

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

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**OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -
EUCARIST**

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm
Weekday Mass at 9am, Monday through
Saturday except Thursday when there is a
Communion Service.

BAPTISM—As soon as your child is born,
please make an appointment with Dr. Joan
Dorr. Preparation session and welcoming Mass
attendance are required.

MARRIAGE—As soon as a couple decides to
marry, and BEFORE making any other arrange-
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an
appointment with Fr. Midura or Deacon Bob.

RECONCILIATION—Celebrated in Church
every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by
previous appointment with Fr. Midura.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Call the Church
Office to request visitation of the sick.

CONFIRMATION—Those who have not been
confirmed should call the Church Office for an
appointment to receive further information.

HOLY ORDERS—Contact Fr. Midura for more
information about the priesthood or diaconate.



“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.”

Lk 6:20

Sixth Sunday—Ordinary Time
February 14, 2010

Mission Statement:

*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a
parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through
Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments
The Teachings of the Church, and
Our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.*

Telephones:

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Masses for this coming week

February 14, 2010
Sixth Ordinary Sunday
Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalm 1
I Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26

Saturday—February 13

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Patricia Eisenberg *by the Happe & Wist families*

Sunday—February 14—Sixth Ordinary Sunday

8am—Joseph Girnius *by the Vitkovich family*

9:15am—Sandra Kowalski *by Kenneth Kowalski, Jay Amend by Michael, Cindy, Nicole & Michael LoRusso, Thomas Rush by Patricia Surico, Americo Miscione by Philip Miscione & family, Vincent Pizzacar by Matt & Eileen Faughnan, Anne Valentine by Andrew J. Valentine*

10:45am—Francis & Natalie Konopko *by Dorothy*

12:15pm—Margaret Todd *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

Monday—February 15

9am—Pro Popolo

Tuesday—February 16

9am—Marie Boyle *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

7pm—Ash Tuesday Celebration & Mass

Wednesday—February 17—Ash Wednesday

9am—William Moran, Jr.

7pm—Anselmi Sam Borella *by Joyce Spincola*

Thursday—February 18

9am—Kenneth Murphy *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Friday—February 19

9am—Ryan Dugan (Living) *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Saturday—February 20

9am—Courtney Sipes *by the Chin family*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Wade Buckley, Jr. *by Elaine Hahn*

Sunday—February 21—First Lenten Sunday

8am—Josephine Hewes *by Donna Mott*

9:15am—Theresa Fiorelli

by Caryn, Anthony, Justin, Kayla DeCristofaro

10:45am—Peter Nicastro *by Geraldine Covino, Lucy & James Giardina by Madeline & Robert Sauchelli, Josephine Copercini by Mary Mangiaracina, Stephen Kane by the Kane family, Frances Kane by Judy & Ken Granville, Ken Murphy by Judy & Ken Granville, Gina & Louis Macchi by Trina M. Carty, Vincent Kowalski by Mae Devine & Dottie Losani, Daniel Hughes by Roseanne & George Buckleman, William J. McKeon by Mr. & Mrs. Robert McKeon, David Owens by Mr. & Mrs. Robert McKeon, Anne Cristelle Damour by Elizabeth Kane, Ken Murphy by the Jones family, Frank LoCastro by his family*

12:15pm—Walter Shields *by the Catanzaro family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 21, 2010
First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to **Luke:**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*”

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant.

The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and:

With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.’

Focus questions:

1. Describe the distractions that keep you from your relationship with God.
2. Relate a time when you were tempted to do something that would have hurt you in the long run. How were you able to overcome the temptation?
3. What satisfies the hungers you feel inside?

Family and children’s question:

Talk about the choices you have to make between doing the right thing and doing the wrong thing. What helps you to make the right decision?

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anthony Pagano, Joan O'Boyle, Irene Aberle, Al Masters, Tara Mahoney, Kim Mascolo, Eileen Immarrino, Kenneth Retmanski, Tom Pipia, Lucja Kostrzewa, Teresa Szepietowska, Debra Cameron, Helen Schultz, Thomas Hinch, Jr., Teresa Lovelock, Mathilde Cormier, Linda Cappisillo, Dennis LaRosa, Laura Woodfield, Irene Aberle, Relda DeRuggiero, Kathy Delio,

Elaine Kleinstauber, James & Rita Basile, Harold Goldhagen, James & Phyllis Cable, Genevieve Gaskell, Erika Hazem, Suzanne Creall, Chase Turano, Nancy & Thuy Wilmott, Evelyn Scollon, Charles Boston, Melissa Randazzo Monaco, Arthur Owen, Baby Allison Lewis, Kristen Baden, Robert Dagnino.

