

Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway
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Pastoral Staff

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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 Parish 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 the Parish Office or one of the deacons.

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

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

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

HOLY ORDERS—Contact the Parish Office for more information about the priesthood or diaconate.



**There will
be signs in
the sun, moon,
and the stars.**
Lk 21:25

December 2, 2012
First Sunday of Advent
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;">Masses for this coming week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December 2, 2012 First Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thessalonians 4:13—4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 9, 2012 Second Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p>

Saturday—December 1

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Ruthie Bacino *by Winnie & Andy Lang*; John & Mary Barry *by Lillian Gibbs*; Msgr Francis S. Midura *by the Aberle family*; Helen Michalski *by the Dennis Chase family*.

Sunday—December 2—First Sunday of Advent

8am—Lisa Codispoti *by the Altar Society*

9:15am—Sgt. Anthony DeSocio, Lt. Daniel DeSocio & Richard Hohn *by Joan & Jim Murphy*

10:45am—Joseph Bitet *by the Acquafredda family*

12:15pm—Frances Rapacki *by Emilia Savarese*

Monday—December 3—St. Francis Xavier

9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

Tuesday—December 4—St. John Damascene

9am—Joseph Peirano

Wednesday—December 5

9am—William Gaudet *by Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

Thursday—December 6—St. Nicholas

9am—Lisa Codispoti *by the Codispoti family*

Friday—December 7—St. Ambrose

9am— For World Peace

Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception

7pm—Maria Corssy *by Daniza Humberto*

Saturday—December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am—Mary Trotta *by Al Weidig*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Rose, Michael, Rocco, Lea and Viso *by the Butindari family*

Sunday—December 9—Second Sunday of Advent

8am—Anthony Pagano *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

9:15am—Frances Rapacki *by Joe & Marilyn Guariglia*

10:45am—Gabriel Butera *by friends at YoungAtHeart*

12:15pm—Maria Corssy & family *by Daniza Humberto*; James Imbriali *by the Esposito family*; Helen Michalski *by the Dennis Chase family*; Rev. Magr. Francis S. Midura *by the Goebeler family*; Albert Nyland *by Edward & Eileen Rogan & family*; Kathleen Roberti *by Timothy Hart & family*; Marie & Jim Virgilio *by Joseph & Anna Beltrani*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when worldly cares distracted you from entering into the spirit of Advent.
2. Relate a time when you were caught off guard. How did that change the way you do things?
3. What are you doing to strengthen your prayer life this Advent?

Family and Children's Question:

Talk about patience in waiting for what you hope will happen. What are some things you can do this week to practice patience? At the end of the week talk about what that experience has been like.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Conrad Gangone, Susan Raphael, Lucille Borrello, Henry Kwiecinski, Elaine Kleinstauber, Judith Reilly, Alexa Shea Jarvis, Irene Aberle, Maureen O'Donnell, Dolores Berrafato, Diane Sioss, Agnes Gollhofer, Kathy Badalaty, Tadeusz Kostrzewa, Cindy Mango, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Dolores Poehl, Juliette Gerlach, Leona Esposito, Mathilde Cormier, Richard Stout, Marie Dunn, James & Rita Basile, Theresa Caiata, Ellen-Jane Vinson, Jeanine Flandia-Walsh, Sean Walsh, Stella Minecci, Ted Stahura, Tom Stahura, Tom McGuire, Teresa Achison, Katherine Drechsler, Arlene LaRosa, Carmella Loccisao, Marie Dunne, Jim Regan, Leo Vannoni, Jeanne Marie Oliveri, Conrad Gangone, Ron Lupo, Chase Turano, Tom Devine, Susan Raphael, Paul Nicholls, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Jean Marsala-Kieffner, Jo-Ann Fannon.

(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 listing will expire at the end of November. Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.)

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Raymond J. Stone, Josephine Michels, Elisa S. Ryan, Ann Marie Retmanski, Msgr. Francis S. Midura, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends

We start Advent this week, a time of waiting for the Lord. Advent reminds us of two kinds of waiting. The first waiting is for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas, December 25th. The second waiting is for the final coming (the Second Coming) of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Judge of the universe at the end of the world.

