

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

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**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.



April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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
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<p style="text-align: center;">Masses for this coming week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 1, 2012 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 8, 2012 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 John 20:1-9</p>
<p>Saturday—March 31 <i>(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)</i> 5pm—Mary Famularo <i>by her family</i>, Sam Lanzarotta <i>by Louise, Doyle & Lauren Brown</i></p> <p>Sunday—April 1—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8am—Inez Esposito <i>by Patricia & Peter Boykevich</i> 9:15am—Rose Puglisi <i>by Rosemarie Goldman</i> 10:45am—Dolores Walden <i>by Lou & Emilia Savarese</i> 12:15pm—Ernest Kerns <i>by Patricia Surico & Alice Freda</i></p> <p>Monday—April 2 9am—Jane Mulligan</p> <p>Tuesday—April 3 9am—For the People of the Parish</p> <p>Wednesday—April 4 9am—Peter Bulfin <i>by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton</i> 7:30pm—Choir Cantata—Church</p> <p>Thursday—April 5—Holy Thursday 9am—Morning Prayer 11am—Chrism Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral 7:30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>followed by Procession with the Blessed to the Repository in Walden Hall</i></p> <p>Friday—April 6—Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord 9am—Morning Prayer 12:10pm—Stations of the Cross 3pm—Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:30pm—Tenebrae Service—Church</p> <p>Saturday—April 7—Holy Saturday 9am—Morning Prayer 10:30am—Blessing of Easter Food—Walden Hall There is NO 5pm Mass on Saturday Evening 7:30pm Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Mass—Church</p> <p>Sunday—April 8 —Easter—The Lord's Resurrection 8am—Jan, Genowefa & John Midura, Dora Stollo, Madeline & Herman Meyer, John & Teresa Healy, Isidoro & Celia Santana, Benny & Catherine Carra, Rita Corte, Walter & Lottie Skipka, Mary & Gerry Light, Phil Spicola, John, Catherine & Russell Gambino, Joseph & Michael Peirano 9:15am—Those who supported the Easter Flower Fund 10:45am—Those included in the Easter Spiritual Remembrance 12:15pm—Guy Barber <i>by Grace Barber & family</i>, Mary</p>	<p>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.</p> <p>Focus Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relate an experience when you felt joy to be alive. 2. Describe a time when your faith changed as a result of something unexpected. 3. Describe an experience when you felt the Lord had been taken from you. <p>Family and Children's Question:</p> <p>Talk about the ways you celebrate the joy of Easter. How central is Jesus rising from the dead in your celebration?</p>

Famularo *by her family*, Mickelson & Williams families *by Barbara Mickelson*, Elizabeth Torre *by Don & Joan Perks*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Phyllis Senner, Joe Capra, Liz Brigandi, Thuy Wilmott, Dennis Ligus, Angelo Guzman, Richard Landi, Maureen O'Donnell, Barbara Alesi, Richard Gormley, Jr., Ronald Pauze, Mary Schiller, Jessica Iannello, Virginia Zablocki, Terri Iardi McKee, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Richard Stout, Charles Boston, Andrew Spano, Vito Baliunas, Teresa Szepietowska, Deanna Danowski, Linda Wilkonski, Casey

McDonald, Thomas McGuire, Denise Zappia, James Nachtman, Bob Sydlo, Bryce Owen, Henry Kwiecenski, Trudi Webb, Louis Morales, Sr., Sal Alessi, Dennis Chase, Ann Iovino, Frank Sesti, Veronica Mattes, Michael Mason, Victor Buzzanca, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Judy Vartanian, Maria Bettua, Irene Aberle, Tom Devine, Marie Dunn, Elaine Kleinstauber, Dale Grippo, Pat Owens, Denise Mays, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Lucja Kostrzewa, Bill Radcliffe, Katherine Drechsler, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Joe Dunn, Edward Duffy, Catherine Kiss, William Heidenreich, Penny Henrich, Laura Privette, 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, Joseph Placa, Anthony Iovino, James & Rita Basile, Connie Sbrocchi.

