Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -

EUCHARIST

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.

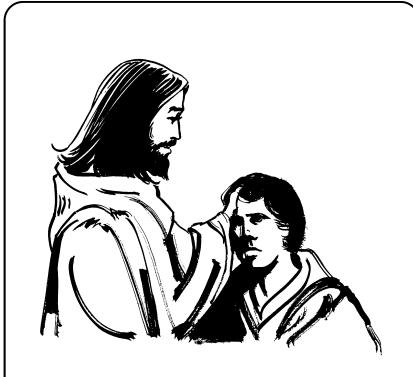
MARRIAGE—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the deacons.

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.



April 3, 2011 Fourth 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 |
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| Church Lobby— | 348-9378 | |

Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday—April 2 (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm—Carmela Olivero by the Clokes

Sunday—April 3—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

Monday-April 4—St. Isidore

9am—Peter Bulfin

Tuesday—April 5—St. Vincent Ferrer

9am—Jack Sarcona by Arlene & Al Mellina

Wednesday—April 6

9am—For the people of our parish

Thursday—April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle

9am—Barbara Nigro by the Ilnitzki family

Friday—April 8

9am—Patrick Whalen by Frank & Geney Probst

Saturday—April 9

9am—Jack Keenan by the family

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Kevin Foley by Tara Wernert

Sunday—April 10—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am—George & Anna Greggo by Anne McComiskey
9:15am—Rose Opici by Arlene & Al Mellina
10:45am—Helvia Valderama by Lou & Emilia Savarese
12:15pm—Frederic N. Williams by Nancy & Michael Cafaro,
Richard Feeney by the Castaldo family, Dominick Bove by
Mary Rea, Jack DeMola by Joe & Kay Babits, Mary Lou
Kluse by Bernice Kluse, Rose Covak by the Eyring family,
Dolores Walden by the Buynak family

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Psalm 130: 1-2.3-4.5-6.7-8 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it. "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, +Let us go back to Judea. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- 1) Describe the most alive person you know. How do you feel when you see this person?
- 2) Describe a time when you made a decision because of friendship.
- 3) Relate how your family dealt with the death of a loved one.

Family and children's question:

Lazarus, Mary and Martha were Jesus' good friends. Talk about your friends and what you can do to be a better friend.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Sam Prince, Maria Espeniera, Jack Zito, Joseph Esposito, Daniel & Mary Skinnon, Mackenzie Jordan Borchers, Pat Porter, Charlie Parker, Bernard Fontana, Louise Beltrani, Anthony Pagano, Joseph Peter, Ellen Vinson, Victoria Nelson, Katherine Badalaty, Debora Lewis, Rev. Donal R. Kehew, William

Boyle, Charles Boston, Lisa Codispoti, Theresa Healy, Eileen Immarino, Celeste Pena, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Chase Turano, Renee Munzer, Adela Morales, Evelyn Hirsch, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Katherine Drechsler, Lucja Kostrzewa, Thuy Wilmott, Mary Barry, Maura Reddy, Dennis LaRosa, Cookie Ferrero, Janice Berlette, Mellissa Herber, Denise Zappia, Mary Ann O'Gara, Pat Chapin, Teresa Szepietowska, Phyllis Cable, Tom Devine, Ellen Catuogno, Nellie Duffy, Robert Boney, Jennifer Savarese, 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 May).

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Evelyn Scollon, Kerry Migliaro, Richard Silvia, Ramonda D'Andrea, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—Today's Gospel invites us to think about spiritual blindness. We all have times when we are unable to think clearly, when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Let us ask God for the gift of clear vision. Let us be confident of God's mercy as we confess our sinfulness. LENTEN RETREAT—We are having our parish Lenten Retreat on the Wednesday nights of Lent. They are April 6, 13 & 20. Time will be 7:30pm in the Church. Presenters are: Patricia Leonard and James Phillips. The topics each evening are:

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—As our parish Lenten project, we ask everyone's support of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal by donating to the "little house" at the display in the Church Lobby. All monies go to the Sisters to help their community continue their work in feeding the poor and hungry in the Bronx. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas More or to the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Cash is always accepted too!

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

FLOWERS FOR YOUR HOME—We will have geraniums and impatiens available for purchase and 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.

