

# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-4204

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
Rev. Robert Dahlke, SJ, Weekend Priest  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon John S. Rapacki

## Religious Education

Patricia Chapin, Co-director  
Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director

## Parish Outreach

### Justice & Peace

Ralph Molinaro, Chairperson

### Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

### Youth Ministry

Joe Gast, S.C., Youth Minister

## OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -

### EUCCHARIST

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm  
Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through  
Saturday except Thursday when there is  
Morning Prayer.

**BAPTISM**—As soon as your child is born, please call the Church Office to make Baptism arrangements. Preparation session and welcoming Mass attendance are required.

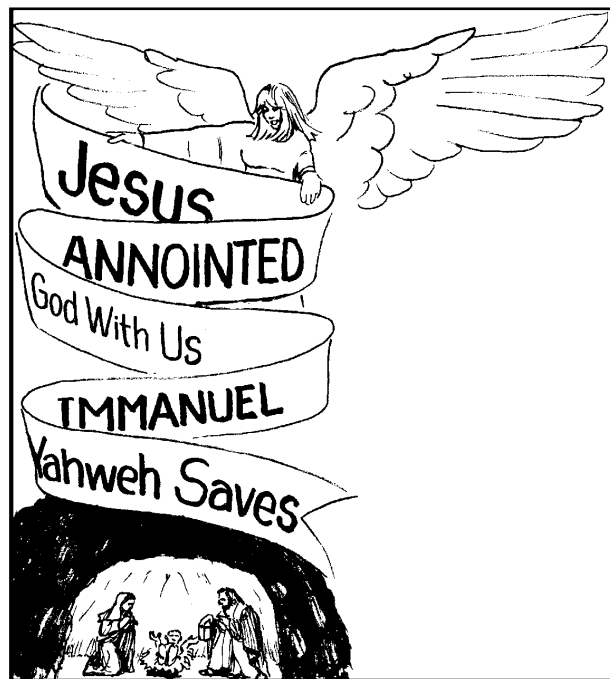
**MARRIAGE**—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the deacons.

**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.



## December 25, 2011 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

### 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	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses for this coming week</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 25, 2011</b>  <b>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</b>  <b>Midnight Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14</b>  <b>Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13</b>  <b>Luke 2:1-14</b>  <b>Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7</b>  <b>Luke 215-20</b>  <b>Day: Isaiah 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or</b>  <b>1:1-5, 9-14</b>  <b>Luke 1:26-38</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 1, 2012</b>  <b>The Octave Day Of The Nativity Of The Lord</b>  <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>World Day for Peace</b>  <b>Numbers 6:22-27</b>  <b>Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6-8</b>  <b>Galatians 4:4-7</b>  <b>Luke 2:16-21</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday—December 24</b>  <b>(Vigil of Christmas)</b>  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 &amp; 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 &amp; Williams Families <i>by Barbara Mickelson</i>, Josephine Sadowski <i>by the Buynak and Eyring families</i>, Robert Mohlenbrok <i>by Lois Mohlenbrok &amp; family</i>, Amy Zajdel <i>by the Nawrocki family</i>  10:30pm—For the People of the Parish  <b>Sunday—December 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</b>  9am—Jan, Genowefa &amp; John Midura, Dora Strollo, Madeline &amp; Herman Meyer, John &amp; Teresa Healy, Isidoro &amp; Celia Santana, Benny &amp; Catherine Carra, Walter &amp; Lottie Skipka, Mary &amp; Gerry Light, Phil Spincola, John, Catherine &amp; Russell Gambino, Joseph &amp; Michael Peirano  10:45am—Those included in the Flower Fund Remembrance  12:15pm—Those included in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Remembrance  <b>Monday—December 26—St. Stephen</b>  9am—For the People of the Parish  <b>Tuesday—December 27—St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>  9am—Jan, Genowefa &amp; John Midura  <b>Wednesday—December 28—The Holy Innocents</b>  9am—Robert Leupold <i>by Dot Gillan</i>  <b>Thursday—December 29—St. Thomas Becket</b>  9am—Helen Wulf <i>by John &amp; Mary Ann Egan</i>  <b>Friday—December 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</b>  9am—Michael Cisternas <i>by Mom &amp; Charlie</i>  <b>Saturday—December 31—St. Sylvester</b>  9am—Frank Schrammel <i>by Kenny &amp; Kelly McCarthy</i>  <b>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</b>  5pm—John &amp; Mary Barry, Grace Ferrero <i>by Len &amp; Lillian Munzer</i>, Jeanne F. Shea <i>by the Roberti Family</i>  <b>Sunday—January 1, 2012—The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—New Year's Day—World Day for Peace</b>  8am—Louis Giuliano <i>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Rosmini</i></p>	<p><b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:</b>  The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.</p> <p><b>Focus Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name a couple of important mother figures in your life. How did they influence you?</li> <li>2. What do you hold in your heart and reflect on?</li> <li>3. This Sunday is World Peace Sunday. How do you bring peace to those around you?</li> </ol> <p><b>Family and children's question:</b>  As we begin a new year, talk about how you can be a faithful disciple like Mary was.</p>

