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.

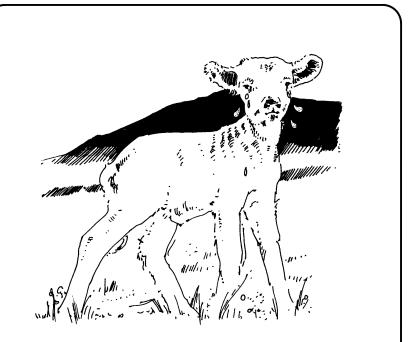
MARRIAGE—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the deacons.

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.



November 20, 2011 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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.

	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

November 20, 2011 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm : 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

Saturday—November 19 (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm—Daniel Linehan by Norma Arafat Sunday—November 20—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

8am—Hugo Borja by the McNeill Family, Martin Capuano, by Andrew, Kohlmer, Jessica McGreavy & Family, Lisa Codispoti by Michael & Vivian Jacobs, Ann Gallo by the Gallo & Weiland Families, Michael & Anna Kalenty by Lottie & Chet Kalenty, Charles & Veronica Marsala by Jim & Marie Marsala, Joseph Moran by Anthony & Diane Leone, Kathleen M. O'Mara by Mr. & Mrs. R. Vitkovich, Theresa Pastore by Patricia Caracappa, Joe & Phyllis Trezza by Jim & Marie Marsala, Elinor Warren by Fran & Tom Wieland, Virginia& Marcello Zullo by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro, Peter & Gussie Molinaro by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro 9:15am—Mary Baesl by Joan & Jim Murphy 10:45 am-Nancy & Vincent Puzelli & Sophie & Vincent Mirabella by Bob & Madeline Sauchelli 12:15pm—Dominick R. Messina by Rose Messina & Children Monday—November 21—The Presentation of Mary 9am—For the People of the Parish Tuesday-November 22-St. Cecilia 9am—Constantine Zuzzolo by Mr. & Mrs. James Marsala Wednesday—November 23—St. Clement I, St. Columban, **Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro** 9am—Anna DiMeglio by Vivian & Michael Jacobs Thursday—November 24—Thanksgiving Day 9am-Mass of Thanksgiving for our Parishioners Friday—November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria 9am—Angelo Mauceri by John & Betty Copertino Saturday—November 26 9am—Jerry Falco by The Precisions 10am—Memorial Mass —Joan Marie Cook (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm—Deceased members of the Cregan & Munzer Families by Len & Lillian Munzer Sunday-November 27-First Sunday of Advent 8am—Louis Giuliani by Phyllis Senner 9:15am—Lisa Codispoti by Nancy Fornabia, John Economus by Walter & Wendy Drechsler, Arthur Fafard by Nancy Fornabia, Larry Forgione by John & MaryAnn Egan, Fannie Glatzer by MaryAnn Bonis, Jack Rice by Gail Vizzini, Edward Tallarine by Sharon Schmidt 10:45 am—Dorothy Case by Robert & Madeline Sauchelli 12:15pm—John Barry by Mary Barry

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Psalm : 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Focus Questions:

1)Describe a time when you were extra vigilant or alert. What were you waiting for?

2) How has the Advent season helped you to be more alert to the presence of God? What will you do to enter into the Advent season?

3)Advent is a time of joyful expectation. What gives you joy during the Advent season?

Family and children's question:

What did you do this week to help the poor or needy? What do you have to do to become more alert to their presence in the world?

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Clare Libonati, Lenny Forte, James Basile, Daniel Labbe,



Joseph Peter, Victoria Nelson, Ruth Wuerth, Andrea Walker, Ed DiBene, Toniann Dorohow, Daniel & Mary Skinnon, Arlene LaRosa, Mary Brienza, Marie Dunn, Bob Sydlo, Tom Pipia, Mathilde Cormier, Grace Ferrero, Joe Pedone, Janie DiSimone, Mimi Dickson, Edward Duffy, Shawn Cook,

