

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

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OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -

EUCHARIST

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.



December 5, 2010
Advent
Second 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.*

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Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
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Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday—December 4

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

Monday—December 6—St. Nicholas

9am—John Traynor *by Bob & Mary Burke*

Tuesday—December 7—St. Ambrose

9am—Margaret Chertiza *by the Hughes family*
(Anticipated Mass for the Holy Day)

7pm—Maude Fratamico *by Patricia McGrath*

Wednesday—December 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

9am—Rita Corte

12:10pm—Maureen Peacock *by the Roberti family*

7pm—Michael Cisternas *by Kathleen Cully*

Thursday—December 9—St. Juan Diego

9am—Jeninna Vargas (living) *by Jeralyn Spiegel*

Friday—December 10

9am—Deceased members of the George Greggo family
by Anne McComiskey

Saturday—December 11—St. Damasus I

9am—Antonio Mazzara *by Vincent & Christine Barraro*
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Ann Giordano *by her loving family*, Michael Leocadi *by his family*, Joseph Madden *by Gino & Joanne Leocadi*, Phyllis Titora *by her family*, Dominick A. Bove *by Flores*, Anna Durkin *by Lillian & Len Munzer*, Beatriz Tyler *by Maryellen Sice*, Margaret Zero *by Veronica & Ron Scauri & family*, Hyacinth Plummer *by Elaine Hahn*, Taylor Reardon *by the Citro family*, Taylor Reardon *by Ross & Marie Bracco*, Margaret LaPorta *by Mr. & Mrs. A. Rotolico*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 12, 2010
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

The holy Gospel according to Matthew

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out to the desert to see?

A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing?

Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Focus Questions:

- 1) What are the signs of Jesus’ presence in the world today?
- 2) John was expecting a more “fire and brimstone” Messiah rather than the healing and welcoming Jesus. Describe a time when you also expected God to be more “fire and brimstone” and instead encountered a loving and healing God.
- 3) How do you go out of your way to encounter the Messiah who can be found among the blind, the deaf, the crippled and the dead?

Family and children’s question

Talk about how you can practice being patient, generous and kind this week. What are you doing to bring peace, joy, patience and forgiveness to your family this Advent?

Sunday—December 12—Third Advent Sunday (Gaudete)

8am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

9:15am—Rose, Michael, Rocco & Leonard Viso
*by the Butindari family*10:45am—Jennie Nicastro *by Geraldine Covino*12:15pm—Helen & James Stewart *by Virginia Mirabelli***PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Toni Minguez, Maura Reddy, Baby Kaitlyn Donoghue, Anthony Pagano, Alan Lathrop, Janice Berlette, Katherine Drechsler, Chris Nevins, Maureen O'Donnell, Elaine Kleinstaubler, Vito & Nellie Baliunas, Irene Aberle, Kristen Lewis Baden, Stan Dziedzic, Lucja Kostrzewa, John Barry, Grace Pontillo, Dennis

Ligus, Richard & Gloria O'Donnell, Adela Morales, William Boyle, Nina Pendergast, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Josephine Michaels, Doris Horner, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Yair Velaneuva, Teresa Szepietowska, Diana Dignam, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Richard & Patti Hauer, Charles Boston, Joan Peirano, Chase Turano, James Basile, Millie Pyne-Gutmann, Evelyn Scollon, Christine Cessese, Renee Munzer, Cathy Gulotta, Kathryn Badalaty, Iain & Cody McGill, Kay & Joe Babits, Enrique Tirado, Dennis LaRosa, Nellie Duffy, Robert Boney, Rev. Donal R. Kehew, Marie Quis, John Iacolino. (*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 January.*)

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deceased relatives and friends, our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY TODAY—Advent is the season the Church gives us to prepare ourselves for Jesus to be born in us. How do we prepare our hearts? Today we will hear John the Baptist call us to repent and to bear good fruit as a sign of that repentance. Let us pray today that our home preparations for Christmas bear only "good fruit" creating not the perfect house, but open hospitable homes and hearts that welcome Jesus.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—This Wednesday, December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation when we, the faithful, attend Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother.

The anticipated Mass on Tuesday Night will be at 7pm. On Wednesday, Masses are at 9am, 12:10pm and 7pm.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—The **Immaculate Conception of Mary** is, according to Catholic doctrine, the conception of the Virgin Mary without any *stain* ("macula" in Latin) of Original Sin. It is one of the four dogmas in Roman Catholic Mariology. Under this aspect Mary is sometimes called the *Immaculata* (the Immaculate One), particularly in artistic contexts.

The doctrine states that, from the first moment of her existence, Mary was preserved by God from the Original Sin and filled with sanctifying grace that would normally come with baptism after birth. Catholics believe Mary "was free from any personal or hereditary sin". Mary's immaculate conception should not be confused with the Incarnation of her son Jesus Christ; the conception of Jesus is celebrated as the Annunciation to Mary. Catholics do not believe that Mary, herself, was the product of a Virgin Birth.

