

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

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OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -

EUCCHARIST

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

BAPTISM—As soon as your child is born,
please call the Church Office to make Baptism
arrangements. 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 one of the
deacons.

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 to
receive further information.

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



***Rely
on the
power
of God.***

October 3, 2010
Twenty-seventh Ordinary Sunday

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
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

Masses for this coming week

October 3, 2010
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm 95
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Saturday—October 2

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—James Hickey, Jr. *by the Hickey family*, Angelo Mastrangelo *by Gerry Friscia*, Dina Bomparola *by Patricia Curico*, Lorraine Tango *by Peter & Patricia Boykevish*, Richard DePietro *by Amalia & Frank Prinszano*

Sunday—October 3—27th Ordinary Sunday

8am—Charlet Pollack *by Fran Mullen*
 9:15am—Michael Cisternas *by the Rieckehoff family*
 10:45am—Thomas Warmuth *by Rosalind Warmuth*
 12:15pm—Robert Covino *by the Covino family*

Monday—October 4—St. Francis of Assisi

9am—James P. Martin *by Mickey & Lillian Margas*

Tuesday—October 5

9am—Dominick Butindari *by the Butindari family*

Wednesday—October 6—St. Bruno

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

9am—Mary Beth Corcoran *by Maryann DeGaynor*

Thursday—October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

Friday—October 8

9am—Anthony Buynak *by the Buynak family*

Saturday—October 9—St. Denis & companions

St. John Leonardi

9am—John Gilmartin *by Frank & Mary Probst*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Michael Cisternas *by his loving family*

Sunday—October 10—28th Ordinary Sunday

8am—Michael Bonavita *by Marina Aivaliotis*, Domenico DiMaria *by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scharf*, Rose Giacalone *by Roz Moglia*, Arthur Tringali *by Evelyn & Kathy Kaler*, Anita D'Angelo *by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nodell*, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Nodell, Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Bruno, Marie Corrigan *by Pat & Ed Bosak*

9:15am—Germinal Miqueli *by Patricia McGrath*

10:45am—Julia & Louis Fiore

by Madeline & Robert Sauchelli

12:15pm—Florence V. Gaiser *by Kathy Kammerer*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

October 10, 2010
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 98
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

The holy Gospel according to Luke:

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when your generosity went unnoticed by the recipient. What did you feel/do?
2. How do you express your gratitude to God?
3. Describe a person you know who is always filled with gratitude. How do they live their life in a gracious way?

Family and children's question:

Describe a time when you felt accepted into a new group. What did the others do to make you feel welcome?

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Rev. Donal R. Kehew, Eileen Immarino, Anthony Pagano, Alan Lathrop, Mathilde Cormier, Evelyn Scollon, Sally O’Connor, John Traynor, Renee Munzer, Doris Horner, Yair Velaneuva, Teresa Szeptietowska, Diana Dignam, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Richard & Patti Hauer, Charles Boston, Baby Kaitlyn Donoghue, William

Higgins, Janice Berlette, Irene Aberle, Joan Peirano, Chase Turano, James Basile, Millie Pyne-Gutmann, Stan Dziedzic, Lucja Kostrzewa, John Barry, Vivian Jacobs, Grace Pontillo, Richard & Gloria O’Donnell, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Brenda DePetris, Kay & Joe Babits, Enrique Tirado, Paulette DiMarco, Janice Berlette, John, Charles Janowitz. *(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 end of November).*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Anthony “Tony” Macari, our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY TODAY — This Sunday has been designated “Respect Life Sunday,” and our readings are about the power of faith. God offers us what we need to welcome all life. Let us pray for the vision and the faith to respect all of creation.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

STAND UP FOR LIFE—This Sunday, October 3, the annual “Stand Up For Life” gathering will take place at the intersection of Route 110 and Jericho Turnpike in Huntington at the Walt Whitman Mall. Starting time is 2pm. The gathering is a peaceful demonstration on behalf of all those who have been affected by the evil of abortion and on behalf of the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death. Everyone is invited to take part. Plan to arrive before 2pm and join in with others to show our support for all human life.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS—This Monday, October 4, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The custom of blessing of animals and pets is observed on his day. We will have the blessing of our pets on this Monday afternoon at 5pm on the Church Law by the Gazebo. Everyone is cordially invited to take part in this beautiful blessing for God’s creatures who give us joy and their undivided attention. Elephants must be followed with a shovel.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—By the time you read this bulletin, we should have or be close to knowing the delivery date of the HVAC units to St. Thomas More. They will be shipped from Oklahoma or Kansas. In the meantime, the process of installing the ducting that will

mate with the roof units has been taking place as fabrication and measurements continue. In all, the time schedule is on target and we should have the units operational by the end of October. *Progress!*

