

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

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OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -

EUCCHARIST

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

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

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

RECONCILIATION—Celebrated in Church
every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by
previous appointment with Fr. Midura.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Call the Church
Office to request visitation of the sick.

CONFIRMATION—Those who have not been
confirmed should call the Church Office to
receive further information.

HOLY ORDERS—Contact Fr. Midura for more
information about the priesthood or diaconate.



January 1, 2012
The Octave Day of
the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day; World Day of Peace

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
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Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
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<p style="text-align: center;">Masses for this coming week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> January 1, 2012 The Octave Day Of The Nativity Of The Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God New Year's Day World Day for Peace Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6-8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> January 8, 2012 The Epiphany Of The Lord Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 </p>
<p> Saturday—December 31—St. Sylvester <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i> 5pm—John & Mary Barry, Grace Ferrero <i>by Len & Lillian Munzer</i>, Kathleen Mel Roberti <i>by the Sum Family</i>, Jeanne F. Shea <i>by the Roberti Family</i> Sunday—January 1—The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—New Year's Day—World Day for Peace 8am—Louis Giuliano <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Rosmini</i> 9am—Mickelson & Williams Families <i>by Barbara Mickelson</i>, Antonio Montemarano <i>by Dan & Denise Fennell</i>, Winfield Reed <i>by Walter & Katherine Drechsler</i>, For the People of the Parish 10:45am—Kevin Butera & family <i>by Mary & Gabe Butera</i> 12:15pm—Steven Rissi <i>by Joe Rumpolo</i> Monday—January 2—St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen 9am—Willy Roelli <i>by Yolanda Hug</i> Tuesday—January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus 9am—James A. Barr <i>by the Barr Family</i> Wednesday—January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 9am—Mary Donlon <i>by JoAnn & Curt Keely</i> Thursday—January 5—St. John Neumann 9am—Fr. Robert Giuntini and For the People of the Parish Friday—January 6—St. André Bessette—First Friday 9am—Jerome Chase <i>by Dennis Chase & family</i> Saturday—January 7, 2012—St. Raymond of Penyafort-- First Saturday 9am—Fausto Calarco <i>by Ed & Gary</i> <i>Anticipated Mass for Sunday</i> 5pm—Michele Keena (Living) <i>by Miriam Keena</i>, Angela Monaco <i>by Elaine Moccia</i>, Carmela Romanelli <i>by the Goebeler Family</i>, Josephine Sadowski <i>by the Buynak & Eyring Families</i>, Anna Sturiale <i>by Chris Suarez</i>, George J. Wojtas, Jr. <i>by Paul & Rita Goebeler</i> </p>	<p> A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: <i>And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.</i>" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the Child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. </p> <p> Focus Questions: 1. Who or what event was the star that led you to a better understanding of Jesus? 2. As Catholics we are called to make Jesus known to others, how do you deal with the Herods of the world who wish the opposite? 3. Who has guided you to seek Jesus in a deeper way? How can you be a guide for others? </p> <p> Family and children's question: Describe an experience when you felt Jesus' presence during this Christmas season. </p>

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Veronica Mattes, Martha McDonald, Doreen Montalbano, Frank Sesti, Brian Kilroy, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Bob Sydlo, Conrad Gangone, Patrick Quinn, Denise Mays, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Edward Duffy, Pat Owens, Andrea 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 Ilardi McKee, Kathryn Badalaty, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Dennis Ligus, Josephine Campanelli, Linda Wilkonski, Jerry & Maria Bettua, Henry Kwiecenski, Elaine Kleinstauber, 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

Dominick Mariano, Giovanna Visto, Vincenzina Melfi, Kathleen Roberti, Mark Venezia, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—On this day of new beginnings, let us join believers all over the world and pray to be like Mary, people who can say yes to God's plan; people who become Christ-bearers to the world.

BEST WISHES TO ALL—We wish everyone a Happy New Year's Day and pray that the blessings of the Lord may be upon you all in this year 2012.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—The latches on the front doors of the Church needed a tune up. They adjusted the alignment so that the doors could be easily secured at night time. We will check the electrical distribution in the religious ed building to make sure that there are no overloads and potential problems waiting in the wings. The tree by the rectory sign is leaning and will have to be taken down before it becomes a threat or a reality that needs to be moved from atop of someone's car. *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 have been placed 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! If you do see someone doing that, please tell me so that we can "talk" to that person.

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—In the next few weeks we will complete the data entries of 2011 contributions into our data recording 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.

CONFIRMATION DATE—For those who need to know and who have to prepare days off, the date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this Spring will be on Monday, May 16.

OH DEER! - On Christmas Day, as I was having a cup of tea in the rectory after the last of the Masses, I looked out the back window of the rectory and saw a antlered deer rummaging for something to eat in the back yard. I looked to see if the deer had a shiny red nose, but it did not. Must have been Dasher or Comet or Cupid!

