

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 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.



December 18, 2011
Fourth 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.

Telephones:

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
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Masses for this coming week	Growing through the Sunday Scriptures
<p style="text-align: center;">December 18, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 25, 2011 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Midnight Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14 Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Luke 2:1-14 Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7 Luke 215-20 Day: Isaiah 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 oe 1:1-5, 9-14</p>
<p>Saturday—December 17 <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i> 5pm—Dominick Butindari <i>by the Butindari Family</i> Sunday—December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent 8am—John Leckie <i>by Francine Rosmini</i> 9:15am—Carolina Gaudio <i>by her husband Benito & family</i> 10:45am—Vincent Kowalski <i>by the Kowalski Family</i> 12:15pm—Joseph Rot <i>by his wife Maria & family</i> Monday—December 19 9am—Joseph Luca, Sr. <i>by his wife</i> Tuesday—December 20 9am—Eric Reistetter <i>by the family</i> Wednesday—December 21—St. Peter Canisius 9am—For the People of the Parish Thursday—December 22 9am—Josephine Sadowski Friday—December 23—St. John of Kanty 9am—Deceased members of the Cregan & Munzer Families <i>by Len & Lillian Munzer</i> Saturday—December 24 9am—Marie D'Iorio <i>by Pat Frederick</i> (Vigil of Christmas) 3:30pm—Those included in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Remembrance 5:30pm—Those included in the Flower Fund Remembrance 8pm—Carol Licandro <i>by the family</i>, James Carroll <i>by Barbara Mickelson</i>, Kenny Ferrizz <i>by Joe, Anne & Matt Turano</i>, Ann Gallo <i>by the Loverme Family</i>, Florence Gesualdi <i>by Chris Terlecki</i>, Marion Marrone <i>by the Buynak Family</i>, Mickelson & Williams Families <i>by Barbara Mickelson</i>, Josephine Sadowski <i>by the Buynak and Eyring families</i>, Robert Mohlenbrok <i>by Lois Mohlenbrok & family</i>, Amy Zajdel <i>by the Nawrocki Family</i> 10:30pm—For the People of the Parish Sunday—December 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) 9am—Jan, Genowefa & John Midura, Dora Strollo, Madeline & Herman Meyer, John & Teresa Healy, Isidoro & Celia Santana, Benny & Catherine Carra, Walter & Lottie Skipka, Mary & Gerry Light, Phil Spincola, John, Catherine & Russell Gambino, Joseph & Michael Peirano 10:45am—Those included in the Flower Fund Remembrance 12:15pm—Those included in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Remembrance</p>	<p>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."</p> <p>Focus Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When has a little child had an impact on your life? 2. Recall a meaningful gift you gave to someone. What was their response? 3. How do you share the joy of Christmas with others? <p>Family and children's question: What are some things you do to make celebrating Christmas more meaningful than just merry-making?</p>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Arlene LaRosa, Joseph Peter, Victoria Nelson, Ruth Weurth, Casey McDonald, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Jackie Berntsen, Katherine Drechsler, Charles Boston, Jennifer Savarese, Thuy Wilmott, Dennis Chase, James & Phyllis Cable, Terri Ilardi McKee, Kathryn Badalaty, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Bob Sydlo, Conrad Gangone, Patrick Quinn, Denise Mays, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Edward Duffy, Ann Iovino, Tom Devine, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Dennis Ligus, Josephine Campanelli, Linda Wilkonski, Jerry & Maria Bettua, zHenry Kwiecenski, Elaine Kleinstaubler, Marie Dunn.

(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 January).



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Duncan Harper, Father Louis Newman, Joan Spero, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—Today we begin the last week of waiting for Christmas. Let us ask God for the grace to prepare our hearts and our homes for the birth of Jesus into our world.

CHRISTMAS IS NEXT WEEKEND—It only seems like yesterday that we began the season of Advent and now the celebration of the Lord's birth is next weekend. The schedule of Masses for next Saturday and Sunday is printed in this bulletin. Come and enjoy the Liturgy of Christmas! Be a good influence to a friend or family member who has not been to Mass in quite a while and invite them to come with you to celebrate Christmas Mass.

