

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.



December 19, 2010

Advent

Fourth 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
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Masses for this coming week

December 19, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Saturday—December 18

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Dominick Butindari *by the Butindari family*

Sunday—December 19—Fourth Advent Sunday

8am—Josephine Copercini *by Mary Mangiaracina*, Gaetano DeVito *by Pat Tancredi*, Paul Cirelli *by Francis Ferraro*, Richard Dolce *by Tony & Ann Popp*, Mary Murphy *by Ann & Marin Lamia*, Joseph & Phyllis Trezza *by Jim & Marie Marsala*, Charles & Veronica Marsala *by Jim & Marie Marsala*, Janette Josefsberg *by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kwiecinski*, Mary & John Gaba *by Mary Ann & Bill Peet*, Jean & William Peet *by the Peet family*, Richard Clements *by the Clements family*, Miguel Gulle *by Grace Aldaba*, John Mingione *by Angela Mingione*, Maria & Carmelo Auditore *by Angela Mingione*, Lucille E. Miscione *by Philip Miscione*, Richard & Valerie Coletti *by William & Mary Ann Peet*

9:15am—Gina & Louis Macchi *by Trina M. Carty*

10:45am—Joseph Luca *by Mrs. Nella Luca*

12:15pm—Eric Reistetter *by the family*

Monday—December 20

9am—For the People of the Parish

Tuesday—December 21—St. Peter Canisius

9am—Vincent J. Kowalski *by Marina & Sal Coto*

Wednesday—December 22

9am—Deceased of the Munzer & Cregan families

Thursday—December 23—St. John of Kanty

9am—John, Jan & Genowefa Midura

Friday—December 24

9am—Joseph & Michael Peirano

10am—Christmas Eve Mass at the Arbors of Islandia

Christmas Eve

3:30pm—Those who supported our Flower Fund

5:30pm—Those who supported our Flower Fund

8pm—Those remembered in our Flower Fund

10:30pm—For the People of the Parish

Saturday—December 25—Christmas Day

9am—Jan, Genowefa & John Midura, Dora Strollo, Madeline & Herman Meyer, John Healy, Isidoro & Celia Santana, Benny & Catherine Carra, Walter & Lottie Skipka, Mary & Gerry Light, Phil Spincola, Agnes & John Massa,

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 26, 2010
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sirach 3:2-7,12-14
Psalm 128
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

The holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”

He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee.

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*

Focus Questions:

- 1) What does a being in a family mean to you?
- 2) Describe a “holy family” you know. How has that family affected you?
- 3) How does the fact that the Holy Family was poor and homeless affect the way you respond to the poor, refugees and homeless people?

Family and children’s question

How do you show thanks for the people in your own family?

Joseph & Michael Peirano

10:45am—Amato & Della Boccafola

12:15pm—Fred & Gertrude Wall; Sarah & Tom Allen

There is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday—December 26—The Feast of the Holy Family

8am—Ralph & Ursula Molinaro (*50th Wedding Anniversary*)

9:15am—The Williams & Mickelson families *by Barbara Mickelson*, the deceased members of the Roach family *by the Roach & Janssen families*, Nicholas Montecalvo *by Jennifer Thomas*, Mary Marek *by Tony & Ann Popp*, Dominick A. Bove *by the Cercones*, Mauricio Pascual *by Grace Aldaba*, Mary Anderson *by Paul & Rita Goebeler*, Frank Wroblewski *Veronica & Ron Scauri & family*, Janice Mercante *by Grace Barber*, Ruben Simenez *the Buynak family*, Carol Licandro *by the Licandro family*, James Rieger & family (living) *by Louise Adler*, Jordan Gatti *by Karen Nigro*

10:45am—Kevin Butera & the Carucci family

(by Gabe & Mary Butera)

12:15pm—For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Robert Leupold, Theresa Healy, Dennis Miron, Katherine Drechsler, Chris Nevins, Maureen O'Donnell, Elaine Kleinstaubler, Vito & Nellie Baliunas, Irene Aberle, Kristen Lewis Baden, Stan Dziedzic, Lucja Kostrzewa, Marie Quis, John Barry, Cecelia Keller, Florence Savickas, 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, 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, Evelyn Hirsch, Robert Boney, Rev. Donal R. Kehew, Toni Minguez, Tom Stahura, Toni Sanchez, Brenda DePetris, Chase Turano, Maura Reddy, Baby Kaitlyn Donoghue, Anthony Pagano, Alan Lathrop, Janice Berlette, Suzanne Coad, Denise Zappia, 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

Wanda Cetnarska, Stephen Spincola, Edward Krysinski, Ann McComiskey, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY TODAY—In today's Gospel we are reminded of Joseph's confusion, but also his openness to God's word. God sent Joseph a dream and Joseph listened to the message.