(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 May).

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Fanny Tutone, Thomas Fallona, Mary Burriesci, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FROM FR. MIDURA

OUR LITURGY FOR SUNDAY—During the Jewish Passover celebration, Jesus rode into Jerusalem and was given a hero's welcome by the people, who had heard of his miracles and regarded him as the leader who would deliver them from the domination of the Roman Empire. They carried palm branches, a traditional symbol of victory, and spread them in the streets before him, shouting "Hosanna, glory to God". Palms are used in church services on this day, which is the beginning of HOLY WEEK, and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

At the beginning of the Mass, the palms are distributed to the congregation. In some countries, where palms are not available, branches of other trees—particularly pussy willow, olive, box, yew, and spruce—are used. They are later hung up in houses for good luck, buried to preserve

crops, or used to decorate graves.

RECONCILIATION DAY—This Monday all the Churches in our diocese will take part in Reconciliation Day. That means the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance or Confession will be offered in all parishes. In St. Thomas More, the Sacrament will be available continuously in the Church from 3pm to 9pm. We encourage everyone to receive the Sacrament to be part of our spiritual preparation to celebrate the events of Holy Week and to joyfully celebrate Easter Sunday, the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

ENDING THE SEASON OF LENT—We have daily Mass at 9am until this Wednesday. Then the Sacred Triduum begins. On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there is Morning Prayer at 9am. See the rest of the Holy Week and Easter schedule below.

A "nail" was available at the beginning of Lent 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.

HOLY WEEK GUIDELINES—

Meatless Days—Those who are 14 years of age and over are to abstain from eating meat 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Week Monday - April 2, 2012

9am - Mass

3pm to 9pm—Reconciliation Day throughout the Diocese in all parishes. Confessions at St. Thomas More in Church from 3pm to 9pm.

Holy Week Tuesday - April 3, 2012

9am - Morning Mass

Holy Week Wednesday - April 4, 2012

9am - Morning Mass

7:30pm—Choir Cantata—Church

Holy Thursday - April 5, 2012

9am - Morning Prayer

11am - Chrism Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper in Church followed by Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose in Walden Hall. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository until 10pm.

Good Friday - April 6, 2012

9am - Morning Prayer

12:10pm - Stations of the Cross

1:30pm - Stations of the Cross for the Young People

3pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:30pm - Tenebrae Service—Church

Holy Saturday - April 7, 2012

9am - Morning Prayer

10:30am - Blessing of Easter Food - Walden Hall

No 5pm Mass

7:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass—Church

Easter Sunday - April 8, 2012

Masses at: 8am, 9:15am, 10:30am, & 12:15pm

TENEBRAE SERVICE

On Good Friday evening, April 6, at 7pm, the St. Thomas More Community and all its' friends are invited to share in the ancient Service called *Tenebrae*. The name *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for "shadows"; thus the Service of the Shadows, the primary reason it is conducted in the evening.

This ritual is rooted in the early Church tradition of expressing the grief that weighs down the heart of our Holy Mother, the Church, at the crucifixion and death of Jesus. There are fourteen "shadows" that represent the stages of the Good Friday events.

Through each of them, those present are moved by Scripture, prayer and music to reflect upon the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that day.

The Service ends with gesture of respect and dignity toward the "light" of Christ, dignifying the triumph of Good over evil. The Service is approximately 45 minutes long.

Give yourself the gift of *Tenebrae* this Easter!

WHAT IS HOLY THURSDAY—Holy Thursday is the day that Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, four days after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Only hours after the Last Supper, Judas would betray Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, setting the stage for Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday.

This feast is more than just the lead-in to Good Friday; it is the oldest of the celebrations of Holy Week. Holy Thursday is the day that Catholics commemorate the institution of three pillars of the Catholic Faith: the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the priesthood, and the Mass. During the Last Supper, Christ blessed the bread and wine with the very words that priests use today to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass. In telling His disciples to "Do this in remembrance of Me," He instituted the Mass and made them the first priests. Near the end of the Last Supper, after Judas had departed, Christ said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another." The Latin word for "commandment," *mandatum* became the source for another name for Holy Thursday: Maundy Thursday.