(We ask those who wish to have the sick listed in the bulletin to submit their names through the collection or drop the name(s) off at the Church Office. Please use the cut-out in the bulletin for your convenience. This current list expires the last week of March).

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Craig Neissing, Father Gregory Manley, our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY TODAY—Today we will hear words from Jesus that sound strange to our ears and probably sounded strange 2,000 years ago. “Blessed are the poor and woe to the rich” has always sounded strange. Let us ask God to help us receive and understand—and put into practice—this strange teaching.

THE COMING OF LENT—This Wednesday, February 17, begins the penitential season of Lent. As we approach this holy season, let us reflect on how we can grow more closer to our Lord through acts of fasting, acts of charity, expressions of love through almsgiving.

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES on Ash Wednesday, February 17, will be at the 9am Mass, and at Prayer Services at 12:10pm, 4:30pm and at the 7pm Mass in the Church.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE—All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—This devotion will take place on all Lenten Fridays of Lent in the Church at 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this grace filled devotion. Attached to the devotion is a plenary indulgence for faithful participants.

LENTEN MASS will take place every weekday, Monday through Saturday, during Lent at 9am. This will include the Thursdays of Lent.

NO 12:10pm LENTEN SERVICES—Since we do not have an

extra priest living at St. Thomas More during Lent, we are unable to have a Mass or Communion Service at 12:10pm as we did in the past. We apologize for the inability to do so.

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION—On March 29, 2010, Monday of Holy Week, all Catholics of the Diocese are invited to come and be reconciled, that we might celebrate the Paschal Mystery with heart and mind renewed. The availability of priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00 - 9:00 PM has been widely publicized. In the last several years that we have done this, many people have expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the priests in this endeavor.

DIOCESAN SEVERANCE PACKAGES—As I tried to explain at all the Masses last weekend, individuals serving parishes and other diocesan entities have been identified as eligible to accept Voluntary Separation Packages providing severance pay and fringe benefits for up to nine months after leaving employment.

As of this writing, two employees of St. Thomas More have indicated to me personally that they will accept the Severance Package when it becomes available.

MAINTAINING OUR CREDIBILITY—As I mentioned at all the Masses last weekend, the Severance Package that is being offered to identified employees is a voluntary one. If we wish to support any employee who wants to remain with St. Thomas More, it has to be shown in the finances of the parish. In other words, everyone needs to re-evaluate the amount of their support to the parish. We cannot argue in support of anyone if we cannot demonstrate that we can handle it financially. As I write to the diocese in support of our employees who wish to remain, I need to know that I have everyone's support.

THE CHURCH IN NEED—This week, a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Central and Eastern Europe – the collection will help needy families materially and spiritually rebuild churches that have fallen, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith

Latin America- the funds collected will go to promoting solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity

HAITI HELP—The support collection will be ongoing. You may make your checks out to: The Redemptorist Fathers; Catholic Relief Services or to St. Thomas More. We forward the proceeds as they are received.

REMEMBERING THE SICK — If your loved one's name is not on the prayer list and you wish to include them, please fill out the information cut-out and place it in the collection or return it to the Church Office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—This past week we removed the roof shingles that are around the borders and discovered that the tar paper that was installed

when the roof was put on the Church stopped at the roof instead of over the flashing of the gutter. The result over the years was a gradual deterioration of the plywood between the roof and the gutter causing water to seep behind the gutter and run down the outer walls of the Church. An adhesive tar paper was installed to force the water into the gutter rather than behind it. Replacement shingles were also installed. *Progress!*

FAITH DIRECT AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING—We encourage everyone to consider using electronic giving to the parish. Faith Direct is one way to do it. By signing up to have your contribution debited from your checking account or from a credit card, you do not have to write checks. The promised amount you make is debited monthly or weekly as you indicate and you receive a card from Faith Direct to drop in the collection basket in place of the weekly envelope.

Another way parishioners are using the electronic age is having their financial institution send bank checks weekly or monthly from their source, again eliminating the need to write checks every week. Why not give it a try. There is no obligation or contract that you have to make.

FEEDING THE PIGGIE—You are invited to lend your support of the “piggie” in the Church lobby by placing any spare quarters into the tube. It goes to Heifer International which enables a family in poor areas of our country to obtain farm animals for their daily use.

