

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

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**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura, Pastor  
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Deacon John S. Rapacki

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Patricia Chapin, Co-director  
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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.

***Do what  
is true.***

*Jn 3:21*



***March 18, 2012  
Fourth Lenten Sunday  
(Laetare 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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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;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>March 25, 2012</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Jeremiah 31:31-34</b>  <b>Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15</b>  <b>Hebrews 5:7-9</b>  <b>John 12:20-23</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday—March 17</b>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>            5pm—Michael Cisternas <i>by his loving family</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—March 18—Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>            8am—Elinor Warren <i>by Patricia Surico</i>            9:15am—Tony Fiumefredda <i>by Louise Doyle &amp; Lauren Brown, Jack Grebbe by Nicholas &amp; Mary Dentrone, Josephine Sadowski by the Buynak Family</i>            10:45am—Vincent Laieta <i>by MaryAnn &amp; Leon Esquibel</i>            12:15pm—Robert Russo <i>by Letty Russo</i></p> <p><b>Monday—March 19—St. Joseph</b>            9am—The Cregan family <i>by Len &amp; Lillian Munzer</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday—March 20</b>            9am—For the People of the Parish</p> <p><b>Wednesday—March 21</b>            9am—Elizabeth Raimondo <i>by John &amp; Aurelie Miller Hendry</i></p> <p><b>Thursday—March 22</b>            9am—Helen Maganza <i>by Josephine Hauk</i></p> <p><b>Friday—March 23—St. Turibius de Mogrovejo</b>            9am—Joseph Fanok <i>by the Prisinzano family</i></p> <p><b>Saturday—March 24</b>            9am—Evelyn Scollon <i>by Al &amp; Eileen Weidig</i>  <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i>            5pm—Henrietta Henriksen <i>by Rose Law</i></p> <p><b>Sunday—March 25—Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>            8am—Winfield Reed <i>by Kathy Drechsler, Joseph Rot by his wife &amp; family, Floyd Russell by Helga Klampel, Stanley Sadowski by the Buynak Family, Elinor Warren by Michael &amp; Vivian Jacobs</i>            9:15am—Vincent Laieta <i>by the DeCristofaro family</i>            10:45am—10:45am: Mickelson &amp; Williams family <i>by Barbara Mickelson</i>            12:15pm—Reina Morales <i>by Marlina Sheridan</i></p>	<p><b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:</b></p> <p>Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."</p> <p>Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.</p> <p><b>Focus Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Talk about a time when you put others' needs before your own.</li> <li>2. Describe a time when, like Jesus, your soul was troubled.</li> <li>3. Talk about how prayer sustained you. Jesus indicates that the cross will draw people to him. Talk about what the cross means to you.</li> </ol> <p><b>Family and Children's Question:</b>            Talk about what you gave up this Lent. Did the giving up of whatever it was help you to be closer to God?</p>

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Denise Zappia, James Nachtman, Bob Sydlo, Bryce Owen, Henry Kwiecenski, Jerry & Brian Kilroy, Trudi Webb, Louis Morales, Sr., Sal Alessi, Dennis Chase, Ann Iovino, Frank Sesti, Veronica Mattes, Victor Buzzanca, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Judy Vartanian, Maria Bettua, Irene Aberle, Tom Devine, Marie Dunn, Elaine Kleinstauber, Dale Grippo, Pat

Owens, Maria Lott, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Denise Mays, Josephine Campanelli, Lucja Kostrzewa, Bill Radcliffe, Katherine Drechsler, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Joe Dunn, Edward Duffy, Catherine Kiss, Conrad Gangone, Patrick Quinn, William Heidenreich, Josephine Carpenter, Penny Henrich, Laura Privette, Gary Surdi, Arlene LaRosa, Joseph Peter, Ellen Jane Vinson, Victoria Nelson, Joanne Fannon, Jennifer Savarese, Peter Calandrella, Chase Turano, Ruth Weurth, Marianne Hammel, Marie Strianese, Claudia Fiore, Andrea Walker, Tom Stahura, Martha McDonald, Natalie Grippo, Doreen Montalbano, Joseph Resch, Joseph Placa, Anthony Iovino, James & Rita Basile, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Phyllis Senner, Thuy Wilmott, Kathryn Badalaty, Andrew Spano, Dennis Ligus, Elven Tangel, Angelo Guzman, Richard Landi, Maureen O'Donnell, Barbara Alesi, Richard Gormley, Jr., Carolyn Palermo-Comiskey, Ronald Pauze, Mary Schiller, Jessica Iannello, Virginia Zablocki, Terri Ilardi McKee, Charles Boston, Vito Baliunas, Teresa Szepietowska, Deanna Danowski, Linda Wilkonski, Casey McDonald, Thomas McGuire, Connie Sbrocchi, 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

Frances Rapacki, Elliott Konian, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FROM FR. MIDURA

**OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY**—In today's Gospel we hear a sad condemnation — that the light came into the world, but that people preferred the darkness. Lent is a time to acknowledge our own personal struggles with darkness and ask for God's light. We begin our worship asking each other for prayer.