FEAST WEEKEND 2011—Our annual feast weekend will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12. On Saturday night in Walden Hall, following the 5pm Mass, we will have a "Texas BBQ and Square Dance" featuring three choices of entrees: Slow Smoked Pulled Pork or Roasted 1/2 Chicken or Prime Rib. All come with sides, beverages and dessert. Cost is \$45 per person. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses.

On Sunday, we will have our traditional Pancake Breakfast after the 8am, 9:15am and 10:45am Mass.

HAVE IT YOUR WAY! - This year we will have our Annual Grand Prize Raffle with the First prize being either \$10,000 in a lump sum or the choice of receiving \$1,000 a month for 12 months starting July 1. So, the choice is yours! Second prize is \$2,000 and Third prize is \$1,000. There will be only 400 tickets offered and they will be \$100 each. You can return the cut-out in this bulletin to reserve your ticket or wait until they are offered through the mail or after weekend Masses.

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. After the Lenten season bring your Rice Bowls to the Church and give them to me or 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: \$ 31,150

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—An irrigation system was installed in the center mall and more work was done in preparing the walkway for a patio brick walkway. We will complete the seeding so that Nature can take over in the growing end of things. Watch out for the geese. Also, the safety rail around the new roof HVACs was completed this past week after numerous weather caused delays. *Progress!*

2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—The tax deadline of April 17 for filing is around the corner. 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—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/

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

| | This weekend: | Next Sunday |
|----------|---------------|--------------|
| Saturday | | |
| 5:00pm | Msgr. Midura | Fr. Dahlke |
| Sunday | | |
| 8:00am | Fr. Dahlke | Fr. Dahlke |
| 9:15am | Msgr. Midura | Msgr. Midura |
| 10:45am | Fr. Dahlke | Msgr. Midura |
| 12:15pm | Fr. O'Rourke | 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

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent. How do we find joy in Lent? The real aim of the Lenten exercises, is to see that joy is the ultimate goal. The season of Lent is to draw us to a more abundant life --- and to the joy that comes with it. Lent is not meant to be a season of depression and death but one for nurturing hope and a new life. What is that new life? It is not a preparation for death but a preparation for life, eternal life with Jesus. That is God's wish for us. If we catch ourselves planning a Lent that will drain away our joy and turn us into grouches, we should stop and see how to make Lent a joyful and life giving season. Give gloom and doom a rest. Keep focusing on Easter and the joy of eternal life with Jesus. What does all this mean in terms of justice and peace? The real aim of justice and peace is to bring comfort to those who see the gloom and doom. Do we see the injustices people have to face every day? What are we going to do about this? One of the things that the Church is asking us to do during Lent is to see if we can do better in our life? To be continued.

Justice is a parish affair.

Discover needs and act justly.

Together we can make a difference.

The 4th is St. Isidore the Farmer.

The 5th is St. Vincent Ferrer.

The 7th is St. John de la Salle.

Please remember our Lenten project for the Franciscan Sisters in the Bronx and to support them 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.

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



CANDY BASKETS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CHILDREN BY APRIL 4th (or as close to that date as possible) IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR EASTER.

EASTER IS APRIL 24th

We are also in need of items for Easter Dinner: Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, desserts

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Outreach is need of a few strong volunteers to pack and bring upstairs the Easter food baskets on Monday morning, April 18, starting at 9:30am. We also need a few people to deliver baskets to one or two clients on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before Easter.

Thank you for your continued support of Parish Outreach!

<u>Two Boy's Communion Suits</u> 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 pick it up at Outreach.

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. In order to plan the food preparation, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 27. Please contact Parish Outreach if you would like to attend and pick up a response form.

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.

"Our Broadway Café"

Featuring "Just Us" Ed & Gail Friday, April 29, 2011 Time: 7—9pm

\$12 pp includes: Wine, Cheese, Coffee, Desserts, Door Prizes.

Call Elaine at 724.6337.

All are welcome.

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 2:30pm. The book: *Room* by Emma Donoghue.

Monday—May 9 at 2:30pm. 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.

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

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

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.

BABY BOTTLE NEWS- The Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Life Center of LI was a huge success! To date, \$5,580 has been collected, with a few late returns still to be counted. Everyone at the Life Center wishes to thank our parishioners for their generosity and prayers.

CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.

March 20 —\$50—615—Ron & Alice Pasie

March 21—\$25—226—Dolores & George Nerlino

March 22—\$25—418—John Chiarelli

March 23—\$25—93—Anna & Matthew Randazzo

March 24—\$25—192—Jean Noschese

March 25—\$25—343—Judith Dollard

March 26—\$25—973—Joanne Thomas

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 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—April 3

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—April 4

9:45am—Bible Study —Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry -Walden Hall

Wednesday—April 6

7:30pm—Parish Lenten Mission—Church

8:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Meeting Room

Thursday—April 7

5:30pm—Young People's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

Friday—April 8

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7:30pm—Young At Heart —Walden Room

Saturday—April 9

3pm—Young People's Choir—Church

Sunday—April 10

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room



OUR REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS—Holv

Family Regional School in Commack will be having a Plant Sale on Friday, May 6 from 9am to 6pm. Purchase your spring flats, hanging baskets, and beautiful Mother's Day gift plants.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection:

\$ 8,760.

"Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the Kingdom!" Today's Gospel assures good stewards that their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded.

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 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. We thank you for your consideration and continued support.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date:

\$ 361.777

Spent on repairs and replacements:

\$ 697,223.

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: Profit to the Parish:

\$ 3,825.

\$ 191.

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

Parish Secretary - Stm73@live.com

Pat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.net

Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net

Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net

Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - Gast.Joe@gmail.com

Justice & Peace - Natman32@aol.com

Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net

Personal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com

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

Barbara & Joe Fratamico—BJFRAT@optonline.net

MEN'S GATHERING website. Go to the parish website at http://www.buoy.com/~stm or stmli.org 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 8th. You may contact the school at kconnolly@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at 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

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.

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)

St. Joseph's College, Patchogue—Fr. John Dear, S.J.—
Presentation on nonviolence—Fr. John will give a presentation on "The Beatitudes and Nonviolence" at 7.30pm on April 7 at the McGann Conference Center. Event is free & open to the public. Fr. John will receive the annual *Esse Non Videri* Non-Violence Award that evening. For info. call (631)684-5100.

Marian Healing Ministry—Healing Mass—7pm, this coming Tuesday, April 5, at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston. For information call (718) 229-8001.

Honors—We were recently informed that the following student made the Honor Roll in their respective schools. They are:
Samantha Byrnes, Andrew & Genevieve Cohen, Neeve Curley, Justin DeCristofaro, Jennifer Falcone, Danile Faulisi, Andrea Finn, Katherine Gallagher, Erica Goldman, Noelle Hughes, Nicole Hurd, Erin Karmen, Ryan Kerwick, Joseph Lanzilotta, Joseph Loiacono, Nicle LoRusso, Chandler Lulley,, Stephanie Paloscio, Joseph Parisi, Jr., Marcos Pedone, Michael Perniciaro, Zachary & Andrew Piracha, Kathryn Prunty, Martin Rowe, Nicholas Savino, Trevor Adams, Robert Bento, Michael Black,

Keith Christianson, Kenneth Colon, Nicole Tessar, Ruthann Monsees

Spring Event with Sr. Pat Duffy, OP—April 10, 1pm at The Inn at East Wind, Wading River— for all women to refresh their souls. Cost \$45 includes served luncheon, presentation and more.

Call (631) 395-1271 or email SisterPatDuffy@gmail.com. **Divorced, Separated & Single Catholics**—New Member Orientation, Tuesday, April 26, 8pm at St. France de Chantal Church, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. For info, call Carol at 516.794.4933 or Rick at 631.650.5945. Bring proof of single status to join.

Dominican Commercial 75th Anniversary— May 4, 10am-2pm. For info call (631) 842-6000 ext. 351 or email dcgrads@yahoo.com

Marriage Encounter Weekend —May 13-15. Registration is limited. To register or for more info call 1-866-499-6354 or email ron@morassefamily.com or visit the website at http://www.wwmeli.org

(Second Notice)

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. 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.