If you are travelling, do so safely and say a prayer for us as we will for you!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE—The last opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas will be this coming Monday night from 7pm to 7:45pm. As Catholics we are expected to be in the state of Grace when we receive Holy Communion. If you have been away from Confession for a while, perhaps trust in God's Grace and celebrate the Sacrament this Monday night.

OPLATEK—This Christmas wafer that is used by some families as part of their Christmas dinner celebration is available in the Church Office while supplies last.

CHRISTMAS LAWN SIGNS AND MAGNETS are available after Masses and at the Church Office during the week. Lawn signs are \$10 each and magnets are \$5 each.

EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS PILLOWS for use at a grave site or for Christmas use around your property are available on the front apron of the Church for those who want one. They are \$10 each.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE AND MANGER—

These prayers are printed in this week's bulletin for use in your homes as you celebrate the Christmas season.

BLOOD DRIVE—We will have a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 28, from 2:30pm to 8:30pm in Walden Hall. We all know how critical it is to have adequate blood supplies on hand to help people who require it. Regular donors are asked to set time aside to be donors again. Those who have not yet donated are asked to consider being donors. Your donation will be welcomed by the one who receives it. Use the sign up sheets located on the Blood Drive table.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—We had the tall pine tree located in front of the rectory topple last week during the night of the heavy winds. Fortunately, there were no cars parked in the driveway, except mine. For some reason I pulled it forward closer to the house. As a result, the tree missed my car! The tree service came within a few hours and reduced the tree to chips which were deposited on the Rabro Drive side of the Church property. Within a short time the tree service was called by the DEC and was accused of unauthorized dumping. While they responded to a tattle-tail who called us in, I did not realize that you were not allowed to dump on your own property. How about all the horse manure in black bags that litters Simeon Woods Road?

We again and again remind everyone to lock their vehicles when parking around the Church property. We still have those who look for open cars and simply open the unlocked doors and see what is there for the taking. This happened again last week. Be safe, Be secure. Lock your cares! *Progress!*

WINE TASTING—We will have a Wine Tasting on the afternoon of January 15 in Walden Hall. Mark the date down on your calendars. Please return the cut out in the bulletin to make your reservations. Cost for the tasting is \$30 per person. From previous comments attendees will not be disappointed.

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. You can also consider giving the Calendar Club out as a gift to someone. Simply indicate this on the form you recently got in the mail or use the cut-out that is in this bulletin. Drawings for 2012 will not begin until February 1, 2012. Don't miss out. Join today!

LITURGY PEW CARDS—We are all trying to get used to the recent changes in the way we pray at Mass. 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. Please do not rip them up!

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.

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. Then we respond: "Amen" when we are presented with the Body of Christ or the Blood of Christ.

2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—Soon after the New Year we will complete the data entries of contributions into our system. If you want a record of your 2011 contributions for tax purposes, please complete and return the cut-out in the bulletin

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE—

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Saturday - December 24

3:30pm (Family Mass) & 5:30pm (Family Mass)
8pm & 10:30pm

Christmas Day Masses

Sunday - December 25

9am & 10:45am & 12:15pm

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Eve Mass

Saturday - December 31

5pm

New Year's Day Masses

Sunday - January 1

8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

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

JUSTICE & PEACE

Continuing from last week on seeing the Gospel through the eyes of the poor. When Jesus healed people, He always said: "your faith has healed you." He never said you have the correct dogma or you are very orthodox. Jesus' message was always a message of love and simple humanity. It was always non-violent. To understand this requires that we go into a place and let God lead us to surrender, love and humility. Contemplative prayer can be a place to go. It is a way to understand and love God. We then begin to understand what Jesus meant when he said, "the Reign of God is at hand." The poor seem to understand and live that message. As products of Western Civilization, we feel more comfortable in our heads. The poor feel more comfortable in their bodies. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? The cultures of the poor nations are showing us that religion is more from the gut and heart than from the head. They have internalized the message of the Gospel.

