

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway
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Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor
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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.

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.



February 12, 2012
Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Parish Mission Statement:
St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a
parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through
Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments
The Teachings of the Church, and
Our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

Telephones:

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

Masses for this coming week	Growing through the Sunday Scriptures
<p style="text-align: center;">February 12, 2012 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 19, 2012 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 Psalm 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12</p>
<p>Saturday—February 11 <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i> 5pm—MaryAnn Swanson <i>by the Rapacki, Kluse & Dugan families</i></p> <p>Sunday—February 12—Sixth Ordinary Sunday 8am—Louis Giuliano <i>by Phyllis Senner</i> 9:15am—Elisabeth Cornelia Vink-Van Daalen <i>by the Keely family</i>, Gabriel Butera <i>by Heather Ganz</i>, Camille Desepolt <i>by the Carlino Family</i>, Helen Mananza <i>by Mae Devine</i>, Frank Nitto <i>by Maureen Weber</i>, Josephine Sadowski <i>by the Buynak family</i>, John Joseph Sperandeo, Jr. <i>by Heather Ganz</i>, Arnold Woodbury <i>by the Eyring family</i> 10:45am—Dominic Bove <i>by Marie Bove</i> 12:15pm—Arthur Loiacono <i>by Mario Russo</i></p> <p>Monday—February 13 9am—Cookie Ferrero <i>by Mae Devine</i></p> <p>Tuesday—February 14—St. Cyril & St. Methodius 9am—Jane Mulligan <i>by the People of the Parish</i></p> <p>Wednesday—February 15 9am—Antoniella Saccone <i>by David & MaryJean Iacometta</i></p> <p>Thursday—February 16 9am—Barbara & Ron Schule—both living <i>by Jim Brosco</i></p> <p>Friday—February 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 9am—For the friends of Msgr. Midura</p> <p>Saturday—February 18 9am—Duncan Harper <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i> 5pm—Richard Clementi <i>by Emilia & Lou Saverese</i></p> <p>Sunday—February 19—Seventh Ordinary Sunday 8am—Lisa Codispoti <i>by Robert & Barbara Plansker</i>, John Edell <i>by Joan & Gerard Smith</i>, Micharel Hegarty <i>by Lou & Ann Anatrella</i>, Kathleen Roberti <i>by Barbara Jones</i>, Elinor Warren <i>by Alicia & Michael Freda</i> 9:15am—Thomas Bigler <i>by Rosemary & George Williams</i> 10:45am—Frank Lamb <i>by the Demarco & Schmacher family</i> 12:15pm—Luco Meoli <i>by Kay & Walter Drechsler</i></p>	<p>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark: When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."</p> <p>Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" -he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."</p> <p>Focus Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe a time when you experienced God's mercy and forgiveness. 2. Relate a time when you went out of your way to bring someone to Jesus. 3. Describe a time when you prayed for an enemy. <p>Family and children's question:</p> <p>Wednesday, February 22, begins Lent. What will you do during Lent to be open to God in your life?</p>

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Andrew Spano, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Dennis Ligus, Jerry & Maria Bettua, Brian Kilroy, Elven Tangel, Angelo Guzman, Joseph Place, Richard Landi, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Dennis Chase, Michael Mason, James Cable, Terri Iardi McKee, Frank Sesti, Charles Boston, Jennifer Savarese, Sal Alessi, Claudia Fiore,

Tom Devine, Irene Aberle, Vito Baliunas, Teresa Szepietowska, Maria Lott, Deanna Danowski, Chase Turano, Linda Wilkonski, James Nachtman, Bob Sydlo, Casey McDonald, Henry Kwiecenski, Ann Iovino, Veronica Mattes, Victor Buzzanca, Elaine Kleinstauber, Josephine Campanelli, Lucja Kostrzewa, Katherine Drechsler, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Edward Duffy, Catherine Kiss, Conrad Gangone, Patrick Quinn, Denise Mays, Pat Owens, Andrea Walker, Tom Stahura, Judy Vartanian, James & Rita Basile, Joe Dunn, Thomas McGuire, Caroline Grigas, Dale Grippo, Connie Sbrocchi, Natalie Grippo, Penny Henrich, Gary Surdi, Bill Radcliffe, Arlene LaRosa, Joseph Peter, Ellen Jane Vinson, Victoria Nelson, Peter Calandrella, Ruth Weurth, Martha McDonald, Doreen Montalbano, Anthony Iovino, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Jackie Berntsen, Phyllis Senner, Thuy Wilmott, Kathryn Badalaty, 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 last Sunday of March).

