

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

115 Kings Highway  
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**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
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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.



**I will not forget you.**

**Is 49:15**

*February 27, 2011*  
*Eighth Sunday—Ordinary Time*

*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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Church Lobby—	348-9378	

## Masses for this coming week

**February 27, 2011**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Isaiah 49:14-15**  
**Psalm 62**  
**1 Corinthians 4:1-5**  
**Matthew 6:24-34**

### Saturday—February 26

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Fabio DiMeglio by *Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

### Sunday—February 27—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Peter Gabriel by *Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

9:15am—Lesley Ambrosio by *Don Lynch*

10:45am—Theresa Lovelock by *Maryann & Ralph Rantz*,

Jack Hawk by *the Little Rock Bible Group*, Taylor Reardon by

*Mary Ann Rantz*, Robert Leopold by *Henry Chris Blentz*,

James LaGrasta by *Lois Mohlenbrok & family*,

Randolph Gari by *Richard Diem*

12:15pm—Mario Russo, Sr. by *his family*

### Monday—February 28

9am —For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday—March 1

9 am—Josephine Hewes by *Donna Mott*

### Wednesday— March 2

9am — Connie Bieber by *Joan & Ed Carney*

### Thursday —March 3—St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

9am—John Midura

### Friday—March 4—First Friday—St. Casimir

9am—Patrick Whalen by *Frank & Geney Probst*

### Saturday—March 5

9am—Jan Midura

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

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

### Sunday—March 6—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Fred Bunnicelli by *Ursula & Ralph Molinaro*

9:15am—John Bownes by *Mark Roberti*

10:45am—James Reidy by *Elizabeth Kane*

12:15pm—Donald Robinson by *Renee Decondo*, Robert

Leopold by *Marie & Ross Bracco*, Mary M. Duffy by *Edward*

*J. Duffy*, Pat Annello by *Mike & Joan Donovan*, Lorraine

Purcell by *Ann & Marin Lamia*.

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 6, 2011**  
**Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Deuteronomy 11:18,26-28,32**  
**Psalm 31**  
**Romans 3:21-25,28**  
**Matthew 7:21-27**

### The holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?’

Then I will declare to them solemnly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

### Focus Questions:

1) Relate on a time when you felt you were losing your footing.

2) What do you do to put your faith into action?

3) Describe a storm in your life that you endured because of your faith in Jesus.

### Family and Children’s question:

Jesus wants us to not just say we believe in him but to act as if we do. What are some of the ways you acted like a follower of Jesus this week?

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Eileen Immarino, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Chase Turano, Grace Pontillo, Renee Munzer, Adela Morales, Joseph Codispoti, Josephine Carpenter, Adela Morales, Tom Stahura, Evelyn Hirsch, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Matthew Greiner, Terri Ilardi McKee, Tanya Gralto, Lucja Kostrzewa, Teresa Szepietowska, Arnold Landi, Tom

Devine, Ellen Catuogno, Nellie Duffy, Robert Boney, Jennifer Savarese, Gloria Garcia, Carmine Bua, Daniel & Mary Skinnon, Jay Siegel, Nicky Mauriello, Marilyn Hayle, Mary Zelli, Bobby Schiavo, William Higgins, Mary Barry, Maura Reddy, Dennis La Rosa, Janice Berlette, Mellissa Herber, Denise Zappia, Mary Ann O'Gara, Pat Chapin, Christine Garrett, Michael Killarney, Cathy Gillia, James Basile, Rene Henry, Maria Sconzo, Kathleen Roberti, Kathy Delea, Alan Lathrop, Anthony Pagano, Joseph Peter, Ellen Vinson, Victoria Nelson, Katherine Badalaty, Rev. Donal R. Kehew, William Boyle, Charles Boston, Evelyn Scollon, Iain & Cody McGill, Ed Puerzer, Elaine Kleinstauber, Kay & Joe Babits, Vito Baliunas, Irene Aberle, Lisa Codispoti, Justine Lomenzo, Suzanne Coad, Judith Johnson, Bernard McSorley, Yair Velaneuva, Theresa Healy, Katherine Drechsler, Kris Grappone, Kim Stevens, Henry Kwiecinski. (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 March).

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Anna Marie McLaughlin, Lucretia Wallace, Maria Oliver, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—In today's Gospel we again hear Jesus teaching his disciples how to live. Today his advice seems almost impossible: he tells us not to worry. As we get closer to Lent, it might be something to consider, giving up worry. But for today, let us pray for the grace to believe that it might be possible to replace worry with trust.