On Holy Thursday, the priests gather with the bishop to consecrate holy oils, which are used throughout the year for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick. This ancient practice, which goes back to the fifth century, is known as the Chrism Mass ("chrism" is a mixture of oil and balsam used for the holy oils) and stresses the role of the bishop as a successor to the apostles.

There is only one Mass other than the Chrism Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday in each church: the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which is celebrated after sundown. It commemorates the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and it ends with the removal of the Body of Christ from the tabernacle in the main body of the church. The Eucharist is carried in procession to another place where it is kept overnight, to be distributed during the commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. After the procession, the Church altar is stripped

bare, and all bells in the church are silent until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

WHAT IS GOOD FRIDAY—Good Friday begins the second day of the Paschal Triduum. The major Good Friday worship services begin in the afternoon. Various traditions and customs are associated with the celebration of Good Friday.

- 1) The Passion of St. John's gospel consists of reading parts of John's gospel.
- 2) The Veneration of the Cross is common in the Western Church. This is when Christians approach a wooden cross and venerate it.
- 3) Reception of Holy Communion with the reserved host. No Masses are said on Good Friday or Holy Saturday, therefore the reserved host from the Holy Thursday Mass is used. This is called the "Mass of the Pre-Sanctified." Churches offer the Stations of the Cross, also called the "Way of the Cross," on Good Friday.

WHAT IS HOLY SATURDAY—Holy Saturday, *Sabbatum Sanctum* in Latin, is the last day of Holy Week, and the 40th day of the traditional fast of Lent, although Lent ends liturgically on the evening of Holy Thursday. The evening of Holy Saturday begins the third and final day of the Paschal Triduum. In the Western Church, no Masses are said on Holy Saturday, and the day is essentially a liturgically sparse time of reflection upon Christ's death and burial in anticipation of the Great Vigil of Easter (Paschal Vigil). The vigil begins the night of Holy Saturday, lasting until Easter morning. Very little happens on Holy Saturday, that is until the beginning of the Great Paschal Vigil.

REMEMBERING THE SICK—We invite those who have submitted individual's name for inclusion in the listing of those who are ill to re-submit their names if they are not on the current list. Also, if anyone has returned to good health and their name can be removed, please inform the Church office.

ADULTS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION There will be a meeting for baptized Catholics who were never confirmed and who are interested in being confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2012. Please contact Mary Ellen at 234.0397 if you have any questions or would like to attend. The first meeting will be held on April 12 at 7pm in the Religious Ed Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR FACILITY – Architectural plans for the new kitchen in the parish center are progressing! We were almost ready to mow the grass around the property, but Mother Nature sent some coolness and that slowed the growth of the grass. *Progress!*

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 American Vet Dog program, that is located in Smithtown, and their work of training service dogs for disabled vets. We had one of the service dogs at our parish during Lent to encourage support on behalf of the program. To date, over \$7,000 has been donated. Place your donation in the “little house” at the display in the lobby.

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. Return the “Rice Bowl” 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—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 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—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. 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. There will be a meeting for all those who would like to volunteer to help with the Golf Outing on Monday, April 9, at 7pm in the rectory.

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.

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. 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

Saturday

5pm

Fr. Racos 7:30pm - Msgr. Midura

Sunday

8am

Msgr. Midura Msgr. Midura

9:15am

Msgr. Midura Msgr. Midura

10:45am

Fr. Dahlke Msgr. Boccafolo

12:15pm

Fr. O'Rourke Fr. Dahlke

JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. This is Holy Week for us as Catholic Christians. As we come up to Holy Thursday and the Chrism Mass, let us think about Jesus and the suffering He underwent for us. Friday is Good Friday, the day Jesus died for our sins, and is laid in the tomb.

Justice is a parish affair.

