

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More

OLGC - 230 East 90th Street - STM - 65 East 89th Street
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December 1, 2019

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - OLGC

Saturday Evening: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m. - Spanish Mass
11:30 a.m. - Choral Mass
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - STM

Saturday Evening: 5:45 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - Family Mass
Sunday Afternoon: 12:00 p.m. - Choral Mass
Sunday Evening: 5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES - OLGC

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES - STM

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS - OLGC

Monday thru Friday - 5:45 pm
Saturday 4:30 – 5:15 pm

CONFESSIONS - STM

Monday thru Friday
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm

BAPTISM

OLGC - 12:30 pm on Sunday
STM - 1:00 pm on Sunday
(Arrangements must be made six weeks 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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First Sunday of Advent

We Catholics begin each new church year with the season of Advent as a consistent reminder of the eschatological (the study and understanding of the 'end times') place we Christians live in. We prepare, anticipate, and celebrate the gift of the birth of Jesus Christ, and we wait in hope for the return of Jesus as the Son of Man. The first reading from Isaiah presents what would become one of the central images used by the prophets to capture Israel's imagination for the coming messianic age: "The House of the Lord," the locus for universal peace among the nations and the peoples.

The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans reminds us that "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Each season of Advent, the first Gospel reading is taken from Jesus' eschatological discourse. He warns his disciples to "stay awake," since no one knows "on which day your Lord will come." This highlights an important element in Jesus' preaching about the kingdom of God: the kingdom of God was both a present reality in and through Jesus as Son of Man, as well as a future reality, awaiting fulfillment by Jesus as the Son of Man.

Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Mon.: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tues.: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wed.: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thur.: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri.: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sat.: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

The STM FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL Continues

If you have not yet chosen to participate in this appeal, we urge you to reconsider contributing to this special collection. This appeal helps our parish to meet its extraordinary expenses, which will occur as we strive to maintain our one-hundred plus-year-old building, and helps us to continue our programs and their related expenses even when parishioners are traveling or are absent from their home parish.

Fun for a Cause

December 13th - 7pm OLGc Parish Hall

Youth and Families come together for a wrapping party. We assemble toiletry kits for our community in need. We will have a wrapping station, a toiletry kit station and an area for younger kids to make ornaments for the Christmas Tree in the Parish Hall. There will be a few tables selling Christmas items and of course, food and refreshments. Please contact Marcelle Devine, Coordinator Religious Education olgcnycrc@gmail.com 212 289 1742

Preparing for Baptism of your First Child:

Parents MUST Pre-Register for a Preparation Meeting and Attend a Meeting on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00PM in the OLGc Rectory.

The Next Session will be held on

Tuesday December 3rd

To Pre-Register for the Meeting call 212-289-1742 by 6pm on the day before the class. Baptisms take place on Sundays afternoons (12:30pm at OLGc & 1pm at STM).

To schedule Baptisms for other children please call your Church Rectory.

BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Angel Program will continue to Early December

Participants can select an Angel Tag from the tree in the rear of the church & purchase a gift for a child in need to make it a truly memorable Christmas. Thank you for making this a huge success last year - Let's do it again!

Handcrafted Olivewood from the Holy Land **After each Sunday Mass at OLGc and STM** **Saturday Nov 30th and Sunday Dec 1st**

Start your Christmas shopping early and consider a handcrafted olivewood carving from the Holy Land. The olivewood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of Holy Land Christians. Many members of this shrinking population rely upon this art form as their primary source of income. Without this income, many craftspeople and their families will be forced to leave their traditional trade and homeland, and emigrate to find relief from the difficult conditions they endure. The loss of Christians in the land of Christ's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian Tradition.

Youth and Family Sandwich Making

The Youth and Family Sandwich Making program makes and delivers 250+ peanut free sandwiches each month to the New York Common Pantry.

To sign up for **12/08/2019** event please visit:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-20192020>

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 1st

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. John Ekei
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Biagi SJ
Sun 10:15am	Fr. Florio SJ (Spanish Community)
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Florio SJ
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. Madigan

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 01</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	TBD
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin	Maria Nonni
Sun 10:15am	TBD	Gloria Albelo Maria Aide Rodriguez Gladys Muñiz
Sun 11:30am	Maryellen Nugent Lee	Chris Williams
Sun 6:00pm	Terri O'Connor	Gladys Cruz

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 8th

Sat 5:30pm	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. Montgomery

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 08</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	TBD
Sun 9:00am	Jamie Johnson	Anthony Badalamenti
Sun 10:15am	TBD	Alfredo López Rosana Ramirez & Gloria Albelo
Sun 11:30am	Paula Cianci	Joseph McLaughlin
Sun 6:00pm	Terri O'Connor	Carol Hopkins

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration December 15th - 11:30am to 3:00pm OLGC Parish Hall

Part of Mexican life for nearly 500 years, we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with a special mass, a serenata (serenade), matachines (dancers), a procession, and the singing of the traditional song Las Mañanitas.

