

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.



*March 13, 2011*  
*First Sunday of Lent*

*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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Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

## Masses for this coming week

**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**

### Saturday—March 12

*(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*

### Monday—March 14

9am—For the People

### Tuesday—March 15

9am—Joseph Madden

### Wednesday—March 16

9am—Carmine Picciano *by Joan Peirano*

### Thursday—March 17—St. Patrick

9am—Matthew Skidmore *by Michalina Margas*

### Friday—March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9am—The deceased members of the Cregan Family  
*by Lillian & Len Munzer*

### Saturday—March 19—St. Joseph

9am—Joseph Peirano *by Evelyn Batt*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

### Sunday—March 20—Second Sunday of Lent

8am—Joseph & Phyllis Trezza *by Jim & Marie Marsala*,  
 Charles & Veronica Marsala *by Jim & Marie Marsala*, Joan  
 Ryan *by Frank & Charlene Dowd*, Cecelia Keller *by Barbara*  
*Mickelson*, Ann Gallo *by the Gallo & Wieland families*, Dr.  
 Salvatore Basile *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*, Mary Bakajza  
*by Jean Mercurio & family*

9:15am—Kathleen N. Geiger

*by Janet, Caitlin & Dan Cassidy*

10:45am—Kevin Butera & the Carucci family

*by Mary & Gabe Butera*

12:15pm—Katherine Staake *by Richard Spitaliere*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 20, 2011**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Genesis 12:1-4**  
**Psalm 33**  
**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

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

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
 and led them up a high mountain by themselves.  
 And he was transfigured before them; his face shone  
 like the sun and his clothes became white as light.  
 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them,  
 conversing with him.  
 Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we  
 are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here,  
 one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”  
 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a  
 shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that  
 said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
 listen to him.”  
 When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were  
 very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying,  
 “Rise, and do not be afraid.”  
 And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one  
 else but Jesus alone.  
 As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus  
 charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone  
 until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

### Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you felt God was calling you to do something. How did you respond?
2. Relate a time when you experienced the power of God in your life.
3. Tell of a time when you stood up for what you believed.

### Family and Children’s question:

God lets the disciples know how much he loves Jesus. What are the ways you show love to your family?

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



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, Eileen Immarino, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Chase Turano, 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, Phyliss Senner, Edward Duffy, Thuy Wilmott, 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, 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

Lucy Cusamano, Grace Pontillo, Patricia Kelly, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—Today we hear two familiar scripture passages: the Genesis story of the first sin of Adam and Eve; and Matthew's account of Jesus going out into the desert, where the Evil One tries to tempt him to sin. Let us ask to be mindful of our sins and pray for the grace of repentance.

### LENTEN NOTES—

#### 1. LENT

Lent runs until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive, the beginning of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

#### 2. FAST AND ABSTINENCE

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on 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 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**—We will have our parish Lenten 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**—As Spring comes closer we are tending to the things connected with the season. We are moving along with completing the mall area by the parking lot. A final coating of soil was put down before seeding. The bulbs that were planted last Fall are trying to pop through. We will remove the Christmas lights from some of the trees as soon as we can. We are trying to discourage the geese from settling in our area. *Progress!*

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES (Last Call)**—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**—Tax time is here!

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.

**2011 LENT CALENDAR FROM THE USCCB**—Once again the USCCB is offering an online calendar for Lent complete with daily prayer reflections, Sunday videos, and suggestions for concrete actions for the days of Lent. The calendar began on Ash Wednesday. You will find it at: <http://www.usccb.org/len/>

## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend:      Next Sunday

Saturday

5:00pm

Fr. Dahlke

Fr. O'Rourke

Sunday

8:00am

Fr. Dahlke

Msgr. Midura

9:15am

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Msgr. Midura

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

We are now in the first week of Lent. It is a period of time that calls us to "turn" our spirits and souls away from whatever steals our time and energy away from the things of God buried in the depths of our hearts. Lent calls us to the never-completed work of conversion—the everyday struggle to turn toward the life of God. This prayer might help us on our journey through Lent.