Katherine Drechsler, Lucja Kostrzewa, Frank Vaccaro, Salvatore DePasquale, Katie Kiss, Joseph Hauk, Maureen O'Donnell, Robert Boney, Teresa Szepietowska, Fred Busse, Lawrence Shannon, James & Phyllis Cable, Elaine Kleinstauber, Debra Lewis, Henry Kwiecinski, Tom Devine, Jonathan Reardon, Linda Bucceri, Thomas McGuire, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Rosemarie DiPalo, Ray Chirurgi, John LaRocca, Jerry & Maria Bettua, Kathryn Badalaty, Grace Palladino, Serfina Maraviglia, George Petraski, Eamon Tuberide, Gary Surdi, Eileen Immarino, Dennis LaRosa, Cookie Ferrero, Dennis Chase, Giovanni Dominick Cipriani, Alan Lathrop, Maryanne Lagnese, Victor Baliunas, Mary Ann O'Gara, Denise Mays, Michael Mason, Charleen & Jimmy Spiers, Terri Ilardi McKee, John Caffrey, Barbara Fratamico, Joann Fannon, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Mark Venezia, Jennifer Savarese, Joe Macaluso, Robert Lowis, Charles Boston, Carol Nische, Evelyn Hirsch, Kelly Rooney, Thuy Wilmott, Dale Grippo, Joseph Calvacca, Sam Prince, Anna LaRocca, Jackie & Richard Matthews, Joseph Esposito, Adelaide Fallon, Judy Scott, Anthony Pagano, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Chase Turano, Renee Munzer, Irene Aberle, Tom Stahura, Victor Buzzanca, Rita Basile, Marie D'Anna, William Boyle, Charlie Parker, Suzanne Coad, Susan Madden, Danny Calandrella, Pat Chapin, Geri Catapano, Yvonne Williams, Joseph Nappi, Felicia Spiers. (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 last Sunday of November).

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Helen Bagdalaccia, Jean Popielarz, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—Today's Gospel is so familiar that we may be tempted to tune it out. But it is the only place in all the Gospels where Jesus tells us what we must do to get into heaven. On this day when we acknowledge Jesus as our king, let us subject ourselves to him, quieting our minds and hearts so that we may listen to his word — listen as if our lives depended on it. **END OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR**—This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the end of our Liturgical Year. Next week we begin the new year with the First Sunday of Advent in preparation for the Feast of the Lord's Birth. **SILVER & GOLD WEDDING CELEBRATION**—Next Saturday at the 5pm Mass, we will have a parish celebration honoring all couples married 25 years this year or who are celebrating 50 and more years of marriage. Any couples who were married in the Catholic Church in 1986 or 1961 and before are cordially invited to attend the Mass with their family and friends. Please complete and return the cut-out in the bulletin by this Monday, November 21, to help us prepare for this beautiful celebration.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE—The Houses of Worship located in Hauppauge join together each year at Thanks giving time for a Thanksgiving Service. This year, St Thomas More will be the hosting Place of Worship. Come join with the members of Temple Beth Chai, Calvary Lutheran, the United Methodist Church and St. Thomas More at St. Thomas More on this coming Wednesday, November 23, at 7pm for prayer, praise and thanks.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS—We will have Mass at 9am on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. All are invited to come and give thanks to the Lord for all that we have. There will be a voluntary collection for the needy after the Mass.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—We leveled the areas where the latest trees were removed, thanks to Hurricane Irene. Then we can repair the driveway at Outreach and pretty much wrap up all the repairs caused by the storm. Hopefully, we will not have any future insurance claims as the deductible goes higher beginning January 1. The snow blowers went out for a tune up. The geese are still bypassing us in favor of the athletic fields. *Progress!*

DEDICATION OF THE WALKWAY TO MARY—On Sunday, December 11, after the 9:15am Mass, we will dedicate the walkway leading to Mary's shrine. Once again, we thank Rocco Recce for his fine work in constructing this walkway as his project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Sometime after the New Year he will have completed all of his requirements and will officially receive the rank of Eagle Scout.

DOWN THE ROAD A BIT—We will have a Wine Tasting on the afternoon of January 15 in Walden Hall. Mark the date down on your calendars. A mailing will go out shortly and a cut out will be in the bulletin for making reservations.

CALENDAR CLUB 2012—Everyone is invited to join our Calendar Club for 2012. One number is \$25 and is eligible for every day's drawing. If you pay \$100, you get FIVE numbers. And, if you subscribe by November 30, you will get an extra number for a total of SIX numbers. You can also consider giving the Calendar Club out as a gift to someone. Simply indicate this on the form you got in the mail or use the cut-out that is in this bulletin.

