

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

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**Youth Ministry**

Joe Gast, S.C., Youth Minister

**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 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.



*November 27, 2011*  
*First Sunday of Advent*

*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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Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

Masses for this coming week	Growing through the Sunday Scriptures
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 27, 2011</b>  <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7</b>  <b>Psalm : 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 1: 3-9</b>  <b>Mark 13:33-37</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 4, 2011</b>  <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11</b>  <b>Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14:</b>  <b>2 Peter 3:8-14</b>  <b>Mark 1:1-8</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday—November 26</b>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>  5pm—Deceased members of the Cregan &amp; Munzer Families  <i>by Len &amp; Lillian Munzer</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—November 27—First Sunday of Advent</b>  8am—Louis Giuliano <i>by Phyllis Senner</i>  9:15am—Lisa Codispoti <i>by Nancy Fornabia</i>, John Economus  <i>by Walter &amp; Wendy Drechsler</i>, Jack Rice <i>by Gail Vizzini</i>,  Arthur Fafard <i>by Nancy Fornabia</i>, Larry Forgione <i>by John &amp;</i>  <i>MaryAnn Egan</i>, Fannie Glatzer <i>by MaryAnn Bonis</i>, Edward  Tallarine <i>by Sharon Schmidt</i>  10:45am—Dorothy Case <i>by Robert &amp; Madeline Sauchelli</i>  12:15pm—John &amp; Mary Barry</p> <p><b>Monday—November 28</b>  9am—For the People of the Parish</p> <p><b>Tuesday—November 29</b>  9am—Mary Anderson <i>by Emilia &amp; Lou Savarese</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday—November 30—St. Andrew</b>  9am—The Hewes Family <i>by Donna Mott</i></p> <p><b>Thursday—December 1</b>  9am—Fausto Calarco <i>by Marilyn &amp; Joel Miller</i></p> <p><b>Friday—December 2—First Friday</b>  9am—Anthony Imperato <i>by John &amp; Carol Donoghue</i></p> <p><b>Saturday—December 3—St. Francis Xavier—First Saturday</b>  9am—Teresa Healy <i>by Joyce Spincola</i>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>  5pm—Rose, Michael, Rocco &amp; Leonard Viso  <i>by the Butindari Family</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—December 4—Second Sunday of Advent</b>  8am—James Mangiapane <i>by Barbara Mangiapane</i>  9:15am—Sgt. Anthony DeSocio <i>by Joan &amp; Jim Murphy,</i>  <i>Lt. Daniel De Socio and Richard Hohn</i>  10:45am—Salvatore Bottari <i>by Gino &amp; Joanne Leocadi</i>, Connie  Coronello <i>by Margaret &amp; Joseph Gill</i>, John Economos <i>by Thomas</i>  <i>Busiello</i>, Alice Gill <i>by Joseph &amp; Margaret Gill</i>, Vincent Mazza <i>by</i>  <i>Debbie Press</i>, Vincenzo Paniccia <i>by the Sanfratello Family</i>, Bill  Philip <i>by Tony &amp; Angela Ciancio</i>, Marie Angela Pizzurro <i>by</i>  <i>Margaret &amp; Joseph Gill</i>, Peter Romano (Living) <i>by Michael &amp;</i>  <i>Vivian Jacobs</i>, Anthony Santora <i>by Peter &amp; Mary Romano &amp;</i>  <i>Family</i>, Michael Leocadi <i>by the Leocadi family</i>, Phyllis Averna <i>by</i>  <i>the Leocadi family</i>  12:15pm—Joseph Fleming <i>by the Nigro Family</i></p>	<p><b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:</b></p> <p>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.  As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:  <i>Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will</i>  <i>prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:</i>  <i>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."</i>  John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism  of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole  Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were  going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan  River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in  camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on  locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One  mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop  and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with  water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."</p> <p><b>Focus Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Describe a time when someone brought you news that  changed your life.</li> <li>2) How is God calling you to change this Advent?</li> <li>3) John the Baptist announced good news to people in  Judea. How do you bring good news to others?</li> </ol> <p><b>Family and children's question:</b>  John the Baptist lived in the wilderness and lived on whatever  food he could find there. Talk about how many people in the  world do not have the access to food that we have. What can  you do to help feed the hungry?</p>