9am—Mickelson & Williams Families by *Barbara Mickelson*, Antonio Montemarano by *Dan & Denise Fennell*, Winfield Reed by *Walter & Katherine Drechsler*  
 10:45am—Kevin Butera & family by *Mary & Gabe Butera*  
 12:15pm—Steven Rissi by *Joe Rumpolo*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bob Sydlo, Conrad Gangone, Patrick Quinn, Denise Mays, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Edward Duffy, Pat Owens, Andrew Walker, Ann Iovino, Judy Vartanian, Tom Devine, Irene Aberle, Vito Baliunas, Caroline Grigas, Chase Turano, 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 Iardi McKee, Kathryn Badalaty, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Dennis Ligus, Josephine Campanelli, Linda Wilkonski, Jerry & Maria Bettua, Henry 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

Annabel Carbone, Andrew Price, Dominick Mariano, Police Officer Peter Figoski, Americo DeCarolis, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—Merry Christmas, brothers and sisters! Today we join Christians throughout the world who are celebrating the birth of the Savior. Communities large and small gather in cathedrals and chapels, in homes and convents, and, in some cases, on the battlefield — all gather to give thanks for Jesus, our Emmanuel, who promises to be with us always. We add our praise to this great multitude. Let us pray for one another. **A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!** - On behalf of the entire staff of the parish, we extend best wishes to all for a holy and blessed Christmas Day and Christmas season. We also thank everyone for their support of the parish and also for supporting the help efforts of parish Outreach and our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Whether it was the gift of cash or donations of food or staple items, we were able to stretch things out and assist many of our local families.

**BOTTLE REDEMPTION**—The young people of our parish in Level 3 of our religious ed program converted bottles and cans into cash and presented the proceeds to the parish to be given to Outreach and to St. Vincent de Paul for the ongoing work of helping those in need. We thank these young people and their teachers and helpers.

**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 this coming 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**—The perimeters of the roof of the Church are being tended to. It seems that the original roof's covering did not overlap into the gutters and caused water to seep in between the roof and gutters causing wood decay and leaks. Some continued grooming of the parish grounds also took place to spruce it up for the Winter. Some electrical refinements took place in the Church Office and rectory so that the rectory would not be a fire waiting to happen! *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!

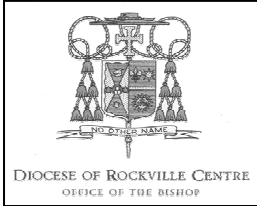
**LITURGY PEW CARDS**—We are all still trying to get used to the recent changes in the way we pray at Mass. The pew cards are in the racks for our convenience. In the meantime, after using the pew cards, please put them back in the racks for future usage. Please do not rip them up!

**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 2011 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 and return it to the Church office or place it in the collection.

We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.



### BISHOP MURPHY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

*AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US*

With these solemn words, St John the Evangelist announces the most momentous event in human history. God Who created everything out of nothing through His Word decided “*in the fullness of time to send His Son, born of a woman*”. Once that great event occurred in the Bethlehem stable, nothing in this world could be the same! Now the hopes and dreams of every person in every age for life and love, for joy and peace would no longer come from afar, no longer be unfulfilled hopes and dreams. Now they would be ours because they would be offered to us by God, our loving Father, by His only Son Who is **one of us, one with us in all things but sin**.

