

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.



*Fourth Lenten Sunday*  
*Laetare Sunday*  
*March 14, 2010*

*Mission Statement:*

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

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## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 21, 2010**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Isaiah 43:16-21**  
**Psalm 126**  
**Philippians 3:8-14**  
**John 8:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to **John**:

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them.

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.

They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him.

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.

Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

### Focus questions:

1. Recall a time when your mistakes were not held against you. Who showed you compassion?
2. Describe a time when you stood up for someone who was being harshly criticized or judged.
3. Describe a time when you were called on to show mercy or compassion to someone.

### Family and children's question:

Talk about the importance of forgiveness. Recall a time when you were forgiven.

## Masses for this coming week

**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**

### Saturday—March 13

#### (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*

### Monday—March 15

9am—Joseph McComiskey *by Anne McComiskey*

### Tuesday—March 16

9am—Joseph Sblendorio *by his family*

### Wednesday—March 17—St. Patrick

9am—Deceased Members of the Cregan family

### Thursday—March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9am—Germinal Miqueli *by Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz*

### Friday—March 19—St. Joseph

9am—Ernestine Kriklava *by Evelyn Batt*

### Saturday—March 20

9am—Julia & John Porth *by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

#### (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Wade Buckley, Jr. *by Marsha Augustyn*

### Sunday—March 21—Fifth Lenten Sunday

8am—Marie Passarelli *by Fred Dunlop*, Michael Cisternas *by the Citro family*, Peter Jannace *by the Brosnan family*, Pauline Amodeo *by Louis & Kathy DeSantis*, Germinal Miqueli *by Chet & Lottie Kalenty*

9:15am—Sean Madigan *by the Barr family*

10:45am—John Ippolito *by Madeline & Bob Sauchelli*

12:15pm—Bobby Kelleher *by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Macholz*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Christine Duffy, Janice Berlette, 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, Diana & Christopher Kane, Thomas Hinch, Jr., Teresa Lovelock, Mathilde Cormier, Linda Cappisillo, Dennis LaRosa,



Laura Woodfield, Irene Aberle, Relda DeRuggiero, Kathy Delio, Elaine Kleinstaubler, 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, Enrique Tirado, Allyson Barker Gordon, Peter Calandrella, Anthony Giannelli, 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

Muriel Schinnel, Mario Zuzarte, our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY TODAY**—This weekend we hear a Gospel story most of us know very well, the perfect story for Lent: the story of the prodigal son. All of the capital sins show up in this story: pride and anger, sloth, lust and gluttony, greed and especially envy. We live in a time when sin is unrecognized or explained away, but sin is real.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** is next Sunday. Join your fellow parishioners in Walden Hall after Mass for fellowship, refreshments and the opportunity to look over the Spiritual lending library.

**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 this Monday, 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 Church law of fast on Good Friday.

**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 all faithful participants.

**CONFESSION TIMES**—The Sacrament of Penance is available this coming Friday at 7:45pm and on Saturday at 3:30pm.

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

**LENTEN 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

**HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION** - To help us all prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter, we print the schedule of services.

**Palm Sunday—March 28**

Palm is distributed at all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

**Holy Week Monday—March 29**

Reconciliation Day at all parishes in the diocese. At St. Thomas More, the Sacrament of Penance is available: 3pm to 6pm and 6:30pm to 9pm in the Church.

**Holy Week Wednesday—March 31**

Cantata performed by St. Thomas More Choir—7:30pm in the Church.

**Holy Thursday—April 1**

Morning Prayer at 9am.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, followed by the Solemn Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in Walden Hall. Personal Adoration available until 10pm.

**Good Friday—April 2**

Morning Prayer at 9am

Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm. Stations of the Cross for our young parishioners at 1:30pm.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3pm. (Reception of Holy Communion only at this Service).

Seven Last Words of Jesus at 7:30pm.

**Holy Saturday—April 3**

Morning Prayer at 9am.

Blessing of Easter Food at 10:30am in Walden Hall.

There is NO 5pm Mass. The first Easter Mass is the Vigil Mass. Easter Vigil Mass is 7:30pm

**Easter Sunday—April 4**

Masses at 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am and 12:15pm.

(The mailing with the Easter envelope printed an error. The 10:30am Easter Mass listed IS 10:45am).

**EASTER COLLECTION & FLOWER ENVELOPE**—The mailing to our parishioners went out last week. Those who use Faith Direct also get the Easter and Easter Flower envelope through the mail because they are not part of the Faith Direct option since we mail out the schedule to everyone.

**2011 MASS BOOK**—Everyone is invited to book their Mass intentions for 2011 at your convenience. If you have several requests, please have them written down beforehand in case we cannot accommodate you immediately. Stop by the Church Office during open hours.

**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.

**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—**

Somewhere along the line a short circuit developed in the electric line feeding the pole lights along the driveway in the parking lot. This has been tended to. Meanwhile, the crocuses and daffodils are trying to pop out. I don't think they will be ready for Easter. *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.

**REVERENCE IN RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST**—We are all reminded to bow to the Body and the Blood of Christ before receiving each.

**OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

This weekend: Next weekend

*Saturday*

5:00pm

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

*Sunday*

8:00am

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

**PARISH OUTREACH**

Candy Baskets needed for our children for Easter

Can You Donate a Basket?