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTIONS—The annual renewal of our subscriptions to our diocesan newspaper takes place during the month of January. The cost of the subscription is \$20 a year. Please use the envelope you received in your envelope set to renew your subscription or to begin a subscription. There are also some envelopes for this purpose located where you obtain the weekly bulletin.

VETERANS—In the Church Lobby there is a display of photos of those who have served our country. There are some without photos which we need to complete the display. If you are a veteran and are not included, please let me know so we can include you on the display. We will leave it up for a little while longer before we neatly arrange everything and cover it with protective plastic glass.

GOLF OUTING DATE—We have a date for the 2010 Golf Outing. It is Monday, July 26, 2010 at the Smithtown Landing Golf Course.

FISHING TRIP—We have also confirmed the Annual Fishing Trip. It is Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Cost will probably be \$65 per person as costs have gone up in all areas. It is still a fun day. Mark your calendars!

FROM DR. JOAN DORR

Today's Word challenges us to trust God and to live in His presence, to have faith in the risen Christ, and to love perfectly. Blessed are we because of Him.

Several years ago I visited an Indian mission in Arizona with my family where I saw a life-sized crucifix. At eye-level suddenly Christ was very human, very near, very fascinating, very demanding. I stood in awe. Prayerfully, I asked, *What have I*

done for you? What am I doing for you? My young son stretched his arms out to match the outstretch of the crucified Christ, and I kissed his forehead.

Today I am brought face-to-face with the two kingdoms: the kingdom of the Gospel, and the kingdom of the world's goods – defended by any means available, by any power-play necessary. It is as if Jesus looks His followers in the eye to say that choosing Him involves being poor, hungry, and sorrowful. It means stripping ourselves of any goods which would imprison our freedom, sacrificing everything (including ourselves and our supposed reputations), and entrusting ourselves to God and to others with vulnerability – to follow Him in private life, in public life, through Calvary to Easter. How timely this insight, especially as we begin Lent this week. We are blessed with the promise and hope in the resurrection, with the knowledge that life without faith and trust in God is worthless. We humans are weak and need God in order to live the divine life God has given. When we pray we quietly indicate our deepest trust in Him – waiting and listening, a sheer act of trust.

The kingdom is the central mystery of the Gospel. I wait to see the Lord in other people, for Him to speak through people's faces, gestures, deeds, and words as I go through the day making my rounds, doing my work, living my life: loving, dying, and rising to new life. Today is another day of the kingdom – each face uniquely given by God's providence. I have come to know that I have to be willing to let Jesus do the work of prayer, to let the Spirit do the groaning within me, and let the Father worry about the future.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend: Next weekend

Saturday

5:00pm

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

Sunday

8:00am

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

PARISH OUTREACH

Our Food Pantry needs especially, MEAT—Detergent—Macaroni & Cheese—Tomato Sauce—Tuna—Canned Ravioli—Fruit—Jello—Pudding.—Pasta & Sauces—Ketchup—Mustard—Rice—Hand Soap—Peanut Butter—Jelly—Sugar—Paper Goods—Pudding—Brownie Mix—Oatmeal—Pancake Mix & Syrup—Sugar—Coffee—Tea—Hot Chocolate Mix—Soups—Canned Spaghetti—Canned vegetables.

ST. PATRICK'S SINGLES FELLOWSHIP—Widowed, single, divorced and separated ages 45-60 plus years are invited to coffee and conversation on Sunday, Feb. 21st at 10-AM to 12PM at St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown. For information call Outreach 265-2668. Mon.-Fri.

Coping With the Death of a Child

St John Nepomucene Parish Outreach Presents

A five-week support group for those who have experienced the death of a child/children of any age.

Dates: February 1, 8, 15, 22, & March 1st

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Place: St. John Nepomucene

1140 Locust Avenue

Bohemia, NY 11716

(Meetings held in Little Church, corner of Locust & Church)

Facilitated by Patricia Jones, MS, Bereavement Specialist

To register call 631-205-1842

Program is free and open to the public

JUSTICE & PEACE

Today we continue with our Lenten Project which is for The Christian Appalachian Project. Today is the last Sunday before the start of Lent on February 17, 2010. Donating is a heartfelt and personal choice, and you can be assured that your gifts directly impact our participants. Your contribution can help provide shoes for a child, respite for a disabled person and their family or transportation for the elderly. no gift is too small--- every offering is important. Each contribution can mean something as essential as having a nutritious meal or staying warm through the winter. Everyone wants to feel loved and important, and what better time during Lent to reach out to someone than now? Show a deserving individual or family that someone cares about them with not only the basic essentials, but also with items that give them comfort and hope. There is a high concentration of poverty, disability, poor education and serious illness in the Appalachian region. Helping respond to the plight of poverty are many people like us from across the country who support and believe in Christian Appalachian Project's efforts. Today we have Heather Ganz speaking at all the Masses. Heather worked with CAP for some time. What does all mean in terms of justice and peace? We have an opportunity during Lent to make a great difference in the lives of these people.