Small wonder the angels sing, *GLORIA*. Small wonder that the shepherds respond and rush to discover joy, hope and peace in the face of this Child lying in a manger. Small wonder that Mary, whose YES to God made possible the coming of our Savior into our lives to share our lives, looks with ineffable love at the One Whom she carried in her womb as she always would carry Him in her heart.

This Christmas, once again, we rejoice that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to be our savior. He will be no stranger to our lives, to our hopes, our needs, our worries, and yes, even our failures. He will know the human heart because His heart beats as do ours. But, unlike our hearts, His heart is unfathomable in its love for us all, a love that will triumph ultimately when He loves us, *usque ad finem*, even to a death that sets us free.

This Christmas, we are invited to gaze on Him once again, to see hope rekindled from a manger, life renewed in this child, forgiveness and reconciliation made real, and love, undying love bringing to us and all the world peace, the peace that bears a name, *Jesus Christ*.

As the pastor of this Diocese of Rockville Centre, I wish you all a share in this new life, this new hope, this joy, this love and peace. I invite you to open your hearts to one another, in your families and in your neighborhoods, in your parishes and in our Diocese. May we who have been forgiven by the Son of God made man forgive one another. May we who have been reconciled by this Child born of Mary be reconcilers ourselves. May we who may be suffering find solace in His dwelling among others. May we who have been excluded or feel abandoned find new hope in Him. And may we all be peacemakers to one another, in our families and communities, in our neighborhoods and parishes. And please, we must never forget the poor for the One Who was rich made Himself poor for love of us. He loves the poor with a preferential love. And He knows that all of us need to share that love today more than ever.

*Rejoice! Again I say, Rejoice! The Word was made flesh. He dwells among us. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He is Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of the world!*

+ William Murphy  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

### 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>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>New Years Eve</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	Msgr. Midura	
3:30pm		5pm Msgr. Midura
5:30pm	Msgr. Midura	
8pm	Fr. O'Rourke	
10:30pm	Msgr. Midura	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
8:00am	No 8am Mass	8am Fr. O'Rourke
		9:15am Msgr. Midura
9am	Msgr. Midura	
10:45am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Msgr. Boccafolo
12:15pm	Fr. Wall	Msgr. Midura

### 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.*

#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM

How can we thank you all enough for your wonderful response to The Giving Tree Program! We received Gift Cards, toys, gifts of all kinds, and lots of food, turkeys and hams, etc. We were able to generously serve our families and neighbors in the community. More information will follow on all who helped to make this Program so successful! We, at Outreach, wish you all a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

#### A Christmas Blessing

*May each person who comes into your life  
be greeted as another Christ.*

*May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem  
be that which you extend*

*To every guest who enters your presence.*

*May the bonds of love for one another  
be strengthened as you gather with*

*Your family and friends around  
the table of festivity and nourishment.*

*May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit  
The One who offers you peace.*

*May you bring this peace into our world.*

*Adapted from Joyce Rupp*

## JUSTICE & PEACE

On behalf of the Justice and Peace Committee we wish all a Blessed Christmas and the very best Happy New Year.

Peace,

Ralph L. Molinaro, Ann

Russo, Joan Shea, Michelle Brosnan, Diane Keegan, Gill Melingrano, Ursula Molinaro.

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

**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.

## 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

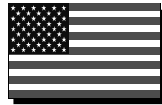
Thomas Nichols

Jason Doyle

Joseph Marziotta

Justin Schneider

Greg Boes



If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If they have returned, let us know.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**Sunday—December 25—The Nativity of Our Lord — (Christmas Day)**

*Best Wishes for a Blessed Christmas*

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

**Monday—December 26**

7pm—Youth Ministry Core Group Only—Walden Hall

**Wednesday—December 28**

2:30pm to 8:30pm—Blood Drive—Walden Hall

**Friday—December 30**

7pm—Youth Ministry Winter Ball—Walden Hall

**Saturday—December 31—New Year's Eve**

5pm—Mass

**Sunday—January 1—New Year's Day**

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

*A Very Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.*

## 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](mailto:redaa@aol.com) or 543-2740. If there is no answer, contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

### ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**HOLY HOUR:** Every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm.