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

John Brazicki, Deacon Robert Hernandez, Spiros Panagatos, Salvatore Guagliano, Tony Trotta, Celeste Wieman, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man with leprosy and sends him to the priest to be restored to the community. There is no one here today who is not welcome. There is no one here today who doesn't belong. We are all here today by the mercy and compassion of Christ.

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on Wednesday, February 22, and continues until the Solemn Days of Holy Week. As we prepare for this penitential season, we invite everyone to attend the 7pm Mass on Tuesday evening to help us transition into the season of Lent. On Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we will have morning Mass at 9am, a Prayer Service at 12:10pm, an afternoon Prayer Service at 4:30pm and an evening Mass at 7:30pm. There will be the Imposition of Ashes at all the events of Ash Wednesday. We encourage everyone to undertake some form of spiritual and penitential practice that is consistent with the Season of Lent. The "giving up" or the "doing something" extra is a decision that we should make for ourselves to focus upon

during the entire season of Lent.

We have daily Mass at 9am. We will have Stations of the Cross every Lenten Friday at 7pm in the Church. We offer the Sacrament of Penance every Saturday at 4pm.

Let us pray for one another during the season of Lent.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—We scheduled a clean up and clean out this past week to tend to some of the areas of clutter. The driveway at the Religious Ed building was replaced. All the roots from the previous trees had created heaves in the asphalt rendering it a challenge to remain sure footed. Now that it is level, we hope everyone adjusts to it.

The same building had a rear door re-installed so that there are two ways to enter and exit and there is added safety in the event of an emergency.

We have a neighbor ready to bring their hound dog down to the property when the geese stop by.

The HVAC system in the Church was connected to the internet to enable quicker diagnostics from the firm that services the equipment. There is also a connection to the rectory computer to enable programming to take place from more than one sight. We will explore the possibility of having a terminal in the Church to facilitate using a credit card to purchase Scrip. This way you can get more miles! *Progress!*

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 cut-out that is in this bulletin.

2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—If anyone needs a record of their contributions to the parish for 2011, please fill out the request cut-out that is in the bulletin. The records will contain contributions to the parish via the weekly envelopes or from the special monthly collections that regular envelope users receive in the mail.

Faith Direct users will receive a statement from them directly as will supporters of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

We mailed or e-mailed all the statements received as of last week. We will continue to send them out as we receive them and compile them.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2013—The 2013 Mass Book is available for reserving Masses for those who have died and also for the intentions of those who are living. When you come down to arrange Masses, please have your choices and intention names written down in case the Office is busy. This way we can arrange the Masses for you. The diocesan standard stipend for Masses, beginning in 2013, will be \$20 for a single Mass intention and \$15 for a Mass with multiple intentions. There are available dates for this year 2012 also.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2012—Those of us on

the diocesan mailing list should have received a communication from the CMA office about this year's Appeal. St. Thomas More has a goal or assessment this year of \$60,700. Again, we are asking everyone to consider making a pledge to the Appeal so that we can make our goal. Last year's CMA appeal returned over \$12,000 as a rebate to the parish. Every bit helps!

Every pledge can be paid off over the next several months. Your pledge can also be charged to a credit card, so that you have miles that you can use for that trip to Baltimore.

If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please use the form that is in the bulletin or use one of the CMA envelopes located where you get the bulletin. You can mail the pledge directly to the CMA office. And as always, we "thank you" for helping us in the CMA for 2012.

OUR FIRST LEVEL CHILDREN AND PRAYERS—Just about every child recently attended gatherings at the Church and were afforded the opportunity to say their prayers and fulfill one of the requirements for passage into the Communion preparation level. We thank the deacons who also helped and for the parents who took an interest in their child.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

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

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (Healing for men and women with past abortion involvement) —Friday, February 17, to Sunday, February 19, in Huntington. Call Frank @516.523.0586 or www.rachelsvineyard.org

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT—This legislation will declare abortion a "fundamental right" in New York State, prohibiting even basic protections, such as parental notification, limits on governmental funding of abortion, and a ban on gender-selection abortions.