Justice a parish affair.

Together we can make a difference.

Please be sure to look at our display for this organization and our little house for your donations. We thank you for all your support and help.

Today the Solemn Novena to St. Jude Ends. It is also St. Valentine's Day.

The 15th is Presidents Day.

The 16th is Mardi Gras.

The 17th is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. It is also the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FIRST LEVEL CHILDREN & PRAYERS—Those young people who need to say their prayers, they can arrange a time

with Fr. Midura by calling the Church Office or they can arrange a time with Deacon Bob or Dr. Joan.

You can check online for any updates at

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION—Every 2nd Monday at 7:45pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are recited.

There is also time for quiet meditation.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE takes place every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The Litany to our Lady and the Rosary are recited as we pray for a greater respect for human life and an end to abortion. There will also be time for quiet meditation.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Please check the Respect Life Bulletin Board in the Church lobby for information and brochures on all LIFE issues. Take home a Life News Newsletter for updated information on legislation, announcements and Pro Life events on Long Island.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cecelia Nichele Moccia, daughter of Nicholas & Mary

Annabel Rose Adamo, daughter of Paul & Tracy

Gianna Marie LoNigro, daughter of Robert & Julie

Cole Thomas Treanor, son of Thomas & Nicole

PRAY FOR OUR ENGAGED COUPLES

As these couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage through the Pre-Cana experience, we ask that you pray for them.

Eliscia Cirrone and Salvatore DiStefano

Lauren Kirchmeier and Shaun Fleisher

Nicole Howard and Kevin Probst

Megan Montross and Frank Montalvo

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Chad Cardillo

Lorenzo Bacchi

Joshua Zubiale

Scott Lovelock

Keith Burnett

William Charpiet

Brian Plunkett

William Bruckbauer

Anthony Orlandi

Brian Hiatt

Craig Cardillo

Tim Rieger

Randy Donaldson

Candice Gagnon

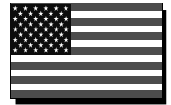
Travis Dubshinski

Thomas Nichols

Jared Iacolino

Laura Jean Iovino

Chris Capasso



If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If they have returned, let us know.

THINKING ABOUT ??

BECOMING CATHOLIC?

- Are you a baptized Catholic who was never confirmed?
- Are you someone baptized in another faith but interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you someone who was never baptized?

If any of these apply to you, consider our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information, contact Dr. Joan through e-mail, stjoanarc@optonline.net, 234-5551; or Ann Russo through e-mail, redaa@aol.com, 543-2740.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER?

Eucharistic Minister—Training is required for all who are beginning:

April 17, 9am—1pm. Kellenberg High School, Uniondale **or**
May 5, 7:30pm—10pm. St. Elizabeth Church, Melville **or**
May 8, 9am—1pm. McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

Eucharist Ministry to the Homebound—Training is required for those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and homes:
April 24, 9am—1pm. Kellenberg High School, Uniondale **or**
May 19, 7:30pm—10pm. St. Elizabeth Church, Melville **or**
May 22, 9am—1pm. McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead
To register, contact Father Midura, since the pastor must send a letter to Bishop Murphy requesting the training for each person attending.

Lector Training on April 17, 9am—1pm. Uniondale (as above) **or**
May 8, 9am—1pm, Riverhead (as above)

CIRCLE OF WOMEN

March 15, 2010—*The Clowns of God* by Morris L. West.
April 19, 2010—*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold
3pm – 4:30pm at St. Thomas More Parish Center “Living Room.”

It is the mission of the book group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary literature to facilitate our own reflection of God’s action in our daily lives. Join us for a lively discussion!

Registration: stjoanarc@optonline.net, or call 234-5551, and register by book title.

