

Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway  
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**Pastoral Staff**

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**OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -  
EUCARIST**

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.

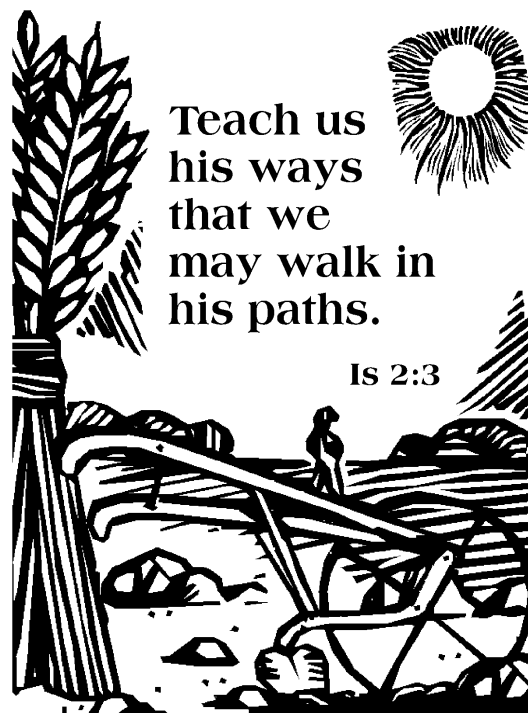
**MARRIAGE**—As soon as a couple decides to  
marry, and BEFORE making any other arrange-  
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an  
appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the  
deacons.

**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.



*November 28, 2010*  
*Advent*  
*First 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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Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

## Masses for this coming week

**November 28, 2010**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**2 Samuel 5:1-3**  
**Psalm 122**  
**Colossians 1:12-20**  
**Luke 22:35-43**

### Saturday—November 27

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Albert DiBernardo *by the Cloke family*

### Sunday—November 28—First Sunday of Advent

8am—Arlene Balando *by Florence & Michael Acquafredda*

9:15am—Joseph M. Rot *by his wife & family*

10:45am—William Barns *by Peggy Kane*, Michael Conte *by Martha Brown*, John Bownes *by Kathleen Roberti*, Paul Bilz *by Robert & Louisa Sanfratello*, Mary Marek *by St. Thomas More Choir*, Dominick Bove *by MaryAnn & Ralph Rantz*, Patrick Lipka *by Patricia & James Dugan*, Mrs. Catalano *by Mr. & Mrs. Butera*, Edna Catalano *by Marilyn & Joe Amodio*, Rose Small *by Judy & Ken Granville*, Edna Catalano *by Judy & Ken Granville*, Greg Giraldo *by the Coto family*, John Traynor *by MaryAnn & Ralph Rantz*, Carole Nick *by the McGuire family*, Maria O'Regan *by Diane & Michael Sheehan*, Frank O'Brien *by Christine Quinn*

12:15pm—Gina & Louis Macchi *by Trina M. Carty*

### Monday—November 29

9am—Lucy Spencer *by Maria & Anthony Rotolico*

### Tuesday—November 30—St. Andrew the Apostle

9am—Rita Corte *by Joyce Spincola*

### Wednesday—December 1

9am—Andrzej Wiencierz

### Thursday—December 2

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

### Friday—December 3—St. Francis Xavier

9am—Daniel Kours *by the Hughes family*

### Saturday—December 4—St. John of Damascus

9am—Marie Pizzurro *by Lois & Peter Provenzano*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Antoinette & Joseph Butindari *by the Butindari family*

### Sunday—December 5—Second Advent Sunday

8am—Christine Jackets *by Kay & Walter Drechsler*

9:15am—Sgt. Anthony DeSocio, Lieut. Daniel DeSocio & Richard Hohn *by Joan & Jim Murphy*

10:45am—Jeanne & Julius Sauchelli

*by Madeline & Robert Sauchelli*

12:15pm—Vincenzo Paniccia *by the Sanfratello family*, Tony

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**December 5, 2010**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Psalm 72**  
**Romans 15:4-9**  
**Matthew 3:1-12**

### The holy Gospel according to Matthew:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’

For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

### Focus Questions:

1. Advent is a time for deeper conversion and growing in our relationship to God and others. What are you doing this Advent to enter in to its spirit?