**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.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY** – We are happy to welcome Chloe as a volunteer at St. Thomas More. Chloe is a canine who loves to exercise while coaxing the geese to move upward and onward. Since she has become a regular, we hope the geese cease being regulars at St. Thomas More.

The HVAC system that controls the Meeting Room needed a new relay to activate the heat portion of the unit. Hopefully this unit will last a little longer and not necessitate pouring money into it to keep it working as it is on the list to be replaced after we finalize plans regarding the kitchen replacement on the other side of Walden Hall. We formally requested permission to proceed with the new kitchen. Hopefully, we will not have any difficulties in this regard. We purchased end caps for the legs of the folding chairs in Walden Hall since a good number of them fell off and disappeared resulting in the chair legs having no protection against the tile floor. This batch was glued on to the chairs to help retain lastability. *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 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 next weekend, March 24-25.

**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.

**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.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**—You are encouraged to support

Operation Rice Bowl, supporting 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.

**2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**—As the tax filing deadline 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. 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.

**SPRING FLOWER SALE**—For those who are looking ahead, we will offer again geraniums, impatiens and marigolds for purchase. There will be an order form in a mailing in the next few weeks indicating the choices available. They will most likely be available for pick up the first week of May. Stay tuned!

**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 on our mailing list received a census update form in the mail. Please complete and return the form to the Church office or place it in the collection basket on weekends. Some times individuals move out to be on their own and no longer live in our parish. Some get cell phones. Some change 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.

## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

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

## JUSTICE & PEACE

*Continuing from last week on seeing the Gospel through the eyes of the poor.* God calls us to take the path of inner truth. St. Francis called this “loving the leper within us.” If we can learn to love the poor one inside of ourselves, we will have love for the poor and all who are different from us. We will be able to love the poor and the least among us. We repeat Matthew 25. It is a matter of seeing: “Lord when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked, etc.” The response is: “When you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me.” How are we doing this Lent? Have these articles helped you on your spiritual journey? What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? The Reign of God that Jesus spoke about will begin to happen when, as a community, we have a common vision of justice. When the topics of the Gospel become so real to us, then we will know what to do. There will never be peace without justice. *To be continued.*

*Justice is a parish affair.*

*Discover needs and act justly.*

*Together we can make a difference.*

March 19th is St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

March 20th is the First Day of Spring

March 23rd is St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

**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. In the next week or two we will forward \$500 so that a heifer can be purchased for a family.

## 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.

## 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 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We thank for your generosity!

## EASTER IS APRIL 8, 2012

**Candy Baskets are needed for our children for Easter!  
Can you donate a Basket?**

**If you can help, please bring Candy Baskets to Outreach by March 26, in order for us to distribute in time for Easter.**

**We are also in need of food for Easter dinner:  
Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, pasta, spaghetti sauce, jelly, peanut butter, stuffing, coffee, tea, canned fruit, dessert, And any other items that might be included for Easter dinner.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Outreach is in need of a few strong volunteers to pack and bring upstairs the Easter food baskets on Monday morning, April 2 starting at 9:30AM.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver baskets to a few clients before Holy Thursday.

## CIRCLE OF WOMEN

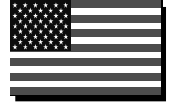
It is the mission of the *Circle of Women Book Group* to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

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	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.

## 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.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*(First Time)*

Radoslaw Krysztofiak, Edgewater, New Jersey &  
Paulina Kolodziejczyk, St. Thomas More

## 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  
Brianna 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](mailto:Gast.Joe@gmail.com) or check out our website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org).

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

#### Sunday—March 18

8:30am—Hospitality Sunday—Walden Hall

10:45am—Anointing Mass—Church

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

#### Monday—March 19

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

#### Tuesday—March 20

7pm—Pastoral Council—Rectory

7:30pm—Justice & Peace—Religious Ed Center

#### Wednesday—March 21

8:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

#### Thursday—March 22

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church

#### Friday—March 23

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall

#### Saturday—March 24

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 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@holyfamilyschool.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyschool.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!

