

Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-4204

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
Rev. Peter O'Rourke, CP (*in residence*)  
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Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon John S. Rapacki

**Religious Education**

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

**Parish Outreach**

Staffed by volunteers

**Justice & Peace**

Ralph Molinaro, Chairperson

**Music Ministry**

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

**Youth Ministry**

Joe Gast, S.C., Youth Minister

**OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE -  
EUCCHARIST**

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm  
Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through  
Saturday.

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

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

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

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

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

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



*March 4, 2012*  
*Second 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:**

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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;"><b>March 4, 2012</b>  <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18</b>  <b>Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19</b>  <b>Romans 8:31b-34</b>  <b>Mark 9:2-10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 11, 2012</b>  <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Exodus 20:1-17</b>  <b>Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 1:22-25</b>  <b>John 2:13-25</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday—March 3</b>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>            5pm—For the People of the Parish</p> <p><b>Sunday—March 4—Second Sunday of Lent</b>            8am—Maria Sajewicz <i>by Ania &amp; Walter Plonski family</i>            9:15am—Cathy DeNoto <i>by the Hughes family</i>            10:45am—Dolores Walden <i>by the YoungAtHeart</i>            12:15pm—Elizabeth Albers <i>by Mario Russo &amp; family</i>, Helen Maganza <i>by Len &amp; Lillian Munzer</i>, Michael Toth <i>by Michael Fallona</i>, Sharon Von Hoff <i>by the Overton Family</i>, For the People of the Parish</p> <p><b>Monday—March 5</b>            9am—John M. Weiss <i>by Luann Weiss</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday—March 6</b>            9am—Dennis McKnight <i>by Donna Basile Louison</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday—March 7—St. Perpetua &amp; St. Felicity</b>            9am—John Cascone <i>by BettyAnn &amp; Joe Codispoti</i></p> <p><b>Thursday—March 8—St. John of God</b>            9am—Sophie Pankus <i>by Al Pankus</i></p> <p><b>Friday—March 9—St. Frances of Rome</b>            9am—Philip Spincola <i>by the Spincola family</i></p> <p><b>Saturday—March 10</b>            9am—William Owens <i>by the Eyring family</i>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>            5pm—Dolores Walden <i>by Al &amp; Eileen Weidig</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—March 11—Third Sunday of Lent</b>            8am—Louis Giulieno <i>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Rosmini</i>            9am—Thomas Bigler <i>by Laura, Jeff &amp; Hunter Green</i>            10:45am—Gabriel Butera <i>by Peter &amp; Lillian Catalano</i>, Geraldine Goodman <i>by Bill &amp; Kathy White</i>, Mary Natoli <i>by Gino &amp; Joanne Leocadi</i>, Helen Maganza <i>by Ann &amp; Lou Anarella</i>, Elinor Warren <i>by Kieko McKeon</i>, Michael Toth <i>by Jacqueline Halpin</i>            12:15pm—Luco Meoli <i>by Kay, Walter &amp; Kathy</i></p>	<p><b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:</b></p> <p>Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, <i>Zeal for your house will consume me</i>. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.</p> <p>While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.</p>

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Mary Schiller, Jessica Iannello, Tom Devine, Virginia Zablocki, Irene Aberle, Terri Ilardi McKee, Charles Boston, Marie Dunn, 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, William Heidenreich, Josephine Carpenter, Penny Henrich, Gary Surdi, Bill Radcliffe, Arlene LaRosa, Joseph Peter, Ellen Jane Vinson, Victoria Nelson, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Jennifer Savarese, Peter Calandrella, Joanne Fannon, Ruth Weurth, Martha McDonald, Doreen Montalbano, Anthony Iovino, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Phyllis Senner, Thuy Wilmott, Kathryn Badalaty, Andrew Spano, Dennis Ligus, Jerry & Brian Kilroy, Elven Tangel, Angelo Guzman, Joseph Place, Richard Landi, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Maureen O'Donnell, Barbara Alesi, Richard Gormley, Jr., Carolyn Palermo-Comiskey, Ronald Pauze, Marianne Hammel, Marie Strianese, Frances Rapacki, Sal Alessi, Claudia Fiore, Denise Mays, Pat Owens, Andrea Walker, Tom Stahura, Judy Vartanian, James & Rita Basile, Joe Dunn, Thomas McGuire, Dale Grippo, Connie Sbrocchi, Natalie Grippo, Michael Mason.

