Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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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.

The appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.



Second Lenten Sunday February 28, 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:

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	- 348-9378	

Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday—February 27

(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

Monday-March 1

9am—For the People of the Parish

Tuesday—March 2

9am—Josephine Hewes by Donna Mott

Wednesday—March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

9am—Helen Ettl by Geney & Frank Probst

Thursday—March 4—St. Casimir

9am—John Mingione & Maria & Carmelo Auditore by Angela Mingione

Friday—March 5

9am—Catherine Hermann by Arlene & John Aspromgos

Saturday—March 6

9am—Lena Gabrielli by Steve & Lela Gabrielli

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Antoinette & Joseph Butindari by the Butindari family

Sunday—March 7—Third Lenten Sunday

8am—Josephine Finn by the Donovan family
9:15am—For the People of the Parish
10:45am—Sally E. Witkin by Judy & Ken Granville
12:15pm—Mary Fresta by the Kane family, Doris Rose by Elena Mazzocca, Michael Poulos by Mr. & Mrs. A. Rotolico, Joel Preddy by Peggy Kane, Bernadette Fontana by the Mapes family, Rose Shaver by Joan & Ed Carney, Irene Wadalavage by Curt & Joann Keely, Cathy Schiebel by Paul & Rita Goebeler

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 7, 2010 Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 Psalm 103 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—

do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.

So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."

Focus questions:

- 1. The gardener tries to convince the owner to give the fig tree a second chance to blossom. Relate a time when you were given a second chance.
- 2. The owner had to be patient to watch for the fig tree to respond to the gardener. Tell of a time when you were persuaded to be patient and the situation improved.
- 3. What are some of the things you need to cultivate more carefully in your life?

Family and children's question:

Talk about how you can make an effort this week to avoid grumbling. What can you do instead of grumbling?

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Christine Duffy, Dr. Bertram Holmes, Louise Lott, Roseann Dorohow, Diane Trusele, Grace Josephine Ryan, Anthony Pagano, Barbara Hickey, 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, Eileen Tierno, Linda Marinello, Eugene O'Donnell, Mary Hunter, Anna Matthews, 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

Fr. Lewis Shea, Germinal Miqueli, Maria Sajewicz, our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY TODAY—Every day we read headlines about a tragedy that befalls someone, somewhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to the news of a horrific execution and a tragic accident. He tells his disciples that these events remind us that life is unpredictable and that we should make ourselves ready to meet God at any moment. And so we celebrate today's Mass in humility and hope.

PARISH RETREAT—This weekend, Father Dennis Corrado will speak at all the Masses inviting parishioners and their families and friends to come to the St. Thomas More Parish Mission that he will be conducting in our parish on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (March 1-2-3). On Wednesday night, there will be Mass and Hospitality following in Walden Hall. 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.

CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT—As funds are received, they are sent down to the CAP office. If you make out your check to the Christian Appalachian Project, the check is not converted into a St. Thomas More check. Instead, it is mailed "as is" to the CAP office. So, it may take a while longer to be cashed.

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.

CONFESSION TIMES—In conjunction with our Religious Education classes, we have additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance, namely next Friday night at 7:45pm and next Saturday at 11am. There are additional priests coming to assist, so feel free to come for the Sacrament.

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 apprecia-

tion 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.

As a bit of information, I was informed that donations to the Haiti earthquake relief efforts will be tax deductible for 2009 taxes, even though contributed in 2010. To be sure, consult your tax preparer or go online to support this claim on your taxes. WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—Things have begun moving along to schedule the replacement of the HVAC systems in the Red Room and in Walden Hall. In the early stages of the process, we anticipate that we will have enough time to do all the work to have the systems ready for the heating season in the Fall. We appreciate everyone's continued support of the Maintenance and Repair collection so that we can hopefully not tap into reserves until we have to. That will happen towards the end of the Summer. Progress!

FAITH DIRECT AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING—If you have not yet considered using Faith Direct as a convenient way to support your parish weekly or monthly, please give it some serious thought. You can have your parish support deducted from your checking or savings account or from your favorite credit card. Pick up one of the Faith Direct forms found where you obtain the weekly bulletin in the Church lobby.

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.

ELECTRONIC CHECK DEPOSITING—This past week we began processing checks we receive through the collection

directly with the bank. We were given a scanner and it reads the checks and the electronic file is the one the bank uses to credit us and debit the giver. We do not need to present checks to the bank any longer when making the deposit.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes) This weekend: Next weekend Saturday 5:00pm Fr. Corrado Msgr. Midura Sunday 8:00am Fr. Dahlke Fr. Dahlke 9:15am Msgr. Midura Msgr. Midura 10:45am Msgr. Midura Msgr. Midura 12:15pm Fr. Dahlke Fr. Dahlke

PARISH OUTREACH

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

<u>Pantry Needs</u> – We are planning ahead for Easter and ask that when you do your weekly shopping, you remember the needs of our clients and in particular donations of hams.

SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING—

Advocates of SCOFA will assist seniors with information gathering, completion of eligibility or recertification applications and referrals to appropriate community agencies at the following time and places:

Tuesday, March 2 at St. Anne's Gardens, Brentwood, from 9:am-12:pm

Friday, March 5 – at Smithtown Senior Center, Middle Country Rd., Smithtown. For any questions or concerns, please call 631-853-8200.

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER CENTER—Are you widowed, divorced, separated, and unemployed, underemployed or receiving Public Assistance? You may be eligible for career readiness training. Prepare to enter the workforce of tomorrow! Discover opportunities that could change your life! Computer training available. To confirm eligibility and to enroll call 853.6540, Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center, 725 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge. Registration is Thursday 3/4/10 at 10am.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH—To

commemorate and celebrate the contributions made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week on February 12, 1926. For many years the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the births of abolitionist/editor, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976 the week was expanded into Black History Month. Part of the aim of Black History Month is to recognize significant contributions to society by black Americans over the years since the time of slavery. Each year the United States president holding office

Brian Hiatt

proclaims February as National Black (African American) History Month.