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

The 21st is Saint Peter Canisius.
The 23rd is Saint John of Kanty.

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.

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.



THE GIVING TREE PROGRAM

It's not too late to purchase a gift or gift card for a family and make their Christmas a little brighter. Please bring gifts and gift cards to the Narthex after Masses by December 18th. Please bring gift cards to Parish Outreach on weekdays Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm.

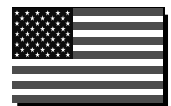
Catholic Charities Supplemental Food Program – Supplemental food will be available at St. Anne's Garden Sr. Housing in Brentwood from 9am to Noon on Saturday, December 23 for qualifying seniors. Proof of date of birth, address and income is required. For further information call 631-491-4166.

Isaiah 60: 1-2

Rise and shine forth for your light has come,
And upon you breaks the glory of the Lord:
For the darkness covers the earth,
And the thick clouds, the people.
But upon you the Lord shall dawn,
And in you his splendor
Shall be revealed.

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 | Jason Doyle |
| Daniel Cribbin | Joseph Marziotta |
| William Gregory | Justin Schneider |
| Christopher Mustakas | Greg Boes |
| Thomas Mangini | |



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE*(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday—December 18**

8:30am—Hospitality Sunday

6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

Monday—December 19

7pm—Confessions—Church

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Room

Tuesday, December 20

Pastoral Council—Rectory

Thursday—December 22

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir—Church

Saturday—December 24—Christmas Eve

3:30pm, 5:30pm, 8pm & 10:30pm Masses

Sunday—December 45—The Nativity of Our Lord**(Christmas Day)**

9am, 10:45am, 12:15pm Masses

A Holy and Happy Christmas to all.**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. The Book Reading schedule for December and January is: January 9—"My Hollywood" by Mona Simpson
February 13—"The Nineteenth Wife" by David Ebershoff
Meetings are held in the meeting room starting at 2:30pm.

THINKING ABOUT ??**BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

- Are you a baptized Catholic who was never confirmed?
- Are you someone baptized in another faith but interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you someone who was never baptized?

If any of these apply to you, consider our parish *RCIA* (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information, contact Ann Russo through e-mail, redaa@aol.com or 543-2740. If there is no answer, contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS**ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT****HOLY HOUR:** Every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm.

All are welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a deeper respect for life, for world peace, for our Parish 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.

The next date for the Holy Hour will be January 23, 2012.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister at Gast.Joe@gmail.com or check out our website at www.stthomasmoreyouth.org.

CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.

December 4—\$50—90—Mr. & Mrs. Amadeo Fasolino

December 5—\$25—1080—Tom & Eileen McManus

December 6—\$25—419—Ann Belluardo

December 7—\$25—976—Lillian Margas

December 8—\$75—497—Al Pankus

December 9—\$25—462—Aleida Santana

December 10—\$25—653—Thomas Napolitano

E-MAIL & ADDRESSESYouth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.orgParish Secretary - Stm73@live.comPat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.netMary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.netOutreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.netYouth Ministry (Joe Gast) - Gast.Joe@gmail.comJustice & Peace - Natman32@aol.comFr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.netPersonal 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:

December 25—Christmas Special

January 1—Fresh Start

January 8—Life's Struggles

January 15—Unity

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 parents@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at 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 Parish. It does not involve any cost to the user nor is there any attached surcharge to any sale order involved. Here is how it works:

ENTER: www.GoodSearch.com

Where the screen asks for the name of the charity, scroll down and Click: **St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY.** You will notice several St. Thomas More's. The site may ask you to register. This personalizes the tracking of your contributions through the website.

Once this process is completed, select the choices you want, from travel to food to entertainment to banking, etc.. Thanks for shopping online and thanks for the donation that we will receive on your behalf.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

FAITH & LIGHT MEETING—Friday, January 6, 7pm, Parish of the Holy Cross, Nesconset. (Faith & Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges and for their families and care-givers).

