** moderates

**Special Seminary Collection
September 20th**

Since 1896 young men have come to our Seminary system for academic and spiritual formation. This month, our Seminary begins its 113th academic year. Help shape the future of our priests, our parish and our church. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Fr. Boehning

Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice

The Church & Migration – 2009

America's Rich History of Migration

20. Under the light of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the littlest of her children, who were as powerless as most migrants are today, our continent's past and present receive new meaning. It was St. Juan Diego whom our Mother asked to build a temple so in it she could show her love, compassion, aid, and defense to all her children, especially the least among them.⁵ Since then, in her Basilica and beyond its walls, she has brought all the peoples of America to celebrate at the table of the Lord, where all his children may partake of and enjoy the unity of the continent in the diversity of its peoples, languages, and cultures (EA, no. 11). 21. As Pope John Paul II wrote in *Ecclesia in America*:

In its history, America has experienced many immigrations, as waves of men and women came to its various regions in the hope of a better future. The phenomenon continues even today, especially with many people and families from Latin American countries who have moved to the northern parts of the continent, to the point where in some cases they constitute a substantial part of the population. They often bring with them a cultural and religious heritage which is rich in Christian elements. The Church is well aware of the problems created by this situation and is committed to spare no effort in developing her own pastoral strategy among these immigrant people, in order to help them settle in their new land and to foster a welcoming attitude among the local population, in the belief that a mutual openness will bring enrichment to all. (EA, no. 65)

Excerpted from "[Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope](#)," United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003. For more information, please contact: Tom Dobbins Jr. at [Catholic Charities](#) Department of Social & Community Development at 212-371-1000, Ext. 2473 or email him at thomas.dobbins@archny.org

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

980 Park Avenue at 84th Street
Manhattan 212-288-2520

Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Let's Hear More! A WORLD REQUIEM

Music Director Kent Tritle examines the five multilingual and interdenominational texts John Tavener set in his Requiem. Free in St. Ignatius Loyola's Wallace Hall, followed by a reception.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM

JOHN TAVENER: Requiem (U.S. Premiere)

VALENTIN SILVESTROV: Diptychon (U.S. Premiere)

JOHN TAVENER: The Veil of the Temple (excerpts)

SERGEI RACHMANINOV: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (excerpts)

OUR PARISH REPORT FOR

JUNE 2009

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)	
<u>REGULAR COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>\$23,232.07</u>
<u>PARISH PAY</u>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>
SECOND COLLECTION	
<u>SACRISTY FUND</u>	<u>\$2,633.00</u>
BAPTISMS	
William Breed Fleming, Jr.	
Emmeline Claire Gerardi	
Isabelle Claire Insley	
Olivia Anne Lavin	
Theodore Marvin David Phillips	
Kingsley Anne Rose	
Samuel Anthony Strouse	
Katherine Priscilla Welch	
FUNERAL	
Helen E. Smith	
WEDDING	
Gregory DeFazio & Izabela Zimmicka	

JULY 2009

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4)	
<u>REGULAR COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>\$18,728.32</u>
<u>PARISH PAY</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
SECOND COLLECTIONS	
<u>BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS</u>	<u>\$1,599.08</u>
<u>AIR CONDITIONING</u>	<u>\$2,094.02</u>
BAPTISMS	
Caroline Monaco Karellas	
James Aurelius O'Brien	
Ella Frances Rinaldi	
FUNERALS	
Joseph Christovao III	
Carmine G. DiOrio	
Anne Kennedy O'Neil	

AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (5)	
<u>REGULAR COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>\$23,959.59</u>
<u>PARISH PAY</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
SECOND COLLECTION	
<u>HOME & LATIN MISSIONS</u>	<u>\$1,682.14</u>
BAPTISM	
Robert Finnegan Primrose	
FUNERAL	
Elizabeth Frances Byrns	
John Cantwell Kiley	
WEDDING	
Gerald Stephen Smith & Isabelle Lindsay DeTrabuc	