Domingo 15 de diciembre Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 11:30 am a 3:00 pm pm Salón Parroquial Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo. Parte de la vida mexicana durante casi 500 años, celebramos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con una misa especial, una serenata, matachines (bailarines), una procesión y el canto de la canción tradicional Las Mañanitas. ¡Únete a nosotros!

Mass Intentions and Feast Days

AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

December 1 – December 7

Mon. December 02

9:00 St. Philomena for the Spiritual Guidance of all Priests

6:00 Alexander Mezo (D)

Tues. December 03

St. Francis Xavier

9:00 Mario Pereira dos Santos (D)

6:00 Special Intention

Wed. December 04

St. John Damascene

9:00 Sarah Rodriguez (L)

6:00 Dorothy Vazquez (D)

Thurs. December 05

9:00 Richard Grunwald (L)

6:00

Fri. December 06

St. Nicholas

9:00 Evelia Rivera de Avila (D)

6:00 Special Intention

Sat. December 07

St. Ambrose

9:00 Joseph Luongo (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Purgatorial Society

Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses

CHRISTMAS TEA TASTING

Sunday, December 15th – 4:00pm

St. Thomas More Rectory Lobby

Enjoy a tea tasting and accompanying sweet treats. Here is your chance to sample exotic teas such as Magnolia Blossom Oolong, Yunnan Golden Monkey, Keemun Mao Feng, and much more as we celebrate the Christmas season! Questions, please email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com or call (212) 876 7718

Caroling: Boomers and Beyond

You are invited to bring the magic of Christmas to the residents of the Lott Assisted Living Residence, 1261 Fifth Avenue, btw 107th/108th Street, on Sunday, **December 1st from 1:30 - 3:00 PM.**

To sign up, please use the following link:

<https://signup.com/login/entry/8169883568391300125>

**This Sunday's Second Collection at
OLGC will be taken to help support
Parish Operations.**

EVENTS

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
11/30	Holy Land Gifts	after 5:30pm Mass
12/01	Holy Land Gifts	after each Mass
	Spanish Community Coffee Hour	11:30am
12/03	Pre-Baptism Class (Registration Required)	
12/04	Legion of Mary – English	2:30pm
	Senior Bingo	1pm
12/05	Legion of Mary - Spanish	6:45pm
12/06	First Friday Devotion	10:30am to 12pm
	All Night Vigil	9pm to 5am
12/07	Homeless Breakfast Program	7am
	First Saturday Devotion	
	Purgatorial Society Mass	5:30pm
	F/S Devotion Group	After the 5:30pm Mass
	Catholic Underground	7:30pm – 10:30pm

Note: AA Meetings are held each day at 12Noon and 4pm, and on Saturday at 10:30am

Please remember the sick, especially

Lisa Angioletti, Maritza Gregoire de Arauz, Salvatore Badalamenti, Robin Balsky, Emma Barruffi, Joanie Bausch, Addisu Bekele, Jorge Antonio Berrio, Thomas Blanchfield, Joseph Bordzuk, Svetlana Botvinnic, Maureen Bracken, Juan Rojas Campo, Huguette Canonne, Gonzalo Capellan, Mary Catherine, Roseann Connolly, Maria Dalia, Constantin Dollopis, Aurora Fernandez, The Gourin Family, Israel Garcia, Richard Grunwald, Heloisa Jorge, James Lally, Veronica Martin, Dawn Martinez, Socorro Muriel, Frank Meade, Maria Delia Mojoub, Simaira Olmos, Emma Parsons, Jerome Pinto, Karen Plunket & Family, Alida Quezada, Liz Riker, Carmen Rivera, Delta Robinson, Nereida Rodriguez, Evan Ruiz, Jose Sanchez, Susan Sylvers & Family, Virgilia Vidal, Barbara Wass, and Lillian Wick.

Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group:

The next meeting December 4th (1st & 3rd Wednesday) at 6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room
stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com or call 212-876-7718.

SENIOR CITIZEN HAIRCUT DAY

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall
 When: Wed., December 4th From: 1pm – 3pm - Cost: \$10
 Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Clients are requested to wash their hair prior to arrival
Donations will be used by Respect Life Committee.

