

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.

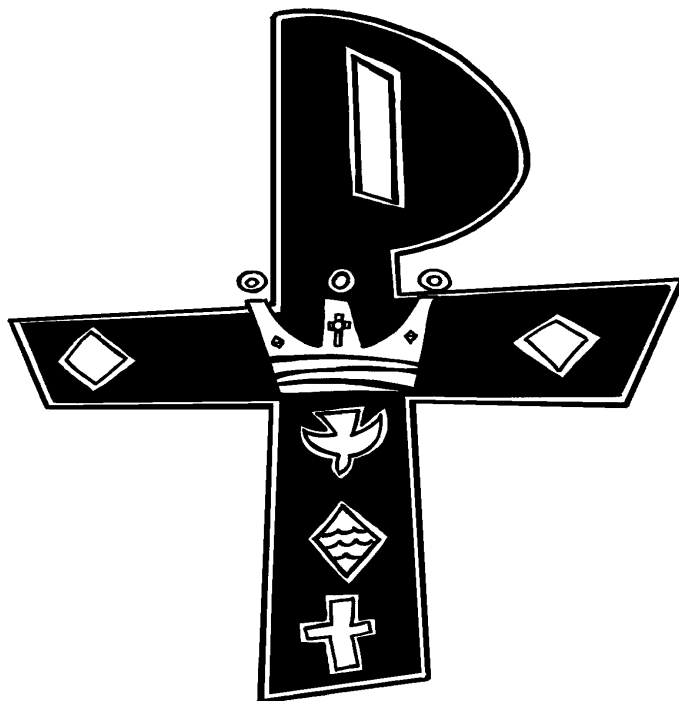
*MARRIAGE*—As soon as a couple decides to  
marry, and BEFORE making any other arrange-  
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an  
appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the  
deacons.

*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.



**Redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

**Rom 3:24**

**March 6, 2011**

***Ninth 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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Church Lobby—	348-9378	

## Masses for this coming week

**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**

### Saturday—March 5

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

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

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

8am—Fred Bunniceili *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 Anello *by Mike & Joan Donovan*, Lorraine Purcell *by Ann & Marin Lamia*.

### Monday—March 7

9am —For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday—March 8—St. John of God

9 am—Deceased of the Midura & Gambino Families

7:30 p.m. — Philip Spincola *by Joyce Spincola*

### Wednesday—March 9—Ash Wednesday (Distribution of Ashes at all the following)

9am — Philip Spincola *by Joyce Spincola*

12:10 pm — Bernard Maddia *by Patty Ferrari*

4:30 pm — Prayer Service

7:30 pm — Prayer Service

### Thursday—March 10

9am—Eileen Grippo *by Rose Hannon*

### Friday—March 11

9am—Rudy Rufer *by Arlene & Al Mellina*

### Saturday—March 12

9am—Joseph Gresalfi *by Vivian & Frank LaTorre*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—John Traynor *by the Small Church Community Group*, John Van Allen *by Michalina Margas*, John Mastrodomenico *by Michalina Margas*, Dr. Salvatore Basile *by Lillian & Len Munzer*

### Sunday—March 13—First Sunday of Lent

8am—Joseph McComiskey *by Anne McComiskey*

9:15am—Eileen Grippo *by Vincent & Rosalie Tiernan*

10:45am—Patricia Naeder *by Joanne & William Eyring & family*

12:15pm—Joseph Madden *by Joan Fiedler*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 13, 2011**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**  
**Psalm 51**  
**Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,

*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."*

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

### Focus Questions:

1. Jesus was tempted in the desert but resisted. Describe a time when you were tempted to do something but resisted.
2. How do the three practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving help you during Lent?
3. Describe a time when you felt alone but help came.

