

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor
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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.

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.

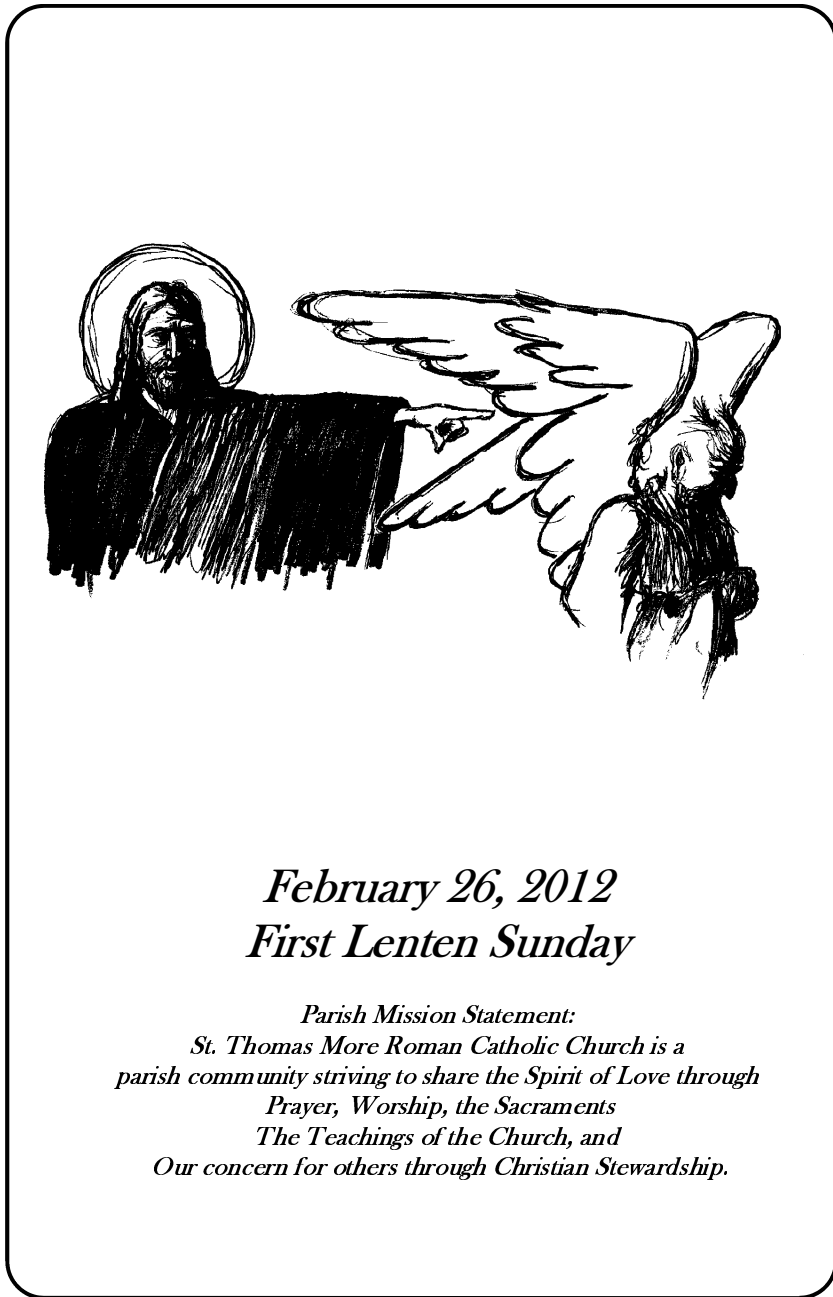
MARRIAGE—As soon as a couple decides to
marry, and BEFORE making any other arrange-
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an
appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the
deacons.

