

Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-4204

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
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Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
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**Parish Outreach**

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**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.

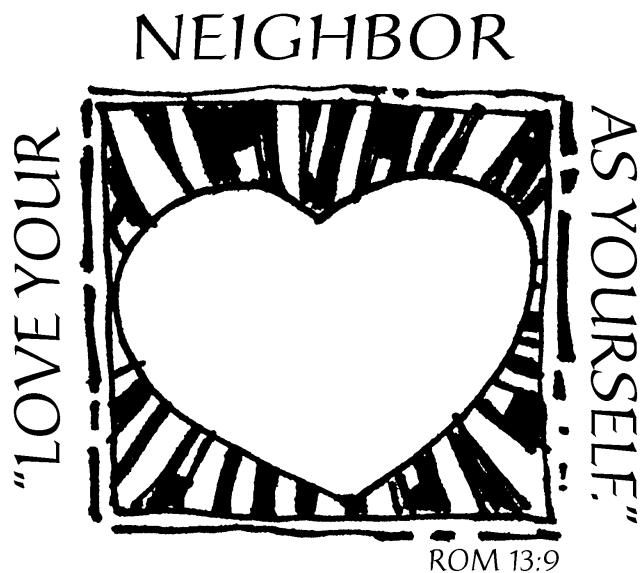
*MARRIAGE*—As soon as a couple decides to  
marry, and BEFORE making any other arrange-  
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an  
appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the  
deacons.

*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.



*September 4, 2011*  
*Twenty-Third Sunday*  
*Ordinary Time*

*Parish Mission Statement:*  
*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a*  
*parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through*  
*Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments*  
*The Teachings of the Church, and*  
*Our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.*

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Church Lobby—	348-9378	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses for this coming week</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 4, 2011</b>  <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Ezekiel 33: 7-9</b>  <b>Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9</b>  <b>Romans 13: 8-10</b>  <b>Matthew 18:15-20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 11, 2011</b>  <b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Sirach 27:30-28:9</b>  <b>Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12</b>  <b>Romans 14: 7-9</b>  <b>Matthew 18:21-35</b></p>

**Saturday—September 3***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*5pm—Antoinette & Joseph Butindari *by the Butindari Family***Sunday—September 4—Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday**8am—Louis Giuliano *by John Rosmini*9:15am—Margaret DelVicario *by Rita & Kaz Stasiak*10:45am—Filomena Camilli *by the Sanfratello Family*12:15pm—James S. Hart, Sr. *by Marline, Timothy & Family***Monday—September 5—Labor Day**

9am—For the People of the Parish

Louis Giuliano *by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marsala***Tuesday—September 6**9am—Dolores Walden *by Marilyn & Joel Miller***Wednesday—September 7**

9am—The Bauer, Hammond, Colucciello, Starr, Kirsh,

Kirdahy, Peers & Benvenuto Family *by Dorothy Starr***Thursday—September 8—****The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**9am—The Gallo Family *by the LaVerme Family***Friday—September 9—St. Peter Claver**9am—Andrew Rutherford *by Jeralyn Spiegel***Saturday—September 10**

9am—Mo Sidik

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Deceased members of the Cregan &amp; Munzer Families

*by Len & Lillian Munzer***Sunday—September 11—Twenty-Fourth Ordinary****Sunday**8am—Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Amoroso *by Mary & William**Fortmeyer, Linda Ball (Living) by Jean Monsees, Danny**Cescaro by Robert Licandro, Richard Clementi by Mae**Devine, Larry Forgione by Jim & Marie Marsala, Ann Gallo**by the Gallo & Wieland Families, Frederick Herman by**JoAnne Eyring, Ann Marie McLaughlin by the Roberti**Family, The Mickelson & Williams Families by Barbara**Mickelson, Clara & Frank Severino by Rose Milazzo, Patty,**Joe & Joseph Severino by Rose Milazzo, Elinor Warren by**Maureen & Bob Boston*9:15am—Edgar Fetzter *by the Consiglio Family*10:45am—Edgar Fetzter *by Bill & Beth Daly,*12:15pm—Dolores Walden, *by Judy & Ken Granville***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

**Focus Questions:**

- 1) Describe a time when you were forgiven. What was your reaction?
- 2) What do you find difficult to forgive?
- 3) How does the notion of a merciful God conflict with your notion of justice at times?

