

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

115 Kings Highway  
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**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
Rev. Peter O'Rourke, CP (*in residence*)  
Rev. Robert Dahlke, SJ, Weekend Priest  
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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.

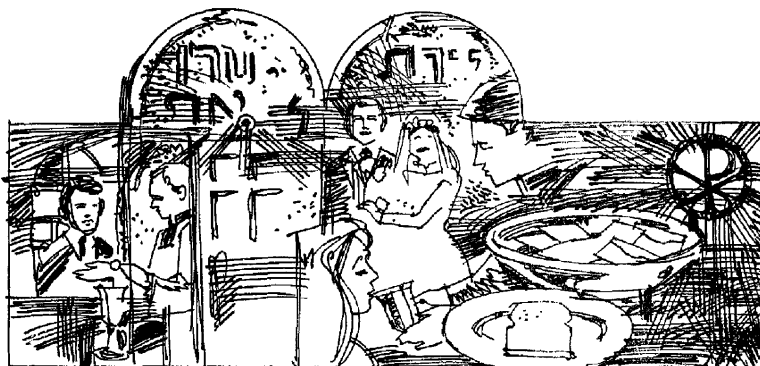
*MARRIAGE*—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Midura or one of the deacons.

*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 11, 2012*  
*Third 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	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses for this coming week</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>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 style="text-align: center;"><b>March 18, 2012</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 36:14-16, 19-23</b>  <b>Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6</b>  <b>Ephesians 2:4-10</b>  <b>John 3:14-21</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday—March 10</b>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>            5pm—Dolores Walden by <i>Al &amp; Eileen Weidig</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—March 11—Third Sunday of Lent</b>            8am—Louis Giulieno by <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Rosmini</i>            9am—Thomas Bigler by <i>Laura, Jeff &amp; Hunter Green</i>            10:45am—Gabriel Butera by <i>Peter &amp; Lillian Catalano</i>,            Geraldine Goodman by <i>Bill &amp; Kathy White</i>, Mary Natoli by  <i>Gino &amp; Joanne Leocadi</i>, Helen Maganza by <i>Ann &amp; Lou</i>  <i>Anatrella</i>, Elinor Warren by <i>Kieko McKeon</i>, Michael Toth by  <i>Jacqueline Halpin</i>            12:15pm—Luco Meoli by <i>Kay, Walter &amp; Kathy</i></p> <p><b>Monday—March 12</b>            9am—For the People of the Parish</p> <p><b>Tuesday—March 13</b>            9am—Barbara &amp; Ron Schule (both living) by <i>Jim Brosco</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday—March 14</b>            9am—Fr. Richard Nilsson</p> <p><b>Thursday—March 15</b>            9am—Deceased members of the Cregan Family            by <i>Lillian &amp; Len Munzer</i></p> <p><b>Friday—March 16</b>            9am—Paul Python by <i>Joyce Spincola</i></p> <p><b>Saturday—March 17—St. Patrick</b>            9am—Mary Kelchesky by <i>Donna Basile Louison</i>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>            5pm—Michael Cisternas by <i>his loving family</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—March 18—Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>            8am—Elinor Warren by <i>Patricia Surico</i>            9:15am—Tony Fiumefredda by <i>Louise Doyle &amp; Lauren</i>  <i>Brown</i>, Jack Grebbe by <i>Nicholas &amp; Mary Dentrone</i>, Josephine            Sadowski by <i>the Buynak Family</i>            10:45am—Vincent Laieta by <i>MaryAnn &amp; Leon Esquibel</i>            12:15pm—Robert Russo by <i>Letty Russo</i></p>	<p><b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:</b></p> <p>Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."            For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.            For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.</p> <p><b>Focus Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How do you respond when you hear the words: "for God so loved the world that he his only Son that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life"?</li> <li>2) Describe a time when you were without light. How did it make appreciate light in your world?</li> <li>3) What areas of your life need the light of Christ?</li> </ol> <p><b>Family and Children's Question:</b></p> <p>Describe someone who lights up a room when they come in. What qualities do they have that you try to imitate?</p>