On the first Sunday of the Advent we will bless the Advent wreath and light its first candle. The Advent wreath has four candles: three of them are purple, the fourth is pink. The first two weeks we will light the purple candles indicating that we watch and wait for the Lord so as not to miss His coming. On the third Sunday of Advent we will light the pink candle indicating that there is joy in waiting for the Lord. The fourth week's purple candle invites us to intensify the waiting for the Lord who is almost at our door.

The second Sunday of this Advent coincides with the 45th Anniversary of our Church. We are the church, the living witness of God's work in Jesus among us. It is a

great occasion to celebrate 'US', God's Church in Jesus. On Sunday, December 9th, we will celebrate us at the 12:15 Mass. As your new Pastor, I am sending a personal invitation to you at your home to join in this celebration.

On the third Sunday of the Advent when the pink candle of joy is lighted, we will express our joy by 'Tree Lighting'. On Saturday, December 15th after the 5:00 pm Mass we will gather outside the church to start the countdown to illuminate the Christmas Tree. The three magi from the east saw the star and were directed towards the manger. As we will be close to Christmas day, we will light the tree as a symbol of being led by divine light towards the manger to celebrate the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Thus we will walk through Advent heightening our expectation each week to welcome Jesus. I earnestly request all of you, my dear people to involve yourselves and your families in these Advent events as a way of preparing for Christmas. Yes, this season is very hectic and stressful. Please take time to give it meaning, the meaning of love to all your activities and stress. When done in love everything becomes a moment of divine experience of love and joy. God does everything in love and that is why even the manger, the birth place of Jesus, was made to be the abode of glory.

Calendar Club 2013: The Calendar Club is open for 2013. We still need more members to join the Club to make it profitable to the Parish. Please show your support by joining the Calendar Club. You can also consider giving the Calendar Club as a gift to someone. This week the bulletin carries a form for joining the Calendar Club 2013. Calendar Club is a good way of fund raising for the Parish.

Poinsettias for the Christmas Season: We offer Poinsettias for purchase. Colors are Red, White and Marble in 7" pots. Cost is \$15 each and the deadline for ordering is December 9. Please place your order at the Rectory Office.

The Giving Tree: 'The Giving Tree' is in the Church Lobby with tags on how we can help in presenting gifts at Christmas to those who are in need. By picking up a tag from the tree, you can help someone celebrate a 'Merry Christmas' from the fruit of your donation. Thanks for being a part of the 'Giving Tree'.

Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a vigil mass on Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm. We will have an hour of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament following the Vigil Mass. We will pray for Life and its preservation in all stages from conception to death.

Our motto says, "SHARING THE SPIRIT OF LOVE". We have been a growing and loving community for 45 lively years and continue to be so. I repeat what I said in the personal invitation I mailed to your homes. Please mark your calendar and come as families, in groups, or as

individuals to celebrate our community on Sunday December 9th at the 12:15 Mass. It is worth celebrating our faith in God, our love as a community in Christ and our gifts of the Holy Spirit in St. Thomas More.

With love and prayers

Fr. Antony Asir.

JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It is a time to prepare for The Birth Of Our Lord Jesus Christ. "Many persons clothe themselves with certain outward actions connected with holy devotion, and the world believes that they are truly devout and spiritual, whereas they are in fact nothing but copies and phantoms of devotion." Francis de Sales. These words are harsh but very true. What keeps us from taking God seriously? One obstacle perhaps our greatest - judging from the number of times Jesus denounced it - is hypocrisy. Remember the Pharisee who was praying in the temple (Luke 18:9-14) " God, I thank you that I am not like other people," he began. He looked good but God who sees the heart was not impressed. What good are religious observances that don't express a person's obedience to the great commandment? " You shall love God with all your heart, and with your soul, and with your mind" (Matthew 22:37). "You shall love your neighbor as yourself " Matthew 22:39). What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? Many Christians play the game of looking good, but they are losing sight of the Lord. How could we forget that everything we have comes from God? What is important is to know ourselves and who God is. " Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting". Psalm 139:23-24.

To be continued.