**Family and children's question:**

Talk about the ways you can practice the virtue of mercy by forgiving others' faults, looking at another point of view, trying to find the good in others, especially those you do not like.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dennis LaRosa, Ellen Jane Vinson, Marisa Carney, Cookie Ferrero, Dennis Chase, Giovanni Dominick Cipriani, Carol Ramsden, Alan Lathrop, Eamon Tuberde, Denise Zappia, Victor Baliunas, Mary Ann O'Gara, Pat Chapin, Josephine Carpenter, Charleen & Jimmy Spiers, Marge Giachetti, Susan McElroy, Teresa Szepietowska, James & Phyllis Cable, Katherine Badalaty, Elaine Kleinstauber, Debra Lewis, Henry Kwiecinski, Irene Aberle, Veronica Mattes, Pat Porter, Tom



Devine, Anna Miqueli, Jonathan Reardon, Linda Bucceri, Charles Boston, Carol Nische, Evelyn Hirsch, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Katherine Drechsler, Lucja Kostrzewa, Katie Kiss, Joseph Hauk, Mary Bein, Maureen O'Donnell, Marie D'Anna, William Boyle, Thuy Wilmott, Dale Grippo, Gary Surdi, Penny Henrich, Eamon

Zwberide, Norma Cottrell, Bob Peters, Joseph Calvacca, Sam Prince, Anna LaRocca, Joseph Esposito, Josephine Sadowski, Judy Scott, Anthony Pagano, Evelyn Stitt, Marie Ballarin, Victoria Nelson, Celeste Pena, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Lisa Codispoti, Chase Turano, Renee Munzer, Tom Stahura, Charlie Parker, Suzanne Coad, Victor Buzzanca, Rita Basile, James Basile, Joseph Peter, Thomas McGuire, Joellen Sadowski, Yvonne Williams, Joseph Nappi, Matthew Bernardo, Felicia Spiers, Toniann Dorohow, Daniel & Mary Skinnon, Eileen Foreman, Mark Venezia, Terri Iardi McKee, Barbara Fratamico, Jack Zito, Thomas Galati, Maura Reddy, Rosemarie Herna, Ellen Catougnno, Nellie Duffy, Robert Boney, Jennifer Savarese, Mimi Dickson, Edward Duffy, Shawn Cook, Eileen Immarino, Maria Martino, Frank Vaccaro, Andrea Walker, Phyliss Senner, Maria Espeniera.

*(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 September).*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Angelo Mauceri, Fausto Colarco, Beatrice Lyons, Antoinette Mikoleski, Mary Barry, Fred Scheckenback, Reverend Louis Kennedy, Reverend William Dilgen, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—In our second reading today, St. Paul tells us that loving each other will help us keep all the other commandments, because then we will not steal or covet or cheat or lie or do anything else contrary to God's will. In the first reading we hear that sometimes loving means we must confront someone. And in the Gospel, Jesus teaches us the rules for confrontation. Let us ready ourselves to listen to God's word to us and apply it to our lives.

**REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11**—As we remember the 10th Anniversary of that tragic day next weekend we will include all those who lost their lives and those who lost loved ones in the general intentions. At the 9:15am Mass we will include specific names of people if you wish to provide them

by returning the cut-out that is in the bulletin in advance of that Mass.

**PARISH BEACH MASS**—The date for the Parish Beach Mass is Sunday, September 18, at Schubert Beach, beginning with Mass at Noon on the beach. All are invited to attend. The high tide is scheduled for after 3pm that day, so we do not have to worry about water encroaching our gathering.