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Martha McDonald, Doreen Montalbano, Joseph Resch, Anthony Iovino, James & Rita Basile, 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, Alexa Shea

Jarvis, Richard Gormley, Jr., Carolyn Palermo-Comiskey, Ronald Pauze, 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, Sal Alessi, Linda Wilkonski, Casey McDonald, James Nachtman, Bob Sydlo, Bryce Owen, Henry Kwiecenski, Louis Morales, Sr., Dennis Chase, Ann Iovino, Frank Sesti, Veronica Mattes, Victor Buzzanca, Maria Bettua, Elaine Kleinstaubler, Josephine Campanelli, Lucja Kostrzewa, Dale Grippo, Pat Owens, Katherine Drechsler, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Joe Dunn, 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, Jennifer Savarese, Peter Calandrella, Joanne Fannon, Ruth Weurth, Marianne Hammel, Marie Strianese, Frances Rapacki, Claudia Fiore, Denise Mays, Andrea Walker, Tom Stahura, Judy Vartanian, Thomas McGuire, 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

Marlene Kramps, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—In today's Gospel we hear a story that might be confusing, even shocking. It is the story of the anger of Jesus at those who were buying and selling in front of the Temple. Some scripture scholars think that Jesus was so angry because the moneychangers were cheating the poor and that their love of money defied the first commandment, "You shall not have other gods besides me." Remembering those false gods that we put before the one true God, let us ask for mercy and forgiveness.

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

**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 also on Saturday, March 24, at 10:30am and starting at 3:30pm.

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 you 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 or you can make a donation in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and place it in the collection basket. 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 behalf and on behalf of the other dogs. Place your donation in the "little house" at the display in the lobby during the season of Lent.

### TELICARE PRESENTATION—

**"2012 Public Policy Convocation: Lifting up Our Voices: How Catholics Can Make An Impact on Public Policy."**

The special features interviews and the homily Bishop Murphy gave at the Mass and Cardinal Dolan's Keynote Address.

Airtimes as follows:

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30PM

Telecare can be seen on Cablevision channel 29/137 and Verizon FiOS 296 in addition to [www.telecareTV.org](http://www.telecareTV.org) or on our free APP available at the App Store.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY**—We had to address all the burned out light bulbs in the Sanctuary and we are looking into an alternate way of illuminating the altar area. A plaque has been ordered for placement over the entrance to the former Red Room designating that room in honor of the parish's first pastor, Msgr. Robert Kirwin.

*Progress!*

**FEAST WEEKEND PLANNING MEETING**—Our Feast weekend this year will be June 16-17. In order make the weekend happen, we are having a planning meeting this coming Thursday, March 15, at 7pm in the White Room. All are invited to attend and discuss ideas and plans for the social

event that will take place on Saturday, June 16, plus all other events scheduled for that weekend. Volunteers are invited and needed! Please come out and join the fun! Any questions, please call Ken and Judy at 543.5640.

**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 by 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 to the Church Office by March 24-25.

**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.

**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 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. Every bit helps!

Every pledge can be paid off over the next several months. Your pledge can also be charged to a credit card.

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.

Last year’s CMA appeal returned over \$16,000 as a rebate to the parish.

**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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**—This month our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** Please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.

**CENSUS UPDATE**—Every household will receive a census update form in the mail so that we can keep our parish information up to date on families living in the parish. Some times individuals move out to be on their own and no longer live in our parish. We get cell phones. We sometimes changed professions and embark on a profession, etc., etc. What we ask every household to do is to supply us with some basic information to keep us up to date as best as we can. Return it to the Church office or place the form in the collection basket.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES**—This Spring, couples who have been married 50 years or more will be honored at Liturgies on Sunday, April 22, at St. Lawrence’s Church in Sayville and on Sunday, May 20, at Maria Regina Church in Seaford, both beginning at 2:30pm. Couples may register to attend ONE of the celebrations. Registration forms are at the rectory and registration must be received by the diocesan Office of Worship by April 5 for Sayville and May 3 for Seaford. Any questions, call 516.678.5800.x.207.

## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

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

## 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.* The teaching of Jesus was based on living a simple life. After 2000 years we seem to have missed His teaching on the Sermon on the Mount. We still don't seem to understand Matthew 25 on the Judgment of the Nations, the teaching on poverty, the teaching on non-violence, and love for enemies. Is the teachings of Jesus too much for us? Jesus taught us to be co-dependent on each other. In humanity we need each other. We can't do it alone. Something great is happening in the Church today. The Gospel is being seen through other eyes. These new readers in Africa, Asia and Latin America, are reading the gospel from their issues and are coming up with different answers. Many in the Western world, are saying how come we never saw that? What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? The poor don't have the luxury of assuming that things will bring them to fulfillment. They have to find a deeper meaning to life. In that respect they have a head start on us in reading the Gospel. Perhaps that is why Jesus started the Sermon on the Mount how happy are the poor. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

March 11th. Daylight Saving Time Begins.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.

**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.*



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

### DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER/CHRISTMAS 2011

We are pleased to inform you that that your donations from the Christmas Giving Tree amounted to approximately \$28,000, which was shared between our many clients and a few local agencies. We are so grateful for your tremendous generosity and would like you to know the joy you have brought to so many!

## EASTER IS APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Candy Baskets are needed for our children for Easter!

Can you donate a Basket?

In order to distribute in time for Easter, Baskets should be brought to Outreach by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are also in need of items for Easter Dinner:

*Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, desserts.*

## 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:

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.

## PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Philip Root

Scott Lovelock

Randy Donaldson

Wesley John Pritchett

Christopher Sidote

Daniel Cribbin

William Gregory

Christopher Mustakas

Thomas Mangini

David Probst

Candice Gagnon

Christopher Day

Thomas Nichols

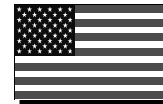
Jason Doyle

Joseph Marziotta

Justin Schneider

Greg Boes

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.

## 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).

## **RECENT BAPTISMS**

The community of St. Thomas More welcomes its newest member who recently was baptized.

Daniel Joseph Cama, son of Richard and Jessica.

## **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  
Brienne Cipriani & James Moro

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

*(Not totally inclusive)*

### **Sunday—March 11**

9:15am—Welcome of Babies—Church  
2pm—Baptisms—Church  
7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

### **Monday—March 12**

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room  
7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

### **Tuesday—March 13**

7:30pm—Diocesan Choir—Meeting Room

### **Thursday—March 15**

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church  
6:30pm—Baptism Preparation—Kirwin Hall  
7:30pm—Choir—Church

### **Friday—March 16**

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

### **Saturday—March 17**

1pm—Children's Choir—Church

## **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 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 26—\$50—109—Denise & Bob Matthews

February 27—\$25—388—John Campbell

February 28—\$25—223—Ursula & Ralph Molinaro

February 29—\$25—650—Jane & Bill Waters

March 1—\$25—131—Lou Savarese

March 2—\$25—143—Dominick Mancuso

March 3—\$25—414—Jack & Caroline DeSantis

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE, INC.**—Meeting , Monday, March 26 at 7:45 pm—St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Road & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma. Guest speaker, Rev. Donald Havrila, Pastor of Southampton Full Gospel Church. All are welcome. Light refreshments served. For info. call 631-243-1435.  
**GOLD BUYING PARTY** at Hauppauge Public Library on

Monday, March 19, 1pm to 4pm. Gem Evaluation Lab will give back 10% of value to "Friends of the Arts". Call 979.1600 to make an appointment for that day.