### Family and Children's question:

Talk about what you can do as a family to enter into the spirit of Lent.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Mary Dionisio, James McAllister, Maureen Flynn, 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 Kleinstaubler, Kay & Joe Babits, Vito Baliunas, Irene Aberle, Lisa Codispoti, Justine Lomenzo, Suzanne Coad, Judith Johnson, Bernard McSorley, Yair Velaneuva, Theresa Healy, 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 Iardi 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, 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

Evelyn Held, Eugene Cook, Kelly Lynn Rose, Frank Lamb, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—On this last Sunday before we begin the season of Lent, we hear a challenging teaching from Jesus—that it is not good enough to simply listen to his words; we must act on them. As it says in the first reading, we are to take God's word into our hearts and souls so that we may live it.

**LENT IS COMING**—This 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 as follows:

### 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.

**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.

**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 for us is:

Goal: \$ 57,795

Pledged so far: \$ 12,675

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. You can pay off your pledge over the remainder of the year. You may also use your favorite charge card to pay off your pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY**—It was nice to be able to see dirt again and the ice piles receding more and more each day. The lights over the baptismal font were replaced and when we get more time, we will tend to the other ceiling lights that are out and where the light bulb stem

has broken in the socket. The earliest of flowers bloomed last week by the rectory just after the snow and ice melted. What a wonderful thing Nature is! *Progress!*

### **BISHOP MURPHY'S LENTEN MESSAGE**

Dear Friends in Christ:

*Have mercy on me God in your goodness;*

*In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.*

*Thoroughly wash me from my guilt*

*And of my sin cleanse me! (Ps 50)*

This perennial Lenten plea comes from the hearts of all of us who embrace this season of Lent for our spiritual good and the good of the whole Church. It is a plea that God in His merciful love will make us whole through our Lenten observances. It is a prayer of hope for we know that He is the One who "sent His Son" so that we might have life and life to the full. We who make this Lenten journey together not only seek our own forgiveness, not only desire to be reconciled with one another, but, even more, we want to be one with Him who died and rose for us. He wants us to be cleansed by the water flowing from His wounded side. He wants us to be redeemed by the blood He shed for us. He wants us to join Mary and the other women at the Easter tomb, an Easter tomb that is empty, an Easter tomb that bears silent witness to the greatest news we can ever hear, the greatest message we can ever receive, the greatest gift that is ours: "He is risen. He is not here. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

The way to enter into these saving mysteries is the way of Lent, the journey to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The more deeply we embrace this holy season of repentance and renewal, the more will we share in the redemptive acts of the Lord and become one with Him and the whole Church this coming Easter. Let us all make a commitment to ourselves and to one another, and especially to the Lord, to make this Lent the "acceptable time for now is the day of salvation".

We have many reasons to do this. Some are personal. We know them in the quiet of the day when we turn our hearts to God and see what He asks of us. Some of them we share as a Church that is always on a pilgrimage of faith, a journey of repentance and renewal to become ever more the Bride of Christ whom He loves and whom He wishes to cleanse from any and every sin.

This year we are in a process of getting ready to embrace the new Roman Missal. We will begin to use it the first Sunday of Advent. In the meantime we must prepare our hearts and minds to welcome this Missal and to let it work its grace in our hearts drawing us all to belong more deeply to Christ and to one another in His Church.


Part of that preparation should include prayers for forgiveness and reconciliation. To that end, I have composed a prayer for use in all our parishes and oratories and places of prayer and worship. I ask you to use it frequently during Lent. You may pray it privately or in groups. You may include it in prayer meetings and public recitation of the rosary, at Benediction or in study groups. I ask you to make it our *Lenten Prayer*, the prayer that will bring us through Lent to find us belonging more

deeply to the Lord in His Church, forgiving one another, being reconciled to one another in a Church that watches over all her children and extends her loving arms to embrace us all.

