

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

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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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we see that through all the struggles and the growing pains of the early Christian communities, they remained focused on their faith in the resurrected Christ. Today's first reading from Acts opens with the comment, "The number of disciples continued to grow." Two issues were quickly emerging: how best to handle community members with different cultural backgrounds and how best to serve the special needs of specific community members (the "widows"). Peter and the apostles found a solution: "Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men." We see in this decision by the apostles the early stages of an emerging church structure that impacts the Church to this day. The office of deacon (from the Greek, *diakonia*, translated as "service") has as its patron Saint Stephen, who was one of the seven.

We continue to hear from 1 Peter as the second reading during the Easter season. Throughout the letter, the author inserts texts from the Hebrew Scriptures as a means of demonstrating how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

The Gospel reading is taken from John's farewell discourse. The apostles struggle to understand the meaning of Jesus' words in terms of his destiny and his identity with the Father. In terms of his destiny, they know the way: simply follow Jesus for he is "the way and the truth and the life." In terms of being shown the Father, Jesus again confirms for them: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Mon.: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tues.: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed.: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thur.: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Fri.: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Sat.: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Coronavirus Update: *The Archdiocese will continue to monitor advisories from Catholic and other organizations regarding precautions on the Coronavirus and share any appropriate information with all of the faithful and specifically with the OLG&STM parish.*

All public Masses are canceled, until further notice, including both Sunday and weekday Masses. Both the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the church of St. Thomas More are open daily from 9:00am to 3:00pm for private prayer. Upon reasonable request, confessions may be heard, preferably by "appointment" in the parish office or some other appropriate place, such as the church when it is open for private prayer.

A very special thank you to our parishioners who recently helped deliver goods to our elder parishioners. Thank you for showing True Community Kindness.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to pick up and/or order groceries and sundries for elders in our parish community.

- As a volunteer, you are supplied with a list of goods to purchase and an address to deliver to.
- Pick up the goods and let Parish Programs know the final cost.
- Payment for goods would be left for volunteers at the address delivered to.

Contact : stmparishprograms@gmail.com

Sunday Mass Schedule

Our parish will offer an on-line celebration of the Sunday Mass on May 10th at 11:00pm. To view the Mass, please visit our Website www.olgcstm.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch/> We encourage you to access the on-line remote-worship resources that are available to you.

Message from the Vicar General: An Update on Cemetery Visitations for Mother's Day

The desire to visit our beloved dead is heightened on a day like Mother's Day. To accommodate this need, we have decided to open the five archdiocesan cemeteries for visitation this Sunday, May 10, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Take a moment to review and the guidelines that are provided in the following link. <https://archny.flocknote.com/note/7157072>

Please understand, parish cemeteries will make their own determination whether or not to open, and under what conditions they may do so.

Let us keep in touch with those most at risk (by phone) and **keep each other and our world in prayer** during these challenging times.

Act of Spiritual Communion: It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayers of Praise: In addition to praying for communion with the Lord, it is also important to take time to offer God our praise. This can be done by celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours or through a Celebration of the Word service, which can be celebrated at home. The following publishers have graciously made these services available for free and online at the following links:

Magnificat:

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>
<https://es.magnificat.net/gratis> (Spanish)

Magnificat Celebration of the Word Service:

<https://tinyurl.com/u3dzdyg>

Give us this Day: <https://giveusthisday.org/Digital>

The Word Among Us: <https://wau.org/meditations>

We still need your support

Because of the ongoing health emergency the Archdiocese of New York has directed us to cancel all Masses in our parish. And although we support this decision to help keep our Parishioners, Clergy and Staff as healthy as possible, your support is still needed. To support our church today we urge you to enroll in the We Share collection system. It safe, simple and convenient and it gives you the option to contribute using a debit or credit card or your checking or savings account.

To enroll, use one of the following links:

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<https://olgstm.weshareonline.org/>

St. Thomas More

<https://thomasmorechurch.churchgiving.com/>

set up an account, choose a payment option, and customize your donation plan.

If you have any questions regarding this collection system, please send an email to the We Share Customer Support Team at weshare@4lpi.com

or call (800) 950-9952.

We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Fr. Kevin V. Madigan, Pastor

Today's Readings (English and Spanish)

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

Today's Mass Readings (Audio - English)

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

Caregiver Care

During this crisis when people need to heed the stay at home order, Caregiver Care is offering a series of on-line programs each day to help our seniors and those with dementia to keep their brains awake.

For the time of day of each class, please visit:

<http://caregivercare.org/onlineprograms/>

Prayer Resources in the Absence of Mass

Mass will be celebrated in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and will be available on many cable systems via the Catholic Faith Network and its website

(<https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org>),

live streamed on the Saint Patrick's Cathedral

website (<https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>),

and broadcast on radio on The Catholic Channel of Sirius XM (Channel 129).

• **Prayer Cards:**

<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

• **Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/usccb/videos/1431696590371969/>

• **Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/USCCB/status/1238506116759371776?s=20>

• **Instagram:**

https://www.instagram.com/tv/B9rl4ReABSp/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Join us for a Zoom Meeting

Dr. James T. Como Presents

A Constellation of Christian Authors, Lest We Forget

Tuesday, June 2nd at 3:00pm

Join our meeting as Jim helps us explore the life and motivation of Walker Percy. Recommended reading is Percy's

Second Coming

To register please use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0sde2hpjgoGNXZJd4SmVuV8yVPVtIcbW-x>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Archways:

A quarterly publication of the Archdiocese of New York, created to give our 2.8 million Catholics news and information about events, programming, and volunteer and charitable opportunities available to them. To download the Spring 2020 edition of *Archways*, please visit:

<https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/Archways-Spring-2020.pdf>

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: The ongoing situation surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has caused prudent cancellations and closings for many schools, offices, and public places through the city, state, and country, and although I understand that the financial circumstances of many of our families are uncertain. I invite you to view the message from Cardinal Dolan about the importance of this Appeal at <https://cardinalsappeal.org/> and I humbly and thankfully invite you, to become an online giver at <https://cardinalsappeal.org/donate>.

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FORMED: On Line Formation Resources

<https://watch.formed.org/browse>