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 26, 2012
First Lenten 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 26, 2012 First Sunday of Lent Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 4, 2012 Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10</p>

Saturday—February 25*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Richard Clementi *by Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz*, Helen Maganza *by John & MaryAnn Egan*, Kathleen Roberti *by John & Mary Fitzgerald*, Kelly Rose *by the Rose family*, Josephine Sadowski *by the Dowd family*

Sunday—February 26—First Sunday of Lent

8am—Gerard Lehner *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*
9:15am—Luco Meoli *by Kathy Drechsler*
10:45am—Fabio DiMeglio *by Michael & Vivian*
12:15pm—Mario Russo, Sr. *by Mario Russo, Jr.*

Monday—February 27

9am—Jane Mulligan *by the People of the Parish*

Tuesday—February 28—

9am—Cookie Ferrero *by Ann & Lou Anatrella*

Wednesday—February 29—

9am—Fr. Robert Giuntini

Thursday—March 1—

9am—Josephine Hewes *by Donna Mott*

Friday—March 2—First Friday—World Day of Prayer

9am—Jane Mulligan *by the People of the Parish*

Saturday—March 3—First Saturday—**St. Katharine Drexel**

9am—Anthony DiGiuseppe *by the Citro family*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—For the People of the Parish

Sunday—March 4—Second Sunday of Lent

8am—Maria Sajewicz *by Ania & Walter Plonski family*
9:15am—Cathy DeNoto *by the Hughes family*
10:45am—Dolores Walden *by the YoungAtHeart*
12:15pm—Elizabeth Albers *by Mario Russo & family*, Helen Maganza *by Len & Lillian Munzer*, Michael Toth *by Michael Fallona*, Sharon Von Hoff *by the Overton Family*, For the People of the Parish

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Focus Questions:

- 1) Relate an experience when a person turned out to be more than you expected them to be.
- 2) Describe a time when, like the apostles, you did not really understand what you were going through.
- 3) How do you listen for God in your life?

Family and children's question:

The apostles were filled with awe at what they saw. Describe a time when a beautiful scene took your breath away.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Maureen O'Donnell, Barbara Alesi, Richard Gormley, Jr., Carolyn Palermo-Comiskey, Ronald Pauze, Marianne Hammel, Marie Strianese, Frances Rapacki, Alexa Shea Jarvis, 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, Bryce Owen, Casey McDonald, Henry Kwiecenski, Louis Morales, Sr., Dennis Chase, Ann Iovino, Veronica Mattes, Victor Buzzanca, Maria Bettua, Elaine Kleinstauber, Josephine Campanelli, Frank Sesti, 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, Andrew Spano, Dennis Ligus, Jerry & Brian Kilroy, Elven Tangel, Angelo Guzman, Joseph Place, Richard Landi, Linda James Cable, Sue Cappisillo, Michael Mason, Terri Iardi McKee, Charles Boston, 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

Jane Quinlivan, Msgr. Daniel Hurley, Theresa Volk Connor, Patrick Thompson, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—We come together on this first Sunday in Lent. In the Gospel, we hear that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. A season of penance was necessary before Jesus could answer his calling. It is necessary for us, too — a time to take stock, to notice where we are and where we want to be. It can be a time of great grace. Let us pray for that grace for our community, our families and ourselves by first admitting that we are in need of grace as we say, “I confess to almighty God ...” in our Mass.

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

The traditional penitential practices for the faithful people of God are expressed through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

A “nail” was available on Ash Wednesday to be carried with us throughout the season of Lent as a reminder of the passion and death of the Lord and a reminder of our Lenten penitential practices. Bring it back during Holy Week and place it in the cross that will be in the lobby of the Church.

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

LENTEN GUIDELINES—

Meatless Days—Those 14 years of age and over are to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as Good Friday.

Fasting—On Good Friday, those between the ages of 18 and 59 limit themselves to one full meal and eat nothing between meals. Those other meals are light meals.