SILVER & GOLD+ COUPLES—In our parish we will also have our own celebration for couples married in the Church in 1985 and for couples married in the year 1960 and before. It will take place at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 20. Please complete and return the cut-out in the bulletin.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2010— Our parish’s assessment this year is \$59,020. I ask you to help the parish meet its goal so that we can all help our brothers and sisters as well as benefit from the rebate that the parish will receive once the goal is attained. We are about \$2,600 short of reaching our assessment. No pledge is too small! Whatever you can give will help us fulfill our obligation to the CMA.

If you did not receive a letter from the CMA Office, please use the cut-out in the bulletin to 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.

CLOTHING DRIVE—On Sunday, October 31, there will be a Clothing Drive in front of Outreach from 8am to around 1pm. A truck from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the driveway to accept your donation of clothing. Please place your donation in a secure container or bag so that it can be handled more easily. Members of our Confirmation class will be present to accept your donation.

PARISH FISCAL REPORT—With the Fiscal Year having ended August 31, we will complete the report for review by the Finance Council and eventual forwarding to the Diocesan Finance Office.

As per recommendation from the Diocese, the report will reflect the costs of the severance for our employees who accepted the package and it will also reflect the cost of the HVAC replacements, even though we have not spent the money yet. I am told that this is an accepted accounting practice. As a result, the report will show a significant loss for the year.

Once the report is ready for publication, it will be published.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend: Next weekend

Saturday

5:00pm

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

Sunday

8:00am

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

TEACHERS NEEDED—We are in need of Religious Education teachers in all levels. If you are looking for a way to volunteer in the parish, this is a great way to become involved. Call the Religious Education Office at 234.0397.

PARISH OUTREACH & ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS



PARISH PANTRY

Our pantry needs for this week are: canned fruit and vegetables, jelly, mayo, paper goods and especially **pancake mix, syrup and detergent**. Any meat in its original packaging that you could donate for our freezer will be greatly appreciated.

Employment Network Program – Free guidance program for anyone seeking employment. 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 and includes career assessment, resume writing, networking and more. First session starts Monday evening at 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 53 Prospect Road & Mill Dam Road, Centerport, NY. Advanced registration is required. Call Parish Outreach 631-754-9045. Bring resume if you have one.

Apts. For Rent –

Hauppauge -1 Bedroom with full kitchen, living room, sunny. Heat included, non-smoker, \$850. If interested, call Outreach 234-3149.

Hauppauge – 1 Bedroom, private entrance, new kitchen. Includes heat, electric, cable. No smoking, no pets – singles only – available Oct. 1st. \$950 – call 979-4463.

Many people live with the expectation that eventually things will get better; wars, hunger and oppression will vanish. Their lives and work are motivated by that expectation. When this does not happen in their lifetimes, they are often disillusioned and experience themselves as failures.

But Jesus doesn't support such an optimistic outlook. He foresees not only the destruction of Jerusalem, but also a world full of cruelty, violence and conflict. For Jesus there is no happy ending in this world. The challenge of Jesus is not to solve all the world's problems, but to remain faithful at any cost.

From Henri Nouwen

JUSTICE & PEACE

Many times in this column we have spoken about what the Catholic Church calls "a preferred option for the poor." There is a biblical call to justice. Both the Old and New Testaments are very clear on this subject. How do we as individuals lift up the poor? Is it totally our responsibility or should government be involved? Failure to lift up the poor is failure to love. In this column we say that justice is a parish affair. Certainly as individuals and as a parish we can try to lift up the poor. We can provide, through our Outreach Program, a basic level of

help but to solve the problems of the poor requires the work of the nation. The poor suffer from high rates of teen pregnancy, fatherless families and family breakup. They suffer from unjust social structures, large changes in the economy that produce greater inequality. In the case of African-Americans and Latinos -- racism.

What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? To lift up the poor requires the work of the nation and the poor themselves. More and more we are seeing programs of self help among the leaders of the poor. This is good but it is not enough. Part of our responsibility, as individual and as a parish, is to let our representatives in government know our concern. By our letters and votes we have to see that justice is corrected. This will go a long way in helping the poor especially today with so many people out of work.

Justice is a parish affair.

Discover needs and act justly.

Together we can make a difference.

Oct. 4 is St. Francis of Assisi.

Oct. 6 is St. Bruno and Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher.

Oct. 7 is Our Lady of the Rosary.