2. Who has been like John the Baptist in your life pointing you in the direction of God?

3. Describe a time when you took your faith for granted. Who or what made you aware of what you were doing?

### Family and children’s question

What are you doing to bring peace, joy, patience and forgiveness to your family this Advent?

Kemper by Tony & Ann Popp, Luigi Mascia by Amalia & Frank Prinsinzano, Carlo Panella by Amalia & Frank Prinsinzano, Carmela Olivero by Jean McColgan & family, Elizabeth Ronneberg by Jack & Marcia Gaudet, Janice Cacciabauda by Bob & Evelyn McMahon

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Toni Minguez, Maura Reddy, Mathilde Cormier, Katherine Drechsler, Chris Nevins, Maureen O'Donnell, Elaine Kleinstaubler, Vito & Nellie Baliunas, Irene Aberle, Melissa Herber, Cathy Gillia, Barbara Chase, Yvonne Williams, Kristen Lewis Baden, Stan Dziedzic, Lucja Kostrzewa, John Barry, Vivian Jacobs, Grace Pontillo, Linda

Bartolucci, Dennis Ligus, Richard & Gloria O'Donnell, Adela Morales, Robert Ferrizz, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Brenda DePetris, Judith Johnson, Baby James Patrick Sieczkowska, Conrad Gangone, Josephine Michaels, Doris Horner, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Yair Velaneuva, Teresa Szepietowska, Diana Dignam, Suzanne Code, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Ann Kappelman, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Richard & Patti Hauer, Charles Boston, Baby Kaitlyn Donoghue, John, William Higgins, Joan Peirano, Chase Turano, James Basile, Millie Pyne-Gutmann, Evelyn Scollon, Christine Cessese, John Mastrodomenico, Walter Remsky, Sally O'Connor, Renee Munzer, Jimmy Powers, Eileen Immarino, Anthony Pagano, Victoria Nelson, Joseph Peter, Cathy Gulotta, Kathryn Badalaty, Iain & Cody McGill, Bobby Rosmini, Karen Donoghue, Ed Puerzer, Jean Prosser, Alan Lathrop, Kay & Joe Babits, Enrique Tirado, Dennis LaRosa, Janice Berlette, Rev. Donal R. Kehew, Marie Quis, John Iacolino, 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 with this week's bulletin).*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Lea LeBon, Dorothy Wigand, Marie Buckleman, our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY TODAY**—Today we begin the season of Advent and a new Church year. We are reminded today that we should be ready for both endings and beginnings. Let us ask God to help us see the beginning that is inherent in every ending, and for the courage and grace to live as faithful disciples in all circumstances.

**NATIONAL RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR**—The 21st Annual National Holy Hour of Prayer for Life will take place on Wednesday night, December 8, immediately following the 7pm Holy Day Evening Mass until 9pm. Come join us in Unity of Prayer across the country in our cathedrals, churches and chapels, highlighting Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary.

**THANKSGIVING**—On behalf of our St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Parish Outreach, we thank all those who contributed their time and their resources to help us help others

for Thanksgiving Day. To thank everyone one by one would leave someone out, so we say a "thank you" to all those who again gave from their hearts.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY**—We will replace the red carpeting that runs along the border of Walden Hall. It is showing its age and it is time for another carpet that will last a few more years. We will make more progress payments to the folks who installed the HVAC systems in Walden hall and Kirwin Hall. It will involve around \$43,000 in payments. Once the roof safety railing is installed, we will have a "walk through" to tie up any loose ends and then make final payments. *Progress!*