LITURGY PEW CARDS—We have put out cards in each pew to assist all of us in getting used to the upcoming changes that will take place involving prayers and responses starting next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. We are also rehearsing some of the music that has been adapted to some of the changes as well. It will take time to get used to the changes, but it will be time that will be needed! In the meantime, after using the pew cards, please put them back in the book racks for future usage.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT This week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

PUTTING YOUR OLD CELL PHONES TO USE—All of us face the need to replace our cell phones due to obsolescence, the need for a change, etc. We will gladly accept your no longer needed cell phone and send them out and get a cash rebate for doing so. Simply place your old phone in the container in the window sill on the right when you enter the main lobby of the Church.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON—We will offer Poinsettias for purchase. Colors are Red, White and Pink in 7" pots. They have around 9 flowers per pot. Cost is \$15 each and deadline for ordering is December 8.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes) This weekend: Next Sunday

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

YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 9, at 7:30pm, the Young At Heart Seniors are having their annual Christmas Party. To attend members must have their dues paid for 2012. Dues can be paid that evening or a check for \$12 can be mailed to Elaine Moccia. Anyone bringing a Grab Bag item under \$10 will get one in return.

There will be food, drinks, wine tasting, desserts, coffee and tea. <u>The cost is free!</u> For any information, call Mary Ann at 348.3531 or Bob at 686.5272.

JUSTICE & PEACE

Continuing from last week. We left off by saying that when we come in contact with the powerless that great changes will happen in community. The secret lies in the way we let other people get through to us, and the way we move out of ourselves. This is the mystery of spirituality and the mystery of vulnerability and powerlessness. An example can be taken from liberation theology where reading the Bible through the eyes of the Third World. It is difficult to become spirituality empty.

Contemplative prayer has the power to do this. Sitting for twenty minutes in silence and allowing God to speak to us. We can't convert ourselves; we get converted. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? We are a product of Western civilization. We have been taught to be successful, to be right and powerful. These three are a compulsion for us and very much effects our ego. We need to have everything under control. Jesus faced these demons in the wilderness. We have to face them today. When we do, we will begin to see the Gospel through the eyes of the Third World and great changes in society will happen. Those of us who have lost jobs and homes during these tough times are better able to understand the poor in the Third World. They have little or no help from many countries. Things will improve here in the future but the poor will continue. This concludes our series. As always comments are welcome.

> Justice is a parish affair. Discover needs and act justly. Together we can make a difference.

Today is Christ the King and the end of the Church year. Next week is the first Sunday of Advent.

The 21st is the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The 22nd is Saint Cecilia.

The 23rd is Pope Saint Clement I, Saint Columbian and Blessed Miguel Austin Pro.

The 24th Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions. It is Thanksgiving Day. We wish all a Blessed, Happy Thanksgiving. The 25th is Saint Catherine of Alexandria.

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. As soon as we accumulate \$500 we will forward that amount so that a heifer can be purchased for a suitable family.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

On Monday night, November 21, the streets of Hauppauge will be over-run with STM high school students who will be out collecting food to replenish our pantry at Parish Outreach. After all the baskets are put together and distributed to families in need for Thanksgiving, the shelves at Outreach are often bare. In order for us to continue to provide food for those in need, students from Youth Ministry go house to house (in the company of a Youth Ministry adult) to collect canned goods and other non-perishable items. When they return to the parish over 100 of us will sit down as a Youth Ministry family to thank God for all He has given us. We ask for your generosity when these young people knock on your door. If you will not be home but would like to contribute, please drop off your food at STM anytime after 5PM on Monday, November 21. Thank you in advance!

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister at <u>JGSalesian@aol.com</u> or check out our website at <u>www.stthomasmoreyouth.org</u>.

MUSIC NEWS

Calling the Children!

Christmas is approaching and to get ready for the birthday celebration of Jesus we are forming our annual Christmas Children's Choir.

The choir sings at the 3:30pm and/or the 5:30pm Mass(es) on Christmas Eve. We invite the children to also sing at the

9:15am Family Masses during the Christmas season.

Children, 2nd Grade through High School, are welcome to join this seasonal choir.

Rehearsals are Saturdays: December 3, 10, and 17 from 1pm to 2:30pm in the Church.

Let love be the gift of the Season. Let your love be the gift of your <u>voice</u> to sing for Jesus and the people of St. Thomas More.

To sign up or for info, call Emilia at 724.8820 or see her at the organ after Mass. Thank you!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

(First Time) Kenneth Cavalieri, St. Thomas More and Alyssa Polumbo, St. Aidan's

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Our clients will be picking up their Baskets this week for Thanksgiving, but there is still time to donate food. Please bring turkeys or hams to Outreach and any non-perishable food to the food cart in the Narthex. Monetary donations are needed as well. As always, we thank you for your generosity!