LENT: FAST FROM; FEAST ON (continued)

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement, feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer the undergirds.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—One expression of almsgiving is through our support of Operation Rice Bowl, a way to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services to feed the hungry of our world. Use the “rice bowl” available where you obtain the bulletin and return it anytime after Easter. Total funds will be forwarded to CRS.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH LENTEN PROJECT—Those who attended Mass at St. Thomas More last weekend had the opportunity to meet Hulu, a Louisiana hound dog who is in training at the Guide Dog Foundation. He will soon become a service dog for a disabled vet. Hulu was here to kick off our Lenten project for this year which is to support the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown. Whatever monies we gather during Lent will go to this worthy cause. Last weekend, \$1,702 was contributed. As funds are collected, they will be forwarded by the parish Justice and Peace Committee. Use the “little house” in the Church lobby for your donations.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER AND ADORATION will be this Monday, February 27, at 7:45pm in the Church. All are invited to participate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY—We refined more the scope of work that will be necessary to formulate the drawings for the proposed kitchen off Walden Hall. We also removed the dumpsters that were on the property as they were becoming dumping sites for those in the area who wanted to discard their refuse on Church property rather than through their own carting firms. It was also getting closer to the dumping area where the local individual has been dumping

horse manure along Simeon Woods Road. *Progress!*

2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—As tax filing time approaches, if anyone needs a record of their contributions to the parish for 2011, please fill out and return the cut-out that is in the bulletin.

Faith Direct users should have already received a statement from them directly as did the supporters of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

We will continue to send them out as we receive and compile them.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be conferred on Sunday, March 18, during the 10:45am Mass. All those in need of the healing of Jesus are invited to celebrate the Sacrament.

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 dates for this year 2012 that are also available.

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 \$13,000 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. As always, we thank you for helping us in the CMA for 2012.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

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

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.

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. We want to focus now on how we may change in order to see the Gospel as the poor do. We seem to place a lot of value on material things like our cars, clothes, homes etc. We seem to have a lot of difficulty finding our value from within ourselves. We have placed our sense of value, as a person, onto things. It may be hard now to learn to place value on ourselves. The term coined for this has been "influenza" - the addiction to things. The never ending accumulation of wealth and power. Jesus wanted to build a society where people came before things. His message was to love people and use things. We seem to live in a society that uses people and loves things. What does this all mean in term of justice and peace? What has happened as a result of this type of thinking is that the world is divided into "mine" and "yours". Saint Francis of Assisi said the same thing "that we are owned by our possessions." In the rest of this series we will focus on how to find our center in unity with God and all humanity as we continue our spiritual growth through Lent. *To be continued.*

Justice is a parish affair.

Discover needs and act justly.

Together we can make a difference.

March 3rd is Saint Katherine Drexel.

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 provides dogs for veterans who are blind; service dogs for those with disabilities other than blindness; and physical and occupational

therapy dogs to work with amputees. In the Church lobby we 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 for your support.

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.



We are always appreciative of your support of our Food Pantry. Please bring donations of food items to the bin located in the Church entrance and perishable foods to Outreach from Monday to Thursday, between the hours of 10am and 2pm. We thank you for your generosity!

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence—The S.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides quality services, including Safe Harbor Shelter and client advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children. They provide crisis intervention counseling, referrals, advocacy, screening for shelter placement and direct contact with counselors. They also provide legal assistance in family court with child custody, visitation and support. Hotline: 631.666.8833; Office: 631.666.7181.

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	John Anthony Blake



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.

OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES

Let us include in our prayers the couples who are preparing for their marriage and who 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 is having a fund raiser at Modell's. The coupon available in the lobby will entitle the bearer to 15% off purchases made now and until March 17th. The Youth Group would get 5% of everything that is spent over \$500.

