

# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

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

### Saturday—March 26

*(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*

### Monday—March 28

9am—Joseph Musella *by Al & Wendy Frazia ad family*

### Tuesday—March 29

9am—Florence Struck

### Wednesday—March 30—

9am—Robert Reilly *by the family*

### Thursday—March 31

9am—Jan Midura

### Friday—April 1—First Friday

9am—Jan Cacciabaudo *by Kieko McKeon*

### Saturday—April 2, 2011— First Saturday-

#### St. Francis of Paola

9am—Friends of Fr. Midura

Noon — Memorial Mass for Cecelia Nutt

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Carmela Olivero *by the Clokes*

### Sunday—April 3, 2011—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8am—Margaret King *by Jean Paul Kergaravat*

9:15am—Linda C. Searage *by Denis & Ruth Grenier*

10:45am—Staffa Dziedzic *by the Tulipans*, Jack Hawk *by Eilizabeth Kane*, Alice F. Kucmeroski *by Maryellen Sica*, Joseph Madden *by Maryann & Ralph Rantz*, Gerald Paddi *by Pat Feeley*, Elizabeth Ronneberg *by Maryann Rantz*, Kelly Rose *by Judy & Ken Granville*, Ryan Santana *by Joanna Scaduto*, Anna Sokolowski *by Mary Brienza & Paul & Rita Goebeler*

12:15pm—Robert Covino *by Geraldine Covino*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**April 3, 2011**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**  
**Psalm 23**  
**Ephesians 5:8-14**  
**John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

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

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means *Sent* —.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

### Focus Questions:

1. Relate a time when you were blind to the truth of a situation.
2. The people in the Gospel thought that the man or his parents' sins caused his blindness. Talk about a time when you heard someone react in the same way. How did you respond?
3. Describe a time when the light of Christ helped you to see things differently.

### Family and Children's question:

Talk about how Lenten practices of praying, almsgiving and fasting help us to see God more clearly in our lives.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Sam Prince, Maria Espeniera, Jack Zito, Joseph Esposito, Daniel & Mary Skinnon, Mackenzie Jordan Borchers, Charlie Parker, Bernard Fontana, 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 Iardi McKee, Tanya Gralto, Lucja Kostrzewa, 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, Teresa Szepietowska, 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 with this bulletin).

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Lucas Piantieri, Marilyn Mott, William Reilly, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—Today we hear about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. It was about noon when Jesus and his disciples found her alone at the well. Women usually went to the well together; and in the morning, so we are to suppose that she was an outcast. When Jesus questions her; we discover why. And yet Jesus sees past her sin to the person she longs to be, and she, in turn, proclaims his as the Messiah. Let us acknowledge that we are all sinners and ask the Lord for his mercy and forgiveness.

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

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

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

Presenters are: Patricia Leonard and James Phillips. The topics each evening are:

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.

**OUR LENTEN PROJECT**—We thank Sister Faustina and Sister Monica of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for visiting our parish to talk about the work they do in feeding the needy in the Bronx. As a Lenten project, we ask everyone's support of the Sisters 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! When the sisters visited, our generous parishioners donated \$1,900 to them 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**—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.

**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: \$ 24,335

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**—We took a chance and put down grass seed in the mall on the warm days a week ago. Then there were the snow showers! We tended to the high hat lights in the Church and found that several of the fixtures no longer function. The roof areas where the new HVAC units are located were completed. Now we will have a review of the “punch lists” and finalize the remaining payments to the contractor to keep everyone happy and fulfill our obligations. *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 have geraniums and impatiens available for pick up the first weekend of May. In the meantime, return your order forms either through the collection or return them to the Church Office. The prices are the same as last year.

**OUR PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**—The current list in the bulletin will expire with this bulletin. If you wish to remember your loved ones on this list, please submit their name(s) either through the weekend collection or by returning the cut out to the Church Office. The next list will continue through May.

**OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

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

**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**

Today is the third week of Lent. Many people struggle to discern what they are "meant" to do, often described in religious terms as seeking "God's will." Whether it is a decision about career, family, relocation, or a medical issue, Catholics use a variety of spiritual discernment methods to determine their next step. Does God have a plan for each person's life? There are Catholics who acknowledge they'll will never know for sure, but that has not stopped them from devoting time to discerning God's will for their lives. It is a good idea to have someone else help you look after your life and able to pull things together for you to help you see where God is moving in your life. A priest, a deacon or spiritual director can be of great service. Finding God's will has less to do with trying to figure out God's mind and more to do with being alert to the events and vital forces of life in the world

What does all mean in terms of justice and peace? Do we see what is going on in the world today. Do we see the injustices people have to endure? Do we see the poverty and the death of children in the world today? If we do see all this going on, then the question to be answered is what are we doing to help these people? During Lent we are asked to examine our conscience and see if we can do better. Please remember to help the Franciscan sisters and their work for the poor. April first is Fools' Day. Let us not be fools with our lives. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

April 2 is St. Francis of Paola

Please remember to help the Franciscan Sisters in the Bronx in their work among the poor. Please place your support in the “little house” at the display in the Church Lobby.