Next Sunday Dec. 8th

Second Collection at OLG C

The Annual Archdiocesan *Collection for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers*. This collection affords us an opportunity to offer those religious, who are in their senior years, our love, thanks and support, by helping to provide for their needs.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Note: This collection will be taken at STM on Dec 15th

St. Thomas More

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
11/30	Holy Land Gifts	after 5:45pm Mass
12/01	Holy Land Gifts	after each Mass
	Caregivercare – Computer Class	11am
	Coffee Hour	11am
12/02	Caregivercare –Italian Class	2pm
	Caregivercare –Italian Movie	3pm
12/03	Leisure Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass	
	Caregivercare –Stress Management	2pm
12/04	Christian Meditation	6pm
	Separated & Divorced Catholics	6:30pm
12/05	Healing Mass	7pm
12/06	Caregivercare – Physical Activity	11am
	Youth – Pizza, Video &	
	Toiletry Kit Assembly	2:30pm
	Caregivercare – Dance Movement	3pm

AA Meetings are held on Monday at 6:15pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (men's only) at 6:30pm in the Chelsea Room.

HELP NEEDED FOR ALL MINISTRIES

Both of our Churches need your help. Consider taking on one of these important roles as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Youth Altar Server or Adult / Youth Usher. Please call 212 876 7718 or email stmparishprograms@gmail.com

Santa Brunch – Sunday December 8th

All Our Lady of Good Counsel & St. Thomas More parishioners are invited to share good food and holiday cheer in the STM Rochester Room after the 10:00am Mass. At this event we will also accept new and gently used coats for the homeless. Bring the entire family. By the way, Santa promised to make an appearance.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Choir is Recruiting.

There are vacancies for Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Basses. Our Volunteer Choir sings a wide range of music in a friendly atmosphere. Rehearsals are on Sunday at 10:30 in the Rectory prior to the 11:30 Mass. For information contact joandecaro@aol.com.

A LECTURE-DISCUSSION-FORUM SERIES

Dr. James T. Como presents:

“A Constellation of Christian Authors, Lest We Forget”
 The first in a series of participatory lecture-discussions, Dr. Como will explore the humanity and faith in each selected Christian Author's work.

Topic: ***The Bridge of San Luis Rey*** by Thornton Wilder
 Tuesday, December 10th 7pm STM Rochester Room
 For information, email stmparishprograms@gmail.com
 or call 212 876 7718

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 1st

Sat 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 8:30am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dev. 01</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Mark Tulli	Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Dana Family	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Nilsa Santiago	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Hannah & Anthony Dent	Cecilia Vonderheide

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 8th

Sat 5:45pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 8:30am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Biagi SJ
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. Madigan
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Madigan

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dev. 08</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	Nick Farnham	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Louisa Martin	TBD
Sun 10:00am	Montgomery Family	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Christine Stonbely	Beverly O'Grady
Sun 5:45pm	Chris Baldwin	Cecilia Vonderheide

OLGC - First Friday – December 6th

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - from 10:30am to 12pm.
ALL-NIGHT VIGIL – beginning with Mass at 9:00 PM followed by prayers and meditations throughout the night, ending with a 5am Mass.

OLGC - First Saturday December 7th

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY - 5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION GROUP
 After the 5:30 Mass
CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND - 7:30pm – 10:30pm
 A cultural apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, with Eucharistic adoration, Vespers (Evening Prayer), Benediction and a showcase of Catholic artists.

Christian Meditation Wed. Dec. 4th at 6:00pm
 STM Chapel - Facilitator: Donald Main
 415-336-2165 costmny@christianmeditation.us

Mass Intentions and Feast Days at St. Thomas More

December 1 – December 7

Mon. December 02

8:00 Jimmy Javier (D)
 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Tues. December 03 *St. Francis Xavier*

8:00 Jean Carney (L)
 12:15 Dr. Jose Bautista (D)

Wed. December 04 *St. John Damascene*

8:00 Dr. Jose Bautista (D)
 12:15 Kenneth Lyons (D)

Thurs. December 05

8:00 Doris DeMarco (D)
 12:15 Joanne Slusser (D)

Fri. December 06 *St. Nicholas*

8:00
 12:15 James Gorman (D)

Sat. December 07 *St. Ambrose*

8:00
 12:15 Arthur J. Sonnicks III (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 John Rottner (D)

Rosary prayed after 12:15pm Mass

Sunday Coffee Hour: We extend our thanks to our volunteer for hosting this Sunday's event, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. We look forward to meeting you there after the 10:00am Family Mass.

You are also invited to become a Coffee Hour Volunteer
 To volunteer, please use the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-coffee>
TOYS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN

We are in need of new or gently used toys for children ages 2-8. We have many children who enjoy playtime during our Coffee Hour.

A Benefit Christmas Concert **Celebrating Saint Pio of Pietrelcina**

Thursday, December 5, 2019 - Time: 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM
 Merkin Hall 129 West 67th Street Cost: \$50 - \$100
 Event Contact: Tara Dolan - Phone: 203-416-1471

E-mail: office@saintpiofoundation.org

Note: to purchase tickets at a 50% discount use code PP1887 or PP1968. The offer is valid until Thursday, November 28, 2019.

For information and to purchase tickets visit:

<https://www.kaufmanmusiccenter.org/mch/event/benefit-christmas-concert-celebrating-saint-pio/>