

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.



Third Lenten Sunday
March 7, 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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Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
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Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Josiah 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**:

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."'"

So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has come back safe and sound.'

He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I

Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday—March 6

(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*

Monday—March 8—St. John of God

9am—Mark Reimers *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Tuesday—March 9—St. Frances of Rome

9am—Philip Spincola *by Joyce Spincola*

Wednesday—March 10

9am—Lucy Lella *by Eileen & Al Weidig*

Thursday—March 11

9am—John Fornabaio *by Carole & Dennis*

Friday—March 12

9am—Kenneth Murphy *by Marie & Mike Minutillo*

Saturday—March 13

9am—Joseph Peirano

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Josephine Copercini *by Mary Mangiaracina*, John Mangan *by Terry & Walter Happe*, John Keating *by Anthony & Maria Rotolico*, Jeanne Dajczak *by Carol Loughran*, Charles Fitzgerald *by Ross & Marie Bracco*, Robert Saverio Falvo *by the Soler family*

Sunday—March 14—Fourth Lenten Sunday

8am—Eileen Piacentini *by Leon & Susan Esquibel*

9:15am—Susan Gernant *by Zummo*

10:45am—Kevin Butera & the Carucci family
by Gabe & Mary Butera

12:15pm—Jacqueline Hattenback *by Peggy Kane*

disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you forgave someone you loved as the father in the gospel forgave his sons.
2. Which of the sons are you more like?
3. Describe a time when you wanted to run away. What prevented you from doing so?

Family and children's question:

This week make a point of praying specifically for someone who has hurt you or disappointed you.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Christine Duffy, Dr. Bertram Holmes, Louise Lott, Roseann Dorohow, Rich Tandolfo, 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

Thomas Aleo, Jr., Edward Chojnacki, 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.

PARISH RETREAT—We thank Fr. Corrado for coming to our

parish for our Lenten retreat. Those who came were treated to inspired talks on "forgiveness" presented in down-to-earth stories and language. May the Lord grant him many more opportunities to share his spirituality with others.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES—On Sunday, April 18, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John Dunne at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Sayville, beginning at 3pm. Please pick up your registration card at the Church Office, fill it out, and return it to the Church Office so that it can reach the diocesan office no later than April 2. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. Any questions that you may have, please call the diocesan office at 516.678.5800.x.583.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR NATIONAL SHRINE—A Diocesan Pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Events begin at noon and conclude at 5:30pm. We plan to hire a coach bus for transportation. Before we do that we need to know who would be interested in going on the pilgrimage. Please fill out the information form in the bulletin and return it to the Church Office by March 15th.

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 takes 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.

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

CONFESSION TIMES—To facilitate opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance, there is time for Confessions on Saturday, March 13, at 11am and 3:30pm and on Friday, March 19, at 7:45pm and on Saturday, March 20, at 3:30pm.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION—This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be charitable in the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

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.

NO 12:10pm LENTEN SERVICES—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.

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—Thanks to the 25 year old Chevy truck, we were able to handle the recent snowstorms with no major problems. We just have to wait out the season before having the snow blowers repaired either with new drive belts or new crankcase oil seals. *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.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend: Next weekend

Saturday

5:00pm

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

Sunday

8:00am

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke

Fr. Dahlke

PARISH OUTREACH

Candy Baskets are needed for our children in order to distribute in time for Easter!

We are also in need of other items for Easter Dinner, such as: Hams, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit, Desserts

THANK YOU!

As we prepare to launch our Easter Program, I would like to take a moment to let you know how our Christmas Program fared now that our numbers have been finalized.

Our Outreach here at St. Thomas More donated \$30,400 to our parish families in terms of food, gifts, toys and gift cards, and, \$9,100 was donated to a few local agencies such as Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Outreach, St. John of God Outreach, Mercy Haven, a Women's Shelter, etc. in terms of baby outfits, clothing and toys.

Our grand total was \$39,500 and this only happened because of YOU, the Parishioners of St. Thomas More. Your Giving Tree gifts, your donations, and your incredible generosity together made hundreds of people a little more comfortable this Christmas.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK PROGRAM

Free guidance program for anyone seeking employment – recently terminated, first time job hunters, recent graduates, returnees, downsized or underemployed. This program has been in operation for about 15 years and has serviced over 3,000 individuals.