**HOLY HOUR**—There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this Monday night at 7:45pm in the Church. All are cordially invited to attend.

**LENT IS COMING**—Wednesday, March 9, is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. As we anticipate the season of Lent, let us all prepare ourselves by reflecting on the aspects of our life that need attention in order that we might deepen our spirituality a bit more and ponder what ways prayer, fasting and almsgiving can be a part or a better part of our lives. Explanation of Lenten practices are later in this column.

**LENTEN RETREAT**—The penitential season of Lent will begin on March 9 with Ash Wednesday. This year, instead of having a parish retreat on consecutive days and/or nights, we will have our retreat on six Wednesday nights of Lent. They will be March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13 & 20. Time will be

7:30pm in the Church. Presenters will be: Patricia Leonard and James Philips. The topics in successive weeks will be: The Journey of Self-Discovery; The Journey of Reconciliation; Partners Along the Journey—Family & Friends; The Journey of Discipleship; The Journey of the People of God; and The Journey Home.

Join us this coming Lenten Season to pray about and talk about our common journey and the experiences along the way.

**A FOND FAREWELL**—After 10 wonderful years of musical service to our parish, Vladimir will be leaving St. Thomas More. For all those years he has been zipping up and down the L.I.E.—good weather and bad—and has never missed a note on our behalf.

Recently he has been offered a position much closer to his home. Who would blame him for accepting this new place to share his many gifts and talents?

As you know, Vlad is an exceptional pianist, organist and accompanist. He has become part of the Choir family and we will miss his warmth, intelligence, humility, charm, and sense of humor.

We wish him happiness and all the very best in his new house of worship.

Please stop by to thank him and to say “good bye” to a great STM friend. His last weekend will be this weekend of February 27.

Thank you,  
Emilia Savarese

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2011**—We invite everyone's generous response to this year's Appeal. The Appeal enables many of the aspects of the Church in our Diocese to function and support so many people. Help us meet our parish assessment of \$57,795. Help us reach our goal and realize a return to our parish in the rebate sharing that is part of the Appeal.

For 2011, the current status of the CMA is:

Goal: \$57,795

Pledged so far: \$ 9,725

Please return the pledge form you may have received in the mail or use the form in the bulletin or use the form that is available where you obtain the weekend bulletin.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY**—Our 27 year old truck was up to par in tackling the snow removal this past week, even though there was not much of it. We got spoiled by the two day warm spell which could have enabled the roofer to complete the installation of the safety rails around the outer HVAC units. But 45 mile an hour winds put a monkey wrench in that. We hoped to address the burned out bulbs in the Church this past week. We have to do something about the fixtures which are beginning to need replacement.

*Progress!*

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES**—On Sunday, April 3, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Sayville. Time for

the Mass is 2:30pm. Couples wishing to be honored are asked to pick up a registration card at the Church office, fill it out and mail it to the Diocese no later than March 17. Information pertaining to the Mass will be sent to the Anniversary couples one week before the celebration.

**MASS BOOK 2011 & 2012**—Everyone is invited to arrange Masses for their loved ones at your convenience at the Church Office. Please have your dates written down on paper when you come to the Church Office in case we have to arrange for them at another time. The stipend for inclusion in Multiple Masses is \$10. The stipend for single Masses is \$15. If you wish to have a Mass folder, the cost is \$5 additional.

**2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**—If you would like a record of your 2010 contributions to the parish, please complete and return the request form either through the Collection or by mailing it to the Church Office. We will either e-mail it to you or respond by mail.

#### **LENTEN NOTES—**

##### **1. ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. On Ash Wednesday, a universal day of fast, ashes are blessed and distributed normally at Mass and in the context of a Prayer Service.

##### **2. FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

**3. OPERATION RICE BOWL**—One of the ways we can think about our brothers and sisters in need is through Operation Rice Bowl. Under the auspices of Catholic Relief Services, all monies received from our Lenten Rice Bowls go towards meeting the needs of the poor and the hungry in our world, here and abroad. You can obtain your "Rice Bowl" where you get the bulletin and you can return it at the end of Lent or any time. Simply give it to one of the ushers.

**4. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—You are welcome to join our Religious Ed Levels as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be on Saturdays beginning at 11am and 3:30pm on March 5, 12, & 19.

