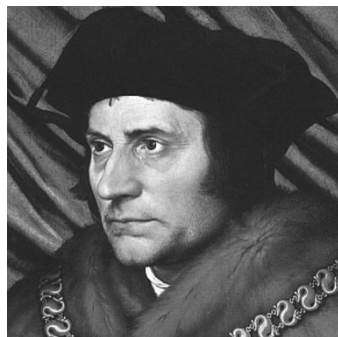


Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More

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December 16, 2018

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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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December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Each year we hear about John the Baptist in the Gospel readings for the second and third Sundays of Advent. Although most of his words and deeds are not preserved in the Gospels, John's role in salvation history should not be underestimated. The common reference to John the Baptist as the forerunner to Christ captures only one aspect of his public ministry. John fueled the messianic hopes of an entire generation of Jews who longed to hear and ponder the prophetic messages of old.

Of the four New Testament Gospel writers, Luke is the most sensitive to historical detail. The opening words of today's Gospel reading are a good example. Luke is very careful to place the activities of John the Baptist within the political and religious leadership of the late AD 20s. Aside from John living in the desert for most of his life (which is why many have theorized John grew up and was formed by the Essene community), little is known about John until he emerges from the desert as a prophet who proclaimed "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." John's call for repentance (in Greek, *metanoia*) required a total commitment, literally a change of heart and mind, before the initiate would receive baptism from John. Curiously, Luke introduces John the Baptist not by quoting John, but by quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah, which were spoken during Israel's captivity in Babylon, around 550 BC. Like the great and legendary prophet Isaiah, John was a prophet about to reveal to "all flesh... the salvation of God."

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Mon.: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Tues.: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Wed.: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Thur.: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Fri.: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Sat.: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Christian Meditation Wednesday, Dec 19th at 6:00pm -
STM Chapel Facilitator: Donald Main 415-336-2165
costmnyrc@christianmeditation.us

The Next Parish Council Meeting is

Monday, December 17th at 7pm

in the St. Thomas More – Rochester Room.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Promptness is Appreciated.

Preparing for Baptism: To have your child baptized, 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 OLGRC Rectory. **To Pre-Register call 212-289-1742** by 6pm on the day before the class. Baptisms take place on Sundays afternoons (12:30pm at OLGRC & 1pm at STM).

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY JANUARY 8TH

The Winter 2018-2019 edition of *Archways*, the quarterly magazine of the Archdiocese of New York, is now available! This issue is digital-only. View or download it now at archny.org/archways.

Christmas Brunch with Santa!

All parishioners are invited to our annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 16 after the 10:00AM mass in the Rochester Room. Share good food and holiday cheer – and Santa promises to make an appearance.

At this event we will also accept new and gently used coats for the homeless.

Bring the entire family!

Light refreshments will be served.

Christmas Schedule 2018

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Christmas Eve

6:00pm, 8:00pm (Spanish Mass)

and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

9:00am, and 11:30am (Last Mass of the Day)

St. Thomas More

Christmas Eve

4:00pm (Family Mass), 6:00pm and

10:00pm

Christmas Day

8:30am, 10:00am

and 12:00 Noon (Last Mass of the Day)

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec 16th

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

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	Mary Ann Batory
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin	Maria Nonni
Sun 10:15am	Altamir de Oliveira TBD	Gloria Albelo Maria Muñoz Enedelia Suárez
Sun 11:30am	Ike Omoruyi	Joseph McLaughlin
Sun 6:00pm	Ryan D'Uva	Carol Hopkins

Sunday – December 09, 2018

Regular Collection - \$3,175.61
Religious Retirement - \$2,001.66
Attendance – 602

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec 23rd

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

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	Terri O'Connor
Sun 9:00am	Jamie Johnson	Sylvia Morales
Sun 10:15am	Altamir de Oliveira Gloria Perez	Jorge Noriega Maria Noriega Enedelia Suárez
Sun 11:30am	Chris Williams	Greg D'Uva
Sun 6:00pm	TBD	Gladys Cruz