HELP NEEDED—If you can spare some time on this Monday morning, Nov. 21st from 9:30 to 11:30am, Outreach needs a few men to bring Thanksgiving packages upstairs for distribution to our clients Your help would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Apartment For Rent</u> – Hauppauge, 2 BR, LR, Full Bath, Eatin-Kitchen, Ground Floor, Private Entrance, Bright, \$1,450 Including Utilities, No Pets, No Smoking, Call 631-835-5290 or 631-553-6539 for further information.

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. For further information and/or to register, call Ann at 265.8302. Meetings are held in Walden Hall meeting room starting at 2:30pm.

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

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



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

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR: Every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm. The next date is: Monday, November 28.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—For the past 22 years, the faithful in our land assemble in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for a Respect for all Human Life. Parishes offer times for prayer and adoration in conjunction with the Holy Day Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. In our parish we will have Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7pm Vigil Mass on December 7 and conclude with Benediction at 9pm. All are invited to take part in this Holy Hour.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive) Sunday—November 20 8:30am—Hospitality Sunday—Walden Hall 7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room Monday—November 21 9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room 5pm—Youth Ministry—Food Drive & Dinner -- Walden Hall Tuesday—November 22 7pm—Pastoral Council Meeting—Rectory 7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall Wednesday—November 23 7pm—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—Church Thursday—November 24 9am Mass—Our Parish Gives Thanks! A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all ! Saturday—November 26 5pm—Silver and Gold Couples Celebration at Mass

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, <u>redaa@aol.com</u> or 543-2740. If there is no answer, contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

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

"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: November 27—Responsibility

December 4—Being Prepared December 11—Sharing Our Gifts December 18—The Best Presents

December 25—Christmas Special

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.

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 <u>parents@holyfamilyregional.com</u> to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at <u>www.holyfamilyregional.com</u>

CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week. November 6—\$50—779—John Chiarelli November 7—\$25—943—David Probst November 8—\$25—1047—Jane & Bill Waters November 9—\$25—575—Grace Harold November 10—\$25—262—Aleida Santana November 11—\$25—113—Fr. Midura November 12—\$25—85—Angelo DeFrancisco

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

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

(Second Notice)

MARIAN HEALING MINISTRY—Rosary, Mass & Healing Service at 7pm., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy, & Douglaston. For info. call (718) 229-8001.

PROFESSIONAL THERAPY & COUNSELLING—Family, marriage and individual therapies by NY State licensed therapists, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Medicare and most insurance policies honored. For confidential information and appointments, call (631) 243-2503 or visit

http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com

HAUPPAUGE LIBRARY FOTA GOLD BUYING PARTY— Wednesday, November 30, 1pm. 10% donated by Gem Lab to the Friends Of The Arts. Registration is required. For info, call 631.979.1600 or Anna at 234.0714. Refreshments will be served

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9.010. 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 <u>www.FaithDirect.net</u> 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. **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**—If you prefer to have weekly envelopes mailed to you and you do not receive them, please use the cut out that is in the bulleting and indicate that you would like to receive them on a regular basis.

SCRIP SALES

Scrip Sales Last Week: Profit to the Parish: \$ 5,850. \$ 292.

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.

Scrip is an idea to consider when giving gifts. A list of available Scrip was mailed out last week. Look it over and if you want to order some, return the list with your choices. You should get them in about a week's time.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date:

\$ 396,979.

Spent on repairs and replacements: \$741,170. 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 bulletin.

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)

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS? Please complete the following form:

() Hospitality

() Electrician

() Liturgy with Children

() Eucharistic Minister

() Handy Man/Woman

()St. Vincent de Paul Society

() Landscaping/Planting

() Greeter

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- () Altar Server
 () Usher
 () RCIA
 () Lector
- () Consolation Minister
- () Plumber() Painter
- () Rosary Altar Society
- () Caring for Altar Plants
- y () Scrip sellers nts () Pre-Cana () Adult Lending Library
- () FOCCUS() Banner Committee

Name ____

Phone

E-mail

(Please place in collection or return to Church Office)

CALENDAR CLUB 2012

I/we would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2012.

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

() One number for \$25.

Or

() FIVE numbers for \$100.

(If you return your reservation by November 30, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100.)

() I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING CELEBRATION

We would like to attend the Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 26, at the 5pm Mass.