### **OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

	This weekend:	Next Sunday
<i>Saturday</i>		
5:00pm	Msgr. Midura	Fr. O'Rourke
<i>Sunday</i>		
8:00am	Fr. Dahlke	Msgr. Midura
9:15am	Msgr. Midura	Msgr. Midura
10:45am	Fr. Racos	Fr. Dahlke
12:15pm	Fr. Racos	Fr. Dahlke

## **RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**

**PRAYER REQUIREMENT**—Any current young gentlemen or lady who is currently in Level One and is in the preparation phase for First Holy Communion for next year, you may fulfill the requirement of saying your prayers by seeing Fr. Midura after the weekend Masses or you can have mom or dad make an appointment by calling the Church Office.

## **JUSTICE & PEACE**

**HUMBLE APOLOGY FROM FR. MIDURA**—*(I neglected to put in the article for February 20, putting instead the article for February 27. So I am putting in both articles for the sake of continuity and offer my humble apology for this error)*  
*(For February 20)*

We are less than three weeks before Lent starts. This year the Justice and Peace Committee has chosen the Community of Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. They are located in the Bronx. We learned about them through Gil Melograno who has been delivering food to them to be distributed to the poor. I went with Gil one day to meet the sisters who will be at STM to speak at all the Masses on March 12 and 13. They are Sisters Faustina and Monica. I was overwhelmed by what I saw. In the basement the sisters were packing bags of food to be given to the poor. Gil and I prayed with a few sisters in their beautiful chapel. I could say much more to you but I will let the sisters speak about the work they are doing. We will have our usual display and our little house to accept your offering for the work of these sisters. They will stay over in St Patrick's Convent. The order wears traditional robes of sisters. What does all this mean in terms of justice and peace? These are local sisters doing great work for the poor. They own nothing. I am so pleased that we have been able to choose them for our Lenten Project this year.  
*(For February 27)*

You have heard it before, but listen again: The Bible is the best book on your shelf. What if we told you that it could change your life? Have you ever read the Bible from start to finish? You can take the truly horrifying step of actually reading the Bible personally. We know some folks would rather embark on a 30 day fast then read the Bible for a month. Some of us Catholics have a Bible-phobia that won't go away without some serious effort. The book is just too big, and the print too small, the stories are too old and their meaning too obscure for the likes of us. Not true at all, most people today are educated and you could always ask a priest or deacon to explain something you are having difficulty reading and understanding. Consider making a start with a page a day. As Christians we are encouraged to encounter, pray and live the Word. What does all this mean in terms of justice and peace? It helps us remember that the most articulate Word of God is Jesus. God's Word is not merely a story from long ago but an incarnate Word which speaks to us today. These are not just words on a page, but a Word that walks with us today. As we approach Lent next week let us try to read the Bible each day during Lent. You may continue reading after Lent is over. This prayer may be of help.

“Father, I pray that I will always have a sense of wonder when I read Your Word, that it will always be fresh and illuminate my life. I pray that I will contemplate Your message and keep it my mind throughout each day.”

*To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

March 3rd is St. Katharine Drexel.

March 4th is St. Casimir.

**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.

## **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**

Thank you so much for your donations of packaged meat for our freezer. However, in order to meet the ongoing need of our clients, we would ask that you continue to bring meats such as hotdogs, burgers, rolls, chicken parts, cutlets and bread to Outreach. Our hours are Monday through Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

**DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER/CHRISTMAS 2010**—We are pleased to inform you that because of your generosity, the total amount donated to Parish Outreach in the month of December was \$30,870. This money was used to provide a happier Christmas for 463 clients. How wonderful of you, in these difficult times, to bring joy to so many people!

### **EARNED INCOME CREDIT AND CHILD TAX CREDIT YOU COULD OWE LESS IN TAXES AND GET CASH BACK FROM THE IRS**

- If you worked in 2010 – full or part time – you may qualify
- Even if you don't owe income tax you may qualify
- If you had children living with you for more than half of 2010, you may qualify.

If you did not have children living with you and you were between the ages of 24 and 64 in 2010 you may qualify

For more information go to [IRS.gov/EITC](http://IRS.gov/EITC) or to: [myBenefits.ny.gov](http://myBenefits.ny.gov) and click on Earned Income.