In order to make the day happen, we need people to volunteer to help from coordination, to set up, to service, to take down, to storing. If you can help, please let us know by using the sign up sheets at the bulletin board in the Church Lobby. Last year many more came forth to help make it happen and we can do the same thing this year. Mark the date on your calendars! We need to know who is coming. Please return the reservation form in the bulletin by September 12. Please include a \$5 deposit for each person attending. When you arrive at the park, you will get your entire deposit back.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY**—*The Bad News!* Hurricane Irene left its mark at St. Thomas More last weekend. Like most others we lost our power. Because of the power loss, we had to discard the freezer and refrigerator contents of Outreach. (There wasn't much because our supplies are low anyway). We had no phone service since the control system operates on electricity. The large locust tree next to the garage at Outreach/Religious Ed toppled on to the roof of the garage and collapsed part of the roof. (We had the new roof installed the previous Tuesday). The large locust tree next to the rectory did not want to be outdone by the locust next to Outreach and decided to topple onto the rectory roof. There were about five resulting punctures to the rectory roof. The mall by the parking lot lost about 12 trees and did minor damage to the Stations of the Cross. Apparently there was a "twister" type of wind burst that occurred around 10am on Sunday because three houses on Kings Highway and the corner of Simeon Woods Road had tall and large trees come down at the same time.

*The Better News!* - We were able to secure and tree service immediately to remove the fallen trees and to cut away the trees that fell onto the rectory and the Religious Ed building. A carpenter from the parish repaired the damaged portion of the garage roof and the roofer repaired the shingles and also secured the puncture holes on the rectory roof. A parishioner got us a dumpster when we needed it. A parishioner who is a landscaper spent two days cutting up the fallen trees and cleaning up the mall area of other debris. A stump grinder tended to the stumps from the fallen trees. Thanks to the young people of our parish, they spent almost two full days helping move the wood and fill in the stump holes with soil. Without all of these people we would not have accomplished what was accomplished.

Now we have to repair and install the Stations of the Cross. We will figure out what to do to enhance the mall area.

We thank those who came by to lend help or to give moral support to everyone who was working hard at the damage sites. The parking lot drains seemed to absorb the storm water more quickly than before they were serviced. Even though there was

a pond, it did not last as long as in the past.

Fortunately, there were no noticeable leaks in the Church or the rest of the parish center. The geese stayed away so they would not get their feet wet. *Progress!*

**LABOR DAY**—Let us remember Labor Day and the fruits of the labors of our brothers and sisters who do what they do so that we can enjoy what we do. Let us remember the unemployed and pray that their search for meaningful work will become a reality.

**MUMS**—We will have mums in various colors available for purchase to beautify your homes. Cost will be \$5 per plant. We will have decorative Kale or Cabbage in this year's inventory.

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES**—This Fall, couples who have been married 50 years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 16, at St. Rose of Lima Church, Massapequa and on Sunday, November 6, at Christ the King Church, Commack. Both liturgies begin at 2:30pm.

Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. Deadline for the Liturgy at St. Rose of Lima is September 29. Deadline for the Liturgy at Christ the King is October 20.

**PARISH FISHING TRIP**—We will have a Fishing Trip out of the Captree Boat Basin on Tuesday, September 13, from 8am to Noon. Set the date aside for a half day of fun on the bay. Sign up by returning the cut out in the bulletin or by calling the Church Office. Cost is \$45 per person.

**OUTREACH/ST. VINCENT de PAUL**— We invite your support of our "back to school" supplies program. Pens, pencils, note books, back packs are some of the items to consider giving so that we can present them to those who need them before the start of the new school year. You can drop off your donation to Outreach or you may place it in the food bin in the foyer of the Church.

**RESPECTING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**—As we approach to receive the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ, we are asked to bow our heads before receiving.

**DRESS CODE**—We might look at ourselves in the mirror before we come to Mass. Are we properly attired to meet Jesus the Lord?