From early on in the history of the Catholic Church, numerous places in the writings of the Catholic Church Fathers the belief is implicitly stated. In various places the feast of the Immaculate Conception, had been celebrated for centuries on 8 December, when, on 28 February 1476, Pope Sixtus IV extended it to the entire Latin Church. He did not define the doctrine as a dogma, thus leaving Roman Catholics free to believe in it or not without being accused of heresy; this freedom was reiterated by the Council of Trent.

However, the feast was a strong indication of the Church's traditional belief in the Immaculate Conception. On 6 December 1708, Pope Clement XI decreed that the feast of the Immaculate Conception be a Holy Day of Obligation throughout the entire Catholic Church.

The Immaculate Conception was solemnly defined as a dogma by Pope Pius IX in his constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* on 8 December 1854. The Catholic Church teaches that the dogma is supported by Scripture (e.g., Mary's being greeted by the Angel Gabriel as "full of grace") as well as either directly or indirectly by the writings of Church Fathers such as Irenaeus and Ambrose. Catholic theology maintains that since Jesus became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, it was fitting that she be completely free of sin for expressing her *fiat*. In 1904 Pope Saint Pius X also addressed the issue in his Marian encyclical on the Immaculate Conception.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—Join us in Unity of Prayer for Life and for an end to the evil of abortion on this Wednesday evening following the 7pm Mass until 9pm. There will be Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9pm.

OPLATEK—The traditional Christmas wafer is available at the Church Office at your convenience.

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC SUNDAY—This Sunday, December 5, is **Long Island Catholic Sunday**. Our diocesan Catholic newspaper is a vital tool for teaching and evangelizing the faith, and also for providing us with news about the Church from Rockville Centre to Rome. We urge you to use either the Long Island Catholic envelope in your weekly envelope packet, or special envelopes that are available in the church to make your contribution of \$20 – less than 45 cents per issue – so that The Long Island Catholic can continue to be delivered each week into your home and the homes of Catholics throughout Long Island.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—All the daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted, thanks to Neil, Jennifer, Kaitlin and Emma.

The outline of the path in the mall across the Church entrance was completed. After the overgrowth is removed and the landscape is leveled, we will proceed with the installation of a paver-type walkway and we will re-install the Stations of the Cross that have been in storage. We installed florescent lights in the lower half of the Church lighting to replace the incandescent lights for more efficiency and better lighting. We thank those who came by to do the work and we thank those who replaced the hymn books and the missalettes for the Advent season. We thank those who loaned us their brawn to install the Christmas trees in the sanctuary. With Advent beginning early this year, all the helping hands did wonders. *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. 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 Saturday, December 11, at 10:30am until noon.

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. Deadline is *this* Sunday please!

CHRISTMAS MAGNETS & LAWN SIGNS—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. We also have a limited number of lawn signs depicting the Holy Family Nativity. These are \$10 each.

PEARL HARBOR DAY—Let us remember in our prayers all those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the day we were brought into World War II

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

Msgr. Midura

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke

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 A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!

Food and turkeys were donated in abundance. Thanks to our great Pantry Team and helpers for sorting, packing up and delivering. Thanks to all who donated food, Carmella D's boxes of stuffing, Faith Sharing Groups, Columbiettes, Hauppauge Fire Dept, CCD and Religious Ed. classes. Thanks to Tom P. for the 30 turkeys donated. Thanks to the Office Core Team. Thanks to all of you for donating anonymously and to our regular contributors for your monetary contributions. With all the hard work and support by all involved and caring of our St. Thomas More Community, our Thanksgiving Drive was a great success!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Please see our Giving Tree in the Narthex and consider giving to a family this Christmas.

Please Bring Gifts and Gift Cards to the Narthex After Masses by December 12th

Bring Gift Cards to Parish Outreach Office on Weekdays
Monday - Thursday

Whatever you can do will be appreciated.

He who bestows his goods upon the poor shall have as much again and ten times more. *John Bunyan*

JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. It is a time for searching our souls. There are a lot of people out of work and suffering. We try to do the best we can to make sure that others may enjoy Christmas with hope. If we are doing well at this time let us try to make life a little bit better for others this Christmas. God never forgets those who help others who are suffering. A simple toy or some clothes for a child will help a lot. Some food will

help the whole family. Can we do better than we have? Only we can answer that question correctly. No one should have to go through life with just the basics of life .Every child is precious and deserves a chance to a better life. After we die it will be too late to make up for what we failed to do when alive. God has shown us what to do. It is the road of love, not understood as sentiment but as service to others. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? The message is very clear. While we are in this world we must be attentive of God and live according to His will. After death it will be too late to make up for what we failed to do when alive. I am sure that we are all trying to do our best.