**CALENDAR CLUB 2011**—It is that time of the year again! We invite everyone to join our Calendar Club for the year 2011. Each number costs \$25 and each number is eligible for the daily drawing. You get (5) numbers for \$100. But, if you subscribe by November 30, you will get an additional number. That means, you get (6) numbers for \$100. If you want to give a Calendar Club number(s) as a gift to someone, you can indicate that when you return the registration form. Minimum prize for the daily drawing is \$25 with higher amounts on certain holidays and religious feasts. Use the cut-out in the bulletin or use the form you received in the mail.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**—We will offer Red, White and Pink Poinsettias for sale again this year. They are 7" pots and will be available for \$15 each. Since they are fragile by nature, we will order the amount that is pre-ordered. The deadline for ordering them is December 8. Please use the cut-out in this week's bulletin for your orders.

**WINE TASTING**—We will have our Parish Wine Tasting on Sunday afternoon, January 9, 2011. Featured will be quality wines, appetizers, various food items, desserts and other beverages. Cost is \$30 per person. Please return the cut-out in the bulletin as soon as you can.

**REVERENCE AT COMMUNION TIME**—As we, the Faithful, approach to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are asked to bow our heads before saying "Amen" and receiving the Eucharist under the form of Bread or Wine.

**2011 CALENDARS**—We have 2011 Calendars available for your personal use. They will be in the Church Lobby until the supply runs out. We thank the Fives Smithtown Funeral Home and the Branch Funeral Home for assuming the costs for these calendars. As always, please take a calendar only if you are going to use it.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**—In addition to the usual Saturday times for Penance/Confession, everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament on Saturdays, December 5 and 11, at 10:30am until noon.

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE ILL**—The printed list of names expires with this bulletin. If you wish to have someone listed for prayers, please submit their names through the collection basket or drop the list off at the Church Office.

**ANGELS & SHEPHERDS**—Our young people are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve Masses as "angels and shepherds." Please use the sign up form that is in today's

bulletin.

**CHRISTMAS MAGNETS**—To help us encourage everyone that Jesus “is” part of the Christmas season, there are magnets available to attach to your car. They are available at the Scrip table. They are easily removable. Donation is \$5 each. Proceeds go to feed the hungry in Haiti and also to provide for the needy in our area.

## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

This weekend:      Next weekend

*Saturday*

5:00pm

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

*Sunday*

8:00am

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Racos

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Fr. Racos

Fr. Dahlke

## PARISH OUTREACH & ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

*Our mission to help people incorporate St. Thomas More Parish Outreach and the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Conference.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY, VERY GENEROUS  
RESPONSE TO OUR  
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE! MORE TO FOLLOW IN  
NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

### THE GIVING TREE PROGRAM CHRISTMAS 2010

NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

SEE OUR GIVING TREE IN THE NARTHEX  
PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO  
A FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS  
SEE OUR FLYER FOR DETAILS

Monthly Caregivers Support Group – Join a group of people who are taking care of a loved one with a long-term illness. The group is facilitated by a licensed social worker, with homecare experience. This is a safe and productive place to raise your concerns, discuss problems and find solutions with help from others who are facing the same challenges. Learn techniques for care of self, as you care for another. Come see if the group is helpful for you. Meetings held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 53 Prospect Rd. Centerport at Parish Outreach Center on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting: Wed., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am.

Suffolk County Office for the Aging – A Senior Advocate will be available to assist seniors with information gathering, completion of eligibility or recertification applications and referrals to appropriate community agencies on Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 1pm at the Senior Center, 420 Middle Country Rd., Smithtown, NY 11787.

*Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, ends with a tear.  
When you were born you were crying and everyone around you  
were smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're  
smiling and everyone around you is crying.*

## JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is our last column on Catholic Social Teaching for a while. We will come back to it again in the future. We want to end with Pope Benedict XVI. In a recent article, the Pope quoted Luke 16:19-31 where Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and the poor man named Lazarus. The first one lives in luxury and self concern, and when he dies, ends up in Hell. But the poor man, who ate the scraps from the rich man's table, is carried by the angels to the eternal dwelling of God and the saints. “Blessed are you poor, “the Lord proclaimed to His disciples, “because yours is the kingdom of God” (Luke 6-20). What does all mean in terms of justice and peace? The message is very clear. It points out that while we are in this world we must listen to the Lord and live according to his will. After death it will be too late to make up what we failed to do when alive. Jesus loves the poor and lifts them up from humiliation. Our own destiny is conditioned by our attitude. It is up to us to follow the road of life that God has shown us and this is the road of love, not understood as sentiment but as service to others in the charity of Christ. Some of the wording comes directly from the Pope.

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

The 30th is St. Andrew, Apostle

The 2nd of December is the First Day of Hanukkah for our Jewish Brethren.

The 3rd is St. Francis Xavier.

The 4th is St. John of Damascus.

**FEEDING THE PIGGY**—You are always invited to lend your support of the “piggy” 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.

### **YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 10. There will be snacks, a wine tasting and our usual refreshments. Hosts, Maryann DeGaynor and Michele Brosnan, are asking all paid members to bring a completely wrapped gift item that costs under \$10 to be used for a grab bag.

Dues are due for 2011 and can be paid as well as for our New Year's party. For any information, call Maryann at 348.3531 or Michele at 234.1224.

### **YOUNG AT HEART NEW YEAR'S PARTY**

Attention YAH Members! Our New Year's Party is being held on Saturday, January 8, 2011, from 7pm to 11pm in Walden

Hall. Good food, good music, entertaining DJ, and a good time to be had by all.

The cost for all paid members is \$20 and \$25 for all friends and relatives.

Please attend our November 12 meeting and pay for any outstanding dues (2011) and pay for the New Year's Party. For any information, call Peter at 724.3382.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER** - The Life Center will have speakers at the Masses the weekend of Jan.15/16 for the Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER** — Wednesday, December 8, after the 7pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join our nation in prayer for a greater respect for human life and an end to abortion. The Litany to Our Lady and the Rosary will be recited. There will also be time for quiet meditation & Benediction at 9pm.

**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.

## RECENT BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed the following child into our Catholic family of Faith.

    Gavin Frank White, son of Spencer and Dana  
    Ava Grace Lingen, daughter of David and Lauren

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

We are forming our Christmas Children's Choir. We invite all children – grades two through high school to join us to sing on Christmas Eve and through the Christmas Season.

Rehearsals are on Saturdays as follows:

**December 4**     **12:30 to 2 PM**  
**December 11**    **12:30 to 2 PM**  
**December 18**    **2:00 to 3:30 PM**

What gift can you bring to Jesus for His birthday? You can give your voices – raised in song to celebrate His coming! To register or for more information, call EMILIA at 724-8820.

## THINKING ABOUT ??

### BECOMING A 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](mailto:redaa@aol.com) or 543-2740. If there is no answer, contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

## PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Lorenzo Bacchi	Philip Root
Scott Lovelock	Candice Gagnon
Paul Hulkow, Jr.	Randy Donaldson
William Charpiet	Thomas Nichols
Laura Jean Iovino	Casey Benefield
Anthony Orlandi	Joseph Marziotta
William Gregory	Eric Reid
Eric Mitchell	Christopher Mustakas



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!

November 14—\$50—163—Judy Granville  
November 15—\$25—578—Jack & Caroline DeSantis  
November 16—\$25—80—Bruce & Joan Cameron  
November 17—\$25—770—Irene & Bob Aberle  
November 18—\$25—1020—Ed Baer  
November 19—\$25—633—Mr. & Mrs. William O' Reilly  
November 20—\$25—794—Pat McGrath

## OFFERTORY GIFT PROCESSION

All parishioners, adults and children, are invited to be part of the Offertory procession at our weekend 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 one of the ushers or the priest celebrating the Mass. You can sign up in the register book that is at the table on the left as you enter the lobby.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