OFFERTORY GIFT PROCESSION

All parishioners, adults and children, are invited to be part of the Offertory procession at our Masses. Families and groups are invited to sign up for a particular Mass. When you come to the Mass at which you will be bringing up the gifts, please be present in the Church at least 15 minutes before Mass begins and speak with the priest celebrating the Mass.

We thank the Baer family, Cyna Buckley’s 3rd grade class, Donna Fortmeyer’s 7th grade class and Jane McCaffrey and Claire George’s 7th grade class for their participation.

STEWARDSHIP

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today’s readings. “Happy are they who hope in the Lord.” As good stewards, firmly grounded in hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

Last Sunday’s Collection **\$ 11,600.**

FAITH DIRECT

Number of participating families to date: **43**

Would you like to simplify your life?

Stop worrying about checks every Sunday and join the many parishioners who have automated their giving using Faith Direct! Enroll online today at www.faithdirect.net Our church code is: NY227

Don’t have access to the internet? Stop by the parish office and pick up a paper enrollment form today! For more information contact Faith Direct, toll free 866.507.8757.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: **\$ 294,849.**

Spent on repairs and replacements: **\$ 429,017.**

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you get the bulletin.

SCRIP

Scrip Sales Last Week: **\$ 4,275.**

Profit to the Parish: **\$ 213.**

CALENDAR CLUB 2010

Here are the next set of winners. Congratulations!

January 31—\$50—591—Joan & Vic Castellano

February 1—\$25—921—Mike DeBellis

February 2—\$25—211—Lou & Ann Anatrella

February 3—\$25—719—Joe & Mary Ann Como

February 4—\$25—445—Anthony & Maria Rotolico

February 5—\$25—971—John Chiarelli

February 6—\$25—243—Dee & George Nerlino

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners who are from our parish.

Boys—11 year olds—Chris Mauriello

Boys—13 year olds—Nicholas Fonti

Boys—14 year olds—Daniel Smocer

Girls—12 year olds—Lyndsay Smocer

Girls—14 year olds—Kayleigh Stapleton

OUR REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

Contact kconnolly@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of this parish’s regional school, or visit the Holy Family Regional School website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE*(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday—February 14**

No Bible Study

Monday—February 15

No Bible Study

No Youth Ministry

Tuesday—February 16

7pm—Ash Tuesday Service—Church

Wednesday—February 17—Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes at 9am Mass, Prayer Services at 12:10pm and 4:30pm, and 7pm Mass.

Thursday—February 18

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Red Room

7pm—Finance Council—Rectory

7:30pm—Men's Gathering—Religious Ed Center

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—February 19

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

Sunday—February 21

Hospitality Sunday—Walden Hall

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

E-MAIL & ADDRESSESYouth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.orgDr. Joan - StJoanArc@optonline.netParish Secretary - Stm73@live.comPat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.netMary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.netOutreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.netYouth ministry - JGSalesian@aol.comJustice & Peace - Natman32@aol.comFr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.netPersonal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:

Barbara & Joe Fratamico—BJFRAT@optonline.net**MEN'S GATHERING** website. Go to the parish website at <http://www.buoy.com/nstm> or stmli.org and click Men's

Gathering. You will have to give a password known only to you to open and read the message.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS - Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.**CENSUS**—Please return the census update form that you received in the current mailing if you have not yet returned the form. It is helping us update our parish files, especially with more and more folks using cell phones.**USED CELL PHONES?** - Some of you received or purchased new cell phones for Christmas. If you can, please bring your old one to the Church lobby drop-off box so we can recycle them for cash.**"RELIGION AND ROCK"** - Tune into and listen to Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays, 7am to 8am, on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM. Also, listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio,

Channel 159, and XM Satellite, Channel 117.

THEMES:

February 14 Relationships

February 21 Leadership

February 28 Forgiveness

March 7 Sacrifice

March 14 Commitment

March 21 Traditions

March 28 Being Joyful

April 4 New Life

April 11 The Issues of Life

April 18 Poverty

April 25 Doing & Being

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS*(First Notice)***ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER, BRENTWOOD—***Lenten Retreat—"The Pain of God"*, Feb. 19-21, \$175.*Blended Families*, Feb. 28, 6pm to 8pm, \$30. per couple*Guided Silent Retreat—"Encountering the Silence of God"*,

Mar. 19-21, \$175.. Call 631.273.1187, X23 for info & registration.