The law would allow non-physicians to do abortions, jeopardize any agency that not refer for abortion and seriously threaten conscience protections for hospitals and medical professionals.

For the sake of pregnant women and their unborn children, we urge our legislators to oppose this bill.

Write a message to your Senator at
Legislative Bldg, Albany, NY 12247
Switchboard 518.455.2800 or
Your NYS Assembly Member
Legislative Bldg, Albany, NY 12248
Switchboard 518.445.4100

Sample Message

As your constituent, I strongly urge you to oppose the so-called "Reproductive Health Act" S.2524(Klein), S2844 (Stewart-Cousins) that is before the Legislature this session. I understand that this law would, among other things:

Remove criminal penalties even from unlawful abortions;

Prevent and unborn child who is the intended victim of a crime from being recognized as a victim;

Prevent any limitation on use of taxpayer funds to curtail NY's Medicaid policy of paying for abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy;

Deceitfully redefine pregnancy as beginning at implantation—not fertilization;

Falsely redefine fetal (child) viability; and

Unleash new assaults on the consciences of those who oppose participating in abortion—health care professionals, hospitals, hospital residents, and health insurance providers.

As a citizen and a taxpayer in New York, I am deeply concerned about the future of our state and the effects, intended and unintended, this legislation will have on us who believe that life is sacred and should be protected. I would appreciate your response to my concerns. Respectfully,

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE

Continuing from last week on seeing the Gospel through the eyes of the poor. In the Bible there are many stories of victims. people who were oppressed, the poor, the enslaved, the vulnerable, and the disadvantaged. It is a history of these people. The message that comes from God is to change these conditions. This requires action. We cannot solve these problems in our head. This action requires a new way of living. We consume less so that others may have more. To accomplish this we have to cross over the line to the other side. The side of the poor and disadvantaged. We have to enter into solidarity with them. This is very scary and uncomfortable. We have to be with them for awhile to see life from their view point. The problem is not solved in the head but in the heart. This was the approach Saint Francis took. What does all this mean in terms of justice and

peace? We first have to agree to give ourselves. By acting we understand life from the eyes of the poor. It is a road we have to go down by ourselves. Wisdom will be found at the end of the road. *To be continued.*

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

Today is Lincoln's birthday.
The 14th is Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius. It is also Valentine's Day.
The 17th is The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

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. When we accumulate \$500 we will forward that amount so that a heifer can be purchased for a family.

OUR LENTEN PROJECT

The Justice and Peace committee has undertaken the Vet Dogs for Wounded Veterans as our Lenten Project this year. This is a local organization right here in Smithtown. Vet Dogs provide dogs for veterans who are blind; and service dogs for those with disabilities other than blindness; physical and occupational therapy dogs to work with amputees. A representative of the organization will speak at all the Masses, with a dog, the weekend of February 18-19. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We will have our “little house” with a informative poster to accept your donations. This is a very worthwhile program, at no cost to the veterans who have given so much for us. We thank you in advance.

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 Food Pantry always welcomes non-perishable foods to be distributed to our clients. Please bring items to the bin located in the Church entrance. Any perishable foods you wish to donate may be brought to Outreach from Monday to Thursday, between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Thanks for your continued support.

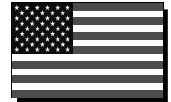
EMPLOYMENT NETWORK PROGRAM—A free guidance program will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church for anyone seeking employment. Experienced counselors will help you sharpen your job-hunting skills. Sessions will include career assessment, resume writing, networking and more. The first session will be held on Monday, February 13 at 7pm in the Community Room at the Church, 53 Prospect Road and Mill Dam Road, Centerport,

NY. The final session will be held on March 26. Call Parish Social Ministry at 631.754.9045 to register. Please bring a resume if you have one.

