

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

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May 02, 2021

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - OLGC

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - STM

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

WEEKDAY MASSES - OLGC

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES - STM

Monday thru Saturday 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS - OLGC

Monday thru Friday
8:45 am - 8:55 am
Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

CONFESSIONS - STM

Monday thru Friday
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm
Sunday 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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter point to the importance of putting our faith into action. We are called to “bear much fruit” and love “in deed and truth.” In today’s first reading from Acts we hear about the immediate aftermath of Paul’s conversion. Because of Paul’s earlier persecution of the church, the other apostles were initially afraid of Paul and certainly did not trust him. It was not until the personal testimony of Barnabas that Paul won any level of acceptance among the original apostles.

In the second reading from the First Letter of John the Apostle offers two commandments to follow. The first is “truth”: believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ. The second is “deed”: love one another as Jesus commanded.

In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus refers to himself as “the true vine,” the Father as “the vine grower,” and believers as the “branches.” As people of faith, we are called to bear fruit by preaching the good news of Christ. And Jesus reveals to us that the path of discipleship is not always easy; in fact, followers of Jesus are “pruned” like trees and shrubs in order to bear more fruit. .

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Mon.: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Tues.: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed.: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thur.: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Fri.: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Sat.: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

CAREGIVERCARE (CGC)

As you are no doubt aware, there are within our parish community some family members who take care of their loved ones suffering from dementia at home. Often they find it extremely difficult to be with them 24 hours a day, which of course is absolutely necessary. Employing paid caretakers becomes financially unsustainable. Consequently, there is a need for volunteers to provide these family caretakers with a much-needed break from their responsibilities. If you are willing to volunteer in giving a few hours a week keeping the dementia patient company and comfortably safe, you will be providing their family member with a chance to breathe. If interested please call the Parish Office at St. Thomas More (212-876-7718) or at Our Lady of Good Counsel (212-289-1742). Our parish program, Caregivercare, will train you and provide you with continuing guidance for this ministry of Christian service.

FRESH PRODUCE FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

All of us are still struggling with the uncertainty of these troubled times. People have been affected in a variety of ways and some are living quite close to despair, having lost or close to losing their jobs, their home, and their health insurance.

As part of our effort to help those in need, we will be giving out a large bag of fresh produce to our neighbors who need a helping hand.

To make this plan a reality, we are seeking volunteers on Friday, June 5, from 9:30am to 12pm in front of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, to assist in the distribution of the food, in maintaining order/ social distancing on the line, and in clean up.

If interested please call 212 876 7718 or

Email stmparishprograms@gmail.com.

Jesus has told us that when we give food or drink to a person in need, we are in fact giving it to Him. Here is your chance to do exactly that

Children’s Story & Craft: Stories and crafts for all ages based on each Sunday’s Gospel and lessons are posted every Sunday on our facebook page -

[Facebook.com/thomasmorechurch](https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch). All are invited to view a story and do a craft by clicking one of the links. Feel free to share your favorites and any comments you have.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

with Family and Friends

Wednesday, May 5th - 6:30pm via Zoom

A Dog’s Journey: In this 2019 film, told from the dog’s perspective, we are shown that the journey through life is about how one impacts others and about the lessons one is able to teach and learn.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85045589253?pwd=YmRxaDk5UWl6d244cEFnSHBEREFUQT09>

Youth Lectors

Do you and your family attend mass at Saint Thomas More? If so, we would like to ask if school age children would consider being Youth Lectors. We are seeking children of parishioners who are school age and able to read as a lector at mass. This tradition for the 10am Mass at St. Thomas More has brought so much joy not only to the participating children and their families, but to all in our church family who are so delighted to see and hear our young parishioners. Call 212 876 7718 or email stmparishprograms@gmail.com for more information.

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday – April 25, 2021

Sunday Collection – \$1,700.95

Religious Education - \$503.00

Sunday Attendance – 233

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – May 2nd</u>	
Sat 5:30pm	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
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May 2	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson Terri O'Connor Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin Gladys Cruz Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Michael Huaman – Gloria Albelo Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – May 9th</u>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
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May 09	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson Terri O'Connor Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Barbara Powers Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Soleida Casares – Sofia Blanco Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

We'd like to know what you, our Parishioners, would like to do when you are able to increase your parish participation after the pandemic restrictions becomes a thing of the past. Go to: <https://s.surveypal.com/WhzpIUG7c>

Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL May 02 – May 08

Mon. May 03 *Sts. Philip and James*
9:00 Beverly Hommer (D)

Tues. May 04
9:00 Salvadore Chiamonte (D)

Wed. May 05
9:00 Alice Walsh (D)

Thurs. May 06
9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

Fri. May 07
9:00 Sylvia Lee (D)

Sat. May 08
9:00 Paulo Ramos (D)

Sunday Vigil
5:30 Peter Masterson (D)

Separated and Divorced Catholics Group
May 5th & 13th

Support Group for individuals going through a separation or divorce meet via Zoom at 6:30pm on the First and Third Wednesday and the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81393034198?pwd=WVRDcEhHZ2R2eTNQbEFiblJPbVFEdz09>
Meeting ID: 813 9303 4198 - Passcode: 621761
By Phone: +19294362866,,81393034198#,,,*621761# US
For additional information email:
stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com or call 212-876-7718.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If you are a senior in our parish and need assistance with obtaining a Covid-19 vaccination appointment, **please call the OLGc Parish Office 212-289-1742.**

A Mother's Day Novena
will be celebrated in OLGc
from May 9th to May 17th
An envelope to list your intentions and a collection box will be available in the rear of the church.

