

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 25-26, 2010
Christmas and
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

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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Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday—December 25—Christmas Day

9am—Jan, Genowefa & John Midura, Catherine & John Gambino, Dora Strollo, Madeline & Herman Meyer, John Healy, Isidoro & Celia Santana, Benny & Catherine Carra, Walter & Lottie Skipka, Mary & Gerry Light, Phil Spincola, Agnes & John Massa, Joseph & Michael Peirano
 10:45am—Amato & Della Boccafola
 12:15pm—Fred & Gertrude Wall, Dr. Brian 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

Monday—December 27—St. John the Apostle

9am—Jan, Genowefa & John Midura

Tuesday—December 28—Holy Innocents

9am—Jim & Marie Marsala (*Living*) 50th Anniversary

Wednesday—December 29—

5th Day in the Octave of Christmas, St. Thomas Becket

9am—Jack Augustin by *Michalina Margas*

Thursday—December 30—

6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

9am—For all the unborn

Friday—December 31—

7th Day in the Octave of Christmas, St. Sylvester I

9am—Vera Snyder by *Anna & Joe Beltrani*,

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 2, 2011
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

The holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.”

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Focus Questions:

- 1) The star led the Magi to Jesus. How do you show gratitude to the people who lead you to Jesus?
- 2) Describe a time when you searched for something that was of value to you. How did you react when you found it?
- 3) The Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the same way. Describe a time when you were warned in time to avert something bad from happening.

Family and children’s question:

What gift would you bring to Jesus? Why?

Daniel Hughes *by the Acquafredda family*

5pm—Robert McDonough, Mary Frances Bizet *by Sheila Branigan*

**Saturday—January 1—The Octave Day of Christmas:
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

9am—For the People of the Parish

12noon—Jan, John & Genowefa Midura, Joseph & Michael Peirano

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Michael Cisternas *by Mem and Pop*

Sunday—January 2—The Epiphany of the Lord

8am—Jeevan Devaraj *by Joyce Spincola*

9:15am—Joseph Madden *by the family*

10:45am—Thomas D. Kreider, Jr. *by James & Gloria Kreider*

12:15pm—Margaret Brown *by the Chin family*

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Robert Leupold, Theresa Healy, Mary Ann O'Gara, Bernard McSorley, 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

Patricia Hatta, Frances Maltese, Dorothy Fall, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS —Merry Christmas after a month preparations: baking, wrapping, decorating. Some of us are surrounded by those we have always loved. Some of us long for a special person who is missing this year. And some of us must learn to love the ones we are with. For all of us, Jesus is born, the cause for rejoicing.

OUR LITURGY OF SUNDAY—In our Gospel we hear another story of Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus—of how they became

refugees, enduring the hardships of travel and life in an alien land to protect their child. Let us pray to be a Holy Family, one that welcomes our brothers and sisters who are fleeing persecution and poverty.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS—On behalf of everyone at the parish we extend to everyone in the parish all the very best for this Christmas Day and Christmas Season. We thank the Lord for the greatest gift of himself and also the gift of one another. We thank everyone for their support of the parish in so many beautiful ways.

THE MASS 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

OUR FLOWER FUND SUPPORTERS—We have published the names of those who are supporting or are being memorialized in this year's Flower Fund. Thanks to our supporters and our volunteers we are able to adorn our Church and Sanctuary for the season.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE—There will be Blood Drive here at St. Thomas More on next Wednesday, December 29, in Walden Hall, from 3pm to 9pm. Those who are eligible to donate are cordially invited to give blood that day. Please call Eve at 631.543.8591 to arrange a time or simply walk in that day. We thank you for your support.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—The border carpet in Walden Hall was replaced this past week. It got "tired" looking and Walden Hall needed to be refreshed. *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.

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.

TUNE UP AND AN OIL CHANGE—This past week I had to go to St. Francis Hospital to deal with ongoing cardiac issues. The end result was another cardiac catheterization and the insertion of a stent to deal with a cardiac blood vessel that was 95% occluded. So we now have eight stents after nine catheterizations and two bypass surgeries that did not take.

BISHOP MURPHY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This year my Christmas Greetings to you will be brief but no less heartfelt. The Angels who raised the joyous hymn that first Christmas night can be heard again this Christmas in the hearts of us all. “Glory to God in the Highest” echoes in our hearts and lives because we all are thankful that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son. He so respected us, created in His own image, that He wanted “one like us in all things but sin” to become our redeemer.

“One like us” is truly that because, like us, He is born of a human mother. Mary, like all mothers, carried her beloved Son in her womb from the day the Angel Gabriel announced to her God’s plan of salvation to the moment in that Bethlehem stable when she, the perpetual Virgin Mother, gave birth to Him Who is the light of all humankind.

This is the gracious and wondrous gift who comes to dwell in our hearts as surely as He dwelt in her womb and as surely as He lived his days on earth. He is “God with us”. He knows us and we know Him if only we open our hearts to Him as the Magi opened their gifts to honor Him.