God understands that we sometimes need signs to remind us of what we know deep down to be true. Let us prepare our hearts and minds today to be open to the signs that God provides, pointing the way to our true happiness.

OPLATEK—The traditional Christmas wafer used among some ethnic traditions is available at the Church Office at your convenience. There are a few left.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—For those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession before Christmas, it will be offered this Monday night from 7pm to 8pm in the Church.

DECORATING OUR CHURCH—We will beautify our Church for our Christmas celebrations this coming Wednesday evening at 6pm. If you have the time to come down for a while to help, please feel free to do so.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TIME—Once again, so many of our parishioners have risen to the occasion in rendering their help and support towards those who are in need. Our Outreach and St. Vincent de Paul have been able to assist so many people in our parish area with Christmas baskets and toys for young people. The Food Pantry was able to keep up with the demand and will continue to supplement the needs of our people who come to us. From all of us, we say: "Thank you for your love and generosity!"

It is gratifying to wear a button encouraging others to wish us a "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays" and with a smile. I always kept an extra button or two in my pocket because of many requests from the greeter to also have one to wear.

THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE—Here is a reprint of the schedule for your reference.

Friday—December 24

Christmas Eve Masses: 3:30pm & 5:30pm & 8pm & 10:30pm

Saturday—December 25

Christmas Day Masses: 9am & 10:45am & 12:15pm

Sunday—December 26—Feast of the Holy Family

8am & 9:15am & 10:45am & 12:15pm

Friday, December 31—New Year's Eve

5pm Mass

Saturday, January 1—New Year's Day

9am & Noon & 5pm

Sunday—January 2—Feast of the Epiphany

8am & 9:15am & 10:45am & 12:15pm

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.

EVE'S ANGELS SAVING LIVES BLOOD DRIVE—One of our young parishioners has taken on the responsibility of having a Blood Drive here at St. Thomas More on Wednesday, December 29, 2010. It will take place in Walden Hall from 3pm to 9pm. To make an appointment, call Eve at

631.543.8591.

OUR FLOWER FUND SUPPORTERS—Next weekend, we will publish the names of those who are supporting or are being memorialized in this year’s Flower Fund. Thanks to our supporters we are able to adorn our Church and Sanctuary for the season.

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC—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 the special envelopes that are available where you get the bulletin in order 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. The envelope you received in your packet listed the first week of January as the collection date which is fine for you to give on that weekend.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—The new border rug that will replace the red rug in Walden Hall will be installed shortly. The current carpet has shown its wear and needs to be replaced. So, it will happen. The grounds of the Church and the property around the rectory and the religious ed center were cleaned up last week so our parish will look neat for Christmas. It was not too difficult to fill several truck loads with leaves, branches, etc. Underneath it all you could see the daffodils and crocuses beginning to break through the earth’s surface. Hopefully, the ground will freeze somewhat to hold off their growth until they are supposed to grow, namely in the Spring. *Progress!*

CALENDAR CLUB 2011—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 will 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. We will not begin drawing numbers for 2011 until the end of January so that everyone has the opportunity to become a member for 2011.

WINE TASTING—We will have our Parish Wine Tasting on Sunday afternoon, January 9, 2011, beginning at 4pm in Walden Hall. Featured will be the quality wines from Banfi Vinters, appetizers, various food items, desserts and other beverages. It will be a great time as in past years. 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. The rules of Fasting require us to refrain from eating anything for one hour before receiving Communion. This applies to gum chewing as well.

2011 CALENDARS—We have a limited supply of 2011 Calendars available for your personal use. They are in the Church Lobby until the supply runs out. As always, please take a calendar only if you are going to use it.

BLESSING OF A MANGER—Here is a suggested format:
+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pause to ask God’s blessing on our Christmas manger scene. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by St. Francis of Assisi as a means to set forth the message of Christmas.

When we look upon these figures, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Our Father...

Let us Pray. God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love. When our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

May Christ our God enlighten our hearts and minds, now and forever. Amen.

(The Manger may be sprinkled with Holy Water).

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE—The following may be used as a prayer for our Christmas Tree:

+Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. Amen.

Amidst signs and wonders, Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. His birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. Wit this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us. May its lights guide us to the perfect light.

Let us Pray. Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of lie and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind is of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The tree may be sprinkled with Holy Water. Then the lights of the tree are illumined).

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend: Next Sunday

Saturday

5:00pm

Msgr. Midura Not Sure

Sunday

8:00am

Fr. Dahlke Not Sure

9:15am

Msgr. Midura Not Sure

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke Not Sure

12:15pm

Msgr. Midura Not Sure

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.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY



Our Food Pantry has now been depleted because of the assistance we were able to provide our families for Christmas, thanks to your generosity. We would appreciate any contribution of food that you could donate, as we look to the month of January.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Thank you for your generous support to our Giving Tree! More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

A Christmas Blessing

May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ.