Sunday Streaming Mass

Our Parish will offer a Virtual Liturgy on Sunday, May 2nd at 10:00am.

To view the Mass, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch> or our Website www.olgcstm.org (YouTube).

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
05/01	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
05/04	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
05/05	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm
05/05	Separated & Divorced Catholics	6:30pm
05/06	Healing Mass	7:00pm

OLGC First Saturday – May 1st

Purgatorial Society

5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass

This month, please keep the following members of the Purgatorial Society, Rolando Polson and Eileen O'Sullivan, in your prayers. May they be received by Christ and given peace.

Parish Telephone Activities

The Rosary – Tuesday at 5pm

Dial 712 775 7031, then enter Access Code 835570#

Led by Monsignor McCahill, to hear each other's voices in unison for the first time in a long while and experience the powerful presence of our Lord together

Daily Readings (English and Spanish)

<http://www.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Daily Mass Readings (Audio - English)

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>

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 May 4th

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

OLGC – STM's Youth and Family

Sandwich Making Program 2020-2021 Program

Each month this community outreach service has been able to assemble, individually pack, and deliver more than 250 sandwiches to the New York Common Pantry for their brown bag meal service. This year Sandwich Making will take place in the STM Rochester Room on Sundays from 12noon to 1pm on the following dates:

May 16th; and Jun 13th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-youth1>

For further information, email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com.

Helping Hands Volunteers

Need assistance with groceries and other items? We can help. Just let us know what you need and one of our volunteers will do the shopping and deliver to your door, and you can reimburse them when they arrive. We want to help you through any difficulties; please let us! Contact stmparishprograms@gmail.com or call 212 876 7718 and let us know how we may help you!

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Looking for insightful conversation?

Join the Parish Book Club!

Thursday, May 20th 7:00pm - St. Thomas More

At our next meeting we plan to discuss

The selected stories of Anton Chekhov.

If you can't come in person, join the

Telephone Conference Call:

712 770 5505 and enter Access Code 327632#.

CENTRAL PARK TOUR

The Belvedere Tour - Beautiful View

Sunday May 9th at 2:00pm

Meet at the Belvedere Castle, inside Central Park, mid-park at 79th Street for a memorable 90-minute walk in Central Park.

Reservation Required

Email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com

or Call/Text 917 319 6243

The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal Continues!

The Cardinal's Appeal funds many ministries and apostolates across the Archdiocese of New York.

Click here to learn more about the ways the Young Adult Outreach Office is helping an upcoming generation grow in deeper relationship with Christ.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUBhrnTZ_Pg.

How Do Catholics Read the Bible?

Final Session: May 6 at 7pm on Zoom.

While many Americans approach scripture from a literalist perspective, the Catholic tradition embraces much richer methods of interpretation. Our class meetings, led by Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, will examine both contemporary and traditional ways of reading Scripture. Above all we will reflect on how our church hears the Word and responds under the Spirit's guidance.

To register, please contact Brian directly at:

brianbpinter@gmail.com.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday – April 25, 2021

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Sunday Attendance – 226

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Sun 10:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. O’Hara OMI
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Montgomery
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May 2	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
Sun 10:00am	Williams Family Armistead & Fielding Williams Daniel Flynn Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Louisa Martin Barry O’Grady J. Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar
Sun 5:45pm	Ross Family Margarita Barrera Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – May 9th</u>	
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O’Hara OMI
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May 9	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
Sun 10:00am	Dana-Goldberg Family Tara Dana-Goldberg Daniel Flynn Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Gisela White Barry O’Grady J. Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar
Sun 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers:

We are in great need of your help in serving the parish - please call: 212-876-7718
or email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com.

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Tues. May 04

12:15 Ann McMahon Bogart (D)

Wed. May 05

12:15 Dr. Sina Zaim (D)

Thurs. May 06

12:15 James Matthew Brogan (D)

Fri. May 07

12:15 Lydia Rombauer Brown (D)

Sat. May 08

12:15 Barbara Cassidy (D)

All parishioners are invited to contribute to the
Parish Family Cookbook.

Everyone has their favorite recipes and we would be honored if you would share yours with us.

To submit your recipes:

Email stmparishprograms@gmail.com

Text 917 319 6243

Drop off your recipe at either Parish Office
Or mail to St. Thomas More - Parish Programs

We Share: WeShare is a very simple way for you to continue to financially support our parish. To enroll in WeShare please visit the parish website www.olgcstm.org and use the church specific “DONATE” button. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Litcher in the STM parish office.

STM - SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND – MAY 08 & 09

All STM parishioners will receive a mailing this week about our Spring Semi-Annual Appeal. Our usual focus is to go beyond simply making up for much lower Sunday collections during the warm months and look to building up reserves for major projects and programs. Please read the letter carefully and respond as generously as you can.



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