Oct. 9 is St. Denis and his Companions, St. John Leonardi.

MEN'S GATHERING

The next meeting of the Men's Gathering will be on Thursday October 14, 2010 in the religious education center at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Gill Melengrano. He will speak on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. All men are invited to attend. Every month we come away refreshed with some

FEEDING THE PIGGIE—You are always 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Justice & Peace/Religious Ed

Invites Parents & Children
to a presentation by

Fr. Frank Pizzarelli—a well-known expert in the field of
Substance Abuse and Youth.

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Parish Center—7:30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

With joy we welcome the following children into our Catholic Faith:

Nicholas Allen Brucculeri, son of Stefano & Kimberly
Cole Joseph Welz, son of Joseph & Jennifer
Aidan Mark Pirnat, son of Mark & Melissa

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Have you ever asked the question, "What can my child 'do' for the STM community?" How about teaching them about "volunteering" their talents by singing in the choir? The choir sings at the 9:15am Family Mass on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are for one hour on Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30pm. Grades 3 and up are welcome to sing. Please consider joining our children's choir. For info or to join please call Emilia at 724.8820. Thank you!

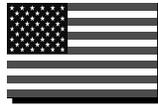
ADULT CHOIR NEWS

Our Choir season has begun. We are always looking for new voices to join us. So if you can sing and are free for rehearsals on Thursdays, 8pm to 10pm, think about becoming part of the choir group. We sing at the 10:45am Mass on all Sunday mornings.

Why not give us a try—it's a great night out to sing, make new friends & praise the Lord too! For info call Emilia at 724.8820.

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Lorenzo Bacchi	Philip Root
Scott Lovelock	Candice Gagnon
Keith Burnett	Travis Dubshinski
William Charpiéd	Thomas Nichols
Laura Jean Iovino	Casey Benefield
Anthony Orlandi	Joseph Marziotta
Brian Hiatt	William Gregory
Eric Reid	Eric Mitchell
Randy Donaldson	Paul Hulkow, 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.

CALENDAR CLUB 2010

Here are the next set of winners. Congratulations!
 September 19—\$50—84—Allison Tonroy
 September 20—\$25—503—Dan & Bernadette Murphy
 September 21—\$25—232—Joan Fanelli
 September 22—\$25—390—Steven Probst
 September 23—\$25—199—Louis Savarese
 September 24—\$25—222—John & Jackie Fontana
 September 25—\$25—176—Fr. Bob Dahlke

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Stand Up For Life: This Sunday, Oct. 3, 2 to 3:30pm, at Rte. 110 & 25 in Huntington. All are welcome to this annual event to stand in prayerful, peaceful witness to the sanctity of Life in our nation. Members of our parish usually meet together in front of Rte. 110 by the main entrance to the Walt Whitman Mall. For more info call Alice at 265.1949.

Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Holy Hour—every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:45pm. The Divine

Mercy Chaplet & Rosary will be recited.

Holy Hour for Life: every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm. The Litany to the Blessed Mother & Rosary will be recited to pray for an end to abortion & a greater respect for human life.

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.

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 ushers or the priest celebrating the Mass.

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 Ann Russo through e-mail, redaa@aol.com or 543-2740. If there is no answer, contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

CIRCLE OF WOMEN

St. Thomas More Circle of Women's book discussion will meet next on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 3pm in the White Room. It is the mission of the book group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writings to facilitate our own reflection of God's action in our daily lives.

The Fall selection is The Naked Now by Richard Rohr, Crossword Publishing Co. Dr. Joan Dorr will be the Guest Consultant for the Fall series. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Nov. 15—Part Two
- Dec. 13 – Part Three

For information and registration call Ann Druckenmiller at 265.8302.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—October 3

2pm—Stand Up For Life at Route 110 & Jericho Turnpike in Huntington
 7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—October 4

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room
 5pm—Blessing of Animals—Church Lawn
 7pm—Youth Ministry—White Room

Thursday—October 7

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Healing Our Hearts—Religious Ed Center

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—October 8

7:15pm—Young at Heart—RED ROOM

Sunday—October 10

NO BIBLE STUDY

SAVE THE DATE**Saturday, November 13, 9:30am****Walden Hall**

Join us to explore "Simple Happiness"

More info to follow!

STEWARDSHIP**Last Sunday's Collection \$ 8,319.**

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize their unique combinations of God-given gifts and who use them to participate in, and support, all our various parish ministries.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF FAITH DIRECT? - Now is a great time to enroll in our automatic electronic offertory program with Faith Direct. Electronic giving is simply the easiest and most convenient way for you to make and St. Thomas More to receive your weekly offering. With Faith Direct, you save time and reduce our expenses, and there is no fee to you! Please visit www.FaithDirect.net to sign up today: our church code is **NY227**. I sincerely hope you will join the other parishioners who are making use of this convenient program.