Please remember the sick, especially

Salvatore Badalamenti, Rosalie Bakal, Joanie Bausch, Carol Bohan, Maureen Bracken, Aurora Fernandez, The Gourin Family, Bernie Helgason, Veronica Martin, Dawn Martinez, Matilda Mondol, Socorro Muriel, Veronica Martin, Frank Meade, Dora Mintz, Jose Alberto Muga, Liz Riker, Nereida Rodriguez, Peter Rodriguez, Sarah Rodriguez, Kathleen Steed, Pinar Ust, Barbara Wass, Harriet & Charlie Weiss, and Lillian Wick.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL December 16 – December 22

Mon. December 17

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

6:00 Fr Thomas P. D'Angelou (D)

Tues. December 18

9:00 Members of the Legion of Mary (D)

6:00 Goretta Potter (D)

Wed. December 19

9:00 Special Intention

6:00 Mother Angelica, PCPA (D)

Thurs. December 20

9:00 Special Intention

6:00 Gladys Sanchez (D)

Fri. December 21

St. Peter Canisius

9:00 Special Intention

6:00 Joseph Gioviane (L)

Sat. December 22

9:00 Catherine Nulty (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Rosalino A. Abel (D)

Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: We are in great need of your help. Serve the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, For more information please call: 212-876-7718 or email STMParishPrograms@gmail.com

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: If you need help or would like to become a member of our society, please email bobterrylosangeles@gmail.com. Contributions should be mailed to Our Lady of Good Counsel and made payable to The St. Vincent De Paul Society.

This week's Second Collection in OLGC will be taken to help support our Religious Education Program.

OLGC Ushers Wanted and Needed: We want you to actively participate in the life of our parish and specifically we need Ushers to greet parishioners, distribute literature, help with collections, and assist with other tasks that our church community may require to promote its smooth and friendly operation. If you would like to take part in this important and necessary work, please contact the **OLGC Parish Office at 212-289-1742.**

EVENTS

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/16	Spanish Community La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Coffee Hr	11:30am
	AA Meetings	1:30 – 2:30 & 3:30 – 4:30pm
12/17	Blue Army	10:00am
12/18	Legion of Mary - Spanish	9:30am
12/19	Senior Bingo Legion of Mary – English	1pm 2:30pm
12/22	Saturday Morning Breakfast AA – Anti-Anxiety Meeting AA – Garrison Meeting	7 - 8:30am 11:30am 1pm

SENIOR CITIZEN HAIRCUT DAY

OLGC Parish Hall – *No December Appointments Available*

Next Scheduled Date: Wednesday Jan 2nd from 1PM-3PM

Cost: Free Will Donation

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Sign-up sheet in OLGC Parish Hall

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.

Spanish Christmas Novenas – Las Posadas

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

- December 16, 2018 - Spain & Cuba
- December 17, 2018 - Guatemala & Brazil
- December 18, 2018 - Colombia
- December 19, 2018 - Ecuador & Peru
- December 20, 2018 - Chile & Honduras
- December 21, 2018 - Puerto Rico & Honduras
- December 22, 2018 - Mexico
- December 23, 2018 - Panama
- December 24, 2018 - All Countries

Advent Reconciliation Monday

December 17, 2018

4:00pm To 8:00pm

St Thomas More

4-5pm Msgr. McCahill

5-6pm Fr. Madigan

Our Lady Of Good Counsel

6-7pm Msgr. McCahill

7-8pm Fr. Montgomery

St. Thomas More

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/16	Christmas Brunch with Santa	11am
12/17	Caregivercare – Italian Class Parish Council Meeting	4pm 7pm
12/18	Leisure Lunch (After the 12:15 Mass) <i>Last Lunch until end of January</i>	
	Caregivercare – Italian Film	1:45m
	Caregivercare – Computer Class	4:30pm
12/19	Christian Meditation Separated & Divorced Catholics	6pm 6:30pm
12/21	Caregivercare – Physical Activity	4:30pm

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

Caregiverscare, a program of activities at STM to protect the health of the brain, designed for people over 50, has begun its Fall schedule. It includes activities in theater, movies, learning Italian, yoga and a computer class for novices on up. All are free of charge.

A Concert for Christmas

Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 7:30 PM

Location: Church of Our Saviour, 59 Park Avenue

When: Wednesday, December 19 - Time: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$20

Description/Details: The Choir of the Church of Our Saviour will present its annual Christmas Concert. The concert will feature traditional Christmas Carols, along with music both familiar and unfamiliar. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some glorious Christmas music!