JUSTICE & PEACE

As we approach the second week of Lent we should be taking a good look at ourselves. Are we living the faith or are we attempting to live the faith? Living the faith is not easy there are rules and regulations that must be followed. There are actions that are required like being good to neighbor and friends and to those we do not like. Christ reached out to all even the leper. Can we do less? If there is someone whom we may not have been too nice to this past year, now would be a good time to open relations. If they refuse at least you have done your best to correct the situation. If there are things we have not done in the past, Lent is a good time to start. Lent is the time to take a good look at ourselves and see where we may have missed something in our lives. Lent is a personal time with our God and the rest of the community. Lent is a time to grow closer to God. Only you can make that decision to use Lent as a time of healing. Going to confession is a good start. May you have a good Lent this year. To be continued.

Justice a parish affair.

Together we can make a difference.

March 3 is Day of Remembrance and Healing for Cancer. It is also St. Katherine Drexel.

March 4 is St. Casimir.

Don't forget our Lenten program for The Christian Appalachian Project.

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. Children can also say their prayers with Fr. Midura after any of the weekend Masses.

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 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 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.

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: <u>stjoanarc@optonline.net</u>, 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

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God knew that He must keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Last Sunday's Collection

\$ 9,474.

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FAITH DIRECT

Number of participating families to date:

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.

Some people have been mis-informed about the workings of Faith Direct. Other than the credit card fees which are deducted from the contribution amounts, all amounts in their entirety are directly deposited into the parish checking account on the 4th of each month.

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: \$ 295,888. 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: \$ 3,325.
Profit to the Parish: \$ 166.

CALENDAR CLUB 2010

Here are the next set of winners. Congratulations!

February 14—\$50—157—Judith Dollard

February 15—\$25—305—B. Mickelson

February 16—\$25—689—Tom & Maureen Fallona

February 17—\$25—173—Jacqueline Napolitano

February 18—\$25—1028—Rocco & Rosemarie Amorosa

February 19—\$25—782—Joan Aurecchione

February 20—\$25—158—T & L DeCillia

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 28

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—February 29

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

Tuesday—March 2

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

Thursday—March 4

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—March 5

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

Sunday—March 7

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!

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org
Dr. Joan - StJoanArc@optonline.net
Parish Secretary - Stm73@live.com
Pat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.net
Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net
Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net
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:

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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:

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

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE—The Islip-Smithtown Chapter of UNICO National, an Italian Service Organization, awards six \$500 scholarships to college bound seniors of Italian ancestry in Hauppauge, Smithtown East and West High Schools. Applications, requirements, etc., are available in each school's Guidance Department.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE—The Knights of Columbus of Commack will have a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday night, March 13, from 8pm to Midnight, at Christ the King Church Family Center, Indian Head Road, Commack. Cost is: \$35 per person. Call Tony at 724.2147 or Joe at 499.7792. (Second 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.

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)

A WEB SITE THAT PAYS ST. THOMAS FOR USING IT

— Want to know how you can support St. Thomas More? By entering the search engine known as *Goodsearch.com* and doing any shopping on the various web sites listed, a certain portion of the sale will be credited to St. Thomas More. It does not involve any additional cost to the purchaser nor is there any attached surcharge to the sale order involved. I did not compare the same web sites listed alone with the one listed with GoodSearch yet. Here is how it works:

ENTER: www.GoodSearch.com

Where it states: "Who do you Good Search for?"

And "Enter your charity here"

ENTER: St. Thomas More And then verify by selecting "St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY"
Once it is verified as our parish, select the SHOPPING tab and choose whatever category you want, from travel to food to entertainment. If you use it, let me know if you have any problems with it. Thanks for shopping online and thanks for the donation that we will receive on your behalf.

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). ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
Amount of our pledge: \$
Amount of our pledge: \$ (Check one) () Total pledge is enclosed.
(Check one)
(Check one) () Total pledge is enclosed.
(Check one) () Total pledge is enclosed. () We would like to be billed.
(Check one) () Total pledge is enclosed. () We would like to be billed. () Other

(Please return to the Church Office)

PHONE:

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

— Adding a name Request —

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

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		
REGISTRATION/ENVELOPE REQUEST		
NAME(s):		
ADDRESS:		
PHONE:		
E-MAIL:		
() 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.

<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.

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

<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

<u>Home Depot</u>—FT/PT—Sales, cashiers, freight associates. FT/PT benefits. 401k's. Bonuses.

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.

<u>Sunrise Senior Living - Smithtown</u>—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.

THE WEEPING TREE

What are you seeking from the Lord during Lent?

Perhaps a journey that will lead to a joyous Easter?

Contemplate coming to "The Weeping Tree." In her crooked, twisted arms she cradled Jesus, the hope for the world. She became the Tree of Life for all humankind.

Take a crimson leaf found in the basket in the narthex and place it at the foot of

"The Weeping Tree" on Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 PM

Come – and bring yourselves, your family and friends – and invite someone who for whatever personal reason has stepped away from the Church –

Perhaps our thought-provoking presentation will help them return to our community and Jesus for this holiest of seasons.

COME!

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE will perform a LENTEN JOURNEY IN WORD AND SONG

Sunday, March 7 at 4:00 PM at Christ the King Church, Indian Head Road in Commack.

All are invited to join in singing the acclamations and hymns.

"This is the time of fulfillment – The reign of God is at hand."

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.