*Dear God and loving Father, we ask your forgiveness for our own sins and for sins committed in the name of the Church. In your loving mercy, forgive especially those sins that have harmed children and young people as well as sins against the unborn, the poor and the vulnerable.*

*Help us to be reconciled to one another and make us holy in your sight, that united in the one Body of Christ, we may worship you with pure hearts, proclaim your name with faith and hope and witness your love to all humankind. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Bishop of Rockville Centre

**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.

## **OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

This weekend:    Next Sunday

*Saturday*

5:00pm

Fr. O'Rourke

Fr. Dahlke

*Sunday*

8:00am

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

## **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**

We start Lent this week on Wednesday. A few months ago I went to visit the Community of Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in the Bronx with Gill Melograno. He was bringing them some food. I was very impressed with the work of the sisters. Since that time I have been in touch with Sister Faustina Joseph. She has supplied me with a lot of information about the work the sisters are doing with the poor. I have discussed this with Father Midura and the Justice and Peace committee and they agreed to help them. I have a display in the lobby of the church with our little house to collect funds for the continuation of their work. On Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13 one of two sisters, who are coming, will speak at all the Masses to explain what they do for the poor. At the present time they are servicing over 140 people with food on Thursday morning from 10:30am to noon. They give to the people a bag of non-perishable food as a supplement to their own groceries. They also give bread and vegetables when available. The sisters will explain more to us. This will be our Lenten Project for this year. These are wonderful, hard working sisters doing a job feeding the poor in hard times. "Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words." - St. Ignatius Loyola. We wish all a good Lent.

What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? The poor will always be with us. It is our responsibility as Christians to do the best we can to make their lives better. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

March 7 is St. Perpetua and St. Felicity.

March 8 is St. John of God.

March 9 is Ash Wednesday.

**FEEDING THE PIGGY**—You are always invited to lend your support of the "piggy" in the Church lobby by placing any spare quarters into the tube. It goes to Heifer International which enables a family in poor areas of our country to obtain farm animals for their daily use.

## **MEN'S GATHERING**

The next meeting of the Men's Gathering will be on Thursday March 10, 2011 in the religious education office at 7:30pm. Ross Bracco will finish the excellent film on Christ. All men are welcome to come. It is the beginning of Lent. We will have some suggestions for you.

## **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**

We thank you for your generous donations of packaged meat for our freezer. In order to meet the ongoing need of our clients, please 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.

### **EASTER APRIL 24, 2011**

Candy Baskets are needed for our children for Easter!

Can you donate a basket? In order to distribute in time for Easter, baskets are needed by April 4<sup>th</sup>. We are also in need of items for Easter Dinner: Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, desserts. If you are able to help, please call Parish Outreach 234-3149.

### **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 Schlegel Blvd., Amityville, NY 11701. Phone number 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 to April 12. 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)

*The difference between a helping hand and an outstretched palm is a twist of the wrist.*

## **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!

## **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.

Monday—April 11 at 3pm. The book: *Room* by Emma Donoghue.  
For further information and/or to register, call Ann at 265.8302.  
Meetings are held in Walden Hall classroom.

## **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.

## **THINKING ABOUT ??**

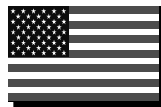
### **BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

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

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

## **PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

Lorenzo Bacchi	Philip Root
Scott Lovelock	Candice Gagnon
Paul Hulkow, Jr.	Randy Donaldson
William 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.

## **PRE-CANA**

Please keep the following couples in your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming weddings:

Katie Noonan & Louis D' Amarino  
Regina Fontana & Keith Wachter  
Kelly Weeks & Richard Bennis  
Kristen DiNapoli & Joe Kinder  
Michelle Adamski & Marc Contreras  
Melissa Friel & Rich Tulipan  
Lori Durack & Rob Shipman

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

(Second Time)

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **CALENDAR CLUB 2011**

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.

