

# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway  
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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
Rev. Robert Dahlke, SJ, Weekend Priest  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon John S. Rapacki

## Religious Education

Patricia Chapin, Co-director  
Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director

## Parish Outreach

### Justice & Peace

Ralph Molinaro, Chairperson

### Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

### Youth Ministry

Joe Gast, S.C., Youth Minister

## 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 20, 2011*  
*Second 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.*

### Telephones:

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

## Masses for this coming week

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

### Saturday—March 19

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—John Traynor *by the Rouse family*

### 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 Dowl*, 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*

### Monday—March 21

9am—For the People of Our Parish

### Tuesday—March 22

9am—Lina Grisanzio *by Petronilla & Pietro Loscialpo*

### Wednesday—March 23—St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

9am—Stephen Spincola *by Joyce Spincola*

### Thursday—March 24

9am—Samantha Womack *by the DiMarco family*

### Friday—March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

9am—The Mickelson & Williams Families

*by Barbara Mickelson*

### Saturday—March 26

9am—Frederick Ajoonian

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Stanley Sadowski *by the Buynak Family*

### Sunday—March 27—Third Sunday of Lent

8am—Barbara Smith *by Jack Pallatto*

9:15am —John Barry *by Mary Barry*, Dolores Percudani *by Bill O'Hara*, John McAlarey *by Eileen Frank*, Ralph M. Marcello *by Joanne & Doug Butler*, Mary Bakajza *by Anne Ball & family*, David Lopez *by Rita & Matthew Favoroso*

10:45am—Christopher Sauchelli

*by Madeline & Robert Sauchelli*

12:15pm—Joseph O'Hara *by Bruce & Joan Cameron*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 27, 2011**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Psalm 95**  
**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**John 4:5-42**

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

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

**Focus Questions: on next page**

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1. Describe a time when you reached out to someone who was different culturally from you. What did you learn from each other?
2. Relate a time when you had such exciting news you couldn't wait to tell someone.
3. Talk about the people in your life who have talked to you about Jesus in such a way that your faith grew.

**Family and Children's question:**

Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. Talk about the importance of water in our lives and what you can do to protect this valuable resource.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Thuy Wilmott, Mary Dionisio, James McAllister, Maureen Flynn, Nicky Mauriello, Marilyn Hayle, Mary Zelli, Bobby Schiavo, 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, Louise Beltrani, Jay Siegel, Katherine Drechsler, Kris Grappone, Kim Stevens, 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, Renee Munzer, Adela Morales, Joseph Codispoti, Josephine Carpenter, Tom Stahura, Evelyn Hirsch, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Matthew Greiner, Terri Ilardi McKee, Tanya Gralto, Lucja Kostrzewa, Teresa Szepletowska, Arnold Landi, Tom Devine, Ellen Catuogno, Nellie Duffy, Robert Boney, Jennifer Savarese, Gloria Garcia, Carmine Bua, Phyliss Senner, Edward Duffy, 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**

Thomas Tangel, Benny Leto, Geoffrey Breitkopf, William Higgins, Edward Duncklee, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

**FROM FR. MIDURA**

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—All three of today's readings include a call from God—the call to Abraham to leave his homeland; in Paul's letter to Timothy, the call to live a holy life; and, in the Gospel, the call to listen to the voice of Jesus. Let us pray for open, listening hearts and minds.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—This devotion takes place on all Fridays of Lent at 7pm in the Church. All are invited to participate.

**OUR LENTEN PROJECT**—We thank Sister Faustina and Sister Monica of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for visiting our parish last weekend to talk about the work they do in feeding the needy in the Bronx. As a Lenten project, we will ask everyone's support by donating to the "little house" at the display in the Church Lobby. All monies will go to the Sisters to help their community continue their work. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas More or to the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Cash is always accepted too! Last weekend, our generous parishioners donated \$1,900 to the Sisters for their mission.