*(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

James Cable, Theresa Volk Connor, Josephine Palma, Alba Tirado, Stella Grace, Gloria DeSanctis, Patrick Ayers, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—Today we hear two familiar scripture passages: the story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac; and the Transfiguration of Jesus when the disciples heard God say to them, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Let us prepare ourselves to find meaning in these stories for our lives today, to listen as God commands us and to admit that we often fail to listen.

**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 and next Saturday also at 10:30am.

The traditional penitential practices for the faithful people of God are expressed through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. A “nail” is available for pickup in the lobby 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 who are 14 years of age and over are to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as on 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.

**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**—As a parish we are supporting the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown, specifically in their work of training service dogs for disabled vets. A few weeks ago we had one of the service dogs at our parish to encourage our support on his and other dog’s behalf. Place your donation in the “little house” at the display in the lobby during the season of Lent.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY**—We did some basement ceiling repair at the rectory. One of the Church doors required attention for a detached closer. We appreciate the fact that we did not get much snow last week. We pruned some more trees on the property to keep the leaf growth more compact. The geese did not like my presence as they honked their displeasure. Anyone with a canine is welcomed on the property to help the geese practice take offs! *Progress!*

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**—Eamon Phelan is doing his Eagle Scout project in an area between the Stations of the Cross and the parking lot. It will be a walkway and a reflection area in honor of St. Jude. Anyone can support his project in the form of buying a memorial brick that will be installed in the walkway. Reservation forms are available at the Eagle Project display in the Church lobby. Please return your request form by March 24.

**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 have already received a statement from them directly as did the supporters of the 2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

We will continue to send them out as we receive your requests and as we compile them. You may receive it by e-mail or by mail or both.

**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 \$16,000 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.

**GOLF OUTING**—The date for our Parish Golf Outing this year is Monday, July 23, at the Smithtown Landing Golf Course. Details will be announced as they are made.

**FISHING TRIP**—Our Parish Fishing Trip will be on Tuesday, June 19, aboard the Dixie II, out of Captree Boat Basin. As time approaches, we will have more information and also provide the sign up opportunity.

**OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

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

**OUR LENTEN PROJECT**

Please support this Lent’s parish project which is on behalf of the K-9s who will become companions to disabled veterans. As we were told, it costs about \$50,000 to train one K-9 to be a

service dog. Your donations to the “little house” will be forwarded to the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown to help defray such costs involved in training these fine dogs.

**JUSTICE & PEACE**

*Continuing from last week on seeing the Gospel through the eyes of the poor.* We are now focusing on unity with God and humanity as we continue our spiritual journey through Lent. Each journey is different and personal. It is one we have to take ourselves. One of the goals of justice and peace, is to get people involved in social justice, to help people turn to the poor, but it must be done for the right reason. Loving God and casting off the false self, finding the true self in unity with God. This can be done, as we have suggested, in contemplative prayer. God speaks to us in that silent form of prayer. What is important is that we do what Jesus asks us to do. We have to move out of our attachments. People like Ghandi, Dorothy Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. were contemplatives who took action after they found their center. We all begin on one side or the other. We have to find where they meet. It is at that point where we get converted. It is the way of Jesus. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? There will never be true justice and peace until we learn to value people over things. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

The 7th is St. Perpetua and St. Felicity.

The 8th is St. John of God.

The 9th is St. Frances of Rome.

**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.

**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.*

**PREPARING FOR EASTER**

Easter is April 8. This month we begin to prepare our Easter Candy Baskets and our Easter Dinner Baskets.



If you would like to donate a Candy Basket, we will need them at Outreach the week of March 25.