May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.

May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit The One who offers you peace.

May you bring this peace into our world.

Adapted from Joyce Rupp

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

CONFIRMATION DATE CONFIRMED—For those who need to know and who need to plan ahead, we received word that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Monday, May 16, 2010.

JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are now in a period of destruction in the world. The time of St. Francis was a lot like our time today. He took a society from deconstruction to reconstruction. Reconstruction can only come out of pain. St. Catherine of Genoa once asked Jesus the following question "Why Jesus is there so much pain on earth? Why do people have to suffer?" Jesus answered back to Catherine "if there were any other way I would have thought about it a long time ago." It seems there is no other way to learn how to let go, let grow, and to learn compassion. We will not let go and give up control until we are led to the limits of our resources and learn to trust and rely on others. Francis understood all this very well. He was a true reconstructionist. He was able to move from his story, to our story and to the story of all. He surrendered and put all trust in God. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace?

If we can do the same thing, if we can see all the stories at the same time, then there is hope in a world of darkness and true justice and peace is possible. Please remember the poor as we approach Christmas.

Justice is a parish affair.

Discover needs and act justly.

Together we can make a difference.

The 21st is St. Peter Canisius and the First Day of Winter.

The 23rd is St John of Kanty.

The 24th is Christmas Eve.

The 25th is Christmas Day.

We wish all a Blessed Christmas and pray that things will get better for those who are suffering.

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 now through January 7, 2011.

Then, fill out the coupon below and return it in the collection or to the Church Office 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.

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.**

CIRCLE OF WOMEN

St. Thomas More's Circle of Women's book discussion invites women to join the group. The mission of the book group is to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writings to facilitate one's own reflections of God's action in our daily lives. All meetings will be held on the Second Monday of each month, except July and August. For info and registration, please call Ann at 265.8302.

Next meeting dates for the first quarter:

January 10 February 14 March 14.

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
 Scott Lovelock
 Paul Hulkow, Jr.
 William Charpied
 Laura Jean Iovino
 Anthony Orlandi
 William Gregory
 Eric Mitchell

Philip Root
 Candice Gagnon
 Randy Donaldson
 Thomas Nichols
 Casey Benefield
 Joseph Marziotta
 Eric Reid
 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!

December 5—\$50—966—Alice Pasie
 December 6—\$25—824—Michelle & Roberto Strollo
 December 7—\$25—469—Edward Skrzypek
 December 8—\$75—333—Marianne Miranda
 December 9—\$25—111—Lou & Ann Anatrella
 December 10—\$25—815—Ellen Moor
 December 11—\$25—942—Brenna Buckley

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection

\$ 9,988.

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, 73 families or individuals are users of Faith Direct.

December Faith Direct total receipts	\$ 9,900
Total fees	\$ 214.81
Christmas	\$ 705
Immaculate Conception	\$ 420
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,695
Weekly collection	\$7,080

A NOTE TO CREDIT CARD USERS—I am guilty of it, so I tell everyone else. When a new credit card arrives replacing an expiring card, we have to notify all vendors who use our cards for recurring charges of the new expiration date and/or the new card number. Faith Direct received a rejection from my credit card so I had to double up for next month.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: \$ 340,323.
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: \$ 4,100.
 Profit to the Parish: \$ 205.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—December 19

Hospitality Sunday in Walden Hall

Monday—December 20

7pm—Youth Group—White Room

7pm—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Thursday—December 23

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

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 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@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 on Ash Wednesday.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME—St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Sayville, will conduct a series under this name on six consecutive Monday nights at 7:30pm in the Church beginning January 3. These sessions are for Catholics who have left the active practice of their Faith and who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic Faith. For info, call Maria at 631.589.3160.

(Second Notice)

SPECIAL BEREAVEMENT GROUP for young widows and widowers (mid 50s and under) will be held at St. Mary's, East Islip, beginning Wednesday, January 12, 7pm. Death of the loved one must have occurred prior to October 12, 2010. No fee to participate. For info/registration, call 631.581.4266.x.100.

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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WINE TASTING

I/We would like to attend the Parish Wine Tasting on Sunday afternoon, January 9, in Walden Hall beginning at 4pm.

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

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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BLOOD DRIVE December 29, 2010

I/we would like to donate at the Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 29, 2010.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

Best time for donation:

- 3pm to 4pm 4pm to 5pm
- 5pm to 6pm 6pm to 7pm
- 7pm to 8pm 8pm to 9pm

(Please return to the Church Office or place in Collection)
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May the peace
And joy
Of this season
Be with you
And
With your family!

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.

South Nassau Communities Hospital—Professional Positions— FT/PT. Also, openings in Family Medicine Services.

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.