**BIBLE STUDY**—Fr. Bob Dahlke will present a Bible Study on the Book of Exodus at St. Thomas More Church in Hauppauge. It begins on the weekend of September 18. Sessions start at 7:30pm Sunday evenings, with the same material repeated at 9:45am on Monday mornings, in the meeting room of the Church building. Please bring a Bible with you (NRSV and NAB especially recommended) and perhaps a friend or neighbor.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SUPPORT COLLECTION**—The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including our diocese. Please be generous as you have been in the past. (*The pastor is a 1979 graduate from the Catholic University Canon Law department*).

## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend:      Next Sunday

*Saturday*

5pm

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Racos

*Sunday*

8:00am

Fr. Racos

Fr. Dahlke

9:15am

Fr. Racos

Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Msgr. Midura

Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Msgr. Midura

Msgr. Midura

## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children entering First Grade in September need to register for Level 1 Communion.

We are holding registration meetings on Thursday, September 8, at 10am, 1pm & 7pm. The meeting will last about 45 minutes to an hour.

Please bring your child's ORIGINAL Baptismal certificate.

The tuition fee for the 2011/12 school year is \$140 for 1 child, \$175 for 2 children & \$210 for 3 or more children.

## JUSTICE & PEACE

Welcome back everyone. Hope you all had a good restful Summer. Next weekend, on the 10th and 11th, the Justice and Peace Committee will be having a collection for battered women. Please bring in only the items requested. We thank you for thinking of the battered women. Due to the hard times many more women are being abused. What does this mean in terms of justice and peace? Many of us are experiencing problems in today's economy. Some of us are doing well. It is up to us to share with those who are hurting.

*To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

The 5th is Labor Day.

The 8th is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The 9th is St. Peter Claver.

**BATTERED WOMEN COLLECTION**—On September 10-11, the Justice & Peace Committee will have a collection of items requested for battered women. If you can help, you are asked to bring in only the items requested below.

- 1) Size 4 Pampers
- 2) Wipes
- 3) Pot Holders
- 4) Dish towels
- 5) Baby Soap & Shampoo
- 6) Twin sheets
- 7) Pillows
- 8) Razors
- 9) Deodorant
- 10) Sanitary Napkins
- 11) Shampoo
- 12) Conditioner

- 13) Cleaning Supplies
- 14) Toilet Paper
- 15) Paper Towels

**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.

## **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 Pantry

Due to the hurricane, the food in our freezer defrosted and had to be discarded! If, when doing your shopping this week, you would add to your order a package of chicken cutlets, hamburgers, steak or any cut of meat for our freezer we will be very grateful. We are always in need, too, of any non-perishables for the pantry shelves.



**St. Patrick’s Single Fellowship** – For all widowed, single, divorced and separated ages 45-60 plus. Come join us for coffee, tea, cake and conversation and event planning. We will meet on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 12pm and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Patrick’s Church, Smithtown, in back of the school. Come meet and make new friends! For more information call Outreach at 265-2668.

## **YOUNG AT HEART**

St. Thomas More Young at Heart Senior Club (55 and over) cordially invites all parishioners to our first Fall meeting on September 9 at 7:15pm in Walden Hall. Come and see what we are all about and our many activities for the coming year. Refreshments will be served as usual.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

The following information is from our Music Ministry.

1. Organist/Accompanist needed for 10:45am and 12:15pm Mass on Sunday. If you know anyone please have them contact Emilia at 724-8820.
2. Children’s Choir will resume rehearsal on September 8, 2011 at 5:30 pm. Children, 3rd grade and above, are welcome to join. For information call Emilia at 724-8820.
3. Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on September 8, 2011 from 8-10 pm. High School and up are welcome to join — only requirement is that you can sing in pitch. All voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) are welcome to be part of the choir family. We sing at the 10:45am Mass on Sunday. For information call Emilia at 724-8820.

## **CIRCLE OF WOMEN**

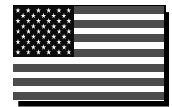
It is the mission of the *Circle of Women Book Group* to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God’s action in our daily lives. The next book discussions will be:  
 September 12—*Little Bee* by Chris Cleave  
 October 10—*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova  
 November 14—Meeting to make the book selections for the next Book Club calendar year—December 2011 thru June 2012. Spend the summer reading selections to find recommendations for next year.  
 For further information and/or to register, call Ann at 265.8302. Meetings are held in Walden Hall classroom.