Discover needs and act justly.

Together we can make a difference.

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.

PARISH OUTREACH & ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

Our mission to help people incorporate St. Thomas More Parish Outreach and the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

We are always appreciative of your support of our Food Pantry.



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

EASTER IS APRIL 8, 2012

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week is the last chance to donate a Candy Basket or ham to Outreach. Our clients will be picking up baskets and food from us on those days, if you would

like to help. Outreach will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Outreach is in need of a few strong volunteers to pack and bring upstairs Easter food baskets on this Monday morning, starting at 9:30am. Volunteers are also needed to deliver baskets to a few clients before Holy Thursday. If you can help, please call Outreach at 234-3419 or come by at 9:30am.

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND MUSIC

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN RECOGNITION DINNER

You are cordially invited to attend the Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner, which will be held on Wednesday, April 18, starting at 6pm. The Hauppauge School District, PTA, business community and district residents would like to thank you and pay tribute to you for your contributions to the Hauppauge School District and Hauppauge Community. This free dinner will be held in your honor and, for your enjoyment, an evening of musical entertainment is planned, performed by Hauppauge students at the All-District Jazz night following the dinner. In order to plan the food preparation, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 11. If you would like to attend, please contact Parish Outreach to pick up a response form.

MEN'S GATHERING

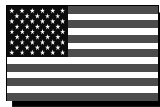
The next meeting of the men's gathering will be on Thursday April 12, 2012 in the religious education office at 7:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Ed. Vigneaux, Please plan to attend and bring a friend

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.

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.

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.

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

(Third Time)

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

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister at Gast.Joe@gmail.com or check out our website at www.stthomasmoreyouth.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—April 1

No Bible Study

Monday—April 2

No Bible Study

3pm-9pm—Reconciliation/Confessions—Church

Wednesday—April 4

7:30pm—Choir Cantata—Church

Friday—April 6

12:10pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

1:30pm—Stations of the Cross Young People—Church

7:30pm—*Tenebrae*—Church

Saturday—April 7

10:30am—Blessing of Easter Food—Walden Hall

Sunday—April 8—Easter Sunday
A Holy and Blessed Easter to all our parishioners and their families.

THINKING ABOUT ??

BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

- Are you a baptized Catholic who was never confirmed?
- Are you someone baptized in another faith but interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you someone who was never baptized?

If any of these apply to you, consider our parish *RCIA* (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information, contact Ann Russo through e-mail, redaa@aol.com or by phone at 543-2740 or contact Fr. Midura at the Church Office.

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

Parish Secretary - Stm73@live.com

Pat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.net

Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net

Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net

Youth Ministry (Joe Gast) - Gast.Joe@gmail.com

Justice & Peace - Natman32@aol.com

Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net

Personal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com

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

Barbara & Joe Fratamico—BJFRAT@optonline.net

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

Topics:

April 1—The Issues in Life

April 8—New Life

April 15—Poverty

April 22—Triumph

April 29—Community

MEN'S GATHERING website. Go to the parish website at <http://www.buoy.com/~stm> or stmli.org and click Men's Gathering. You will have to give a password known only to you to open and read the message.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th. You may contact the school at parents@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the School website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

CALENDAR CLUB 2012

Here are the next set of Calendar Club 2012 winners!

Congratulations to all!

March 18—\$50—137—John McDonald

March 19—\$25—14—Jack & Caroline DeSantis

March 20—\$25—972—John Chiarelli

March 21—\$25—856—Ellie Stout

March 22—\$25—481—Anna & Matty Randazzo

March 23—\$25—7—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lilly

March 24—\$25—602—Tom Napolitano

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

FAITH AND LIGHT MASS—Friday, April 13 @ 7pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset. (Faith and Light – an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges, their families & caregivers).

SACRED HEART ACADEMY, 47 CATHEDRAL AVE., HEMPSTEAD, NY— Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course—Aug. 20-24; Sept. 8, 2012 and Oct. 13, 2012.