### **HEAT OR EAT—YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE -**

Many families, seniors and individuals are struggling to put healthy food on their tables. High fuel prices and utilities leave little money to purchase food. The Food Stamp Program can help you cushion your budget. Find out if you may be eligible

for food stamps by contacting: Nutrition Outreach & Education Program, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre, 143 Schleigel Blvd., Amityville, NY 11701. Phone: 631-789-9546.

**FREE TAX PREPARATION**—Free tax preparation services are being provided by Bethpage Federal Credit Union at ten sites located in their branches from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 12, 2011. Qualifying individuals with 2010 incomes of \$50,000 and below are eligible and can receive free assistance. For further information contact Gwen O'Shea at Health & Welfare Council of Long Island, 516-505-4423 or [goshea@hwcli.com](mailto:goshea@hwcli.com)

## **YOUNG AT HEART**

*To All Parishioners!*

The St. Thomas More “Young At Heart” Senior Club is sponsoring a bus trip, September 19-23, to the Pine Grove Ranch and Resort in the Catskills. All STM parishioners, friends and relatives are welcome.

This 5 day, 4 night package is only \$379 per person, double occupancy, and \$479 for a single.

Included are three sit-down meals plus a snack bar, many activities, indoor and outdoor pools, nightly entertainment and much more. No deposit is required at this time, just your reservation to secure the above date. Please call Bob at 686.5272 ASAP!

## **COME JOIN US – AND SING TO THE LORD A MARVELOUS SONG!**

The Adult Choir is actively seeking new members. If you are able to sing on key and are prepared to make the commitment to sing on Sundays at the 10:45 Mass and all special liturgical events – come by any Thursday night at 8 PM and try out.

Or – call Emilia Savarese at 724-8820 for more information.

The Easter Season will soon be upon us! It would be a perfect time to join and give us a try!

Please don't just think about it – join us! Come and share your musical talents with the STM community.

## **CIRCLE OF WOMEN**

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

Next meeting dates are:

Monday—March 14 at 3pm. The book: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Facilitator: Marilyn Miller.

Monday—April 11 at 3pm. The book: *Room* by Emma Donoghue. Facilitator: Barbara Fratamico.

For further information and/or to register, call Ann at 265.8302.

Meetings are held in Walden Hall classroom.

## THINKING ABOUT ??

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

- Are you a baptized Catholic who was never confirmed?
- Are you someone baptized in another faith but interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you someone who was never baptized?

If any of these apply to you, consider our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information, contact Ann Russo through e-mail, [redaa@aol.com](mailto:redaa@aol.com) or 543-2740. If there is no answer, contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

A Holy Hour for Life is held every fourth Monday of the month at 7:45pm in Church. All are welcome to attend.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

(First Time)

Thomas Kugler, St. Thomas More &  
Noell Edmonds, St. Joseph's, Ronkonkoma

## OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Thomas George Turrsellino, son of Steven & Lisa  
James Peter DeSantis, son of James & Diana

## PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Lorenzo Bacchi	Philip Root
Scott Lovelock	Candice Gagnon
Paul Hulkow, Jr.	Randy Donaldson
William Charpied	Thomas Nichols
Christopher Sidote	James Fensterer
Daniel Cribbin	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.

## 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 tell one of the ushers that you are there. For future dates you can sign up in the register book that is at the table on the left as you enter the Church lobby.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,015.**  
**HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF FAITH DIRECT?** - Join 80 of your fellow parishioners! Now is a great time to enroll in our

automatic electronic offertory program with Faith Direct. Electronic giving is simply the easiest and most convenient way for you to make and St. Thomas More to receive your weekly offering. With Faith Direct, you save time and reduce our expenses, and there is no fee to you! Please visit [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up today: our church code is **NY227**. You may also pick up a registration form located on one of the information tables in the Church Lobby. I sincerely hope you will join the other parishioners who are making use of this convenient program. You can also build up your portfolio of miles to be converted into things that you would like to do!

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

**Contributed to date: \$ 355,636.**

**Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 696,748.**

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the weekly bulletin.

## SCRIP SALES

**Scrip Sales Last Week: \$ 3,300.**

**Profit to the Parish: \$ 165.**

## CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.  
February 13—\$50—210—Michael & Dorothy Boyle  
February 14—\$50—359—Maureen Fresolone  
February 15—\$25—1069—Mike DeBellis  
February 16—\$25—106—Lou & Diane DeBenedittis  
February 17—\$25—4—Bill Link  
February 18—\$25—419—Ann Belluardo  
February 19—\$25—439—Tom & Lee Ann DeCillis

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

### Sunday—February 27

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### Monday—February 28

9:45 am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

### Thursday—March 3

5:30pm—Young People's Choir—Church

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

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

## E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - [Gast.Joe@gmail.com](mailto:Gast.Joe@gmail.com)

Justice & Peace - [Natman32@aol.com](mailto:Natman32@aol.com)

Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net

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](http://stmli.org) and click Men's

Gathering. You will have to give a password known only to you to open and read the message.