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:

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—February 26

2pm—Baptisms—Church

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

Monday—February 27

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Room

7:45pm—Holy Hour—Church

Thursday—March 1

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church

Friday—March 2

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

Sunday—March 4

2pm—Baptisms—Church

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:
 March 4—Leadership
 March 11—Commitment
 March 18—Traditions
 March 25—Being Joyful
 April 1—The Issues in Life
 April 8—New Life
 April 15—Poverty
 April 22—Triumph
 April 29—Community

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

CALENDAR CLUB 2012

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

February 12—\$50—851—Miguel Araya
 February 13—\$25—1005—Hugh Samuels
 February 14—\$50—691—John Egan
 February 15—\$25—290—Judy Granville
 February 16—\$25—491—Mary Ellen Skrzypek
 February 17—\$25—628—John Aspromgos
 February 18—\$25—314—Jack & Caroline DeSantis

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

BENINCASA FAMILY SERVICES—“Partners in Mission,
 Spirit and Hope” Breakfast—Sat., April 14, 8am, Woodbury
 Country Club. For info. call 842-6000 ext. 351.

DOMINICAN VILLAGE—INDEPENDENT & ASSISTED

**LIVING RESIDENCE—RENTAL RETIREMENT
 COMMUNITY (not-for-profit, non-sectarian)**—Open House—
 1-3pm on March 1, 8, 22 & 31; April 12, 21, 26; May 10, 19, 24,
 31, 2012. For info. contact (631) 842-6091 or e-mail
info@dominicanvillage.org

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOW CHURCH—IRISH CONCERT-
 “From Galway to Broadway”**—March 2, 8. 175 Blue Point Ave.,
 Blue Point, NY. Tickets: \$30. Call 631-363-6385 x 10.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION—DOMINICAN
 VILLAGE**—Friday, March 16, 6:30-11pm; Helen Butler Hall,
 565 Albany Ave., Amityville, NY. Open bar, traditional Irish
 cuisine, Irish story teller, Irish step dancers, music for dancing.
 Raffle Grand Prize \$2,500. Tickets \$60 per person. Business attire.
 For info. call 842-6618.

**MONTFORT SPIRITUAL CENTER—LENTEN
 RETREAT**—“Jesus My Changeless Friend”—Fri. March 23—
 Sun. March 25. Offering \$175. Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 South
 Saxon Ave., Bay Shore. Telephone: 631-666-7500.

**MONTFORT SPIRITUAL CENTER—THE JOURNEY
 CROSS & CRUCIFIXION**—Sunday, March 25 @ 2pm.
 Free Will Offering. Chapel of Incarnate Wisdom, 26 South Saxon
 Ave., Bay Shore. Tel: 631-666-7500.

OUR LADY OF GRACE—LENTEN SYMPOSIUM —
 Registration essential for Lenten Symposium.

Women's Silent Retreat “Pathways to Wisdom”—
 March 9-11, 6pm Fri-11am Sun—Sr. Cathy Smith, OP. Cost \$200.

Holy Week Retreat—April 4-8, 6pm Wed-Sun AM—Fr. Vincent
 Ritchie, SJ. Cost \$300

Lenten Evenings of Meditation—March 15-22-29, 7-8:15pm.
 Sr. Marie Danaher, OP. Cost \$10 per session.

Celebrate Life—A Day for Persons 55 years old (and up)—
 April 26, 10am-3pm. Bro. André Mathieu, CP. Cost \$50.

BEST OF GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES—A “walk in the
 footsteps of St. Paul” —(including a 3-day cruise to the Greek
 Isles & Turkey)—11 Days: Oct. 9-19, 2012. Hosted by Deacon
 Charles & Marlene Muscarnera, assisted by Rev. James Mannion.
 \$3373 from NY. For more info. Call (516)223-4521 or email:
deacon79@optonline.net.

**YOUTUBE VIDEO —ONE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S
 JOURNEY TO RESTORE THEIR BELLS**—you may be
 interested in this video on how the pastor & parishioners of Holy
 Cross-Immaculata Catholic Church were able to raise funds to
 restore their bells. Go to: www.verdin.com/restore-bells
AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS—Reflection on the
 Spirituality of the Seminary Chapel. Sunday, March 11, 9:30am to
 3pm. Immaculate Conception Seminary. Reservation required.
 Call 631.423.0483.x.102.

