# Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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#### **Pastoral Staff**

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#### **Parish Outreach**

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#### **Youth Ministry**

Joe Gast, S.C., Youth Minister

# **OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -** *EUCHARIST*

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 arrangements, 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.



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

#### Saturday—February 20

(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 Lossani, 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

Monday—February 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9am—Frank Poerio by the Sarcone family

Tuesday—February 23—St. Polycarp

9am—Eleanore Porter by Evelyn & Bob McMahon

Wednesday—February 24

9am—Kenneth Murphy by Aurelie & John Hendry

Thursday—February 25

9am—Clara Terenzi by the Terenzi family

Friday—February 26

9am—Fabio DiMeglio by Michael & Vivian Jacobs

Saturday—February 27

9am—Deceased Members of the Midura & Margas families (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—John A. Robbins by Garry & Kathy Johnsen & family

Sunday—February 28—Second Lenten Sunday

8am—James DeSpain by Hank Paetow

9:15am—For the People of the Parish

10:45am—Vincent Kowalski by Lou & Emilia Savarese, Kenneth Murphy by Elizabeth Kane, Edward F. Shannon by Mr. & Mrs. Robert McKeon, Jose Abremeto by Maryana Buynak, John Spellman by the Hannaway family, Robin Aline by the Kane family, Elizabeth Stewart by Elizabeth & Peggy Kane, Noreen E. Dailey by Elizabeth Kane, Benedetto Fontana by the Giancola family

12:15pm—Mario Russo, Sr. by the Russo family

# Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 28, 2010 **Second Sunday of Lent** Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Psalm 27 **Philippians 3:17-4:1** Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James

and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and

who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake,

they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here;

let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking,

a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,

and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time

tell anyone what they had seen.

#### Focus questions:

- 1. When you "listen to Him" these days, where to you feel God is leading you?
- 2. How has the acceptance of the Cross of Christ helped you to face suffering in your life?
- 3. Share an experience that was so moving that you wanted it to last longer.

#### Family and children's question:

Describe a time when you listened closely to another person. How is that the same/different from listening to God? What can you do to be a better listener?

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# PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anthony Pagano, Joan O'Boyle, Franco & Adela Morales, Al Masters, Tara Mahoney, Kim Mascolo, Eileen Immarino, Kenneth Retmanski, Tom Pipia, Lucja Kostrzewa, Joseph Hauk, Teresa Szepietowska, Evelyn Hirsch, 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, Michael Smith. (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

Elise Murray, Frederick William Cervasio, Fr. Maurice Lewis, Joseph LaGrasta, Charles Fitzgerald, our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

#### FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY TODAY—Jesus entered the desert before beginning his mission. Together with Christians everywhere, let us resolve to dwell in the desert of Lent, fasting from distraction, sharing with the poor and supporting each other by our prayers. Let us confess our sins and ask God for his mercy. PARISH RETREAT—Next weekend, Father Dennis Corrado will speak at all the Masses inviting parishioners and their families and friends to come the St. Thomas More Parish Mission that he will be conducting in our parish on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (March 1-2-3).

The theme of the Mission is: Forgiveness leads to Wellness and Joy.

Monday's focus will be: "What is Forgiveness and Why It Is So Difficult to Practice."

Tuesday's message will be: "Living the Truth: The only Environment for Forgiveness."

Wednesday's talk will be: "Practical Ways to Increase the Joy which Follows Forgiveness."

Father Corrado is the Founder/Provincial Superior of the Oratorian Fathers and Brothers of St. Philip Neri, the Saint of Joy, in Brooklyn. He has preached in 15 states and foreign countries. He is co-responsible for the development of the Metrotech Parish of St. Boniface which serves 25,000 workers in the downtown area near the Brooklyn Bridge. He is the American Delegate representing the US Oratorian Houses to the Holy See in Rome.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE—All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on 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 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. *Mass schedules in local parishes are*:

St. Patrick's, Smithtown

6:45am

9am

12:10pm

St. John of God, Central Islip

7am

9am

12:10pm

Christ the King, Commack

9am

Holy Cross, Nesconset

9am

#### 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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2010—As part of our parish Stewardship, we begin our participation in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. As I mentioned two weeks ago when I spoke at all the Masses, we have to fulfill our commitment to support both our own parish and the diocese. In both aspects we are helping people. Your generosity to the Sunday collection enables St. Thomas More to meet its responsibilities to fulfilling the mission of evangelization and spiritual care of the parishioners. Our responsibilities to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our diocese fulfill its duties in these areas as well as they pertain to evangelization and education and pastoral care.

Our parish's assessment this year is the same as last year's. It is \$59,020.