OUR NAMES:

DATE OF OUR MARRIAGE:

CHURCH OF OUR MARRIAGE:

Number attending (including us)

(Please return to the Church Office by November 21)

CENSUS CHANGES FOR OUR HOUSEHOLD

Please make the following changes pertaining to the information on file for our family.

FAMILY NAME:

() The following person(s) no longer live at our address.

() The following person(s) are to be added to our address.

() We have a new phone number NEW NUMBER:

TYPE: () Cell () Residential

() We have a new e-mail address

OLD E-MAIL

NEW E-MAIL

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

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

I/we would like to order Poinsettias.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

Colors:

-) Red
- () White
-) Pink

() Total "x" 15 each = enclosed.



Here is what people in our community are saying about Holy Family Regional School: PARENTS:

"We felt such a sense of family & love at HFRS when searching for the right school to send our children. The academics *exceed NYS standards* and the friendships we have all made are truly special." *Christine W. Parent of children in* 7^{th} and 4th grades, Christ the King Parish, Commack

"I believe that enrolling my children in *HFRS is a better investment* than any children's college investment plan." *Bill B. Parent of children in 7th and 5th grades, St. Joseph Parish, Kings Park.*

STUDENTS:

"I really like Holy Family Regional because of my "specials" classes and my teachers. My teachers are very nice. It's a great school because it doesn't matter where you are from, they welcome everyone." Luke C. 3rd grade, St. Joseph Parish, Kings Park

ALUMNI:

"Before entering Saint Anthony's High School in 2009, I was concerned about transitioning to high school. However, I was thoroughly prepared in all of my classes. I had no trouble excelling and doing well in my first year at Saint Anthony's. I am now in 6 honors' classes". ---Jeannette-Marie L., Holy Family Class of 2009, St. Matthew Parish, Dix Hills

"Teachers at Holy Family helped me establish a strong academic foundation, which allowed me to succeed at *Chaminade High School*, where I currently place in the *top* 10% of my class. Holy Family instilled the good study habits and drive needed to reach my fullest potential." Ken C. Holy Family Class of 2009, St. Thomas More Parish, Hauppauge

> Invest in your children. Enrolling them at Holy Family Regional School will set them on a success-oriented path.

PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE



HFRS Halloween Party 10-28-11 Call for a tour 631-543-0202 or email

parents@holyfamilyregional.com

You'll be glad you did! *KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH* We live in a culture whose main deficit is time famine. We are starved for time. Because of the ambiguous gift of Jesus — that we can pick corn on the Sabbath — we can also now buy liquor on Sundays. We can also work all the time, anywhere, any time, in a 24-7, time-homogeneous, eucharistically and economically starving culture.

This same culture is possibly the richest, materially, the world has ever known. Why blame Jesus for freeing us from the Sabbath? Is that fair? Perhaps we need to reritualize the Sabbath, as he was suggesting in the corn episode. Here are someways to reritualize the Sabbath. Don't do all these things every day or every week. Instead, custom-design your own monthly Sabbath rituals.

1. Give yourself permission to keep Sabbath. Forget the guilt. Say that you *may* keep Sabbath, not that you *must* keep the Sabbath. Jesus' people picked corn on the Sabbath, so can you.

2. If you can keep a full day on Saturday or Sunday for nothing but worship and quiet, please do so. And Mazel Tov. But if you can't keep Sabbath the way your forbears did, figure out something new.

3. Keep Sabbath from the cultural economy of the 21st century, not the Jewish Diaspora (when Sabbath traditions developed) or your family of origin. You don't live there; you live here.

4. Take your time. Take your time. Do everything at half-speed for an hour or so each day.

5. Custom-design your Sabbath practice to fit your job, your family, your commute.

6. Ritualize your life. Do e-mail at set times in the morning or afternoon — or when you decide — and live free of it the rest of those designated times. Tell people what you are doing. "You can expect an answer after 4:30."

7. Ritualize use of your cell phone in a similar way. Only at 2pm, not every time the thing honks. Or whatever half-hour or hour is best for you in any given day.

8. Ritualize your weekly exercise program. Make a plan and stick to it. Understand that your body and your soul are richly related. Let them say hello to each other on a morning walk or an evening walk, a M-W-F yoga and a T-S stretching or weight-lifting. Make a plan for you. Write it down. Do it. Do it as a Sabbath.

9. Find a place, a river, a lake, a mountain spring — or put a bowl of fresh water on your desk. Touch the water on a regular basis, either once an hour or once a day or once a week.

