

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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September 21, 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

## 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

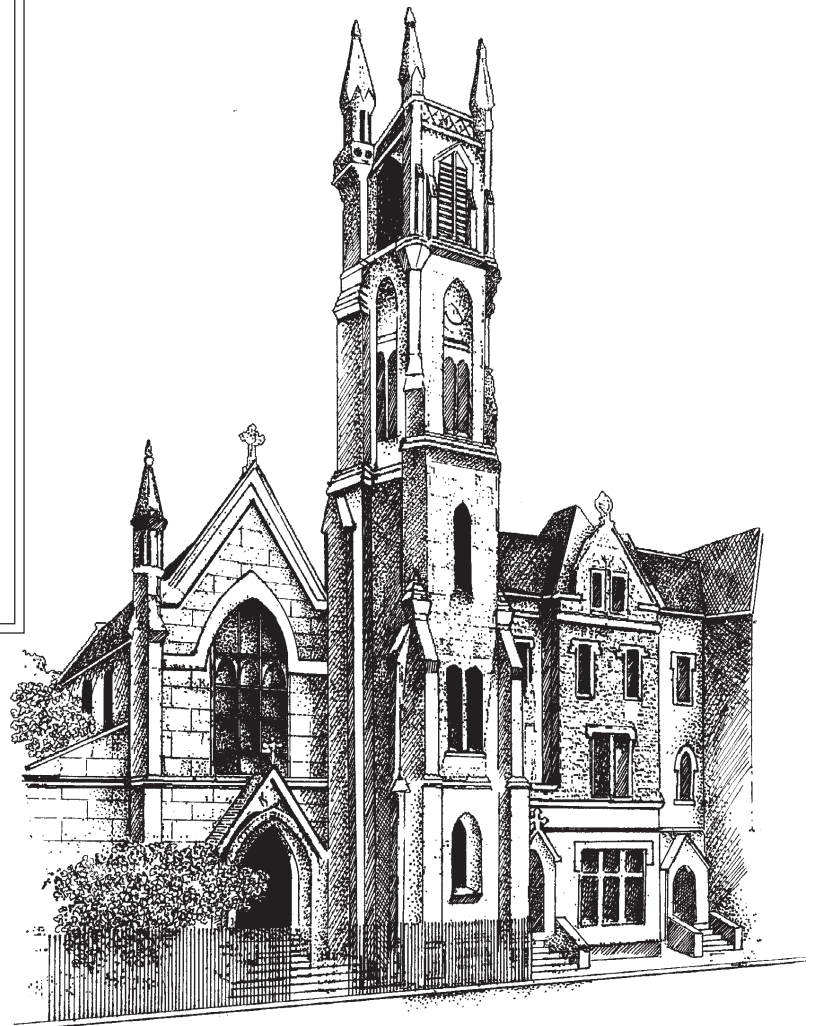
Heather Crimmins

## Finance Council Chairman

George Sim Johnston

## Head Usher

John F.R. Smilgin, III



**Church of St. Thomas More**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near.” The Lord is found in the events of daily life, in the people who surround us, in the depth of our hearts. We just need to stop, look and listen. Turn to Him, not from fear, but because He is merciful and forgiving. Love God, because He loves us.

**Introduction To The Word**

- I. Isaiah 55: 6-9** Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to Him for mercy.
- II. Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a** In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

**Gospel Matthew 20: 1-16A** Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day he pays a full day’s wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”

**At St. Thomas More This Week:**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Event:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
09/21	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
09/22	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
09/23	AA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
09/24	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
09/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
09/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

***Celebrant Schedule***

<b><i>Mass</i></b>	<b><i>September 21</i></b>	<b><i>September 28</i></b>
Sat. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 11:15 a.m.	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun. 5:45 p.m.	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

- 09/22 Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8: 16-18
- 09/23 Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8: 19-21
- 09/24 Prv 30: 5-9; Ps 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9: 1-6

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**  
**ST. JOSEPH’S SEMINARY**

One of the many blessings of this great Archdiocese of New York is its extraordinary seminary system: St. Joseph’s Major Seminary; St. John Neumann Residence and Hall, located on the Seminary property, for men preparing to enter St. Joseph’s Seminary; and the Cathedral Preparatory Program in our high schools for young men who sense a call from the Lord to serve as priests.

When His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI was here in April he visited St. Joseph’s Seminary and said “The People of God look to you to be holy priests.”

Please know of our gratitude for whatever you can do to assist these young men in becoming your good and holy priests one day soon.