Food items that we need to prepare our Food Baskets are: Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, desserts, or any items that you yourself use for your own Easter dinner. We can always use gravy, canned items, pastas, sauces, pancake mix and syrups, mustard,

ketchup, coffee, tea, rice, packaged milk, shampoo, tooth paste, peanut butter and jelly, cookies, canned fruits and vegetables, jell-o and puddings, sugar, tuna, salad dressings, mayo, etc. These items will also be needed the week of March 25. If you prefer to make cash donations, you can drop it off at the Scrip table after Mass on weekends. As always, we thank everyone for their generosity!

### **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” be 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.

### **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**

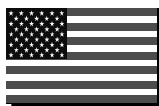
Our meetings are on every Wednesday and Saturday, rain or shine, from 8am to 10:30am at the Smithtown Abortion Clinic, 70 Maple Avenue (One block south of Route 25 (Jericho Turnpike)). Come join our protest and pray with us to defend the defenseless.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister at [Gast.Joe@gmail.com](mailto:Gast.Joe@gmail.com) or check out our website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org).

### **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.

### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

The community of St. Thomas More welcomes its newest members who recently were baptized.  
 Ryan William Tjersland, son of Erik and Christine  
 Sebastian Gene White, son of Justin and Susan

### **OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES**

Let us include in our prayers the couples who are preparing for their marriage and who are currently involved in our Pre Cana program.  
 Diana Bosak & Daniel Cano  
 Sandra LeGrand & Paul Somma  
 Lisa Kogel & Paul Lanni  
 Colleen McDonald & Stephen Monsees  
 Andrea Lanaro & Lawrence Papola  
 Meredith DeFelice & Jeremy Bernstein  
 Brianne Cipriani & James Moro

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

*(Not totally inclusive)*  
**Sunday—March 4**  
 2pm—Baptisms—Church  
 7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room  
**Monday—March 5**  
 9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room  
 7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall  
**Wednesday—March 7**  
 7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall  
**Thursday—March 8**  
 5:30pm—Children’s Choir—Church  
 7:30pm—Choir—Church  
 7:30pm—Men’s Gathering—Religious Ed Center  
 7:30pm—Columbiettes Meeting  
**Friday—March 9**  
 7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church  
 7pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall  
**Saturday—March 10**  
 1pm—Children’s Choir—Church  
**Sunday—March 11**  
 9:15am—Welcome Babies—Church  
 9:15am—RCIA  
 10am—Altar Servers Recognition  
 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](mailto:redaa@aol.com) or by phone at 543-2740 or contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

## **E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

Youth Ministry Website—[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)

Parish Secretary - [Stm73@live.com](mailto:Stm73@live.com)

Pat Chapin - [Pchapin@optonline.net](mailto:Pchapin@optonline.net)

Mary Ellen Carroll - [Mecarroll@optonline.net](mailto:Mecarroll@optonline.net)

Outreach - [Stmoutreach@optonline.net](mailto:Stmoutreach@optonline.net)

Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - [Gast.Joe@gmail.com](mailto:Gast.Joe@gmail.com)

Justice & Peace - [Natman32@aol.com](mailto:Natman32@aol.com)

Fr. Dahlke - [RWDahlke@Jesuits.net](mailto:RWDahlke@Jesuits.net)

Personal Prayer - [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:

Barbara & Joe Fratamico—[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto: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 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](http://stmli.org) and click Men's Gathering. You will have to give a password known only to you to open and read the message.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**—You can check online

for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>

**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**, Commack, New

York—Grades Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the

school at [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a

tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website

at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com)

## **CALENDAR CLUB 2012**

Here are the next set of Calendar Club 2012 winners!

Congratulations to all!

February 19—\$50—789—Walter & Lynne Brennan

February 20—\$25—196—Kevin & Nicole Probst

February 21—\$25—378—August & Elizabeth Vrondis

February 22—\$25—827—Andy & Kathy Turano

February 23—\$25—60—Pam Tangel

February 24—\$25—176—Angelo DiFrancisco

February 25—\$25—87—Camille Romito

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**—special gathering on April 1, 2pm, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, Patchogue for people who would like to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order and the Franciscan charism. For info. call Loretta Corcoran, SFO at (631) 886-2422

**MOLLOY COLLEGE—SPRING OPEN HOUSE**—Sunday April 29 at 1pm. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY; Tel: (516) 678-5000, ext. 6230