The best way we honor Him is to do what He calls us to do: celebrate the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. My full Christmas message to you can be found in my Advent/Christmas Pastoral Letter, **Belong More Deeply**. You can find it in your parish Church, as an insert in parish bulletins, in *The Long Island Catholic* and on our diocesan website, www.drvc.org. Telecare is another source where it can be found.

Please read it at your leisure. I wrote it after the priests of our

Diocese urged me to do so. They shared their thoughts which helped shape my words. I did so with eager longing for the implementation of the new Roman Missal which will begin on the First Sunday of Advent next year. I did so because I believe this coming year will offer us many opportunities to deepen our personal and ecclesial ties to the Lord and to one another.

No place and no moment is more precious in bringing all this about than when we gather in our Churches to celebrate Sunday Mass. My deepest Christmas wish for all of us is that this Christmas we discover how deep is the love God has given us through His Son and how much He calls us to belong more deeply in Him and the Church through the Mass where Jesus is born and re-born every time we gather to proclaim our faith in the Lord Who calls us to be one with Him.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to one and all.

+ William F. Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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 life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us 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
Sunday		
8:00am	Fr. Racos	Fr. Dahlke
9:15am	Msgr. Midura	Msgr. Midura
10:45am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Msgr. Boccafolo
12:15pm	Fr. Wall	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.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry has now been depleted because of the assistance we 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

Christmas is a time for miracles! We had ours right here at St. Thomas More. The economy has hurt many families, but you wouldn't know it from the response to our Christmas Giving Tree Program. Families were adopted, Gift Cards came in, toys, gifts too, lots of food and turkeys, etc. We were able to generously serve our families and the neighbors in the community.

More information will follow on all who helped to make this Program so successful!

Guardian of the New Year

*I set aside my fears, worries, concerns,
 I open my life to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions,
 To the endless opportunity of discovering you
 in my relationships
 And to all the silent wisps of wonder that will draw me
 to your heart.
 I welcome your unfailing Presence
 And walk with hope into the New Year.
 Adapted from the "New Year" – 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

We left off by saying true justice and peace is possible when we can see our story, the group story and the world story at the same time. One of the problems with reconstruction is the people themselves. In the world today we seem to lack confidence that things will get better. All great civilizations arose when people were confident. The question is how to rebuild confidence when it is lacking among the people? What is needed is a new head. In order to reconstruct, however, we need to go beyond cerebral learning. There are many ways of learning. There is intellectual, the will, emotional, the senses, aesthetic, and epiphany. All this would take a long time to explain. Perhaps the best is images. That is the message Jesus used. Once you touch the way people imagine a situation, change will happen easily and naturally. Jesus told stories so that people could re-imagine their lives in relationship with the world.

What does all this mean in terms of justice and peace? Can we imagine a better world than we find ourselves in today? Can we imagine a world where we can live in peace and harmony with each other and nature? If we can then true justice and peace is possible.

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

- Dec. 26 is The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
 - Dec. 27 is St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
 - Dec. 28 is The Holy Innocents.
 - Dec. 29 is St. Thomas Becket.
 - Dec. 31 is St. Sylvester I and New Year's Eve.
 - Jan. 1 is New Year's Day.
- We wish all a Blessed Happy New Year.

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.

MEN'S GATHERING

The next meeting of the Men's Gathering will be on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Religious Education Office. Our presenter will be Jim Moran. In order to prepare for this meeting we suggest that you look at the interview with God .com on your computer. It is an excellent exciting reading. Please feel free to bring a friend with you. This is an excellent topic to start the year off. We thank Jim for finding this information and bringing it to us.

THINKING ABOUT ??

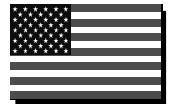
BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

- 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 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!

December 12—\$50—628—Joseph Midura
 December 13—\$25—618—Bryan Ranker
 December 14—\$25—9—Bill Link
 December 15—\$25—519—STM M/R
 December 16—\$25—460—Ann Russo
 December 17—\$25—856—Carla Burgos
 December 18—\$25—112—Theresa Sulander

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 **\$ 9,288.**

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.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: \$ 342,911.

Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 693,807.

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: \$ 6,050.

Profit to the Parish: \$ 302.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—December 26

7pm—Youth Winter Ball—Walden Hall

Monday—December 27

7pm—Youth Group—White Room

7pm—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Wednesday—December 29

3pm to 9pm—Blood Drive—White 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

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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.

Busted Halo® is a Web site for young adults sponsored by the Paulist Fathers. With an increase of 51% in readership in the past two years, Busted Halo® is a proven outreach to young people who have made a new connection to their faith. Spread the news about this great Catholic Web site to young adults during the Christmas season. Include the link (<http://bustedhalo.org/>)

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

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York Grades Nursery through 8th. You may contact the school at kconnolly@holyfamilyschool.com to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

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)

FAITH AND LIGHT MEETING—A faith sharing group for people with handicaps and their caregivers, Fri., Jan. 7 @ 7pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, Nesconset. Call Marcia @ 631.439.9724 for details.

(Second 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.

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:

- () 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, 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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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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND 2010

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