

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

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Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses

Fun for Cause

Thank you to all those who participated in our annual Fun for Cause on December 13th. It was a fun night for a good cause. We wrapped over 100 gifts and assembled over 125 toiletry kits for the homeless.

*The clergy and staff of
Our Lady of Good Counsel &
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wish you and your family a blessed
and healthy New Year
Rev. Kevin Madigan*

EVENTS

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/28	Homeless Breakfast Program	7am
12/29	Spanish Community Coffee Hr.	11:30am
01/01	Parish Office Closed	
01/02	Legion of Mary - Spanish	6:45pm
01/03	First Friday Devotion	
01/02	First Saturday Devotion	

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN HAIRCUT DAY

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall
When: Wednesday, January 8th ***NEW TIME: 1PM-3PM***
Cost: Free Will Donation
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BY SIGNING UP.
Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel
Clients are requested to wash their hair prior to arrival
All haircuts are provided by Nancy Garcia, a licensed hair stylist
Donations will be used by Respect Life Committee to support women in need.

OLGC - First Friday – January 3rd
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - Parishioners are encouraged to commit to a half hour or hour block of time, from 10:30am to 12pm.

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL – All are invited to the monthly Eucharistic Adoration held in the chapel, beginning with Mass at 9:00 PM, followed by prayers and meditations throughout the night, ending with a 5:00 AM Mass.

OLGC First Saturday – January 4th

Purgatorial Society 5:30pm Vigil Mass
The First Saturday Devotion Group
After the 5:30 Mass

St. Thomas More

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/29	Caregivercare – Computer Class	11am
	Coffee Hour	11am
12/30	Caregivercare –Italian Class	2pm
	Caregivercare –Italian Movie	3pm
12/31	No Leisure Lunch	

Next Leisure Lunch – January 21, 2020

01/01	Parish Office Closed	
	No Christian Meditation	
	Next Meditation – January 8, 2020	
01/02	Healing Mass	7pm
01/03	Caregivercare – Physical Activity	11am
	Caregivercare – Stress Management	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

Christian Meditation Wed. Jan. 8th at 6:00pm

STM Chapel - Facilitator: Donald Main
415-336-2165 costmnycc@christianmeditation.us
The Christian Meditation group invites you to join us for some silent prayer during this Advent season. We meet in the Foley Chapel each Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7pm. Please arrive a little early. Visit www.christianmeditation.us for more information.

SHEEN CENTER

This Advent-Christmas season, The Sheen Center has a lot of memorable, inspiring, and entertaining programming. The season kicks off with The Gospel of John (November 30 to December 29) performed solo in a profound performance by award-winning Broadway veteran Ken Jennings. The Sheen Center also has beautiful music this Christmas with a show by famed pianist George Winston, exquisite harmonies from New York Voices, and a lively Irish Christmas from Lúnasa with special guest Ashley Davis. The Sheen Center for Thought & Culture is a project of the Archdiocese of New York.
SheenCenter.org Box Office: 212-925-2812

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 **01/26/2020** event please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-20192020>

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Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI

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Sat 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Mark Tulli	Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Montgomery Family	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Nilsa Santiago	TBD
Sun 5:45pm	Hannah & Anthony Dent	TBD

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Child Safety

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure. The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect young children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we periodically reach out to the Catholic community to advise them whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr Eileen Clifford, OP at 212-371-1000 X 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org.

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5:45 Stephanie Torres (D)

Rosary prayed after 12:15pm Mass

Sunday Coffee Hour: We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Emily Bolton** 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.signunigenius.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.

Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group:

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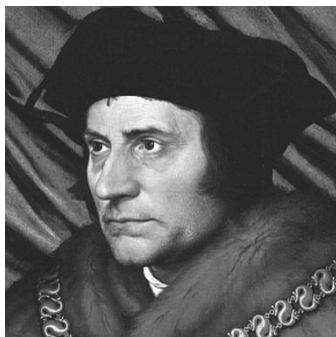
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VISITS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our clergy are happy to visit.
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The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

The readings for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph speak to the importance of respect and honor as foundational to family life. In the first reading, Sirach makes three important assertions related to the family. First, it is God himself who establishes the order and relationships of the family. Second, sin is actually atoned for when children honor, love, and respect their parents. Third, when children revere and care for their parents, God rewards them with a long life and with prayers heard.

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

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Sun.: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
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Tues.: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Wed.: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
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NEXT SUNDAY’S SPECIAL COLLECTION CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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The Winter 2019-20 edition of Archways, the quarterly magazine of the Archdiocese of New York, is now available online at <https://www.archny.org/archways>. Lately, it seems we’re always reading in the mainstream media about the imminent demise of the Catholic Church in America. Supposedly, young Catholics are abandoning the faith in a stampede that will soon empty the churches and leave the few remaining clergy preaching to no one.

This issue’s cover story, “Young and Catholic,” is the antidote to all that, offering ample evidence that the rumors of the Church’s collapse – and its wholesale abandonment by the next generation – are greatly exaggerated. You’ll meet schoolgirls devoted to the Blessed Mother, middle schoolers serving the poor and hungry, and teens and young adults whose selfless dedication to the faith and their fellow humans is an inspiration – and a source of hope – to their elders. Their stories give us confidence that the future of the Church is in good hands.

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Yours in Christ,
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