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Denise Mays, Michael Mason, Charleen & Jimmy Spiers, Terri Ilardi McKee, John Caffrey, Barbara Fratamico, Conrad Gangone, Joann Fannon, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Mark Venezia, Jennifer Savarese, Joe Macaluso, Robert Lewis, 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, Clare Libonati, Casey McDonald, 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 Szeptietowska, 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 Chirugi, John LaRocca, Jerry & Maria Bettua, Kathryn Badalaty, Grace Palladino, Serfina Maraviglia, George Petraski, Eamon Tuberde, Gary Surdi, Eileen Immarino, Dennis LaRosa, Cookie Ferrero, Dennis Chase, Giovanni Dominick Cipriani, Alan Lathrop, Maryanne Lagnese, Victor Baliunas, Mary Ann O'Gara, 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 this weekend).*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Betty Beutelman, Gloria Jeskie, Jean Borowski Popielarz, Eileen Kyle, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—On this First Sunday of Advent, the candles of the Advent wreath remind us of the passing of time, and our readings speak of the end of time. As we begin this new liturgical year and this new era in the church with new texts to learn and pray and make our own, let us realize that while all created things end and there are always new beginnings, in God there is constancy and faithful presence.

**THE CHURCH'S NEW YEAR** begins today with the First Sunday of Advent. In conjunction with this day we begin using the translations in our worship, praise and songs. We

encourage everyone to use the pew cards as references until we all get used to the wording changes.

**HOLY HOUR**—There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this Monday evening at 7:45pm in the Church. All are encouraged to attend and spend time in prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**THANKSGIVING THANKS**—Although everyone's generosity is 24/7, we thank those who supported our efforts at Thanksgiving to provide for those who are struggling to make ends meet. We were able to give out turkeys to those whom we serve and our shelves provided the other staple items to go along with everything else. To all of you who give so much out of the goodness of your hearts, we say "thanks" and God bless! **THE GIVING TREE** will be set up in the Church Lobby decorated with suggestions on how we can help in presenting gifts at Christmas to those who are in need.

**CHRISTMAS ITEMS** to help remind ourselves of the place of Jesus in this beautiful season will be available in the Church lobby for your consideration until supplies run out.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY** Two of the Stations along the pathway were given new posts to replace those that began to warp. The tiles are being re-installed in front of each station as they originally were. *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. Drawings for 2012 will not begin until February 1, 2012/

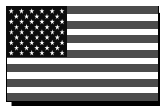
**LITURGY PEW CARDS**—It will take time to get used to the changes. The pew cards are in the racks for our convenience. In the meantime, after using the pew cards, please put them back in the racks for future usage.

**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

## PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

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
Thomas Mangini	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 27

2pm—Baptisms—Church

No Bible Study

### Monday—November 28

No Bible Study

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

### Thursday—December 1

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Choir

8pm—Choir—Church

### Saturday—December 3

10:30am—Reconciliation—Church

1pm—Children's Choir Rehearsal—Church

3:30pm—G4 Reconciliation—Church

### Sunday—December 4

7:30pm—Bible Study

## 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.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*(Second Time)*

Kenneth Cavaliere, St. Thomas More and  
Alyssa Polumbo, St. Aidan's

## CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.

November 13—\$50—724—Lillian O'Reilly

November 14—\$25—158—Ralph & Ida Marcello

November 15—\$25—251—Mary Conway

November 16—\$25—785—Jacqueline Napolitano

November 17—\$25—558—Ralph & Ida Marcello

November 18—\$25—494—Kevin & Nicole Probst

November 19—\$25—879—Stanley F. Midura

## 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)

“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:

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](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.

Pink in 7" pots. They have around 9 flowers per pot. Cost is \$15 each and deadline for ordering is December 8.

**REVERENCE WHEN RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST**—We are asked to make a head bow as we approach to receive the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ.

**LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC SUNDAY** is next Sunday, December 4. Please help support our diocesan newspaper with your donation of \$20 or more, to assure that this important Catholic voice continues to be delivered into your home and the homes of Catholics throughout Long Island.

## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This weekend: Next Sunday

Saturday

5pm

Msgr. Midura Fr. O'Rourke

Sunday

8:00am

Fr. O'Rourke Fr. Racos

9:15am

Msgr. Midura Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Racos Fr. Dahlke

12:15pm

Fr. Racos Msgr. Midura

## JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the Church year. We thought it would be a good time to review Justice and Peace and the Social Gospel. For over 100 years we have had Catholic social teaching. What has been the effect on our religious and political life? Do we incorporate the teachings of Jesus into our social and political lives? Some authors have gone so far as to say that whoever uncouples the religious and social life has not understood Jesus. Others feel the likelihood that religion will play a significant role in the struggle for justice seems smaller now than ever before. We are not so sure if that is true. The Gospel of Jesus is very relevant today. It requires conversion. We have used the word *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning a complete turn around. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? For real social justice to take hold and for changes to take place in a society a *metanoia* has to happen. We need a complete turn about. We need to understand that the Gospel is a social document that upholds the dignity of the human person. Change will happen we ourselves change.

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

The 30th is Saint Andrew, Apostle.  
December 3rd is Saint Francis Xavier.