On November 20 the Knights met at the church to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to local families in need. The Knights Christmas party this year will be on December 5. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Please bring a covered dish and a present for your child for Santa to distribute. Let us know what type of food you would like to bring. The party will start at 2:30 and Santa will arrive around 3:15. On December 18 at 12:00 we will be at United Cerebral Palsy on Indian Head road in Commack. All are welcome to join us. The choir will be singing Christmas carols to the residents as we give them lunch and present them with gifts from Santa and a gift to the facility. This is all possible from the money raised from the Spaghetti dinner. Thank you parish. Anyone interested in any of these functions please contact the Grand Knight Steve Paduano at [Pans6197@aol.com](mailto:Pans6197@aol.com) God Bless.

## FAITH AND LIGHT

There will be a meeting on Friday, December 3, 7pm, at the Holy Cross Parish, Nesconset. For more info, call Marcia at 631.439.9724.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Sunday's Collection** \$ 9,111.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have, and are, and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

**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](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up today: our church code is **NY227**. You may also pick up a registration form located on one of the information tables in the Church Lobby. I sincerely hope you will join the other parishioners who are making use of this convenient program. To date, 75 families or individuals are users of Faith Direct.

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

**Contributed to date:** \$ 337,072.

**Spent on repairs and replacements:** \$ 606,261.

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:** \$ 6,425.

**Profit to the Parish:** \$ 321.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**Sunday—November 28**

No Bible Study

**Monday—November 29**

No Bible Study

7pm—Pastoral Council—Rectory

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

**Thursday—December 2**

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir—Church

**Sunday—December 5**

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

## E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Youth Ministry Website—[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)

Parish Secretary - [Stm73@live.com](mailto:Stm73@live.com)

Pat Chapin - [Pchapin@optonline.net](mailto:Pchapin@optonline.net)

Mary Ellen Carroll - [Mecarroll@optonline.net](mailto:Mecarroll@optonline.net)

Outreach - [Stmoutreach@optonline.net](mailto:Stmoutreach@optonline.net)

Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - [Gast.Joe@gmail.com](mailto:Gast.Joe@gmail.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/~stm> or [stmli.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the school at

[kconnolly@holyfamilyschool.com](mailto:kconnolly@holyfamilyschool.com) to schedule a tour of this

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

[www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com)

**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](http://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.

**"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.

**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 burn it to ash for use next Ash Wednesday.

## JIM RYAN'S "AHA!" MOMENTS

NEW RELEASE—Jim Ryan's AHA! Moments, Mindful Morsels for Simple Happiness and Simple Happiness. 52 Easy Ways to Lighten Up!

Jim Ryan, Author/Motivator. [JimRyanTalks.com](http://JimRyanTalks.com)

[info@jimryantalks.com](mailto:info@jimryantalks.com) 866.JIM.RYAN

Some of his thoughts:

The only one stopping you from adding joy to your life each day is you! You have the choice to tune into sadness or joy during your day. Know that Joy is always available at the top of the dial.

The next time you're in church go out of your way to compliment someone for his good work – maybe the organist or lector – or altar server.

Comedian Groucho Marx said, "Television is very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go into another room and read a good book." Watch a little less TV – read a little more.

What endeavor will you undertake to be sure you leave this world better than how you found it?

Give up all gossip. Speak only good of others today. When talking about someone, pretend he or she is standing right next to you. Speak accordingly.

What are you waiting for to start to live the life you always imagined yourself living? Successful people are disciplined people. Wouldn't today be a good day to start?

Greet strangers you pass on the street with a smile and a friendly hello. Your kindness might be the highlight of their day.

Act on inspirations. Start saying yes to opportunities. Have the nerve to stretch your comfort zone.