**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**—The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm. There will be a Reconciliation Day on Monday of Holy Week throughout the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn and New York. That means all parishes in these three dioceses will be asked to provide opportunities for the Sacrament from 3pm to 9pm.

**LENTEN RETREAT**—We are having our parish Lenten Retreat on the Wednesday nights of Lent. They are March 23, 30 and April 6, 13 & 20. Time will be 7:30pm in the Church. Presenters are: Patricia Leonard and James Phillips. The topics are:

March 23—*The Journey of Reconciliation;*

March 30—*Partners Along the Journey—Family & Friends;*

April 6—*The Journey of Discipleship;*

April 13—*The Journey of the People of God;* and

April 20—*The Journey Home.*

Join us this 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: \$ 18,435

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**—The mall in front of the Church was graded and four large truckloads of soil were added to prepare it for eventual seeding. The walkway will be installed shortly and pavers will be put down for a hard walking surface. The Stations of the Cross will then be put back where they were.

One of our young parishioners will be doing his Eagle Scout project which will involve installing a walkway from the front apron of the Church to Mary's shrine behind the lobby of the Church. The walkway will consist of paver bricks which will be offered for sale as memorials and can be inscribed according to the wishes of the donor. There is an information flyer in the bulletin.

There was a general cleanup of the grounds as well this past week. Some of the tree shoots along the perimeter of the property were cut down to allow the established trees to have better growing conditions. The two trees in the island by the Church entrance were topped so as not to impede the light that is on the pole.

And the tulip and daffodil bulbs are beginning to pop through the earth. *Progress!*

**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/ Lent/>

**FLOWERS FOR YOUR HOME**—We will offer flowers for purchase as soon as we determine the best weekend to sell

them. There will be a mailing in the near future with pricing and available flower types.

## 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. Racos

12:15pm

Fr. Dahlke Fr. Racos

## 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 second week of Lent. Today we will talk about Paul and his conversion. While on the road to Damascus Paul met the Risen Lord himself. Jesus spoke to him as a brother using his Jewish name Saul, rather than Paul. Jesus asked him "Why do you persecute me?" Jesus revealed to Paul that the violence he was committing was against Jesus himself. Paul never got over the implications of these words: "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." Paul never tried to cover up his former life. He incorporated the truth about himself into his message. He talked about his former life and how he persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. Seized by truth and forced to change, he did not allow guilt and remorse to paralyze him. Rather he permitted the forgiveness of Christ to make a new man out of him.

What does all mean in terms of justice and peace? What would it take for you and me to become a Christian like Paul, so aligned with Christ's life the resemblance is unmistakable. Lent is an excellent time to think about our life. What are we headed for? Can we say at the end of our life as Paul said "The time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:6-7). Lent is the time to look at our life and change what has to be changed. When it is our time to go, God will say welcome home. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

Today is The First Day of Spring. Welcome, we have waited a long time.

The 23rd is St. Toribio de Mogrovejo.

The 25th is The Annunciation of the Lord.

Please remember to help the Franciscan Sisters in the Bronx in

their work among the poor

**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.

**PFI ALUMNI NIGHT**

The Pastoral Formation Institute (PFI) Alumni of STM are all invited to a Group Gathering here at St. Thomas More on Monday night, March 28, at 7pm in Kirwin Hall (Red Room).

**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.

**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, roasts, steaks, hot dogs, ham steaks, burgers and 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!

**HELP NEEDED**

Do you have a few hours to spare on Monday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30am? We need a few strong volunteers to pack and bring upstairs the Easter Food Baskets for our clients. Please contact Outreach, if you would like to help. Thanks!

**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—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.

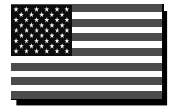
Or – call Emilia Savarese at 724-8820 for more information.