February 20—\$50—681—Lou Savarese  
February 21—\$25—656 —Ron & Diana Castellano  
February 22—\$25—879 —Stanley F. Midura  
February 23—\$25—511 —Dominick Mancuso  
February 24—\$25—1099—James & Corey Mandaro  
February 25—\$25—302 —Mr. & Mrs. Warren Holtje  
February 26—\$25—904 —Bob & Diane Weisz

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

(Not totally inclusive)

### **Sunday—March 6**

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### **Monday—March 7**

9:45 am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

### **Wednesday—March 9—Ash Wednesday**

9am Mass, 12:10pm Mass, Prayer Services at 4:30pm & 7:30pm

### **Thursday—March 10**

5:30pm—Young People's Choir—Church

7pm—Pastoral Council—Rectory

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

### **Friday—March 11**

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7:30pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall

### **Saturday—March 5**

11am—Level 5 Reconciliation—Church

3:30pm—4:45pm—Reconciliation—Church

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Last Sunday's Collection:

**\$ 8,111.**

**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:** \$ 356,036.

**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:** \$ 3,250.

**Profit to the Parish:** \$ 162.

## **E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fr. Dahlke - [RWDahlke@Jesuits.net](mailto:RWDahlke@Jesuits.net)

Personal Prayer - [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

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

Barbara & Joe Fratamico—[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

**MEN'S GATHERING** website. Go to the parish website at

<http://www.buoy.com/~stm> or [stmli.org](http://stmli.org) and click Men's

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

**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 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:*

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 Time)*

**BEREAVEMENT CONFERENCE**—Sat., March 19, Bishop Kellenberg HS, Uniondale, Key Note Speaker and three workshops, includes lunch. Call 1.516.678.5800 for registration and information.

**SENIORS OF ITALIAN ANCESTRY**—The Islip-Smithtown chapter of UNICO National awards scholarships to college bound seniors of Italian ancestry. A total of SIX scholarships—\$500 each—will be awarded to two students each from Hauppauge, Smithtown East and Smithtown West High Schools. Applications are available at each school's Guidance Department. For more info, call Roseanne at 724.6099.

**MOLLOY COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE**—Sun., April 10,

1pm. Call 1.516.678.5000, X 6230 for info.

**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.

**MARIAN HEALING MINISTRY**— Healing Mass at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Parkway, Douglas-ton, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. 7:00 PM—Rosary, Mass and Healing Service; Celebrant Fr. Augustine Fernando assisted by Deacons John Dennehy and Michael Vicinanza.

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

**HELP BUILD LOVING HOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH HANDICAPS !** If you would like to be part of the planning committee for building a L’Arche community on Long Island, please attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm. Place: Infant Jesus Convent, large meeting room Hawkins St/1st Ave., just south of Myrtle Ave. RSVP: Diane (631) 366-3717.

**HONEY HOLLOW SCHOOL 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION**— Saturday, August 6. Teachers and students of Honey Hollow Elementary School will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of Honey Hollow at a place to be determined in the Hauppauge area. At least 30 teachers and staff members, so far, and 50+ students plan to attend. Updates will follow. If you are interested in attending, contact our Honey Hollow 50th Anniversary Reunion Committee at [honeyhol-low50th@optimun.net](mailto:honeyhol-low50th@optimun.net) ASAP. Some of the Committee members include: Patricia Martin, Suzanne Dresch, Terry Parrett, Carl Greiner and Paul Borowski.

**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.

**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.

**ST. MARY’S, EAST ISLIP-BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** —Free 8-week support group for adults beginning Wednesday, April 6, 2011—June 1, 2011; 7 pm-9 pm. Registration required . For info/registration, call (631)581-4266 ext. 100.

**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.

**CATHOLIC TRIP TO EGYPT**—From November 4th—13th, 2011. Prices from \$2899. Four nights in Cairo; four nights cruising between Luxor and Aswan. Daily Mass and Rosary. Deposit of \$409 required to reserve your space. For info. contact Doug or Eileen at (860) 399-1785 or email [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** —January 16-25, 2012. For information call 1-800-773-2660 (Mike Milano).

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



## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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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**REMEMBER SUMMER?**



## 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	10 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500
\$2,500	\$250
\$1,500	\$150
\$1,000	\$100
\$750	\$75
\$500	\$50
\$400	\$40
\$300	\$30
\$250	\$25
\$200	\$20
\$150	\$15
\$100	\$10
Other _____	

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)*



## 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.