Email: pjm@oursaviournyc.org

Phone: 212-679-8166

2018 Holy Rosary Christmas Lunch (East Harlem)

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018

From 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Catholic Charities currently provides case management support for the homeless residents of Bowery Residents Committee (BRC). At this location in East Harlem, Catholic Charities would like to serve the residents a home cooked meal before Christmas. Compassionate volunteers are needed to help set up, greet clients, and help serve dinner. Volunteers (must be at least 18 years old) should be comfortable working with the homeless population, particularly those living with a variety of challenges. This is Holy Rosary's 3rd sit-down Christmas event! During this special event, our clients are able to enjoy a delicious catered food of their choice. Gifts, entertainment and lost of fun is the hallmark of this Christmas gathering!

To Sign Up: Contact Opportunity Leader: Amaris White
<https://www.catholiccharitiesnycvolunteer.org/opportunity/aoCoW0000onkLxEUAU#>
Full opportunity address and directions will be sent to you by e-mail after you sign up.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec. 16th	
Sat 5:45pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 8:30am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Montgomery

Lector/EM Mass Schedule		
Dec 16	Lector	EM
Sat 5:45pm	Nick Farnham	Dr. Robert Guida
Sun 8:30am	Mark Tulli	TBD
Sun 10:00am	Branche Family	Dan Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Gisela White	Cecilia Vonderheide
Sun 5:45pm	Chris Baldwin	Diana Chiavetta

Sunday – December 09, 2018
 Regular Collection - \$9,461.75
 Religious Retirement - \$2,993.55
Attendance – 556

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec. 23rd	
Sat 5:45pm	Fr. O’Hara OMI
Sun 8:30am	Fr. O’Hara OMI
Sun 10:00am	Fr. O’Hara OMI
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O’Hara OMI

Lector/EM Mass Schedule		
Dec 23	Lector	EM
Sat 5:45pm	The Rosses	Dr. Robert Guida
Sun 8:30am	Louisa Martin	TBD
Sun 10:00am	Kehoe Family	Dan Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Bob Burke	TBD
Sun 5:45pm	Rory Kelleher	Julia Shea

2018 – 2019 Youth & Family
Sandwich-Making

This school year community outreach program makes and delivers more than 250 sandwiches each month to the NY Common Pantry. Our next event will be held on **Sunday, Jan 27th, from 12noon – 1pm in the Rochester Room.**

To sign up for this event, please use the following link
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49aeaf2ba4fb6-2018>.

Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group
 The next meeting Dec 19th (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
 at 6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room.
stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com or call 212-876-7718.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE December 16 – December 22

Mon. December 17
 8:00 Patrick R. Sheridan (D)
 12:15 Mary Lawlor (D)

Tues. December 18
 8:00 John F. P. Lamb (L)
 12:15 Elizabeth & Joseph Hughes (D)

Wed. December 19
 8:00 Barbara Root (D)
 12:15 Luis Alvarez (D)

Thurs. December 20
 8:00 Eugennie “Rose” Cameron (D)
 12:15 Bill Dinger (D)

Fri. December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*
 8:00 William O. Murphy (D)
 12:15 Katherine & Peter Leonard (D)

Sat. December 22
 8:00 Christine Reilly (D)
 12:15 Roberto Arquello (D)

Sunday Vigil
 5:45 Mary Benjamin (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 STM Coffee Hour Volunteer
 To volunteer, please use the following link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-coffee>.
 The parishioner volunteers are the heart of this important community outreach program and your participation will go a long way toward insuring its success in the future.
Children's Story & Craft: All Children are invited to listen to a story and do a craft in the Rochester Room.
 Please help us – we need parent volunteers to read and organize activities. All materials provided!

Glad Tidings - Christmas Concert

Church of Ignatius Loyola – Park Avenue and 84th Street
 Sun. Dec. 16th - 3:00pm - 5:00pm (Doors Open 2:15pm)
 Cost: \$25.00 - \$88.00
 Combined Choirs and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
 Description: A heart-warming yearly favorite that includes traditional carols for the whole family to sing together.
 Tickets and Information: Call: 212-288-2520