Fr. Boehning

- 09/25 Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- 09/26 Eccl 3: 1-11; Ps 144: 1b & 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9: 18-22
- 09/27 Eccl 11: 9-12: 8; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Lk 9: 43b-45

**MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 –  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

**Monday, September 22**

7:00 D'Jharly Baer (l)  
8:00 Roberto Arguello (d)  
12:15 Hugh O'Connor (d)

**Tuesday, September 23**

7:00 Hugh O'Connor (d)  
8:00 Gloria A. Landry (d)  
12:15 Michael Marino II (d)

**Wednesday, September 24**

7:00 Milagros Mates (d)  
8:00 Joanne Lyons (d)  
12:15 In Thanksgiving

**Thursday, September 25**

7:00 Mihovil Rucando (d)  
8:00 Mary Gillespie (d)  
12:15 Nino Cesareo (d)

**Friday, September 26**

7:00 Terry White (d)  
8:00 Terry White (d)  
12:15 Fiona Phillips (d)

**Saturday, September 27**

8:00 Annukka Espisto (d)  
12:15 Theodore Borker (d)  
5:45 No Intention

***PARISH COUNCIL***

We welcome *Heather Crimmins*, the new Parish Council President; *Walter Higgins*, Vice President; and *Robin Poulos*, Secretary.

The **Parish Council** will hold its first monthly meeting for the new year on Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. in our Rochester Room. All members of the Parish are cordially invited.

***BOOMERS & BEYOND***

Boomers & Beyond, for 50+ parishioners who are widowed, single or divorced, will hold their first meeting on Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Lounge at St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue (83<sup>rd</sup> Street)

For More Information or to RSVP call 646-241-1332 or [BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com](mailto:BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com)

**The World Community for Christian Meditation  
Presents**

**LAURENCE FREEMAN, OSB**  
***The Hunger for Depth and Meaning:  
Meditation as a Global Spirituality***

CHURCH OF ST. LUKE IN THE FIELDS SEPTEMBER 24, 2008  
487 HUDSON ST. @ GROVE 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.  
NEW YORK CITY'S WEST VILLAGE DONATION \$20.00

For further information: [WCCMNYEVENTS@AOL.COM](mailto:WCCMNYEVENTS@AOL.COM) or 212-831-4074

**The Education & Communication Committee of  
The Parish Council of Church of St. Thomas More  
Presents**

**REV. LAWRENCE BOADT, C.S.P.**  
***The Spiritual Vision of St. Paul for Catholics***  
***Today***

The Rochester Room of Church of St. Thomas More  
Monday, September 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
Free Will Offering Accepted

For further information: [www.thomasmorechurch.org](http://www.thomasmorechurch.org) or 212-876-7718

**The Family Life – Respect Life Office of the  
Archdiocese of New York and  
The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer  
Present**

An afternoon conference to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Janet Smith, whose books and recordings on the subject of contraception are well known. She will deliver two lectures: "Humanae Vitae: Controversy and Prophecy" and "The Connection Between Contraception and Same-Sex Unions." The conference will also include a panel discussion with three professional couples who will share their experience of living the Church's teaching.

CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER OCTOBER 4, 2008  
869 LEXINGTON AVENUE @ 66<sup>TH</sup> ST. 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.  
NO FEE

For more information, call 212-679-8166.

***OPEN HOUSE***

***AT***

***REGIS HIGH SCHOOL***

For 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Their Parents  
**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street 212-288-1100  
[edimiche@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimiche@regis-nyc.org)

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Early in the summer I reached out to several priests to ask if they would consider celebrating Mass for us on occasional Sundays throughout the year. Two priests agreed to do this. One is Fr. James Van Dyke, S.J., who is Rector (not Pastor) of the Jesuit community at St. Ignatius Loyola. You might remember that he gave our Parish Lenten Retreat this year. He celebrated the 12:30 Mass here on September 6.

The other is Fr. Anthony Andreassi, C.O., who is attached to the Oratory Church of St. Boniface in Brooklyn and also is on the faculty of Regis High School in Manhattan. He will be celebrating the 10:00 and 11:15 Mass here next Sunday.

My hope is that our occasional guest celebrants will add variety to the liturgies already offered by our resident clergy.

In addition, Fr. Francis Ong, S.S., who left us one year ago to enter a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) residency program at the Veterans Medical Center in Alexandria, Louisiana is returning to New York. He will be in residence here and celebrate Mass for us until he goes to a new assignment.

Fr. Boehning