**Busted Halo**<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the school at [kconnolly@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:kconnolly@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com)

**A WEB SITE THAT PAYS ST. THOMAS FOR USING IT** —

Want to know how you can support St. Thomas More? By entering the search engine known as *Goodsearch.com* and doing any shopping on the various web sites listed, a certain portion of the sale will be credited to St. Thomas More. It does not involve any additional cost to the purchaser nor is there any attached surcharge to the sale order involved. I did not compare the same web sites listed alone with the one listed with GoodSearch yet. Here is how it works:

ENTER: [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com)

Where it states: "Who do you Good Search for?"

And "Enter your charity here"

ENTER: St. Thomas More                      And then verify by

selecting "St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY"

Once it is verified as our parish, select the SHOPPING tab and choose whatever category you want, from travel to food to entertainment. If you use it, let me know if you have any problems with it. Thanks for shopping online and thanks for the donation that we will receive on your behalf.

**"RELIGION AND ROCK"** - Tune into and listen to Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays, 7am to 8am, on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM. Also, listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, and XM Satellite, Channel 117.

*March topics are:*

6—Sacrifice

13—Commitment

20—Traditions

27—Being Joyful

*April topics are:*

3—New Life

10—The Issues in Life

17—Poverty

24—Triumph

**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)*

**COMPASSION FATIGUE**— St. Mary's in East Islip is offering a program for parents, caregivers, professionals and all interested parties on Saturday, March 26, from 9:30am to 11:15am in Sacred Heart Hall. Please call the rectory at (631) 581-4266, ext. 100 to reserve a seat.

**BLOOD DRIVE**—Thursday, March 10, 4pm to 10pm. St. Patrick's, Smithtown. Call 265.2271.

**ST. BRIGID'S BEREAVEMENT CENTER**—10 week support group begins Wednesday, March 30. 7:15pm to 8:30pm. One time registration fee: \$10.

Training sessions for facilitators also begins March 30, 8:30pm to 9:45pm. Program fee: \$60. Call 516.334.0021.

**LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER**—Sunday, April 10, 9:30am to 3pm. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY. Includes: Presentations, Lunch, Confession, Mass. Donation: \$25. Call 631.423.0483.x.102.

**FAITH AND LIGHT MEETING**—Friday, March 4, 7pm at the Parish of the Holy Cross, Nesconset. Call Marcia: 631.439.9724. Faith and Light is a group for people with handicaps and their caregivers.

*(Second Notice)*

**PILGRIMAGE**—From November 7th through November 20th, 2011, Msgr. Thomas Candreva and Sister Betty Ann McKiernan will be hosting a 14-day trip to the Holy Land, "*In the Footsteps of Jesus, Prophets and Kings.*" Price of \$3,800 includes airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, insurances, taxes and tips to guide/manager, driver and hotel staff. If interested, call Sister Betty Ann at (516) 823-3810 for brochure and more information.

**ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER PROGRAMS**

Wednesday—March 2—7:30pm to 9pm

Title: "*Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of FOCUSING*" Offering: \$15.

Sunday—March 6—5pm to 8pm

Evenings for Married Couples "*Nourishing Our Spirituality*"

Evening begins with candle light dinner. Offering: \$60.

Tuesday—March 8—10am to Noon

Women's Gathering "*A Time Set Aside For You.*"

Offering: \$15.

Thursdays—March 10,17,24,31 & April 7,14—10:30am to Noon.

Chocolate Lover's Delight "*How to Have a Sweet Lent*"

Offering: \$15 per session.

Weekend: March 11-13—Friday 4pm to Sunday Noon with

Dinner. Lenten Retreat for Men and Women "Finding our way along the WAY of Jesus" Offering: \$175 for meals and accommodations. Saturday—March 12—8am to 9:30am. Men's Gathering "Quest for the Male." Offering: \$20 includes breakfast. Weekend: March 18-20—Friday 4pm to Sunday Noon with Dinner. Man Matter's Retreat "Quest for the True Self." Offering: \$200 for all meals and accommodations. Thursday—March 24—10am to 11:30am. "Healing Life's Losses." Support group for those living with Loss. Offering: \$15. For information and/or reservations, call 631.273.1187.x.23.