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Upcoming Marriages for:  
 Richard Tulipan, Hauppauge & Melissa Friel, Hauppauge  
 Alex Forfa, Columbia, MD & Erin Barber, Medford

## **PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Philip Root           | David Probst     |
| Scott Lovelock        | Candice Gagnon   |
| Randy Donaldson       | Christopher Day  |
| Wesley John Pritchett | Thomas Nichols   |
| Christopher Sidote    | James Fensterer  |
| Daniel Cribbin        | Joseph Marziotta |
| William Gregory       | Justin Schneider |
| Christopher Mustakas  | Greg Boes        |



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.

## **OFFERTORY GIFT PROCESSION**

Everyone is 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.

- August 21—\$50—708—Judy & Brian O’Connor
- August 22—\$25—507—Ed & Arlene Rogan
- August 23—\$25—1066—Kathleen Rudy
- August 24—\$25—526—Dolores & George Nerlino
- August 25—\$25—1075—Caterina Abbrancati
- August 26—\$25—262—Aleida Santana
- August 27—\$25—421—Joanne Tate

## 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

### ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**HOLY HOUR:** Every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm beginning on Monday, Sept. 26th. All are welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a deeper respect for life, for world peace, for our Parish community and for our personal intentions. The Litany and Rosary will be recited, as well as the Divine Mercy Prayers, and there will be quiet time for meditation. Come and spend a special hour with the Lord. (There will no longer be a Holy Hour on the 2nd Monday of the month).

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPTEMBER 28—NOVEMBER 6

During this time our community will again be uniting with profilers across America in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and a deeper respect for human life.

**STAND UP FOR LIFE**—On Sunday, October 2, from 2pm to 3pm. The location is along Rte. 25 and Rte. 110 in Huntington. Come join the many Long Islanders on Respect Life Sunday as we stand together to **WITNESS FOR LIFE**. Our parish will meet by the main entrance of the Walt Whitman Mall facing Rte. 110. For more information, see the Respect Life table in the Narthex, or call Alice at 265-1949.

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: \$ 386,211.  
Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 733,380.

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: \$ 775.  
Profit to the Parish: \$ 38.

If you have never used Scrip, try it! They work like debit cards at the Super Market. They do not cost you anything extra. \$100 in Scrip costs \$100. We accept cash and checks at the Scrip Desk in the Lobby.

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 3,965.

**USING FAITH DIRECT?** - Consider joining your fellow parishioners who now have automatic deductions from their checking or savings or who use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, you save time and

reduce our expenses, and there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our church code is NY227. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

To date, there are 99 families who are using Faith Direct as a convenient way to support our parish and to provide a predictable weekly income and cash flow to the parish.

We can see what weather can do to our inability to attend Mass. It also impacts on our weekend collection. Those who are enrolled in Faith Direct enabled the parish to anticipate about \$2,400 in revenue that would might have otherwise been lost. The August Faith Direct statement is as follows: (*Bracketed figures are gross. First figure is net of fees*)

Assumption	\$ 427.37	(\$ 432)
M & R	\$ 2,097.17	(\$ 2,119)
Catch Up	\$ 99.93	(\$ 100)
Regular	\$ 9,649.86	(\$ 9,788)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(*Not totally inclusive*)

### Monday—September 5—Labor Day

No Youth Ministry

### Wednesday—September 7

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

### Thursday—September 8

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Men's Gathering—Religious Ed Center

8pm—Columbettes—Kirwin Hall

8pm—Adult Choir—Church

### Friday—September 9

7pm—Young At Heart—Walden Room

### Sunday—September 11

9:15am Mass—Welcome of New Babies

2pm—Baptisms—Church

## 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.

**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)

**“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.

Topics:

September 11—Being Excited

September 18—Stress

September 25—Relationships

**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.

#### **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. Thanks for shopping online and thanks for the donation that we will receive on your behalf.