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**

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

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*(Second 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

## 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.

## 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.

March 6 —\$50—201—Charles Dawson  
March 7 —\$25—740—Elizabeth Murphy  
March 8 —\$25—414—Diane Basso  
March 9 —\$25—432—Vincent & Donna Gerardi  
March 10—\$25—213—Peter O'Rourke  
March 11—\$25—560—Barbara Mickelson  
March 12—\$25—289—Theresa Shannon

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

### Sunday—March 20

Hospitality Sunday—Walden Hall  
7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### Monday—March 21

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

### Wednesday—March 23

7:30pm—Parish Lenten Retreat—Church

### Thursday—March 24

5:30pm—Young People's Choir—Church

7pm—St. Thomas More Feast Weekend Meeting—Meeting Room

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

### Friday—March 25

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

### Saturday—March 26

3pm—Young People's Choir—Church

### Sunday—March 27

12 noon—Youth lockin — Walden Hall

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9,661.**

"Bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's Second Reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF FAITH DIRECT?** - Join 83 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!

### Faith Direct March Statement:

Number of Participants:	83
Distribution:	
Regular Church Support:	\$ 8,283
Maintenance & Repair Support:	\$ 2,009
Fees:	\$ 106.79
Net to the two Collections:	\$ 10,155.21

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

**Contributed to date: \$ 358,123.**

**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: \$ 3,925.  
Profit to the Parish: \$ 196.

## 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:*

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)*

**LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE**—The Church of the Resurrection, Edgewater Ave., Smithtown will celebrate with the Sons of Italy St. Joseph's Day on Saturday, March 19, from 2pm to 4pm. Opening prayer and blessing of the bread at 2 pm followed by sharing of the bread.

**CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF HAITI**—Saturday, April 2, 4pm, at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset. Admission: \$35. Benefits the work of the International Vincentian Family for the Haitian People. Reservations and/or donations: [Irishconcertforhaiti@gmail.com](mailto:Irishconcertforhaiti@gmail.com) or call 718.454.9804.

**FREE PROGRAMS—SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ARTS AT HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON SUNDAYS** — April 3, 2:30pm —*Speaking From the Heart*—a collection of short comedies about love and friendship performed live by a talented group of actors.

April 10, 2pm—*Matthew Fishteyn, Piano Concert*—This young musician will perform an extraordinary range of music from blues to rock.

May 15, 2pm—*East End Trio Concert*—enjoy music from the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 2000's

May 22, 2pm—*Johnny Fusco in Concert* —will sing the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett and Louie Armstrong ...

**SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE COMPANY**—275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington, NY — presents GREASE on April 7 at 7pm and on April 8 and April 9 at 8pm. General Admission: \$10. For ticket information call 631-271-2020.

**FAITH AND LIGHT MEETING**—(A faith-sharing group for people with handicaps and their caregivers)— Friday, April 1, at 7 pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols

Road, Nesconset. Call Marcia Gaudet at (631) 439-9724.  
**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**—30th Anniversary of the Apparitions — June 20-28, 2011. For information, email Sr. Marcie at srmarciep@aol.com or Fr. Peter at stfrangreenlawn@aol.com

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** — Jan. 4-13, 2012. For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at 631-654-0199 or email growland@sjcnj.edu

**CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUPS** —For children ages 6 to 17. Teens Group begins March 29. Siblings Support Group begins March 31. Parental Support Groups begins March 29. For information and registration, call Ella at 516.740.8621 or e-mail *EStrzepa@CancerCare.org* (Second Notice)

**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.

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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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister    | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumber                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Handy Man/Woman             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrip sellers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul Society |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)

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## 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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## 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)



**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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**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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**ENGLISH MYSTERIES**

There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger; neither apple or pine in pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England or French fries in France. Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither for Guinea nor is it a pig.

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and wise guy are opposites? Why does your house burn up as it burns down? Why do you fill in a form by filling it out, and how can an alarm go off by going on?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by car and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

The soldier had to desert his dessert in the desert!

**ANOTHER CARING GROUP—**

Recently, a group of our Religious Ed Young People prepared peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be distributed to the hungry of our area.



## 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.

Bank of America—PT/FT positions for tellers and sales. Benefits for both PT/FT.

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.