*"Turn us, O God, this Lent away from our exhausted, dark winter state of mind and re-turn us to the light and warmth of your compassion and forgiveness."*

To many Catholics, devotions have various levels of prayer potency. Which prayers are the most effective? That depends on the person praying. When we pray, it is more about having a conversation with God that comes from the heart, letting it reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus. When we say personal prayers there is something you have to think about, so

we usually get more out of it. There is no personal rule book. What we owe ourselves is to be aware of the depth and breadth that is Catholic spirituality and devotion. When we know this we usually find something that fits us. God has allowed us to see that He is with us. God wants us to understand that He is in our life right now.

What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? Lent is the time to put our lives in order. It is a time to reflect on how we are living our life. Do we share our blessings with the poor? Lent is the time to change what needs to be changed and understand that God loves us very much and desires to welcome us to our eternal home. The choice is ours.

Please remember our Lenten Project for the Sisters. They are doing fine work to help the poor. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

Daylight savings time starts today.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day.

March 18 is St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

March 19 is St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**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



We thank you for your generous donations of packaged meat for our freezer. We continue to need all meats, including chicken parts or whole, roasts, steaks, hot dogs, burgers, rolls.

### 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 4th.

*We are also in need of items for Easter Dinner:*

Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, desserts

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

### DONATE YOUR OLD CAR – HELP A CHILD RECEIVE TAX DEDUCTION OF \$500 OR MORE

Cars 4 Toys, an IRS 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, helps boost the spirits of children in hospitals battling illness. Toys are given to child patients on special occasions such as finishing

a round of treatment or just to brighten a particularly difficult day. If you would like to donate a vehicle, in any condition, please visit *Cars4Toys.org* or call 1-855-Cars4Toys. With mention of this bulletin announcement, 10% of your vehicle proceeds will go directly to St. Thomas More.

**EMPLOYMENT NETWORK PROGRAM**

Free guidance program for anyone seeking employment will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Centerport, starting March 14 at 7pm. Experienced counselors will help you sharpen your job-hunting skills, interviewing, resume writing and more. Advanced registration is required. Call 754-9045.

**ST. PATRICK’S SINGLES FELLOWSHIP - SMITHTOWN**

Widowed, Single, Divorced and Separated, ages 45-60 plus, are invited to coffee, tea, conversation and event planning at the Parish Outreach Center, on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am to 12pm. For further information call 265-2668 (Mon-Fri)

**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!

**ATTENTION YAH MEMBERS**

Please note these changes:

1. March 25th meeting is cancelled.
2. May 13th meeting is cancelled but rescheduled to May 6th.
3. Hauppauge High School play “Beauty and the Beast” is now rescheduled to March 25th and 26th.

For any information, call Bob at 686.5272.

**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.

Monday—May 9 at 3pm. The book: *The Samurai’s Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama.

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.

**PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

Lorenzo Bacchi

Scott Lovelock

Paul Hulkow, Jr.

William Charpied

Christopher Sidote

Daniel Cribbin

William Gregory

Eric Mitchell

Philip Root

Candice Gagnon

Randy Donaldson

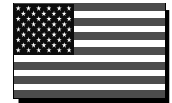
Thomas Nichols

James Fensterer

Joseph Marziotta

Eric Reid

Christopher Mustakas



If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If they have returned, let us know.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*(First Time)*

Matthew Argyros, Holbrook & Michelle Falcone, St. Thomas More

Chris Noto, St. Gerard Majella & Kristin Doxsee, St. Thomas More

Timothy O’Donnell, Quincy, Massachusetts & Danielle Heck, St. Hugh of Lincoln

*(Third 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.