Some of you may have already received a communication from the CMA Office asking for your continued support and help by making a pledge or contribution to the Appeal. I ask you to help me and the parish meet its goal so that we can all help our brothers and sisters as well as benefit from the sharing that the parish will receive once the goal is attained. If you did not receive a letter from the CMA Office, please use the cut-out in the bulletin and make a pledge. You can drop it in the collection plate in an envelope marked "CMA" and we will process it for you. We thank you for your generous support. *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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—We met with the Engineer and the representative from the Diocesan Construction Office regarding the HVAC system replacement for the Red Room and Walden Hall. We will draw up the necessary information to present it to potential bidders so that we can move along as quickly and as smoothly as possible in this critical need in our parish plant.

Thank God for the snow removal equipment that the parish has. As old as they are, they saved the parish about \$10,000 in removal costs so far. *Progress!* 

FAITH DIRECT AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING—Join in with your fellow parishioners who are finding out an easier way to support the parish. It is Faith Direct. It allows your weekly or monthly parish support to be deducted from your checking or savings account or from your favorite credit card.

It saves you the time and saves you the checks. It enables your parish to be supported on a regular basis.

Faith Direct does not cost you anything to join. Look for an information brochure in the Church Lobby and consider being a user of Faith Direct.

**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.

## **OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

(Subject to last minute changes)

|          | This weekend: | Next weekend |
|----------|---------------|--------------|
| Saturday |               |              |
| 5:00pm   | Msgr. Midura  | Fr. Corrado  |
| Sunday   |               |              |
| 8:00am   | Fr. Dahlke    | Fr. Dahlke   |
| 9:15am   | Msgr. Midura  | Msgr. Midura |
| 10:45am  | Fr. Dahlke    | Msgr. Midura |
| 12:15pm  | Msgr. Midura  | Fr. Dahlke   |
|          |               |              |

## 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.

We are now planning for our Easter Program! See Easter Flyer Insert in this bulletin.

#### **LENT – What is the Point of Suffering?**

Lent is about the holiness that suffering can bring. It is about bringing good where hate has been. It is about transformation of the base to the beautiful. But don't be fooled, Lent is not about masochism. It is about being willing to suffer for something worth suffering for, as Jesus did, without allowing ourselves to be destroyed by it.

Joan Chittister

Three Things in Life That Once Gone Never Come Back.....

Time Words Opportunities
Three Things That Can Destroy a Person
Anger Pride Unforgiveness
Three Things You Should Never Lose
Hope Peace Honesty
Three Things That Are Most Valuable
Love Family & Friends Kindness
Three Things in Life That Are Never Certain
Fortune Success Dreams
Three Things That Make a Person
Commitment Sincerity Hard work
Three Things That Are Truly Constant
Father, Son, Holy Spirit

# **JUSTICE & PEACE**

Lent is a time to take a good look at ourselves and our relationship with God. It is a time for introspection of ourselves and our relationship with our God. Lent offers us a time to slowly take a look at how we relate to others and our God. If we see things that are not right then Lent is the time to make corrections, If we have not been too faithful with our prayers then Lent would be a good time to start again. If we have not been very charitable then Lent would be a time to try to be more charitable in action towards others and with our funds if possible. Lent gives us the time for introspection. If we see things that are wrong and need correction then Lent is the time to start. One of the things that is very important to do is to go to confession. The priest is there to help. We may say I don't have to go or what can the priest say to me. We are required to make our Easter duty and this means confession. The priest will be gentile and compassionate to one who is sincere in making a good confession. What does this all mean

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Brian Hiatt

in terms of justice and peace? Lent is the time of the year that the Church gives us to take a good look at our life and to see that we are on the right track. To be continued.

> 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.

The 22nd is Washington's birthday. It is also the Chair of Peter. The 23rd is St. Polycarp.

#### **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.

THE BAKE SALE held by our Level 2 Confirmation students was a great success. Because of you we will be mailing a check for \$1170.95 to Free The Children.

Great effort! You have a made a difference in the lives of children you will never meet. Keep them in your prayers. Tell others about putting an end to child labor. Don't let it stop with the bake sale.

Any current catechist who has given 10 or more years of service to Religious Education -- please contact our office at 234-0397 or email STMreled@yahoo.com by March 8th. Thank you.

> 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.

## 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 Craig Cardillo Lorenzo Bacchi Tim Rieger Joshua Zubiale Randy Donaldson Scott Lovelock Candice Gagnon Keith Burnett Travis Dubshinski William Charpied Thomas Nichols Brian Plunkett Jared Iacolino William Bruckbauer Laura Jean Iovino Anthony Orlandi 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.

**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.

# 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

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

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attending.

**LectorTraining** 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: <a href="mailto:stjoanarc@optonline.net">stjoanarc@optonline.net</a>, 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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given to me?

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 8,477.

#### FAITH DIRECT

Number of participating families to date:

Would you like to simplify your life?

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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.