At the present time, those who participate in Faith Direct add about \$1,800 to the weekly amount that is published in the bulletin.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**Contributed to date: \$ 330,550.****Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 439,214.**

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 obtain the weekly bulletin.

SCRIP SALES**Scrip Sales Last Week: \$ 3,325.****Profit to the Parish: \$ 166.****E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.orgParish Secretary - Stm73@live.comPat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.netMary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.netOutreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.netYouth ministry - JGSalesian@aol.comJustice & Peace - Natman32@aol.comFr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.netPersonal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com

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

Barbara & Joe Fratamico—BJFRAT@optonline.net**MEN'S GATHERING** website. Go to the parish website at<http://www.buoy.com/~stm> 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York Grades Nursery through 8th. You may contact the school at

kconnolly@holyfamilyschool.com to schedule a tour of this

parish's regional school, or visit the School website at

www.holyfamilyregional.com

"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.

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.

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? - If you can, please bring your old ones to the Church lobby drop-off box. 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 for use next year.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Sunday—October 17—10:30am to 2pm
St. John the Baptist High School

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

LIFE CENTER 17TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE—Sat., Oct. 23, 7pm to midnight, St. Agnes Hall, Rockville Centre, \$125 per person. Contact: www.lifecenterli.org or call Frank @516.798.8746.

BIBLE TEACHING & PRAYER LINE—new teaching daily on Mass readings, 631.317.2200.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES, FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PATRICK—March 14-22, 2011 & Fatima & Lourdes, Sept. 26—Oct. 4, 2011. Call Mike Milano @ 1.800.773.2660 for info.

R.C. CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION—Sat., Oct. 23, 50 Granny Rd., Farmingville, 6pm. Admission \$10. includes 100 tickets & coffee and cake. Call Rosemarie @ 631.696.0270, EXT 25.

(Second Notice)

CENACLE SISTERS—Oct. programs:
Sat., Oct. 16, 10am to 4pm—"A Day for Wise Women...Aging & Saging"
Sat., Oct. 23, 10am to 3:30pm—"Am I Just Another Grain of Sand on the Seashore?"
Sat., Oct. 30, 10am to 3pm—"Visio & Audio Divina: Methods of Praying with Scripture"
Each asks for a donation of \$50 including lunch. Call 631.588.8366 for info & registration.

15 DAY JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE—Jan. 15 thru Jan. 29, 2011, Cairo, Nile River, Mt. Sinai, Dead Sea, Jericho, Bethlehem, and more. \$3199. For more info call Rose @ 813.2355 or 357.9036.

VENDORS WANTED—OLOL Church, Massapequa Park, "Holiday Craft & Gift Fair, Sat., Nov. 27, 9am to 4pm. Reservations now being accepted. Call Lisa @ 516.541.3270 between 9am and 9pm.

ITALIAN FEAST—St. Gerard Magella, Port Jeff Station, celebrating the Feast of their Patron Saint, Sun., Oct. 17, 12:30pm to 4:30pm. No admission fee. Call Faye for info @ 631.473.2900.

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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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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
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

You can make a difference!

Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.

Please make your check payable to: **Catholic Ministries**

Appeal

Pledge: \$ _____
 Down Payment: \$ _____
 Balance: \$ _____

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Other

Name: _____

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Donor Signature: _____

(Return to the Church Office)

SILVER & GOLD & GOLD PLUS CELEBRATION

We would like to participate in the Silver & Gold Wedding anniversary celebration at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 20.

OUR NAMES:

DATE OF OUR WEDDING:

CHURCH OF OUR WEDDING:

OUR PHONE:

(Please return to the Church Office or place in collection)

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

— Adding a name Request —

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

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

Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY'S DATE:

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

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OUR SCOUTS RECEIVE AWARDS—Shown above at those who participated in the 53rd Annual Boy Scout Convocation that was held at St. Agnes Cathedral on September 19.

Recipients of the Ad Altare Dei emblem were: Vincent Carlino, Matthew Fortmeyer, Nicholas Lauritano, Liam Nugent, Ryan O’Dea and Christopher Parrett.

This emblem is offered to help and equip the scout to take his place in the world with an understanding to his Christian commitment, to recognize his advancement in the spiritual content of Scouting and to help him fully live the Boy Scout Promise and Law. The program strongly emphasizes the sacraments, for it is through the sacraments that one encounters Christ.