### **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Second Notice)*

**APARTMENT FOR RENT**—Freshly painted 1 BR apartment near Hauppauge Industrial Park. Convenient to LIE and NSP. Galley kitchen, LR/DR combo. \$975 gas & electric included. No smokers or pets. Call 234.8095.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT – HAUPPAUGE** - In lower level of private home, private back entrance. Large living room and one full bathroom. No kitchen, but refrigerator and microwave included. Also includes electricity and basic cable. Close to Stony Brook University and Suffolk Community College. No pets. Call Gonzalo for more information at 631-793-6148. Rent - \$850per month.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - The Irish Sopranos and Irish Tenor, Karl Scully will perform a Classic Christmas Concert at Blessed Sacrament Church in Jackson Heights, Queens on Sunday, December 5, 2010. Ticket Donation is \$30. There will also be a Festive Cocktail Reception following the Concert. Admission is \$25. For reservations or info, call 718-639-3888.

**PILGRIMAGE—THE SPIRITUALITY OF SOUTHERN ITALY**—January 5-14, 2011. \$2,498 per person, double occupancy. Contact Sister Grace at 631.654.0199 or by e-mail at: [Growland@sjcny.edu](mailto:Growland@sjcny.edu)

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**—St. Patrick's Bay Shore will be hosting its 24th Annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 10 and Friday, December 17, at 8pm. Featured will be Tenor, Karl Scully, Eily Patterson and her Celtic Harpists and the Hibernian Festival Singers. Admission is \$35. For info call 631.665.4911 x.0 or 631.665.1371

## **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:

- |                                                  |                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister    | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumber                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Handy Man/Woman             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrip sellers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul Society |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please place in collection or return to 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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### **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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**CALENDAR CLUB 2011**

I /we would like to subscribe to St. Thomas More's Calendar Club 2011.

Names(s):

Address:

Phone:

( ) Number of subscriptions: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

( ) \$100 enclosed for FIVE numbers  
(SIX, if received by November 30)

And/or

( ) Calendar Club numbers to be given as gifts.  
(List of gifts included with this cut-out)  
(Please return to Church Office)

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**WINE TASTING**

I/We would like to attend the Parish Wine Tasting on Sunday afternoon, January 9.

NAME(s):

PHONE NUMBER:

Total coming ( ) "x" \$30 each "= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
(Please return to Church Office or place in Collection)

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**CHRISTMAS  
POINSETTIA ORDER**

I/we would like to order Poinsettia plants.

NAME(s):

Phone:

- ( ) Red
- ( ) White
- ( ) Pink

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ "x" \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return by December 8)

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You are all invited  
to join with some of our choir  
members in

**A  
SERVICE  
OF  
LESSONS  
AND  
CAROLS  
FOR  
ADVENT**

Presented by our  
Diocesan Choir

Saturday, December 4,  
4pm

Immaculate Conception Seminary  
Huntington, NY

and

Sunday, December 5,  
3:30pm

St. Agnes Cathedral  
Rockville Centre, NY



## 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.

Birch Family Services—New Program—RNs, Counselors, Coordinators, etc. Need clean NYS driver's license, certification, ability to travel for training. Flexible work schedule.

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.

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.

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.

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.

# ANGELS and SHEPHERDS Needed!

Believe it or not, it's that time again! Time to invite all children 5 years of age and older to be angels and shepherds at our two Family Masses on Christmas Eve.

We ask all children wishing to participate to follow this guideline in order to have fairly equal amounts represented at both Masses.

Those whose last names begin with letters **N through Z will attend the 3:30** Mass.  
Those whose last names begin with letters **A through M will attend the 5:30** Mass.

You will be notified of the one **mandatory rehearsal and costume pick-up**. It will be a Saturday in December and will last about one hour.

Please complete the Angel and Shepherd Form below and return it in the collection basket or return it to the Church Office no later than December 4, 2010.

## ANGELS and SHEPHERDS

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would like to participate as an:**

\_\_\_\_\_angel      \_\_\_\_\_shepherd

\_\_\_\_\_ **3:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name N to Z**

\_\_\_\_\_ **5:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name A to M**  
**(Please check appropriate Mass)**

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Return no later than December 4, 2010)**