(Second Notice)

CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE PROGRAMS

March 9—“For the Sake of My Soul!” (longing in our hearts for a
 deeper awareness and relationship with God)

March 16—“Spa Overnight Retreat”

March 17—“Celtic Spirituality”

March 18—“Companioning Jesus in His Passion”

For info on the above, call 631.588.8366

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 6,783.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - Consider having automatic
 deductions from either your 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 do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish 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: \$ 3,775.
Profit realized from sales: \$ 188.

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: \$ 415,685.
Spent on repairs and replacements: \$ 760,794.

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 gives us cash for the ones that are usable.

USED PALM—If you have blessed palms from previous years, you can bring them to the receiving bin in the Church lobby at your convenience.

**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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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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**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2012**

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$ 60,700

PLEGGED TO DATE: \$ 13,200

Help us meet our Goal!

Make a Pledge Today!

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 basket or return to 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 lives at this address.

The following person(s) to be added to this 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 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 return to 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:

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PRAYING THE ROSARY:

- 1) On the Cross, say the Apostles' Creed.
- 2) Then the Lord's Prayer and three Hail Mary's on the beads that follow.
- 3) Begin with the first decade, which is one Our Father and then ten Hail Mary's.
- 4) End with the Glory be to the Father.
- 5) Do the same for each decade of the Rosary that follows.
- 6) After last decade, say the Hail, Holy Queen.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY:

Each day has suggested Mysteries for reflection before the start of each decade.

Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays)

- 1) Jesus rises from the dead.
- 2) Jesus ascends into Heaven.
- 3) Pentecost—the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.
- 4) Assumption of Mary into Heaven.
- 5) Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)

- 1) Annunciation to Mary.
- 2) Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.
- 3) The Incarnation (birth of Jesus).
- 4) Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.
- 5) Joseph and Mary find Jesus in the Temple.

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)

- 1) Agony in the Garden.
- 2) Scourging at the Pillar.
- 3) Crowning with Thorns and Mockery by the Soldiers.
- 4) Condemnation of Jesus and Taking up the Cross.
- 5) Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

- 1) Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.
- 2) First Miracle of Jesus—The Wedding at Cana.
- 3) Jesus sends forth the Disciples.
- 4) Transfiguration of Jesus.
- 5) Institution of the Eucharist and the Last Supper.

First-Grade Proverbs

A first-grade teacher had 26 students in her class. She presented each child with the first half of a well known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb.

Don't change horses *until they stop running.*

Strike while the *bug is close.*

It's always darkest before *daylight saving time.*

Never underestimate the power of *termites.*

You can lead a horse to water but *How?*

Don't bite the hand that *looks dirty.*

No news is *impossible.*

A miss is as good as a *Mr.*

You can't teach an old dog new *math.*

If you lie down with dogs, you'll... *stink in the morning.*

Love all, trust *me.*

The pen is mightier than the *pigs.*

An idle mind is *the best way to relax.*

Where there's smoke there's *pollution.*

Happy the bride who *gets all the presents.*

A penny saved is *not much.*

Don't put off till tomorrow what ... *you put on to go to bed.*

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and
..... *you have to blow your nose.*

Children should be seen and not *spanked or grounded.*

If at first you don't succeed *get new batteries.*

You get out of something only what you
..... *see in the picture on the box.*

When the blind lead the blind *get out of the way.*

A bird in the hand *is going to poop on you.*

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.

Eastern Suffolk Boces—Special Ed

1) Teacher of Deaf & Hearing; 2) Occupational & Physical Therapist; 3) Supervisors for Summer Services.

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.

Receptionist—Part Time, Good Shepherd Church, Holbrook. 19 hours per week. Baptism preps. DP Murphy data listing.

St. Catherine of Siena—

1. Nursing Home—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;
2. Hospital—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists
3. 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.

Teachers—Part Time—Smithtown & Kings Park for morning or afternoons until June.

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.