**THE JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION**—Monday, April 2, 8pm, at St. John's University, St. Thomas More Chapel, 8000 Utopia Parkway. Live presentation of the Stations of the Cross by Creative Ministries.

**WHERE IS GOD IN OUR EXPERIENCE OF SUFFERING?** - A look at suffering through Scripture, Tradition and Experience. Presenter: Fr. David Regan. Sundays—March 18,25 and April 1 at St. Patrick's in Smithtown. Time is 7pm. Call the rectory at 265.2271 to reserve a place.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY SWING DANCE**—March 17, 2:30pm to 4:30pm, Belle Terre Community Center, Belle Terre, NY. Admission: \$5. This is an event to raise awareness about a new community for adults with developmental disabilities being formed in our area under the umbrella of L'Arche. For info, call Sabrina @631.473.4848 or Ann @631.473.2181.

**CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SUPPORT GROUP**—A support group for adult cancer survivors no longer in active treatment. Date: Thursday, April 5, 5:30pm to 7pm, at Cancer Care, 20 Crossways Park Drive North, Woodbury. Call 516.364.8130 for registration or e-mail: Info@cancercaireli.org  
(Second 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

**8-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF THE NORTHEAST & CANADA**—August 11-18. Itinerary includes Auriesville, Montreal, Cap de La Madeleine, St. 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

**COUNSELLING—FAMILY, MARRIAGE & INDIVIDUAL** Professional therapy under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, accepted. Call 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.

## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

**Last Sunday's Collection** **\$ 9,725.**

**USING FAITH DIRECT?** - It's quick and easy! 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:** **\$ 415,885.**

**Spent on repairs and replacements:** **\$ 771,312.**

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 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  
(continued)**

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 Penance or Reconciliation.

**Second Commandment:**

*You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

Have I...

- Used the name of God in cursing or blasphemy?
- Failed to keep vows or promises that I have made to God?
- Spoken about the Faith, the Church, the saints, or sacred things with irreverence, hatred or defiance?
- Watched television or movies, or listened to music that treated God, the Church, the saints, or sacred things irreverently?
- Used vulgar, suggestive or obscene speech?
- Belittled others in my speech?
- Behaved disrespectfully in Church?
- Misused places or things set apart for the worship of God?
- Committed perjury? (Breaking an oath or lying under oath.)
- Blamed God for my failings?

**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:                \$ 24,750**

**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:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister    | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumber                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Handy Man/Woman             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrip sellers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> 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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### IN CASE YOU HAVE THE DESIRE TO SHOVEL WHILE DAY DREAMING!



**Knights of Columbus --**  
St. Thomas More Council #6062



**Membership Drive**

**March 17 - 18, 2012**

**Who are the Knights?** We are your neighbors, friends, and fellow Catholics. We are a World-wide Fraternal Order of nearly 2 million Catholic gentlemen giving service to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, our Parishes & our Communities.

**Who can join?** Any man over 18 years of age who is a practicing Catholic in union with the Holy See and who lives his life in accordance with the teachings of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**How much time will be asked of me?** Our meetings are on the first & third Wednesday of each month (held at STM Church) and last no more than 2 hours. Additional time is strictly up to you and how much you choose to be involved.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:**

Stop at our Table in the Narthex & speak to any of our Brother Knights. This is a great way to serve our Church, our Brothers and Sisters in Christ & our Community.

Steve Paduano — Grand Knight  
John Culbert — Membership Chairman



## 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.

**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

**Home Center Assemblers**—PT—assemble lawn mowers, lawn furniture, grills, etc. Flexible schedules. Benefits. [ers](#)

**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.

**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.

**St. Francis Hospital**—Physical Therapists, PT in-patient—Sat/Sun 8am-4pm. Physical Therapist Assistants, per diem, varied days, 8am—4pm.

**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.

**Stony Brook Medicine**—Patient Coding Coordinator. In patient Coding Specialist. Ambulatory Coding Specialist.

**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.