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**CHURCH MINISTRIES**

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?**

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- ( ) Altar Server ( ) 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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**MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH THAT NEED PEOPLE**

Currently, we need men and women to come forth to help us in several ministries in our parish. They are:

- The Ministry of Consolation
The Ministry of Ushers at weekend Masses
The Ministry of the Altar
The Ministry of Altar Server

If you can help or if you want more information, please feel free to ask me about them. It does not require a lot of time, but the time given is precious and is certainly appreciated by everyone in the parish.

**REGISTRATION and/or 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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**2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST**

I/we would like a 2010 contribution statement for our records.

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

(Please return through the collection or return to Church Office)

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**PRAYING FOR THE SICK - Adding a name Request -**

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

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

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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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## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2011

I/we would like to make a gift to the 2011 Catholic  
Ministries Appeal.

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

### A GUIDE TO GIVING

#### PLEDGE

\$5,000

\$2,500

\$1,500

\$1,000

\$750

\$500

\$400

\$300

\$250

\$200

\$150

\$100

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 10 PAYMENTS

\$500

\$250

\$150

\$100

\$75

\$50

\$40

\$30

\$25

\$20

\$15

\$10

YOUR PLEDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

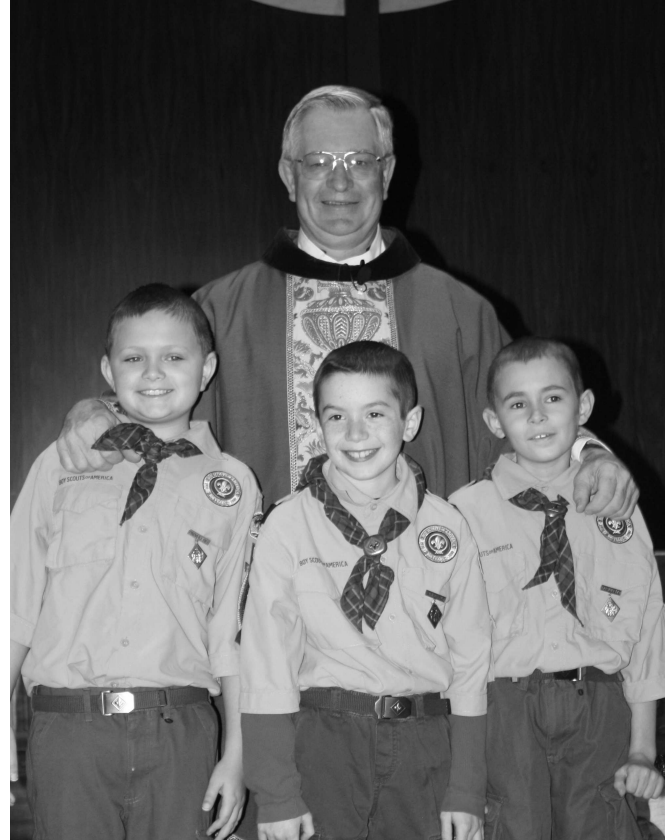
INITIAL PAYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

BALANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also charge your pledge on a credit card, using  
either Visa, Mastercard, Amex, or Discover.

If you want to use a credit card, please check here \_\_\_\_\_  
and we will contact you to arrange for the credit card  
charge.

*(Please return this cut-out to the Church Office as soon  
as possible)*



**CELEBRATING SCOUT SUNDAY**— St Thomas  
More celebrated Scout Sunday on February 6. During the  
Mass we awarded the *Parvul Dei* medals to Edward  
Minder, Lucas Cavanagh and Jack Ford, pictured above.

Below, we acknowledged all the Scouts who attended the  
9:15am Mass, along with their adult leaders.





## 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.

Atlantic Auto Group—NY's largest Auto Dealer—now staffing West Islip location in Service and Sales. Excellent Benefits.

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.

Collectors—Woodbury Law Firm. FT/must work 2 evenings or 1 evening and 1 weekend. PT/schedule includes 2-4 and evenings 5-9.

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

Customer Service—Dentsply. Bohemia. 8hr with benefits. Phone experience is necessary.

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.

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.