Experienced counselors will help you sharpen your job-hunting skills. Sessions held on consecutive Monday evenings will cover career assessment, planning and research, resume writing, networking and interviewing. First session is March 8 at 7:00PM in the Community Room of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 53 Prospect Road and Mill Dam Road, Centerport, NY. Advanced registration is required. Call Parish Outreach at 754-9045. Please bring a resume if you have one.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is an annual declared month in the United States that highlights women's contribution to events in history and contemporary society. March has been set aside as this month. In 1979 the school district of Sonoma, California, participated in Women's History Week, an event designed around the week of March 8 (International Women's Day). In 1981, responding to the growing participation in the event in other states, Congress passed a resolution recognizing Women's History Week. Within a few years, the popularity of the event grew to thousands of schools and communities throughout the United States, leading Congress in 1987 to expand the focus to a whole month which they proclaimed "Women's History Month".

I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask "Mother, what was war?"
Eve Merriam, Poet

JUSTICE & PEACE

We are starting the third week of Lent and we want to tell you some interesting stories concerning our Lenten Project for the Christian Appalachian Project. The obstacles faced by many of the people in Appalachia are extensive, from needing a safe and warm home, to education, and transportation for the elderly, to seeking a caring hand to hold and a safe haven from abuse and neglect. The basic necessities of life are our focus, and it is our goal to make a difference in the lives of people who are struggling to just obtain basic needs. Without food, shelter, and a chance at a better life, many of the children, elderly, and adults of this region would not endure. We are proud to lend a helping hand and hope that with our assistance, we make everyday life just a little bit easier, a little bit more comfortable, and another day worth living.

What does all this mean in terms of justice and peace? We can make a difference in their lives.

Please stop by our display and our little house for your funds.
To be continued.

March 8 is St. John of God.

March 9 is St. Frances of Rome.

*Justice a parish affair.
Together we can make a difference.*

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

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

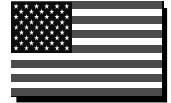
Thomas Nichols

Jared Iacolino

Laura Jean Iovino

Chris Capasso

Thomas Wieland, Jr.



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 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)

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.

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 are grateful to Sue Drake's 4th grade religion class, Dr. Yvon Damour, Dr. Michele Damour, Odile Damour and Cristian Damour for representing our community.

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 \$ 10,320.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: \$ 298,091.

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: \$ 4,950.

Profit to the Parish: \$ 247.

FAITH DIRECT

Number of participating families to date: 44

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.

CALENDAR CLUB 2010

Here are the next set of winners. Congratulations!

February 21—\$50—636—Chris & Gert Hirsch

February 22—\$25—257—Judith Dollard

February 23—\$25—531—Barbara Schrieber

February 24—\$25—376—Frank & Geney Probst

February 25—\$25—47—John & Jayne LiMandri

February 26—\$25—980—Warren & Carole Holtje

February 27—\$25—845—Al & Eileen Weidig

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—March 7

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—March 8

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

Tuesday—March 9

7:30pm—Diocesan Choir—Meeting Room

Thursday—March 11

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

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

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—March 12

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7:30pm—Young at Heart—Walden Hall

Saturday—March 13

11am—Sacrament of Penance—Church

3:30pm—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Sunday—March 14

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

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!

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.

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:
Barbara & Joe Fraticco—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.

PRAY AS YOU GO - Produced by Britain’s Jesuit Media Initiatives, Pray-as-you-go is a daily prayer session that you can listen to on your computer, or download and listen to on an MP3 player, allowing you to pray while going about your daily routine. A new ten-minute prayer session is produced every day and combines music, scripture, and reflection questions. www.pray-as-you-go.org

“**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
- March 21 Traditions
- March 28 Being Joyful
- April 4 New Life
- April 11 The Issues of Life
- April 18 Poverty
- April 25 Doing & Being

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COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Second 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.

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.

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

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)

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PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON

I/we would like to go to the Pilgrimage in Washington, DC, on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

(Please return to the Church Office by March 15)

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.

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: \$ _____

(Check one)

() Total pledge is enclosed.

() We would like to be billed.

() Other _____

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

(Please return to the Church Office)

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)

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)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all children, 3rd Grade and up!

Join us in our seasonal First Communion Choir.

We will sing at the First Communion celebrations and in the Easter Season.

There are two rehearsals,

March 20 and March 27, from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Please consider becoming part of this very important choir.

For information or to join, please call Emilia Savarese at 724.8820 or return the cut-out below to the Church Office.

Children's Choir Response

I/we would like to be part of the Children's Choir.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

(Please return this as soon as possible)

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

Home Depot—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.

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.

THE WEEPING TREE

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The season of Lent is an opportunity

- To reflect on our relationship with God
- To renew our relationship with God

Come pray with us—Take a crimson leaf and bring your prayers to “The Weeping Tree” on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:30pm in the Church

- What can you bring to the Lord?
- Perhaps you can bring yourself.
- Perhaps you can bring someone who has turned away from our Church. Your invitation might just change their lives. It might awaken in them the tremendous love Jesus has for all of us through the telling of the greatest story ever told.

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 22nd
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.