Baskets are needed by March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**St. Patrick's Singles Fellowship**

Welcomes All widowed, single, divorced and separated ages 45 to 60 plus years to coffee, tea, cake and conversation

Sunday, March 21, 2010 – 10AM to 12PM

St. Patrick's Parish, 280 E. Main St. Smithtown

For information call: Outreach Dept. 265-2668 (Mon.-Fri.)

*Fear grows out of the things we think; it lives in our minds. Compassion grows out of the things we are, and lives in our hearts. Barbara Garrison*

## **JUSTICE & PEACE**

Today we wish to tell you the story of Milton who is in his late eighties. He is a survivor of poverty and tragedy, who by the grace of God, has made a life under the worst circumstances, began on the gravel road leading to his home. The home is pieced together like a worn out crazy quilt. There is weathered particle board nailed on top of the original wood planks of the barn, only two small side windows, and a rusted tin roof. A little enclosed porch juts from the front of the building, where its supports stand on concrete blocks because of the unevenness of the land. The sad and unsanitary living conditions that are Milton's become apparent to anyone entering the building. One half of the floor is littered with full trash bags and other discarded items. This is because Milton is unable to go to the dump because he doesn't drive. He is concerned about his supply of coal for the stove that will be his only source of heat. Each month someone from CAP brings Milton commodities, drinking water, and other basic necessities that may run short towards the end of the month. So even though his meager home does have running water and indoor plumbing, it is not safe to cook with or drink. Milton's worries are not so much for his health. He is more concerned with being warm, eating, and basically, just surviving.

What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? There are many people like Milton. We can be of help to the people of Appalachia. *To be continued.*

Please visit our display and our little house in the Church lobby to accept your donation.

*Justice a parish affair.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

The 17th is St. Patrick's Day.

The 18th is St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

The 19th is St. Joseph, husband of Mary.

The 20th is the First Day Of Spring.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**FIRST LEVEL CHILDREN & PRAYERS**—Those young people who need to say their prayers 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](mailto: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.

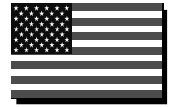
There is also time for quiet meditation.

**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
Brian Hiatt	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](mailto:stjoanarc@optonline.net), 234-5551; or Ann Russo through e-mail, [redaa@aol.com](mailto: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.

## STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

Last Sunday's Collection **\$ 9,998.**

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: **\$ 298,233.**

Spent on repairs and replacements: **\$ 429,192.**

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: **\$ 3,100.**

Profit to the Parish: **\$ 155.**

## FAITH DIRECT

Number of participating families to date: **45**

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](http://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 28—\$50—33—Mary Ann Miranda  
 March 1—\$25—997—Judith & Brian O'Connor  
 March 2—\$25—246—Pat & Dolores Eliseo  
 March 3—\$25—357—Judith Dollard  
 March 4—\$25—918—Joseph Midura  
 March 5—\$25—464—James O'Halloran  
 March 6—\$25—766—Alice Pasie

## OUR REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

Contact [kconnolly@holymfamilyregional.com](mailto:kconnolly@holymfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the Holy Family Regional School website at [www.holymfamilyregional.com](http://www.holymfamilyregional.com)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

### Sunday—March 14

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### Monday—March 15

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7:30pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

### Tuesday—March 16

7pm—Pastoral Council—Rectory

7:30pm—Justice & Peace—Ralph Molinaro's residence

### Thursday—March 18

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Red Room

8pm—Choir—Church

### Friday—March 19

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7:40pm—Sacrament of Penance—Church

### Saturday—March 20

3:30pm—Sacrament of Penance—Church

### Sunday—March 21

Hospitality Sunday—Walden Hall

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

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](mailto:stjoanarc@optonline.net), or call 234-5551, and register by book title.

**E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

- Youth Ministry Website—[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)
- Dr. Joan - [StJoanArc@optonline.net](mailto:StJoanArc@optonline.net)
- Parish Secretary - [Stm73@live.com](mailto:Stm73@live.com)
- Pat Chapin - [Pchapin@optonline.net](mailto:Pchapin@optonline.net)
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- Youth ministry - [JGSalesian@aol.com](mailto:JGSalesian@aol.com)
- Justice & Peace - [Natman32@aol.com](mailto:Natman32@aol.com)
- Fr. Dahlke - [RWDahlke@Jesuits.net](mailto:RWDahlke@Jesuits.net)
- Personal Prayer - [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:  
Barbara & Joe Fratamico—[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

**MEN’S GATHERING** website. Go to the parish website at <http://www.buoy.com/nstm> or [stml.org](http://stml.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](http://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 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**

*(First Notice)*

**RECEPTIONIST**—P/T receptionist needed, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1pm to 5pm. Call 261.1077.x.200.

**SPRING AUCTION**—Holy Angels Regional School in Patchogue will have a Spring Auction on Friday, April 23, 7pm, at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Coram. Tickets: \$10 for 25 tickets. Raffles. Call Kim at 516.903.2636.

**PROFESSIONAL THERAPY & COUNSELING**—Family, marriage, and individual therapies, provided by NY State licensed therapists under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Call the Catholic Counseling Center at 631.243.2503 or the

website: [www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com](http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com)

**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.

**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.

**USED PALM**—If you have blessed palm from previous years, you can bring it to the receiving bin in the Church lobby at your convenience. We will eventually burn it to ash and use it for Ash Wednesday next year.

**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)*

**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).*

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**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)*

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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)*

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**PRAYING FOR THE SICK  
— Adding a name Request —**

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

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

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Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY'S DATE:

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

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**REGISTRATION/ENVELOPE REQUEST**

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)*

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**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)*

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## 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!

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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.