THINGS WE MISSED! - Because Christmas and New Year's fell on a Sunday this year, we missed the Feast of the Holy Family, which was celebrated on Friday, December 30. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 9. The liturgical season of Christmas ends on January 9 and Ordinary Time in our Church begins on Tuesday, January 10.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY—This remembrance of the visit of the Three Kings will be next Sunday. Among certain nationalities, the Feast of the Epiphany is a time to celebrate the Epiphany Blessing of homes. You may have noticed that over the inside entrance of the Church are written in chalk "20+G+M+B+11" which are the initials to the Three Kings, Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar surrounded by the current year 2011. We will renew this Epiphany blessing for the current

year of 2012.

The Epiphany blessing that you can use for your own homes is the following:

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF YOUR HOME—

Make the Sign of the Cross on yourself

Leader: God's peace be in this house and to all who live here. Magi came from the East to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasure chests they presented Him with precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of his burial. Alleluia.

Our Father is said.

Leader: Let us pray: O God, Who on this day revealed your only-begotten Son to all nations by the guidance of a star, grant that we who now know you by faith may finally behold you in your heavenly majesty, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for your light is come; and upon you is risen the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.

Let us pray: Lord, God almighty, bless this home, and under its shelter let there be health, charity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to your commands, and thanksgiving to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May your blessing remain always in this home and upon those who live here, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sprinkle holy water throughout the home and then make the following inscription with colored chalk over the main entrance of your home: 20 + G + M + B + 12

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	This weekend:	Next Sunday
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>New Years Eve</i>	
5pm	Msgr. Midura	Fr. O'Rourke
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
8am	Fr. O'Rourke	Fr. Dahlke
9:15am	Msgr. Midura	Msgr. Midura
10:45am	Msgr. Midura	Fr. Racos
12:15pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Dahlke

**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

There are so many "Thanks" to go around this year to all those who so generously and cheerfully contributed to make our Program a wonderful success! Starting with the Pantry Team, we thank them for the terrific job they do sorting and packing food for our clients. We thank all those parishioners who chose cards from the Giving Tree for clothes, toys or gift cards for WalMart or Target. It is always fun to be with our Youth Group. Their energy is contagious. They did a super job of sorting and packing up gifts. Packing hundreds of gifts is quite a job and thanks to Joe Gast, Deacon John, the youth leaders, parents and

all who assisted, it all went smoothly and quickly. Thanks so much to our Religious Ed classes who each year find ways to help during our Program. Mrs. McDonald's and Mrs. Frumusa's classes went Caroling and contributed their donations to Outreach. The 3rd grade classes donated the proceeds from their on-going bottle redemption. The 5th and 6th Grade classes contributed many, many boxes of food. The Hauppauge Girl Scout Troop #184 had a Food Drive outside of Waldbaum's. The Hauppauge Library and the Arbors gave donations of scarves and gloves. We thank the Columbiettes for their contribution of gift cards, Elaina H. for the beautiful doll houses, pianos and trains, Tom P. for the many hams, and all those who so generously gave donations of cash and checks. While we had many additional families to service this year, you, as always, rose to the occasion and we were able to provide for every family that called upon us!

New Year's Prayer

God, as we begin a New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. *(Loyola Press website)*

JUSTICE & PEACE

I was looking at the TV recently and they were talking about a family who had lost their home and money in trying to save their daughter with brain cancer. The family was taken to a store to get what they needed for Christmas. This was a wonderful gesture to help the family. Unfortunately this does not end their problems. When we see the Gospel through the eyes of the poor and powerless great changes are possible. In the Our Father we say "thy kingdom come." For God's kingdom to come our kingdom must go. For the poor and powerless to have more we have to be willing to take less. Jesus words were hard on hypocrites and those concerned with possessions. It is power and possessions that keep us from seeing the kingdom of God. Because we own too many things we now find ourselves in the position of having to defend them. The poor and powerless have little to protect. It is easy for them to understand "thy kingdom come." We have a hard time with this because we have spent our lives by going up the ladder of success. We believed we were seeking the truth on the top but in reality the truth is found at the bottom. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? Can we do with less so that others may have a little bit more?

Justice is a parish affair.

Discover needs and act justly.

Together we can make a difference.

Jan.1 is Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Jan. 2 is St. Basil the Great, and St. Gregory Nazianzen.

Jan. 3 is the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Jan. 4 is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Jan. 5 is St. John Newman.

Jan. 6 is St. Andre' Bessette.

Jan. 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

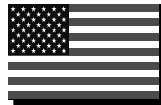
FEEDING THE PIGGY—You are always invited to lend your support of the “piggy” in the Church lobby by placing any spare quarters into the tube. As soon as we accumulate \$500 we forward that amount to Heifer International so that a heifer can be purchased for a suitable family.