Recipients of the Pope Pius XII emblem were: Thomas Crociata, Rocco Recce and Marcos Pedone.

The Pope Pius XII emblem for High School students was developed in recognition of the need for Catholic lay leaders in the Church and in community affairs. This emblem reflects the ideal of youth’s growing concern with the world of God as well as the world of humanity.

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—

1. Administrative Assistant—must be organized, excel, good phone manners, etc.
2. Shipping/Receiving clerk—one year experience. HS diploma. Clean NYS driver's license. Some heavy lifting required.
3. Manufacturing Engineer—BS mfg engineering or equivalent.
4. Network Administrator—3 yrs experience as administrator & hands on active directory.

BOCES Western Suffolk—Secondary Teachers, Adult Instructors, Alternative High School Experience preferred—Benefits. Divisional Administrator needed. NYS SDA or SOL certification and experience necessary.

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

Clerical Positions—Brentwood. Suffolk Community College. 17 hours per week. No benefits.

Customer Service—Newsday, HS diploma or equivalent. Typing, good spelling. Bi-lingual Spanish/English a plus.

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

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.

Mother's Helper—Smithtown/Hauppauge. Twin girls 1 year olds. 2 or 3 days per week. September/October. Grandmother will be present at all times.

Physical Therapy Aides Needed—Physical Therapy & Sport Services/ New York Balance & Vestibular PT are seeking Part Time Physical Therapy Aides for out-patient Sports/Orthopedic/Manual/Vestibular and Balance practice in Hauppauge, Mon., Tues., Thurs. from 8am to 3 or 4pm.

School Bus/Van Drivers—Flex hours, full benefits, paid holidays, vacations. 401k, health benefits after 6 months. Huntington, Manhasset, Northport.

Sunrise Senior Living—Smithtown, HHA's and LPN's—AM or PM shifts, competitive salary, benefits—open interviews Thursdays at 1pm.

Uniondale Public School—

1. Elementary Assistant Principal—Masters, 5 years teaching experienced. Valid NYS SDA and or SAS certification.
2. Music Teacher—NYS certification required. Bi-lingual a plus.

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.

FROM MARY ELLEN CARROLL & PAT CHAPIN

Recently two newspaper articles, one appearing in *Newsday* and one appearing in *The Long Island Catholic* have unfairly caused some concern about Religious Education taking place in the home. St. Thomas More has always had an in home Religious Education program and has been doing that for the last 40 plus years without incident and has, at times, been held up as a model for other parishes.

Catechists prepare to teach class each week, they also attend catechist workshops four times a year, (and for those who are teaching more than one level they could be attending 8-12 workshops a year). Many of the catechists attended the beginning catechist workshop and have taken additional training workshops called Echoing from the Centre. As per the diocesan guidelines, which have been in force for several years, all of the catechists have had a background check and have taken Virtus, a child safety program that all parish volunteers must take.

The articles leave the impression that a group of strangers are teaching in the religious education home program. This is without basis in fact. Most of the catechists are the parents or grandparents of the one of the students in the class, many of the other children's parents know the catechist from school or sports or Church. Parents are encouraged to get to know their children's catechist. Many of the catechists continue to teach year after year and are well known to us.

Another impression that the articles leave is that Pat and I do not know what goes on in the classes and that the catechists may not actually be teaching. Again this is not based in experience. The catechists report to us what is happening in their classes at the workshops, by phone or via email. They care about the children in their classes and call us for help if they need help. Parents are always free to call us if they have a concern. We give them our email addresses and they have the phone number of the office.

In addition to meeting the catechists at workshops, catechists attend between 3-5 activities with their classes at the parish center each year. At those times we have the opportunity to see how the catechists interact with their classes. A few years ago, Deacon Bob undertook the task of visiting the classes each year. He is always complimentary of the catechists and how much the students know. On each grade level there are student reviews which help us to assess if we are all doing what has to be done for our children to learn about our faith. We have made changes over the years to make sure that our children are learning and that our catechists feel supported.

Pat and I both sent our children to a religious education program in the home. We always felt that our children were safe and that they were receiving a good religious education. The faith sharing that takes place in a small group setting is very hard to replicate in a larger classroom setting. We would feel comfortable entrusting our grandchildren to any of the catechists in the St. Thomas More program.

We are blessed with 200 catechists who graciously volunteer their time in addition to raising families and working outside the home. They work hard at preparing to teach. They try to inspire the students in their classes to live a Christ centered live. We are so grateful to them for all that they do. In them we see the Spirit of God alive and at work.