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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| | | | |
| n | () 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 | |
| ts | () FOCCUS | ()Adult Lending Library | |
| | () Banner Committee | ()St. Vincent de Paul Society | |
| | | | |
| | Name | | |
| | | | |
| | Phone | | |
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| | E-mail | | |
| , | (Please place in coll | ection or return to Church Office) | |

PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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)

— 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) REGISTRATION and/or **ENVELOPE REQUEST** NAME(s): ADDRESS: PHONE: E-MAIL: () I/we would like to register in the parish. () Please send contribution envelopes. () I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them. () Other (Please return in collection or at Church Office *2010 CONTRIBUTION* STATEMENT REQUEST I/we would like a 2010 contribution statement for our records. NAME(s) ADDRESS:

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

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box,

spread all over the table.

IMPATIENS & GERANIUM SALE

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

| availab | ole for pick up the first weekend of May. | then turns to her and says, |
|---|--|--|
| The Part 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1 | | "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be |
| IMPA | TIENS (Flats—48 plants to a Flat) @ \$11 each | able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a |
| | Red | rooster." |
| | Pink Swirl | He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax |
| | Mixed | Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep |
| | White | sigh |
| | Purple | "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box." |
| | Orange | 1 |
| | Salmon | MAY I QUOTE YOU? |
| | TOTAL ORDERED @ \$11 each = \$ | "I sold my house this week. I got a pretty good price for it, |
| | | but it made my landlord mad as hell." Garry Shandling. |
| NEW | GUINEA IMPATIENS—8" pots @ \$11 each | and it is the state of the stat |
| | Red | "Humor is also a way of saying something serious." T.S. |
| | Pink | Eliot |
| | White | Litoi |
| | Purple | "Time is what keeps everything from happening all at once. |
| | Salmon | James Brown |
| | TOTAL ORDERED @ \$11 each = \$ | James Brown |
| | 10111 <u>2</u> 01 <u>12</u> 21 <u>12</u> 0 1 11 010 11 | "If you don't Image whom you are going you will wind up |
| | | "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up |
| CFD | ANIUMS—6" pots @ \$ 7 each | somewhere else!" Yogi Berra |
| GERA | Red | "D |
| | | "Drawing on my fine command of the language, I said |
| | Salmon | nothing." Robert Benchley |
| | Pink Value | |
| | Violet | "When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick." George |
| | TOTAL ORDERED @ \$7 each = \$ | Burns |
| | GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ | "The best way to get most husbands to do something is to |
| | | suggest that perhaps they're too old to do it." Anne Bancrof |
| NAME |); : | A lot of money is tainted—It taint yours and it taint mine! |
| | | +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ |
| | | HAVING IT YOUR WAY! |
| PHON | E: | |
| | | THE CHOICE IS YOURS RAFFLE |
| | | I/we would like to purchase a ticket to the St. Thomas Mor |
| (Please | place Order Form in envelope marked "Flowers" | 2011 Raffle Drawing. |
| | turn to the Church Office or place in the weekend | First prize is: \$10,000 in lump sum OR \$1,000 a month for |
| | ion with Payment by April 24, 2011). | 12 months; Second prize is: \$2,000; Third prize is: \$1,000. |
| | ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ | Draw date is Sunday of the Feast Weekend. |
| II A VIE | WE DONE THIS VET9 | NAME(s): |
| | WE DONE THIS YET? | TVAIVIL(5). |
| | silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, | Address: |
| | e come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw | Address. |
| | and I can't figure out how to get started." | |
| | ighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's | DI . |
| finishe | | Phone: |
| | tle silver haired lady says, "According to the picture | () Number of tickets "x" \$100 = \$ enclosed. |
| | box, it's a rooster." | (Please return to the Church Office or |
| Her ne | ighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. | through the weekend collection). |
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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

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- 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.
- 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.

<u>Birch Family Services</u>—New Program—RNs, Counselors, Coordinators, etc. Need clean NYS driver's license, certification, ability to travel for training. Flexible work schedule.

<u>BOCES Western Suffolk</u>—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.

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—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 -

- 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—<u>Fox</u>

<u>Home Depot</u>—FT/PT—Sales, cashiers, freight associates. FT/PT benefits. 401k's. Bonuses.

<u>Housekeepers</u> - FT/PT positions for small offices and homes.

Mgt/Non-Mgt Positions Available - St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn. Contact Human Resources directly.

<u>School Bus/Van Drivers</u>—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.