**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 this coming 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. May 13th meeting is cancelled but rescheduled to May 6th. 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, roasts, steaks, hot dogs, 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 the following items for Easter Dinner: Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, desserts

**Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!**

Two Boy's Communion Suits have been donated to Outreach. Both are in excellent condition. One is size 8 and the other size 10 with white shirt and red tie. If anyone is in need of a suit for a boy, please pickup at Outreach.

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

### AN EVENING OF FINE FOOD & MUSIC Annual Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner, which will be held on Wednesday, April 27,

starting at 6pm. The Hauppauge School District, PTA, business community, and district residents would like to thank you and pay tribute to you for your contributions to the Hauppauge School District and Hauppauge Community. This free dinner will be held in your honor and you will also enjoy an evening of musical entertainment performed by Hauppauge students at the All-District Jazz Night following the dinner. To plan the food preparation, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 27, 2011. **Please contact Parish Outreach if you would like to attend and pick up the response form.**

### SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

An Advocate from SCOFA will be at the Smithtown Nutrition Center on Friday, April 1, from 10am to 1pm, located at 48 E. Main St. Smithtown, to assist seniors with information gathering, completion of eligibility or recertification applications and referrals to appropriate community agencies.

### 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

Lorenzo Bacchi  
Scott Lovelock  
Paul Hulkow, Jr.  
William Charpiet  
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.

## **RECENT BAPTISM**

Giancarlo Roberto Iovane, son of Robert & Sabrina

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*(Third 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

## **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.

## **CALENDAR CLUB 2011**

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.

March 13 —\$50—575—Grace Harold  
March 14—\$25—848—Bob & Diane Weisz  
March 15—\$25—188—Joyce Spincola  
March 16—\$25—779—John Chiarelli  
March 17—\$25—384—Ted & Loretta Muenkel  
March 18—\$25—499—Patricia McGrath  
March 19—\$75—972—Carla Burgos

## **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.

## **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.

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

*(Not totally inclusive)*

### **Sunday—March 27**

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### **Monday—March 28**

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—PFI alumni—Kirwin Hall

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

### **Wednesday—March 30**

7:30pm—Parish Lenten Mission—Church

### **Thursday—March 31**

5:30pm—Young People's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

### **Friday—April 1**

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7:30pm—Young At Heart —Walden Room

### **Saturday—April 2**

3pm—Young People's Choir—Church

### **Sunday—April 3**

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Last Sunday's Collection:

**\$ 9,321.**

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF FAITH DIRECT?** - Consider joining 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!

## **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

Contributed to date: **\$ 360,455.**

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: \$ 3,100.  
 Profit to the Parish: \$ 155.

## 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:*

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)*

**HELP THE NEEDY OF APPALACHIA**—In its fifth year of success, a learning center has been set up in this area and money is greatly needed to help these children break the cycle of poverty through education. Call 606.573.6311 for info.

### APRIL PROGRAMS WITH THE CENACLE SISTERS—

Sat., Apr. 2, 10am to 4pm & Sun., Apr. 3, 1pm to 5pm, *Lessons from the Garden of Eden, Garden of the Song of Songs and the Garden of Gethsemane*, \$75. for both days; Sat., Apr. 9, 10am to 4pm *Finding Hope & Healing for Your Heart*, \$50.; Sat., Apr. 16, 10am to 4pm, *The Ointment's Fragrance...A Silent Day of Prayer*, \$50. Call 631.588.8366 for info and registration.

*(Second Notice)*

### 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 sfrangreenlawn@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@sjcny.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*

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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.

## 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)*

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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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### 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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### CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS

- Q. Name the four seasons.  
A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?  
A. Keep it in the cow.
- Q. What is the fibula?  
A. A small lie.
- Q. What does "varicose" mean?  
A. Nearby.
- Q. What does the word "benign" mean?  
A. Benign is what you will be after you are eight.
- Q. Use the word "isthmus" in a sentence.  
A. Isthmus be my lucky day!
- Q. What happens to your body as you age?  
A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

- Q. Give the meaning of the term "Caesarian Section."  
A. The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

- Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.  
A. Premature death.

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### IMPATIENS & GERANIUM SALE

Please reserve the following flowers for me. They will be available for pick up the first weekend of May.

#### IMPATIENS (Flats—48 plants to a Flat) @ \$11 each

- \_\_\_ Red
- \_\_\_ Pink Swirl
- \_\_\_ Mixed
- \_\_\_ White
- \_\_\_ Purple
- \_\_\_ Orange
- \_\_\_ Salmon
- \_\_\_ TOTAL ORDERED @ \$11 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS—8" pots @ \$11 each

- \_\_\_ Red
- \_\_\_ Pink
- \_\_\_ White
- \_\_\_ Purple
- \_\_\_ Salmon
- \_\_\_ TOTAL ORDERED @ \$11 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### GERANIUMS—6" pots @ \$ 7 each

- \_\_\_ Red
- \_\_\_ Salmon
- \_\_\_ Pink
- \_\_\_ Violet
- \_\_\_ TOTAL ORDERED @ \$7 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

NAME:

PHONE:

*(Please place Order Form in envelope marked "Flowers" and return to the Church Office or place in the weekend collection with Payment by April 24, 2011).*

## 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.