March 4—\$50—260—Louise & Alex Protosow

March 5—\$25—54—Al & Eileen Weidig

March 6—\$25—253—Michael & Florence Acquafredda

March 7—\$25—846—Eileen Midura

March 8—\$25—515—Bernice Kluse

March 9—\$25—72—Robert & Madeline Sauchelli

March 10—\$25—231—Lou Savarese

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

**DIGNITAS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**—Community meeting on Tues., April 3 at 7pm, St. Joseph's, 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, in the Multi-purpose room. DACS is a proposed K-12 school at the Academy of St. Joseph, Brentwood to serve Brentwood and surrounding communities. Call Jackie Cioni (516) 609-2000. Brochures with info. available at the Outreach Office at St. Thomas More.

**ITALIAN AMERICAN ANCESTRY SCHOLARSHIPS**—The Islip-Smithtown Chapter of UNICO National, an Italian Heritage service organization, awards SIX scholarships of \$500 each to college bound 12th graders of Italian American ancestry with a grade point average of 80.00 or higher. Two scholarships are awarded each to Hauppauge, Smithtown East and Smithtown West. Applications and requirements are available from the Guidance Department of each school.

**LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE**—Feast of St. Joseph, Monday, March 19, 2pm to 4pm. The Church of the Resurrection, Edgewater Avenue, Smithtown, will celebrate the Sons of Italy “St. Joseph's Day”. Opening prayer and blessing of the bread will be at 2pm, after which we will share the blessed bread.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT**—Smithtown Pines, Off Old Willets Path. Large studio with full kitchen & bath. Off street parking. Single person, no smoking, no pets, \$925 rent. Call 631-774-5587.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT**—2BR, ground floor, private entrance. Heat, electric, cable included. Hauppauge. \$1,400. Call Kassie @631.553.6539.

**HONOR ROLLS**—The following students from our parish area achieved honors at St. Anthony's High School. They are: Erica Goldman, Victoria Cipri, Luke Cowden, Jennifer Falcone, Neeve Curley, Justin DeCristofaro, Kayla DeCristofaro, Martin Rowe, Daniel Faulisi, Victoria Faulisi, Andrea Finn, Kevin Grant, Alexa Guarino, Noelle Hughes, Erin Karmen, Ryan Kerwick, Joseph Lanzillotta, Joseph Loiacono, Chandler Lulley, Shannon Lulley, Shannon Mooney, Kathryn Prunty, Stephanie Paloscio, Joseph Parisi, Jr., Michael Perniciaro, Andrew Piracha, Rebecca Safranek, Nicholas Savino, Joseph Schaeperkoetter, Michael Sheehan, Joseph Zappulla. At St. John the Baptist High School, the following students achieved honors: Nicole Tessar, Mary Monsees.

(Second 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.

**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](mailto:Info@cancercaireli.org)

## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Last Sunday's Collection **\$ 8,676.**

**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: \$ 3,875.**

**Profit realized from sales: \$ 193.**

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: \$ 416,888.**

**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 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.

**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.

*Third Commandment*

*Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.*  
Have I...

- Set time aside each day for personal prayer to God?
- Missed Mass on Sunday or Holy Days (through own fault w/o sufficient reason)?
- Committed a sacrilege against the Blessed Sacrament?
- Received a sacrament while in the state of mortal sin?
- Habitually come late to and/or leave early from Mass without a good reason?
- Shop, labor, or do business unnecessarily on Sunday or other Holy Days of Obligation?
- Not attend to taking my children to Mass?
- Knowingly eat meat on a forbidden day (or not fasting on a fast day)?
- Eat or drink within one hour of receiving Communion (other than medical need)?

*Fourth Commandment*

*Honor your father and your mother.*  
Have I...

- (If still under my parents' care) Obeyed all that my parents reasonably asked of me?
- Neglected the needs of my parents in their old age or in their time of need?
- (If still in school) Obeyed the reasonable demands of my teachers?
- Neglected to give my children proper food, clothing, shelter, education, discipline and care (even after Confirmation)?
- Provided for the religious education and formation of my children for as long as they are under my care?
- Ensured that my children still under my care regularly frequent the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion?
- Educated my children in a way that corresponds to my religious convictions?
- Provided my children with a positive, prudent

- and personalized education in the Catholic teaching on human sexuality?
- Been to my children a good example of how to live the Catholic Faith?
- Prayed with and for my children?
- Lived in humble obedience to those who legitimately exercise authority over me?
- Have I broken the law?
- Have I supported or voted for a politician whose positions are opposed to the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church?

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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: \$ 27,770**

**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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### 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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### 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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**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.

**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.