# FAITH DIRECT INFO REQUEST

I/We would like more information about Faith Direct. NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

( ) Please send me an application.

## **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

Contributed to date: \$ 295,209. 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: \$3,950. Profit to the Parish: \$197.

#### CALENDAR CLUB 2010

Here are the next set of winners. Congratulations!

February 7—\$50—282—Bill & Jamie Stahura

February 8—\$25-358—Tom & Lee Ann DeCillis

February 9—\$25—554—Mary Conway

February 10—\$25—115—Ted & Loretta Muenkel

February 11—\$25—660—John Imburgio

February 12—\$25—957—Al & Eileen Weidig

February 13—\$25—488—Christine Healy

## OUR REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—February 21

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—February 22

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

Tuesday—February 23

7:30pm—Justice & Peace—Religious Ed Center

Thursday—February 25

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—February 26

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

Sunday—February 28

No Bible Study

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*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!

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## **E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

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Youth ministry - JGSalesian@aol. com

Justice & Peace - Natman32@aol.com

Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net

Personal 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 28 Forgiveness March 7 Sacrifice March 14 Commitment March 21 Traditions March 28 Being Joyful New Life April 4 April 11 The Issues of Life April 18 Poverty April 25 Doing & Being

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(First Notice)

**CLEANING PERSON NEEDED** – 1-2 Hours every other week – Call Outreach.

**PERSON NEEDED** to get children off to school in morning – Smithtown area. Mon – Fri 6-8:30am.

(Second Notice)

#### ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER, BRENTWOOD— Guided Silent Retreat—"Encountering the Silence of God",

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

**US CENSUS 2010 - Jobs Available**—Apply To Be A Census Taker. 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 <a href="www.2010censusjobs.gov">www.2010censusjobs.gov</a> 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 <u>no cost to you.</u> Career Counselors –Internet Access –Job Banks – ComputerTraining – 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.

# **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 period ministry:

| 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  |                           |  |  |

**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.

(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)

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# **CONTRIBUTION RECORD REQUEST**

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

| NAME(s):  |
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| ADDRESS:  |
| PHONE:  |
| E-MAIL: (Please return to the Church Office or place in the Collection Basket on the weekend). ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ |
| Amount of our pledge: \$  |
| (Check one) ( ) Total is enclosed. ( ) We would like to be billed. ( ) Other  |
| NAME(s):  |
| ADDRESS:  |
| PHONE:  |
| (Please return to the Church Office)  +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++   |
|   |
| 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)

# 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

#### **SCOUT SUNDAY**

Last Sunday, St. Thomas More Parish celebrated Scout Sunday. Pictured below are Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and their Adult supervisors and mentors with Msgr. Midura who imparted the Lord's blessings upon them at the 9:15am Mass.



# 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.

<u>Cablevision</u> - Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits.

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

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

<u>Franklin First Financial</u>—Loan Officers and Team Leaders, Great benefit package

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—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** -

- 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.

<u>Miteq</u>—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.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH 119 Kings Highway, NY 11788 631-234-3149

EASTER APRIL 4, 2010

# CANDY BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!

CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

BASKETS ARE NEEDED BY MARCH 31st IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

We are also in need of other items for Easter Dinner HAMS, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, FRUIT, DESSERTS

If you are able to help, please call PARISH OUTREACH 234-3149

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.



## **KEEP THE PRESSURE UP on the Legislators!**

Help Stop the Destruction of Parental Rights in New York Regarding Vaccines

Bill S4779, allowing minors Gardasil without parents knowledge/consent was set aside for another time- but it will come back

Sponsor Senator Liz Krueger stands by her bill.

#### Help DEFEAT (not delay) Proposed Bills that Would:

- 1. Permit ALL Present / Future Vaccines and Drugs for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (Gardasil!) to be Given to New York Children WITHOUT Parental Consent/knowledge (\$4779and A6702)
  - 2. Legally Force Controversial HPV Vaccine on 6th Grade New York Schoolchildren (A0778)

Letters and memos of support are coming in from AAP, CDC, Planned Parenthood etc. But they dont vote- YOU DO! Use your power- theres no better time and no better issue

Spending Just a Few Minutes WILL Make a Difference:

- 1. IMMEDIATELY Forward this note to everyone you know in New York State
- 2. Ask your elected Senator and Assembly Member to OPPOSE S4779, A6702 and A0778!
  - Use the "Find My Senator" section on http://www.nysenate.gov/and the "Member Search by Zip Code" on http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/
    - Use the contact information to CALL, EMAIL, and FAX to send the strongest message
- 3. Contact Senator Liz Krueger, Senate sponsor of the bill, (518) 455-2297, lkrueger@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6874
- 4. Contact Assemblymember Amy Paulin, Assembly sponsor of the bill, (518) 455-5585, paulina@assembly.state.ny.us, fax (518) 455-5409
- 4. Request members of the Senate Codes Committee vote AGAINST S4779 before the committee hearing on Tuesday 2/9/10 Focus on the Supports and Undecided to change their votes, if time permits, thank the Opposers Chair: Sen. Eric Schneiderman, (518)455-2041, schneide@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6847 - Supports Sen. John J. Bonacic, (518) 455-3181, bonacic@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6948 - Undecided Sen. Neil D. Breslin, (518) 455-2225, <a href="mailto:breslin@senate.state.ny.us">breslin@senate.state.ny.us</a>, fax (518) 426-6807 - Undecided Sen. John A. DeFrancisco, (518) 455-3511, idefranc@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6952 - Opposes Sen. Thomas K. Duane, (518) 455-2451, duane@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6846 - Supports
  - Sen. John J. Flanagan, (518) 455-2071, flanagan@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6904 Opposes Sen. Martin J. Golden, (518) 455-2730, golden@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6910 - Opposes

  - Sen. Shirley L. Huntley, (518) 455-3531, shuntley@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6859 Opposes
  - Sen. Jeffrey D. Klein, (518) 455-3595, jdklein@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6847 Supports
  - Sen. Andrew J Lanza, (518) 455-3215, lanza@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6852 Undecided
  - Sen. Kevin S. Parker, (518) 455-2580, parker@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6843 Undecided
  - Sen. Bill Perkins, (518) 455-2441, perkins@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6809 Undecided
  - Sen. Stephen M. Saland, (518) 455-2411, saland@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6920 Undecided
  - Sen. John L. Sampson, (518) 455-2788, <a href="mailto:sampson@senate.state.ny.us">sampson@senate.state.ny.us</a>, fax (518) 426-6806 Undecided
  - Sen. Daniel L. Squadron, (518) 455-2625, squadron@senate.state.ny.us, fax (518) 426-6956 Undecided
  - Sen. Dale M. Volker, (518) 455-3471, volker@senate.state.nv.us, fax (518) 426-6949 Opposes
- 4. Please send a copy of your letter and any responses you receive to nyvaccinechoice@gmail.com **Key Talking Points:**

# <u>Oppose S4779 and A6702</u> which permit ALL present and future vaccines and drugs for sexually transmitted diseases to be given to New York children WITHOUT parental consent

- . These bills remove parental rights for all New York parents do the legislation that support this want to jeopardize the next election
- . If a child has a drug or vaccine reaction, the parents won't know what is happening or how to help
- . Child does not necessary know their medical history for contraindications
- . Fiscal Impact, Litigation, Administration and etc.
- . These bills apply to ALL children there is NO age limit
- . A child's has a limited capacity to understand pharmaceutical drug and vaccine risks and identify side effects they may experience
- . Unknown vaccine administrators don't know the child's medical history, vaccine contraindications, allergies, and past vaccine reactions
- . Children unknowingly are giving up their legal rights when asking for a vaccine because Federal law (PL 99-660) removes liability from vaccine manufacturers and doctors for injuries and deaths caused by vaccines
- . The HPV vaccine, which this bill would include, has already been associated with thousands of reactions and dozens of deaths
- The open ended language allows for any future vaccines for STDS to be given without parental knowledge or consent coming soon and already in the research pipeline are vaccines for Syphilis, gonorrhea and HIV
- . The only support for these bills are from big pharma, planned parenthood, AMA and American Cancer Society

# <u>Oppose A0778</u> which legally forces the controversial and sometimes dangerous vaccine for the sexually transmitted virus Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) on 6th grade New York schoolchildren

- . New York's vaccine exemption laws are inadequate and don't allow a parent to refuse this vaccine if they don't want it for their child
- . Safety issues: thousands of young girls have experienced serious vaccine reactions
- . Not Necessary: Less than 1% of all cancer deaths are from cervical cancer, cervical cancer is preventable by regular screenings, and 90% of women who contract HPV clear the virus on their own
- . Efficacy Questions: While shown effective in preventing genital warts in adults, clinical trials were conducted on fewer than 2,000 girls aged 9 to 15 years old and the studies were far too short to show that the vaccine even prevents the HPV transforming into cancer
- Cost Issues: This is one of the most expensive on the market (\$360 for 3 doses not including administration fees) costing taxpayers millions of dollars for the Medicaid reimbursements to fulfill the requirements of this mandate

Please Act NOW: The Codes Committee vote on S4779 <u>could be any given Tuesday</u>

Let New York State lawmakers know these bills are unacceptable!

This alert was brought to you by the newly formed New York Alliance for Vaccination Choice. For more information and to request to receive future email updates on these bills, please contact us at <a href="mailto:nyvaccinechoice@gmail.com">nyvaccinechoice@gmail.com</a>.

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