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](mailto:Gast.Joe@gmail.com) or check out our website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org).

## CALENDAR CLUB 2011

Here are the winners drawn for the latest week.

December 11—\$50—959—Barbara Mickelson

December 12—\$25—125—John Meyer

December 13—\$25—1078—Caterina Abbrancati

December 14—\$25—534—Pat & Joan Shea

December 15—\$25—671—Jim & Annette Fusco

December 16—\$25—300—Patricia Hoffman

December 17—\$25—194—Kevin & Nicole Probst

## 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

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:

January 1—Fresh Start

January 8—Life’s Struggles

January 15—Unity

January 22—Searching for a Meaning

January 29—Remaining Excited

**MEN’S GATHERING** website. Go to the parish website at <http://www.buoy.com/~stm> or [stmli.org](http://stmli.org) and click Men’s Gathering. You will have to give a password known only to you to open and read the message.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>  
**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the school at [parents@holyfamilyschool.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyschool.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 & CAMPBELL SOUP PRODUCTS** - 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](http://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) - None this week*

*(Second 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.

## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

**Last Sunday’s Collection:** \$ 8,526.

**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](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. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

## **SCRIP SALES**

**Scrip Sales Last Week:** \$ 3,875.

**Profit to the Parish:** \$ 193.

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.

You can order other types of Scrip cards, such as gas cards, department store cards, restaurant gift cards, and much more. Refer to the list you recently received in the mail or ask for a listing of scrip cards where you obtain Supermarket Scrip cards. Usually an order that is placed by Monday is received by the end of the same week. The cards cost you face value. There are no premiums added on to the value of the card. They are as good as cash.

## **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**Contributed to date:** \$ 405,674.

**Spent on repairs and replacements:** \$ 745,989.

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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**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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**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)*

**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:

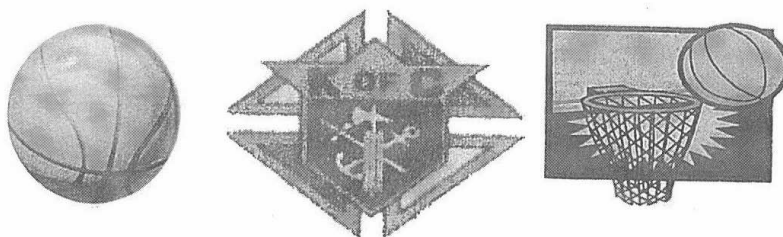
+Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. Amen.

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).*





# **BASKETBALL**

## **FREE THROW**

## **COMPETITION**

**SPONSORED BY THE "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS"**

**ST. THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 6062**

**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 10-14**

**DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012**

**SIGN UP: 6:30 P.M.**

**FREE THROWS START IMMEDIATELY - NO ONE  
WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER 7:30 PM**

**LOCATION: PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: OFF HOLLY DRIVE OFF LEDGEWOOD DRIVE  
OFF VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**ANY QUESTIONS CALL:**

**RICHARD ROSE @ (631) 543-6858**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE  
ST. THOMAS MORE RELIGION ED OFFICE MON-FRIE. 10-4**

**PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED (BIRTH CERTIFICATE)**

**PLEASE NOTE: ENTRANTS MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE LOCAL COMPETITION  
THIS EVENT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH OR ENDORSED IN ANY WAY  
BY THE HAUPPAUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**—A few Sundays ago, members of our Youth Ministry travelled on the LIRR to New York City to attend Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church and to visit all the attractions that go along with the Christmas Season.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**—We will acknowledge those who supported the Christmas Flower Fund in next week's bulletin.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**—We thank everyone who came to set up our Church for the Advent and Christmas Season. They came and went without fanfare doing the things that needed to be done so that we could appreciate this beauty of this Season. Again, to all of this beautiful people, we say, "Thank you very much!"

***“Merry Christmas to All!”***



## 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.