**SOPHIA GARDEN AT HOMECOMING FARM**—Are you seeking a healthier, more holistic lifestyle? Consider joining Homecoming Farm, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville. Cost \$475 includes a \$100 tax deduction to support food for The INN. For info call Sr. Jeanne Clark at (631) 842-6000, ext. 333 or e-mail [Homecomingearth@aol.com](mailto:Homecomingearth@aol.com)

**8-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF THE NORTHEAST & CANADA**—August 11-18. Itinerary includes Auriesville, Montreal, Cap de La Madeleine, Ste. Anne-de-Beaupre, Quebec City. Spiritual Director—Fr. James Stachacz, Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville; Coordinator Dianne Massiello of St. Isidore. Package price \$1845 (per person double occupancy twin bed). Deposit deadline March 15. For info contact Passages by Peter's Way (516) 605-1551 or e-mail [lorri@petersway.com](mailto:lorri@petersway.com)

**THE CATHOLIC COUNSELLING CENTER—FAMILY, MARRIAGE & INDIVIDUAL THERAPY**—Professional therapy under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, accepted. Call Dr. Giuliani at (631) 243-2503 or visit <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED & SINGLE CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**—Tuesday, March 27 @ 8pm—St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh—Non Denomination—all are welcome. Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. For more info call Carol before 9 pm (516) 794-4933 or Mike (516) 799-6541.

*(Second 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 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](mailto:info@dominicanvillage.org)

**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 to 11am Sun—Sr. Cathy Smith, OP. Cost \$200.

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

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

**Celebrate Life—A Day for Persons 55 years old (and up)**— April 26, 10am to 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 to 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](http://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.

### **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

**Last Sunday’s Collection** \$ 9,828.  
**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](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up; our church code is NY227. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**—If you 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:** \$ 415,785.  
**Spent on repairs and replacements:** \$ 764,912.  
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.

### **CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

#### **Corporal**

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To harbour the harbourless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To bury the dead.

#### **Spiritual**

- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

### **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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**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:

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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: \$ 19,875

Help us meet our Goal!

Make a Pledge Today!

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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 basket 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:

*(Please return to the 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 return  
to Church Office)*

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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 Marys.
- 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.

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

During this Lenten Season, we might reflect on the way we, as Catholics, can do an examination of conscience and how we can enhance our celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**First Commandment**

*I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. Have I...*

- Disobeyed the commandments of God or the Church?
- Refused to accept what God has revealed as true, or what the Catholic Church proposes for belief?
- Denied the existence of God?
- Nourished and protected my faith?
- Rejected everything opposed to a sound faith?
- Deliberately misled others about doctrine or the faith?
- Rejected the Catholic faith, joined another Christian denomination, or joined or practiced another religion?
- Joined a group forbidden to Catholics (Masons, communists, etc.)?
- Despaired about my salvation or the forgiveness of my sins?
- Presumed on God's mercy? (Committing a sin in expectation of forgiveness, or asking for forgiveness without conversion and practicing virtue.)
- Loved someone or something more than God (money, power, sex, ambition, etc.)?
- Let someone or something influence my choices more than God?
- Engaged in superstitious practices? (Incl. horoscopes, fortune tellers, etc.)
- Been involved in the occult? (Seances, ouija board, worship of Satan, etc.)
- Formally left the Catholic Church?
- Hidden a serious sin or told a lie in confession?

## K of C Corner    March 2012

### *February Wrap-up:*

K of C Basketball Free Throw—District Finals were held at Holy Family School in Commack on February 6,2012. Pictured below is District Deputy William P. Murphy of the 10th NY District & the nine finalists including three of STM's young ladies. Next in the schedule is the Regional's at Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Deer Park --Best of luck Girls!!!



February 11— Knights of STM donated their talents, time and effort to clean up several of the "ad hoc" storage areas in the rear of Walden Hall.        Thanks to all who were there.



### **Upcoming Events:**

March 7—Food Drive for Outreach (need for 25 Easter Hams)

March 11—Altar server appreciation breakfast between 10 and 11 AM, along with Junior Lectors and Children's Choir members and their parents

March 17-18—membership drive at each Mass



## 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.