10. Always eat lunch and always eat dinner. Or at least eat every other day. Eat a real sit-down meal with a tablecloth or cloth napkin you keep at your desk on some regular basis. Decide what time is best for you.

11. Say a prayer with breakfast, glad for the night and glad for the morning.

12. Pray or meditate in the time you saved from being in line or picking up takeout.

13. Both care and not care about your own work (T.S. Eliot, *The Four Quartets:* "Teach us to care and not to care").

14. When the letter comes saying, "You have been invited to retire," say, "Oh, thank you, but I already am."

15. Do something useless every day — or every other day — in a way that ritualizes your life in this century, in this economy. Write a letter to an old friend, clean a corner of your apartment, or dress up really beautifully. Take your time doing something you don't have to do.

Krist Kindle

Advent will soon begin (Sunday, November 27th) and it's time once again to sign-up for St. Thomas More's **Krist Kindle** program. ("Krist Kindle" is German for "Christ Child".)



For those of you who are new to the program, it is a wonderful way to allow your

family to be prayerful and giving to another family during the season of Advent. The week before Advent begins you will receive, in the mail, the name of another family who you can pray for and surprise with notes, telephone calls or a little token gift once a week for each of the *four weeks of Advent*. It is important that you remember your family each week because they will be looking forward to your surprise. They must not know who you are until Christmas or at our gathering for coffee and cake after the 12:15 Mass on Sunday, January 8th, 2012. Someone else will have your name also and you will be receiving a surprise from them each week.

This program is not just for families with children, but EVERYONE in the parish is welcome to participate. If you decide to join us, please fill out the form below and drop it in one of the boxes in the lobby of the Church <u>by the 12:15 Mass on Sunday, November 20th.</u>

If you forget to fill out the form you may call the Church Office @ 234.5551, but please, no later than 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 20th, since that is when the names will be "pulled out of the hat".

Happy Krist Kindling!!!!!

Yes, we want to be a part of Krist Kindle				
Family Name:	Phone:			
Address:	Z			
(Nearest Cross Street):				
Members in Family:				
Parent (s):				
Children's Name and Age:				
Age	Age			
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ANGELS and SHEPHERDS Needed!

Believe it or not, it's that time again! Time to invite all children 5 years of age and older to be angels and shepherds at our two Family Masses on Christmas Eve.

We ask all children wishing to participate to follow this guideline in order to have fairly equal amounts represented at both Masses.

Those whose last names begin with letters **N through Z will attend the 5:30** Mass. Those whose last names begin with letters **A through M will attend the 3:30** Mass.

You will be notified of the one **mandatory rehearsal and costume pick-up.** It will be a Saturday in December and will last about one hour.

Please complete the Angel and Shepherd Form below and return it in the collection basket or return it to the Church Office no later than December 5, 2011.

ANGELS and SHEPHERDS

Name:_____ Would like to participate as an:

____angel _____shepherd

5:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name N to Z

__3:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name A to M (Please check appropriate Mass)

Parent's Signature _____

Phone Number_____

Parent's E-Mail _____

(Return no later then December 5, 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 are kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<u>Arbors, Islandia</u>—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.

BJ's—Deer Park. Positions in all departments.

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

<u>Clerks and Drivers</u>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.

<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.

<u>Healthcare Opportunities</u> -

- 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 <u>Contact Maryhaven Directly</u>
- 5. St. Charles, 631. 476.5999—<u>Fox</u>

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

<u>Hyundai Millennum</u>Grand Opening—all positions—trainable, committed, communication skills—paid training, excellent health benefits, bonus and advancement.

<u>Mather Hospital</u>—Seeking Assistant Director of Surgical Services, nurse specialist, nurse practitioners, RNs, surgical techs, unit secretaries.

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

<u>Nurse Managers</u>—Veterans Hospital, Northport. BSN required. 3-5 years experience. Citizenship required.

<u>PC Richard & Son</u>—Now hiring full time sales associates for all stores. FT/PT clerical positions. Heavy phones. Data entry. Use of cash registers.

St. Catherine of Siena—

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

<u>School Bus/Van Drivers</u>—Flex hours, full benefits, paid holidays, vacations. 401k, health benefits after 6 months. Huntington, Manhasset, Northport.

Second Income Opportunity—Newsday Delivery. Early AM hours. Valid NYS driver's license.

South Nassau Communities Hospital—Professional Positions- FT/PT. Also, openings in Family Medicine Services.

<u>Uncle Giuseppe's</u>—Dept. Mgrs. And Team Members. Various store locations and departments.

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.