HEALING MASS—Tuesday, February 16, 7pm, Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston. Call: 718.229.8001 for info.**US CENSUS 2010 - Jobs Available**—Apply To Be A CensusTaker. The US Census Bureau is currently hiring part-time temporary positions for qualified local applicants. Available positions compensate \$13 - \$21 per hour. Testing is currently underway at various locations in Suffolk County. For more information, visit www.2010censusjobs.gov or call to schedule a test: 866-861-2010.**ONE STOP EMPLOYMENT CENTER** – Let the Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center get your career on track at **no cost to you**. Career Counselors –Internet Access –Job Banks – Computer Training – Resume Prep. Call 853—6600.**LIGHT CLEANING** – Person needed to clean 1 to 2 hours every other week – call 234-7461**APARTMENT FOR RENT** - Basement studio in Kings Park, \$800 includes everything. Near Transportation. Call 663-3312.**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION**—Summer Sessions, June 21 to July 8 and July

12 to July 29, on-line courses also available. Call 718.817.4800.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES—"More Time For Us" Marriage Enrichment Day, Sat., March 6, 9:30am to 4pm, St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown. Call 979.6481 for info.**YOU CAN HELP HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE NOW**—Retrouvaille Weekend for troubled marriages. March 12—14. Call 1.800.470.2230 for confidential info & registration.*(Second Notice).com***PROFESSIONAL THERAPY & COUNSELING**—Family, marriage, and individual therapies provided by the Catholic Counseling Center under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Call 631.243.2503 or go to their website at: www.theCatholicCounselingCenter.com**DIVORCED, SEPARATED & SINGLE CATHOLICS—**

New member orientation. Friday, February 26, 8pm. St. Frances de Chantal Church, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. Bring proof of single status. Invitation also to St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, March 14, 3pm to 7pm. For info, call Hotline at 516.897.2721 or Carol at 516.794.4933.

CONTRIBUTION RECORDS FOR 2009 — If you need a record of your 2009 contributions to the parish for your 2009 income tax filing, please fill out the cut-out request and place it in the collection basket . We will forward the record to you as soon as we can.

CONTRIBUTION RECORD REQUEST

Please send me a copy of my/our 2009 Record of Contributions to St. Thomas More Parish.

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

(Please return to the Church Office or place in the Collection Basket on the weekend).

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CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- Altar Server Hospitality
- Usher Greeter
- RCIA Liturgy with Children
- Lector Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Minister Landscaping/Planting
- Plumber Electrician
- Painter Handy Man/Woman
- Rosary Altar Society Scrip sellers
- Caring for Altar Plants Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS Adult Lending Library
- Banner Committee

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)

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PRAYING FOR THE SICK

— Adding a name Request —

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person(s) who is/are ill:

Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY'S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)

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REGISTRATION/ENVELOPE REQUEST

I/we would like to register in the parish

OR

I/we need contribution envelopes.

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

I/we would like to register in the parish.

Please send contribution envelopes.

I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.

Other _____

(Please return in collection or at Church Office)

St. Thomas More Employment Services

*Are you presently unemployed and looking for a part-time or full-time job? * Do you have or know of any job openings?
If so, call our Employment Services Office, 234-4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls will be kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Aeroflex—various positions in both Plainview and Hauppauge locations—Engineering and Managers.

BOCES Western Suffolk—Secondary Teachers, Adult Instructors, Alternative High School Experience preferred—Benefits available.

Cablevision - Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits.

Engineers—ITT Amityville. Senior Software, Digital Design. RF engineers. Competitive salaries. Benefit package.

Financial Representative—Full time. Create your own investment & risk management practice within Northwest framework.

Franklin First Financial—Loan Officers and Team Leaders, Great benefit package

Geico Insurance—Sales reps, mgt trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Greenstreet/Blue Wolf—People with good communication skills and computer skills a must.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven Directly
5. St. Charles, 631. 476.5999—Fox

Housekeepers - FT/PT positions for small offices and homes.

Mgt/Non-Mgt Positions Available - St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn. Contact Human Resources directly.

Miteq—Current openings: support engineers, technicians, production planner, machine shop helper. Competitive salaries. Excellent benefits.

St. Catherine of Siena—Several positions in Hospital Nursing Home and Lab & Rehab.

Sunrise Senior Living - Smithtown—P/T weekends. Competitive salary and benefits.

See “Civil Service Notice” posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information about any of the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, etc. positions are in the child’s home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides, etc. It is the responsibility of the employer to check all references prior to hiring.

****We have a list of names of those willing to baby-sit in their homes.

****We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.