ST. PATRICK'S SINGLES FELLOWSHIP—Widowed, single, divorced and separated, ages 45 to 60 plus, are invited to Coffee, Tea, Cake and Conversation and Event Planning. Come join us and perhaps meet a friend. Also, check out our Event Calendar. We will meet on Sunday, February 19th from 10am to Noon. For more info, call Outreach at 265-2668.

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.

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 the next meetings are:

February 13—“The Nineteenth Wife” by David Ebershoff

March 12—“People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks

April 9—“The Heretic's Daughter” by Kathleen Kent

May 7—“Sing You Home” by Judi Picoult

June 11—“Left To Tell” by Immacule Llibagiza

Then there is a break for the Summer months.

Meetings are held in the meeting room starting at 2:30pm.

OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES

Let us include our couples who are preparing for their marriage and are involved currently in our Pre Cana program.

Diana Bosak & Daniel Cano

Sandra LeGrand & Paul Somma

Lisa Kogel & Paul Lanni

Colleen McDonald & Stephen Monsees

Andrea Lonaro & Lawrence Papola

Meredith DeFelice & Jeremy Bernstein

Brianne Cipriani & James Moro

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER—Our Youth Ministry will be handing out discount coupons to Modell's. The coupon will entitle the bearer to 15% off purchases made between February 18th and March 17th. Youth Group would get 5% of everything that is spent over \$500.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—February 12

Level 2 Confirmation Level Valentine's Bake Sale—Lobby
9:15am Mass—Welcome of Babies to be Baptized—Church
9:15am Mass—Installation of new Altar Servers
7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—February 13

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room
2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room
7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

Wednesday—February 15

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

Thursday—February 16

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church
6:30pm—Baptism Preparation—Recreation Room
7:30pm—Choir—Church

Friday—February 17

7pm—Confirmation Committee Night—Walden Hall

Saturday—February 18

5pm—Youth Game Night—Walden Hall

Sunday—February 19

8:30am—Hospitality Sunday
7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

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 or contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

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

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

Topics:

February 12—Relationships
February 19—Sacrifice
February 26—Forgiveness
March 4—Leadership
March 11—Commitment
March 18—Traditions
March 25—Being Joyful

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

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CALENDAR CLUB 2012

Here are the first set of Calendar Club 2012 winners!
Congratulations to all!

January 1—\$50—762—Cyna Buckley
January 2—\$25—23—Ralph & Ursula Molinaro
January 3—\$25—444—Maureen & Tom Fallona
January 4—\$25—910—Christine Healy
January 5—\$25—898—Tom & Eileen McManus
January 6—\$25—516—Chet & Lottie Kalenty
January 7—\$25—417—Edward Skrzypek
January 8—\$50—703—Donna & Gary Fortmeyer
January 9—\$25—633—Tyler Calhoun
January 10—\$25—966—Steve & Lela Gabrielli
January 11—\$25—866—Ed & Arlene Rogan
January 12—\$25—959—Steve & Lela Gabrielli
January 13—\$25—600—Carol & Bill Link
January 14—\$25—439—Ann Belluardo
January 15—\$50—1004—Miguel Araya
January 16—\$25—257—Pat & Joan Shea

January 17—\$25—389—Joan & David Marro
 January 18—\$25—381—Anna & Matty Randazzo
 January 19—\$25—71—El Tangel
 January 20—\$25—335—Michael & Dorothy Boyle
 January 21—\$25—484—Grace Harold
 January 22—\$50—191—Mary Ellen Skrzypek
 January 23—\$25—172—Madeline & Robert Sauchelli
 January 24—\$25—714—Trent Midura
 January 25—\$25—513—M. Iallonardi
 January 26—\$25—210—Elizabeth Kane
 January 27—\$25—900—Anna Marie Russo
 January 28—\$25—881—John & Marti White
 January 29—\$50—948—Tom & Maureen Allen
 January 30—\$25—239—Ann Belluaro
 January 31—\$25—451—Joanne Anelli
 February 1—\$25—21—Joyce Spincola
 February 2—\$25—298—Ralph & Ida Marcello
 February 3—\$25—168—John & Jayne Limandri
 February 4—\$25—991—Tom & Eileen McManus

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

HIBERNIAN FESTIVAL SINGERS —"TAYLOR'S TRADITIONAL IRISH CABARET"—Sun., March 11, 2012, Bay Shore High School. Direct from Dublin, the show will feature Ireland's comedian, Noel V. Ginnity, tenor Paul Hennessy, soprano Emer Hartnett, ballad singer Andrew McCarthy, a musical ensemble plus Ireland's talented dancers. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For info. Call 665-1371 or 563-1032.