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**Bible Study—Gospel of St John**—Presented by Msgr. Joseph Curley. Beginning September 15 for 7 weeks at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Hall, Centereach. Call (631) 585-8760 for info.

**Catholic Health Services —Spiritual Care Companion**—for volunteers to share their gift of time with the hospitalized, homebound and nursing home residents. Information session 9:30-11:30 am Sept. 17th. Trainings: October 1, 15, 29 - 9:30 am—3:30 pm at CHS, 235 Old Country Road, Melville, NY. For info. Call Carol Cella at 465-6307 or Trish Luvlin at 465-6306.

**The Catholic Counseling Center —Professional Therapy & Counseling**—Family, marriage and individual therapies provided by NY State licensed therapists. CCC is an independent corporation and is not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. For confidential information or appointments, call 243-2503 or visit website at <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

**Catholic Health Services -Mothers' Circle of Hope Support Group**—Free Hospital-Based Postpartum Depression Support Group open to the public. Next 10-week session begins on October 6, For more

information, call 862-3330 or email [postpartumsupport@chsl.org](mailto:postpartumsupport@chsl.org)  
**Long Island Coalition for Life—General Meeting** —“40 Days for Life” will be shown prior to meeting .on September 26, 7:45 pm at St. Regis Knights of Columbus, Pond Road, Ronkonkoma. Light refreshments. Call 243-1435 for further information.

**Faith & Light Meeting (Date Change)** - Friday, September 16, 7pm, at the Parish of the Holy Cross, Nesconset. (*Faith & Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges and their families and care-givers*).

**San Gennaro Feast**—Sacred Heart, Island Park, presents their 42nd Annual Feast in honor of St. Januarius (Gennaro) from Thursday, September 8 through Sunday, September 11. For info, call 516.432.0655.

## **GETTING READY FOR THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL**

The Eucharistic Prayer or Canon of the Mass is the central prayer of the entire celebration. Most Catholics have been made aware from their earliest days that during the Eucharistic Prayer the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. What many Catholics are not aware of, however, is that the Eucharistic Prayer is about more than adoring Christ who becomes present in our midst.

The Church tells us that liturgy (*and the Mass is the highpoint and heart of liturgy*) is the *action* of Christ the priest and His Body, the Church. In the celebration of Mass, during the Eucharistic Prayer, not only does Christ become present, body and blood, soul and divinity, under the forms of bread and wine, but Christ's saving action, His passion, death and resurrection are once again enacted and offered to the Father by Christ Himself in the person of the priest, and by all present.

This is a truth of enormous significance!. This action of Christ which brought about our redemption from sin and eternal death, offered once for all on Calvary, becomes present again for us, here and now, in this time and place, so that we can join in Christ's perfect offering and can ourselves participate in His perfect worship.

Read carefully any of the Eucharistic Prayers. You will see that that prayer is offered, not to Christ, but to the Father: *Father, you are holy indeed ...; Father, we bring you these gifts ...; Father, we ask you ....* It is worship offered to the Father by Christ as it was at the moment of His passion, death and resurrection, but now it is offered through the priest acting in the person of Christ, and it is offered as well by all of us who are part of Christ's Body, the Church. *This* is the action of Christ's Body, the Church at Mass.

When the priest prays this prayer he prays *we bring you these gifts; we ask you ...; we offer*. That we signifies that all the baptized present at this Eucharistic celebration make this offering in union with Christ, pray this prayer in union with Him. And what is most important, we do not offer Christ alone; we are called to *offer ourselves*, our lives, our individual efforts to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people, to the Father in union with Christ through the hands of the priest. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is in itself imperfect, joined with the offering of