SCHOLASTIC HONORS—We recently were informed by St. John the Baptist High School that the following students received honors: Nicole Tessar (Magna Cum Laude) and Mary Monsees (Cum Laude).

FAMILY, MARRIAGE & INDIVIDUAL THERAPY available by Catholic Counseling Center. Call 631.243.2503 for info or to arrange an appointment.

(Second Notice)

SPAIN & PORTUGAL TRIP—May 23—June 1, 2012. 10 days—8 nights. \$3,098 per person, double occupancy. Sister Grace Rowland, leader. For brochure, call Sister Grace at 631.654.0199 or e-mail: Growland@sjcny.edu

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9,248.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - Consider having automatic deductions from their checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at 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.

FAITH DIRECT DECEMBER RECEIPTS

Allocations: <i>(net of fees)</i>	
Christmas	\$ 2,032.37
Immaculate Conception	\$ 431.46
Maintenance Monthly	\$ 1,889.73
Maintenance Weekly	\$ 96.49
Catch-up collection	\$ 244.95
Regular Monthly	\$ 3,170.25
Regular Weekly	\$ 5,385.70
Credit Cards Fees	\$ 178.49
Faith Direct Fees	\$ 487.50

SCRIP SALES

Scrip Sales Last Week: \$ 4,150.
Profit to the Parish: \$ 207.

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: \$ 402,938.
Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 742,371.

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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ST. THOMAS MORE WINE TASTING—2012

I/we would like to come to the Wine Tasting on Sunday, January 15, beginning at 3pm in Walden Hall.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

() number coming 'X' \$30 each = \$ _____ enclosed.

(Please return to Church Office with payment)

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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)

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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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.

() 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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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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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.

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2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2011 Contributions to St. Thomas More.

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

(Please return to the Church Office)

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BLESSING OF A MANGER SCENE—Here is a suggested format:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pause to ask God’s blessing on our Christmas manger scene. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by St. Francis of Assisi as a means to set forth the message of Christmas.

When we look upon these figures, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Our Father...

Let us Pray. God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love. When our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

May Christ our God enlighten our hearts and minds, now and forever. Amen.

(The Manger may be sprinkled with Holy Water).

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE—The following may be used as a prayer for our Christmas Tree:

+Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. Amen.

Amidst signs and wonders, Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. His birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. Wit this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us. May its lights guide us to the perfect light.

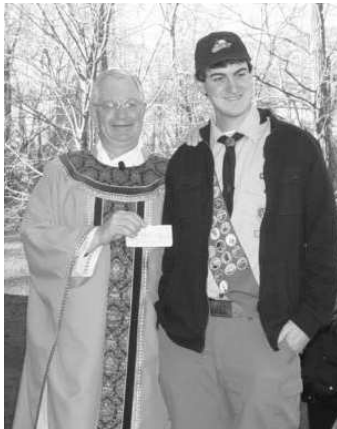
Let us Pray. Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of lie and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind is of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The tree may be sprinkled with Holy Water. Then the lights of the tree are illumined).

DEDICATION OF THE WALKWAY TO MARY'S SHRINE

—Last Sunday we dedicated the walkway to Mary's Shrine. The walkway was the Eagle Scout project of our young parishioner, Rocco Recce. Attendees of the 9:15am Mass were invited to participate in the dedication ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rocco presented to the parish a check for the proceeds that were left over after all the expenses for the project. The amount was \$17,600.55 which will be used towards the new kitchen for Walden Hall.

Here are some photos taken during the ceremony.



MOTHER NATURE VISITS STM AGAIN—

Pictured to the right is the tall pine tree that was toppled by the heavy winds last week.



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

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.

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.

ITT Exelis—Bohemia and N. Amityville. Technicians, coordinators, assemblers. US citizenship necessary. Comprehensive benefits package.

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.

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.