(Second Notice)

SONS OF ITALY-DR. VINCENZO SELLARO LODGE—CARNEVALE CELEBRATION—6pm, Sat. February 25, 2012 at the Byzantine Church of the Resurrection Reception Hall, 38 Mayflower Ave., Smithtown. Hot catered food, soda, wine, music, dancing. \$38 per person. Please call (631) 265-0205 for reservations. RVSP by February 15th.

RENTAL APARTMENT—HAUPPAUGE—Daylight apartment. Private entry & windows. 1 Large kitchen. 1 LR. 1 BR. New bath. \$1,100 monthly includes, electric, heat, cable, gas, water. Call 631.831.2380 for appointment.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF AMITYVILLE—GRAND IRISH CELEBRATION—Dinner/dance to benefit their senior sisters on Saturday, March 3, St. Brigid's School, Westbury. Celebration begins with Mass at 7pm followed by hot Irish dinner, Step Dancers, Bag Pipers and music by the "Celtic Connection Band" at 8 pm. \$40 per person. For tickets, call (631) 842-6000x238 or contact Sr. Patricia at pkoehler@aol.com.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 9,537.
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: \$ 3,350.

Profit realized from sales: \$ 167.

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.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Contributed to date: \$ 412,112.

Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 758,604.

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.

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? - PUTTING YOUR OLD CELL PHONES TO USE—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a company that recycles them and who gives us cash for the ones that are usable.

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.

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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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 Hospitality
- Usher Greeter
- RCIA Liturgy with Children
- Lector Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Minister Landscaping/Planting
- Plumber Electrician
- Painter Handy Man/Woman
- Rosary Altar Society Scrip sellers
- Caring for Altar Plants Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS Adult Lending Library
- Banner Committee 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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**PRAYING FOR THE SICK
— Adding a name Request —**

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

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

Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY'S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)
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CELEBRATING SCOUT SUNDAY—This past weekend we celebrated Scout Sunday in our parish. Below are the young Scouts who were recognized as well as the adult leaders who devote time and effort to our Scouts.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2012

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2012.

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: *(Check one below)*

\$150 _____

\$300 _____

\$500 _____

\$1,000 _____

\$1,500 _____

\$2,500 _____

\$5,000 _____

OTHER: _____ How much? _____

(Please indicate)

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I would like to pay the rest

monthly—10 payments

bi-monthly—4 payments

semi-annually—May & September

I prefer to use a credit card. Information will be sent to you so that you can contact the CMA office directly.

(Please return to the Church Office for further processing)

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February 6, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

On Friday, January 20, the President approved new regulations from the Department of Health and Human Services. These regulations mandate that, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, including Catholic Charities and Catholic hospitals, provide coverage for contraception, abortion-producing drugs and sterilization in the healthcare benefits provided to their employees. Most insurance programs will have to include these as well.

This mandate directly interferes with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. The Administration has chosen to cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience. Regulations about healthcare are being used to re-define pregnancy as a disease and to make abortion-inducing drugs available to one and all. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop healthcare coverage for our employees and suffer significant penalties for doing so.

As Pope Benedict XVI said last week:

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic Community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres . . . Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit the most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion."

I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would recommend that you contact your US Congressional representatives to express to them why this mandate cannot stand and to support religious freedom through the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Marco Rubio, would reverse the Administration's decision. To learn more about this assault on religious liberty, the US Bishops have set up the following special website: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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

Aerospace—Tech jobs. Control operators. Quality inspectors.

Atlantic Auto Group—NY's largest Auto Dealer—now staffing West Islip location in Service and Sales. Excellent Benefits. Also Lexus Rockville Centre and Atlantic Volkswagen.

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.

Dayton T. Brown—Bohemia & Shelton, CT locations. Professional writers—aircraft, helicopter manuals. Maintenance managers, business managers.

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.

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.

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

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.