Cost \$200 (includes all materials). Two sessions available.

PSAT Review Course—Aug. 13-17; Sept. 8 and Sept. 22, 2012.

Cost \$200 (includes all materials). Students must bring their own calculators. Two sessions are available.

For info and applications, please call (516) 483-7383, ext. 249.

(Second Notice)

ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE COMPANY

Presents PIPPIN—Thursday April 19 @ 7pm; Friday April 20 & Saturday April 21 @ 8pm. General Admission \$10. St. Anthony's High School, 275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington, NY 11746. For info call 271-2020.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection

\$ 9,317.

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 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:

\$ 3,575.

Profit realized from sales:

\$ 178.

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:

\$ 417,487.

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.

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.

Seventh & Tenth Commandments

You shall not steal.
You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
Have I...

- Stolen? (Take something that doesn't belong to me against the reasonable will of the owner.)
- Envied others on account of their possessions?
- Tried to live in a spirit of Gospel poverty and simplicity?
- Given generously to others in need?
- Considered that God has provided me with money so that I might use it to benefit others, as well as for my own legitimate needs?
- Freed myself from a consumer mentality?
- Practiced the works of mercy?
- Deliberately defaced, destroyed or lost another's property?
- Cheated on a test, taxes, sports, games, or in business?
- Squandered money in compulsive gambling?
- Make a false claim to an insurance company?
- Paid my employees a living wage, or failed to give a full day's work for a full day's pay?
- Failed to honor my part of a contract?
- Failed to make good on a debt?
- Overcharge someone, especially to take advantage of another's hardship or ignorance?
- Misused natural resources?

Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Have I...

- Lied?
- Knowingly and willfully deceived another?
- Perjured myself under oath?
- Gossiped?
- Committed detraction? (Destroying a person's reputation by telling others about his faults for no good reason.)
- Committed slander or calumny? (Telling lies about another person in order to destroy his reputation.)
- Committed libel? (Writing lies about another person in order to destroy his reputation.)
- Been guilty of rash judgment? (Assuming the worst of another person based on circumstantial evidence.)
- Failed to make reparation for a lie I told, or for harm done to a person's reputation?
- Failed to speak out in defense of the Catholic Faith, the Church, or of another person?
- Betrayed another's confidence through speech?

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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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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**

**OUR PARISH GOAL: \$ 60,700
PLEGGED TO DATE: \$ 32,740**

**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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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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IMPATIENS & GERANIUM & MARIGOLD Flower Sale

Impatiens - 48 flower flats - \$11 per flat
(Indicate quantity next to each color)

Colors:

___ Red ___ White ___ Pink
___ Pink Swirl ___ Purple ___ Mixed

TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$11 each = \$ ___

New Guinea Impatiens - 8" pots - \$11 per pot

Colors:

___ Red ___ White ___ Lavender
___ Pink ___ Salmon

TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$11 each = \$ ___

Geraniums - 6" pots - \$7 per pot

Colors:

___ Red ___ Pink ___ White ___ Violet ___ Salmon

TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$7 each = \$ ___

Ivy Geraniums (Hanging pots) - \$11 each

___ Red ___ Pink ___ White ___ Lavender

TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$11 each = \$ ___

Marigolds—48 plant Flats - \$11 per flat

Large ___ Yellow ___ Orange

Dwarf ___ Orange ___ Yellow ___ Red ___ Mixed

TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$11 each = \$ ___

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Name:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

(Please place Order Form in envelope marked "Flowers" and return to Church Office or place in collection with Payment by April 29, 2012)



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.

Certified Nurse Practitioners—Northport VA Hospital—3/5 years experience, flexible hours, excellent benefits.

CVD Equipment Corp—New Central Islip facility. Elec, gas, mech, chemical engineers. Sales manager. Excellent 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.

Oceanside Christopher Catholic Credit Union—3 openings: Marketing Specialist; Mortgage Consumer Lender; Credit/Debit Card specialist. Experience necessary. Benefits.

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.

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.

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.