Christ it becomes *perfect* praise and thanksgiving to the Father.  
 And so, during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, we have more to do than to look forward to the moment of consecration and remain there while the prayer of the priest continues. Before the consecration we join in the prayer of praise and thanksgiving to the Father known as the Preface and affirm that praise and thanksgiving in our singing of the Holy, Holy, Holy. Following the Consecration we join together in the Memorial Acclamation which proclaims our common faith in Christ's real presence and is an acclamation expressing our gratitude to Christ for His wonderful gift of salvation. But then our prayer moves on and we are called to offer Christ, and ourselves with Christ to the Father: 'We offer to you, Father, this holy and living sacrifice...' and to pray with the priest that 'we who are nourished by His Body and Blood may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ...'; we then join our prayers with the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints for our Holy Father the Pope, our bishops and clergy and all God's people, living and dead. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the priest sums up all that has gone before: 'Through Him (Christ), with Him (Christ), in Him (Christ) in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.' And we who are privileged to make our own offering through, with and in Christ, respond with the most important acclamation of the Mass, the great AMEN by which we profess the action of Christ to be our action as well.

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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

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Phone

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E-mail

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*(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)*

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**PRAYING FOR THE SICK  
 — Adding a name Request —**

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Name of person(s) who is/are ill:

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Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY'S DATE:

*(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)*

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**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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**PARISH BEACH MASS**

I/we would like to attend the Beach Mass on Sunday, September 18, at Schubert Beach, beginning at 12 noon.

**FAMILY NAME:**

**PHONE:**

\_\_\_ Number of persons over 12.

\_\_\_ Number of persons under 12.

\_\_\_ TOTAL COMING "x" \$ 5 deposit each = \_\_\_\_\_

If your last name begins **(A through L)**, can you bring a salad (*no mayo*) or relish dish?  Yes  No

If your last name beginning **(M through Z)**, can you bring a dessert without icing?  Yes  No

*(Please return to Church Office by September 12)*

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## ***FISHING TRIP***

I/we would like to go on the Fishing Trip on Tuesday, September 13, leaving Captree at 8am.

**NAME(s):**

**PHONE:**

\_\_\_ Number going "x" \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_ enclosed.

*(Please return to the Church Office)*

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**SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF IRENE**—Here are some of the storm shots and the before and after clean up shots of what Irene did at St. Thomas More.



## 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 are kept in strict confidence.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Arbors, Islandia**—Recreation Aid. F/T. Clean driving record. Tuesday through Saturday.

**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.

**Cablevision** - Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits.

**Clerks and Drivers**—Brendel's of New York opening Hauppauge Bagel & Catering Business.

**Director of Nursing**—Veterans Home, Stony Brook. Must have NYS RN's license. BS in nursing. Experience.

**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

**Housekeepers** - FT/PT positions for small offices and homes.

**Hyundai Millennium**—Grand Opening—all positions—trainable, committed, communication skills—paid training, excellent health benefits, bonus and advancement.

**Live-in Companion**—5 day live-in companion for 92 year old mom still active.

**Mather Hospital**—Seeking Assistant Director of Surgical Services, nurse specialist, nurse practitioners, RNs, surgical techs, unit secretaries.

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

**North Shore LIJ**—Laboratory interviews, June 16, 2-6pm. Physician Assistant interviews, Friday, June 17, 9:30am to 7pm (NYC) and 10am to 4pm (Long Island). Must schedule an appointment. No walk-ins.

**Nurse Managers**—Veterans Hospital, Northport. BSN required. 3-5 years experience. Citizenship required.

**PC Richard & Son**—Now hiring full time sales associates for all stores.

#### **St. Catherine of Siena**—

1. Nursing Home—Nurses, RN Supervisors, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary; Hospital—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant
2. Physical Therapy Aides—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings

**St. Francis Hospital Physical Therapists & Assistants**—FT/PT OPEN HOUSE Thurs., Aug. 4, sign on bonus, competitive benefit package.

**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.

**Suffolk County Community College**—It anticipates many varied openings at Brentwood, Riverhead & Selden campuses.

**Warehouse**—Full Time, 1st & 2nd shift press operators, die cutters, shipping & receiving & other positions.

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.