**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 forward that amount to Heifer International so that a heifer can be purchased for a suitable family.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister at [JGSalesian@aol.com](mailto:JGSalesian@aol.com) or check out our website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org).

## 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. The cost is free! For any information, call Mary Ann at 348.3531 or Bob at 686.5272.

## 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 voice 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!

## 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.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY, VERY GENEROUS  
RESPONSE TO OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!  
MORE TO FOLLOW IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

## THE GIVING TREE PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS – 2011

**NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 12**

Our Giving Tree is on display this weekend in the Narthex. Please consider giving to a family in need this Christmas. Gift cards and gifts may be brought to the Narthex after weekend Masses. Gifts cards may also be brought to Outreach Monday through Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Please see our Flyer!

**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 [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:parents@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)

**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**

**MARIAN HEALING MINISTRY**—Rosary, Mass & Healing Service on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. For more info call 718-229-8001.

*(First Notice)*

**Apartment for Rent** – Hauppauge, 2 BR, LR, Full Bath, Eat-in-Kitchen, Ground Floor, Private Entrance, Bright, \$1,450 Including Utilities, No Pets, No Smoking, Call 631-835-5290 or 631-553-6539.

**CHRISTMAS/CRAFT FESTIVAL**—December 2(4pm to 9pm) and Dec 3(9am to 3pm). St. Gerard Majella Church, 300 Terryville Road, Pt. Jeff Station. For info call 631.473.2900.

**YOU CAN HELP HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE—**

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, December 9, at the Montfort Retreat House, Bay Shore, call 1.800.470.2230.

**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 [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.  
**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: \$ 5,650.**

**Profit to the Parish: \$ 282.**

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.

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**PRAYING FOR THE SICK**

**— Adding a name Request —**

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

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

Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY’S DATE:

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

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### CHURCH MINISTRIES

#### THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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### 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 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)*

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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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# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

I/we would like to order Poinsettias.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

Colors:

- Red
- White
- Pink

Total "x" \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

*(Please return to the Church Office by December 8)*

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**SOME OF THE GIVERS**—The Eighth Grade religion class of Louisa Sanfratello and Carmel Heberer undertook a class project to collect food for our Thanksgiving baskets. They also collected \$150 which they converted in more purchases to be used for the Thanksgiving drive.



## HAUPPAUGE BLUE CREW TRAVEL SOCCER

**TEAM** also took part in presenting money to Outreach for Thanksgiving baskets. They were: Brett Boller, Nick Mansi, Luke Marino, Dan Velasco, Tyler Grippo, Kevin Sambuco, Larry Castello, Eric Hoffman, Jake Tursellino, Matt Rose, Jake Silverstein, Nick Crociata, Jeremy Contreras, John Rotchford, Antonio Quinn, Reid Smith, Gennaro Iamunno, Pedro Congtreras, & Joe Grippo. Thanks to everyone.

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## LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC

I/we would like to receive the Long Island Catholic newspaper.

NAME(s)

Address:

Phone:

*Please include \$20 subscription with this coupon and place in collection basket or leave at Church Office.*

## Fun with Jesus

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor was looking over the creche when he noticed that Baby Jesus was missing from the scene. He went outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Where did you get him, my fine friend?" The little boy replied, "I got him from the church." "And why did you take him?" The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus, and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride around the block in it."

## Signs of the Times

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my e-mail?" A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 30 Catholic ones, 10 Baptist ones, 20 Lutheran and 40 Presbyterian." As Christmas approached, a young boy was praying upstairs while his mother sat beside him. His dad and grandmother were downstairs. "Lord, I pray for a train set, a remote-control car and a new bicycle!!!" he proclaimed. "You don't have to shout, dear," said his mom. "God's not deaf." "I know," said the little boy. "But Grandma is."

## You Better Be Good

Sarah, a headstrong 2-year-old, had been fighting a lot with her 13-year-old sister. "I'll just have to tell Santa about your misbehavior," her mother said to the toddler, as she picked up the phone and dialed. Sarah's eyes grew big as her mother described to "Santa" (really, Sarah's uncle) how the 2-year-old was acting. Then Mom handed Sarah the phone. "Santa," in a deep voice, explained to the little girl how there would be no presents Christmas morning for children who fought with their sisters. He would be watching, and he expected things to be better from now on. Sarah nodded solemnly at each of Santa's remarks. When Sarah hung up, Mom asked, "What did Santa say to you?" Sadly, Sarah told her, "Santa said he won't be bringing toys to my sister this year."

*(from Celebration Publications)*



*OUR PARISH VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY*





## **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 than 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

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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. FT/PT clerical positions. Heavy phones. Data entry. Use of cash registers.

#### **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

**School Bus/Van Drivers**—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.

**Uncle Giuseppe's**—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.