*Justice is a parish affair.
Discover needs and act justly.
Together we can make a difference.*

- Dec. 6 is St Nicholas.
- Dec. 7 is St Ambrose and Pearl Harbor Day.
- Dec. 8 is the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Dec. 9 is St. Juan Diego.
- Dec. 11 is St. Damasus I

COUNT THE CATALOGUES CONTEST

All you have to do is count the number of catalogues you receive in the mail each day (whether you keep them or not). The contest will run from this Sunday (December 5) through January 7, 2011.

Then, fill out the coupon below and return it after January 7 until January 14. The winner will have their photo taken for publication.

Why are we doing this? To raise awareness — we are called to be stewards of God’s creation! Just think of the number of trees that have been used up.

We wish you a blessed Advent!

The Justice and Peace Committee of St. Thomas More

COUNTING THE CATALOGUES

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of Catalogues I received from December 5 through January 7: _____

(Return to the Church Office or place in Collection Basket)

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.

MEN’S GATHERING

The next meeting of the men's gathering will be on Thursday December 9, 2010 in the Religious Education Office. Our guest speaker will be Don Larney. His topic will be the Modern Concerns of the Catholic Church. It is an interesting topic and should be excellent. Don is a good presenter. All men are invited to come and to bring a friend.

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.

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.

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. **There will no Holy Hour on December 27 because of the Night of Prayer that was held on December 8.**

RECENT BAPTISMS

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

Vincent Paul Camilleri, son of Brian & Mary Beth

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 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 ??

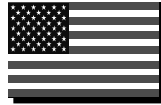
BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

- 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 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 Charpied	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 21—\$50—343—Dee & George Nerlino
 November 22—\$25—551—Charles & Alice Longwell
 November 23—\$25—352—Steve & Rita Miniutti
 November 24—\$25—91—Elizabeth Carabba
 November 25—\$75—580—Ed & Arleen Rogan
 November 26—\$25—399—Louis Savarese
 November 27—\$25—215—Ted & Loretta Muenkel

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

The Knights Christmas party this year will be on this Sunday afternoon, 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 God Bless.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 9,833.
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**. 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: \$ 337,519.
Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 650,139.

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: \$ 2,600.
Profit to the Parish: \$ 130.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—December 5

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—December 6

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

Tuesday—December 7—Pearl Harbor Day

7pm—Vigil Mass for the Holy Day—Church

Wednesday—December 8—

Immaculate Conception of Mary—Holy Day

9am—12:10pm—7pm Masses

7:45pm to 9pm—Holy Hour of Prayer for Life—Church

Thursday—December 9

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

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

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—December 10

7:15pm—Young at Heart Christmas Party—Walden Hall

Saturday—December 11

10:30am—Sacrament of Reconciliation—Church

Sunday—December 12

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org
 Parish Secretary - Stm73@live.com
 Pat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.net
 Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net
 Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net
 Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - Gast.Joe@gmail.com
 Justice & Peace - Natman32@aol.com
 Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net
 Personal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com

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

Barbara & Joe Fraticchio—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@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at 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

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.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

FREE FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED—The CSFD funded by the USDA, and administered by Catholic Charities, is offering free food for 6 to 12 months post-partum women, children from age 5 to 6, and seniors aged 60 and over, who are income eligible. For info, call 631.491.4166 or 631.491.4156.

MARIAN HEALING MINISTRY—Healing Mass on Tuesday, December 7, 7pm, at Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston. Call 718.229.8001 for more info.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT of Instrumental and Choral Music at St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington. 8pm. Donation:\$10.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT to benefit the Inn Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch. Sunday, December 12, 7pm, at St. Joseph's Church, North Carll Avenue in Babylon Village. Call 631.669.0068 for more info.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS—We were recently notified by their respective schools that the following students achieved honors: Christopher Colon at Chaminade; Nicole Tessar, Ruthann Monsees and Mary Monsees at St. John the Baptist. Congratulations to these students.

MERRY CHRISTMAS NEW YORK CITY—A Christina Christmas Concert, the focus of which is to counter the outlawing of the phrase "Marry Christmas!" It is an uplifting musical celebration and reminder of what Christmas is meant to be. Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, Saturday, December 11, 2pm. Tickets priced \$50—\$75. Call telecharge at 212.721.6500.

ANNUAL HOLY INNOCENTS MASS—Tuesday, December 28, 7:30pm, at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Centereach. Refreshments and fellowship follow the Mass. Call 631.585.8760 or 631.588.7242.

(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 - \$850 per month.

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

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:

- () Altar Server () Hospitality
() Usher () Greeter
() RCIA () Liturgy with Children
() Lector () Eucharistic Minister
() Consolation Minister () Landscaping/Planting
() Plumber () Electrician
() Painter () Handy Man/Woman
() Rosary Altar Society () Scrip sellers
() Caring for Altar Plants () Pre-Cana
() FOCCUS () Adult Lending Library
() Banner Committee () 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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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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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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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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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 5, 2010)