MEN'S GATHERING

The next meeting of the Men's Gathering will be on Thursday January 12, 2012 in the religious education center at 7:30pm. The topic will be on *The Path of Peace* by Henri Nouwen. It covers the time he spent at Daybreak a community for mentally handicapped people called I Arche --- the Ark. All men should hear and contemplate on this topic. Many people live in the night; few live in the day. A noted Rabbi said " when you can look into the face of human beings and you have enough light in you to recognize them as your brothers and sisters. Until then it is night, and darkness is still with us." Start the New Year with other men on the journey home to God and bring a friend

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

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)

Best Wishes for a Happy & Peaceful New Year.

Sunday—January 1—New Year's Day

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

Monday—January 2

7pm—Youth Ministry —Walden Hall

Wednesday—January 4

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hal

Thursday—January 5

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

8pm—Choir—Church

Friday—January 6

7pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall

Sunday—January 8

8:15am—Welcome of New Babies—Church

1:30pm—Krist Kindle—Walden Hall

2pm—Baptisms—Church

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

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.

PRO LIFE

Our meetings are on every Wednesday and Saturday, rain or shine, from 8am to 10:30am at the Smithtown Abortion Clinic, 70 Maple Avenue (One block south of Route 25 (Jericho Turnpike)). Come join our protest and pray with us to defend the defenseless.

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 18—\$50—550—John & Jackie Fontana

December 19—\$25—89—Teresa Shannon

December 20—\$25—161—Elena Santana

December 21—\$25—75—Grace Harold
 December 22—\$25—338—William Peet
 December 23—\$25—425—John Meyer
 December 24—\$25—872—Rosalind Warmuth

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org
 Parish Secretary - Stm73@live.com
 Pat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.net
 Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net
 Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net
 Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - Gast.Joe@gmail.com
 Justice & Peace - Natman32@aol.com
 Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net
 Personal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:
 Barbara & Joe Fratamico—BJFRAT@optonline.net

“**RELIGION AND ROCK**” - Tune into and listen to Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays, 7am to 8am, on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM. Also, listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, and XM Satellite, Channel 117.

Topics:

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 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 & 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

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)

RONKONKOMA CENACLE PROGRAMS—

Meeting God in the Detours— Sat., January 7, 10am-4pm.

Reflecting & sharing together to help prepare us when our plans go astray and for the many twists & turns in our lives.

Windows Into St. Therese Couderc: A Silent Overnight

Prayer—Fri. January 13. This silent overnight prayer invites our gaze upon the stained glass windows which offer a glimpse into the life of Mother Therese, the Foundress of the Cenacle.

Finding God in All Things (even in what you're least grateful for)—Sat. Jan. 14, 10am-4pm Maude Adams House. Discover how God is with us in joy and sorrow; moments that seem insignificant point the way to God giving us more life.

Retreat for Men in Recovery—Fri. January 20 - Sun. Jan. 22.

Reflections especially on slogans of the A.A. program and how these principles contribute to our spiritual growth.

APARTMENT FOR RENT – Hauppauge – 1 bedroom, Separate Kitchen, Private Entry, Rent of \$1,100 includes Electric, Heat, Cable, Gas and Water. Call to make appointment at 631-831-2380.

RONKONKOMA RENTAL- One Bedroom apartment in a quiet area, shopping just a short walk away. For commuters or city lovers, it is near the LIE and LIRR. One bedroom, living room/kitchen combo including a full Bath. Own thermostat and A/C. Rent includes all. Some furniture available if needed. No pets. Non-smoker. One month rent plus security. More details upon request. Kaylanikki@msn.com OR call 631-332-9413. Immediate Availability.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Christmas Collection: \$59,405.

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

SCRIP SALES

Scrip Sales Last Week: There were no sales.
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: \$ 406,842.
Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 747,144.
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)

COME JOIN US!

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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:

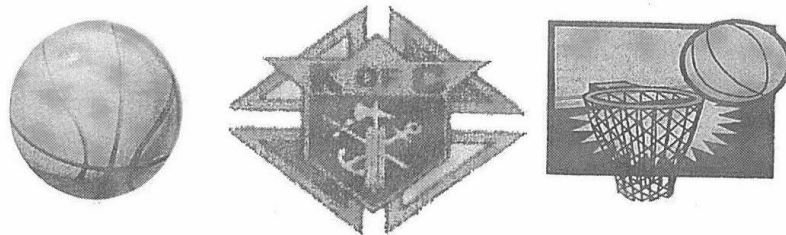
Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY'S DATE:

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

SHORT TAKES—

- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining.
How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.
A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.
I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?
You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
Worrying works! Ninety percent of the things I worry about never happen.
You're never too old to learn something stupid.



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
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((We apologize for any misspellings!))

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New
Year
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.

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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

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***We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.