## 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

## 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.

## CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.  
February 27—\$50—36—Jack & Caroline DeSantis  
February 28—\$25—808—Judy & Brian O'Connor  
March 1—\$25—513—Richard Bauhoff  
March 2—\$25—338—William Peet  
March 3—\$25—55—Bill & Jamie Stahura  
March 4—\$25—910—Maureen & Tom Fallona  
March 5—\$25—620—Rocco & Rose Marie Amoroso

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

### Sunday—March 13

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### Monday—March 14

9:45 am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

### Tuesday—March 15

7pm—Finance Committee—Rectory

### Wednesday—March 16—

7:30pm—Parish Lenten Retreat—Church

### Thursday—March 17

5:30pm—Young People's Choir—Church

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Kirwin Hall at the Church

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

### Friday—March 18

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

### Saturday—March 19

11am—Level 5 Reconciliation—Church

3:30pm—Level 3 Reconciliation—Church

## Sunday—March 20

Hospitality Sunday—Walden Hall

7:30pm—Bible Study—Church

## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 10,041.**

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship?

Possessions? Pride? O Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit with us.

**AVE 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: \$ 356,807.**

**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: \$ 3,225.**

**Profit to the Parish: \$ 161.**

## 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 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.

**COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Time)*

**CATHOLIC COUNSELING CENTER**—Family, Marriage and Individual Therapies offered under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies honored. Call

631.243.2503 for info.

**CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTER OF HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES**—PARENTING & ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES. Call 631.978.0189 for details.

**FREE FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED**—Catholic Charities & CSFP offer this program for those in need. Call 631.491.4156 for info and income guidelines.

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED CATHOLICS**— Tues., March 22, 7:30pm, St. Frances de Chantal School, Wantagh. Call Carol at 516.794.4933, for info.

**LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE**—Knights for Life, Ed Farrell speaking, Mon., March 28, 7:45PM, St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Rd. & Rosevale Ave, Ronkonkoma. Call 631.243.1435 for details.

*(Second Notice)*

**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.

**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 [honeyhollow50th@optimum.net](mailto:honeyhollow50th@optimum.net) ASAP. Some of the Committee members include: Patricia Martin, Suzanne Dresch, Terry Parrett, Carl Greiner and Paul Borowski.

**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  
**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                      ( ) 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.

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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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**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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**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**

<b>PLEDGE</b>	<b>10 PAYMENTS</b>
\$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)*



## ***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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**(Answers to the Crossword given at the 9:15am Mass)**

### **Across**

1. I show respect to those in need by being **GENEROUS**
6. I show respect to God by **PRAYING**
8. I show respect for my parents by **LISTENING**
9. I show respect for my teachers by **BEHAVING**

### **Down**

2. I show respect to my friends by **SHARING**
3. I show respect for the environment by **RECYCLING**
4. I show respect to everyone when I am **HONEST**
5. I show respect to my pets when I **TAKE CARE** of them
7. I show respect to my brothers and sisters by being **KIND**

### **ISN'T IT GRAND?**

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grand mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the 3-year old say with a trembling voice, "Who was *that*?"

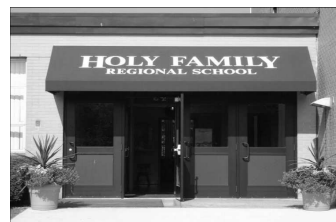
A mother was in the bathroom putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young daughter, as she had done so many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the daughter said, "But mommy, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper goodbye!"

A grandfather was driving his grandchildren home when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat was a Dalmatian. The children started discussing the dog's duties. One said, "The dog keeps the crowds back." "No" said another. "He's there for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs to find the fire hydrants!"

## **HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**

**2 INDIAN HEAD ROAD,  
COMMACK, NEW YORK**

Grades Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup>



HFRS will be sponsoring a *Clothing Drive fundraiser on March 19, 2011*. The items collected will benefit the poor in Latin America, South America and Eastern Europe.

Please clean out your closets then bring the following items bagged up in plastic garbage bags to the Bishop McGann Room in the Family Center at HFRS located at 2 Indian Head Road, Commack on

***Saturday, March 19 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m:***

- \* Clean, usable, wearable men's women's and children's clothing;
- \* Shoes and accessories (handbags, belts, scarves, ties and hats)
- \* Soft household items (bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels)

Come see the HFRS difference! Registration for Fall 2011 is open

Contact [kconnolly@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:kconnolly@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the Holy Family Regional School website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com).

**Catholic Schools**   
*Character. Compassion. Values.*

## 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.

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.

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.