*Justice is a parish affair.
Together we can make a difference.
Discover needs and act justly.*

- Dec. 2 is the First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 3 is St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Dec. 4 is St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
- Dec. 6 is St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Dec. 7 is St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Dec. 8 is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a Holy Day of Obligation

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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO OUR THANKSGIVING DRIVE !



Food and turkeys were donated in abundance! Thanks to all who so generously donated to our baskets. Thanks to Tom P. for the many turkeys donated and to Carmella D. for donating two cases of stuffing. We also thank the Columbiettes and our Religious Ed. Classes for their food donations and the Youth Group for collecting door-to-door in Hauppauge. We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus for the many turkeys they contributed to our drive and for delivering to clients who were unable to pick up their baskets from Outreach. Thanks to all of you who gave gift cards and monetary donations anonymously and to our regular donors for your continued generosity. A Very Big Thanks to our great Pantry Team and their helpers for organizing, sorting and packing our baskets. Without them none of this could happen. With all the hard work and support of all involved and the caring of our St. Thomas More Community, our Thanksgiving Drive was a great success and all our clients were provided with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner!

THE GIVING TREE PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS- 2012 NOVEMBER 24—DECEMBER 16

OUR GIVING TREE IS ON DISPLAY IN THE NARTHES. PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO A FAMILY IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS. GIFT CARDS AND GIFTS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE NARFTHES AFTER SUNDAY MASSES. GIFT CARDS MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT TO OUTREACH :

MONDAY—THURSDAY
FROM 10AM—2PM.

PLEASE SEE OUR FLYER FOR DETAILS.

Volunteers Needed: We have received a request for volunteers willing to sit with a female patient who is undergoing dialysis 3 times weekly from 12 to 3pm. A family member is presently doing this, but if a few volunteers stepped in from time to time, it would be a great relief for her. There is no transportation involved. The dialysis location is on Route 111 in Hauppauge. If you can help, and for further information, please call Dorothy at 631-774-9088.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Carl F. Greiner
Scott Lovelock
Justin Schneider
Christopher Day
Karin Fitzgerald

Michael White
Christopher Mustakas
Candice Gagnon
William Gregory
Thomas Nichols

Jason Doyle

If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like to have their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know.



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If you need to dispose of **old US Flags** contact Jerry Ferrara.

The Knights will host their first **Annual Christmas Dinner** on Dec. 18, at **Ciro's Restaurant**, Hauppauge. This dinner is open to all members in good standing and their adult guest. The cost is \$22. per person. Please contact Jerry Ferrara for more info.

ST. THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTES

St. Thomas More Columbiettes #6062 would like to thank everybody who helped make our Supermarket Bingo a big success. **THANK YOU!**

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 December is:
Dec. 10, 2012, Faith by Jennifer Haigh

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 the Church Office.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY HOUR: Every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm.

NEEDED: RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY COORDINATOR

A volunteer is needed to be a liaison between our parish and the Diocese concerning the Respect Life Ministry. Responsibilities are: Corresponding with the Diocesan Respect Life Office-attending the Deanery meeting once a year and distributing Pro-Life Materials in our Parish; maintaining and updating the Respect Life Bulletin Board and brochure racks in the Church

lobby; keeping our parish informed of Pro-Life Events- such as the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and the "Stand Up for Life" on L.I.; keeping the banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe for parish functions; sponsoring fundraisers for the Life Center etc.; and maintaining the Memorial Garden for the Holy Innocents. For more info, call Alice at 265-1949.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Monday—December 3

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

Tuesday—December 4

7pm—Pastoral Council—Rectory

Wednesday—December 5

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Red Room

Thursday—December 6

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church

Saturday—December 8

1:15pm—Rehearsal Children's Choir—Church

Sunday—December 9

9:15am—Welcome Babies—Church

12:15pm—**St. Thomas More 45th Anniversary Mass**

7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

HAUPPAUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT—Truck Company #1-

"Breakfast with Santa"—Sun. Dec. 2, 8:30am to 12noon.

Donations \$6 for adults ; \$4 for kids (3-11 years). Photos with Santa will be available. \$5 donation per photo. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our food pantry. For info e-mail santabreakfast@verizon.net

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CENTER, DOUGLASTON—HEALING MASS—Dec. 4 @ 7pm. with Rosary, Mass & Healing Service. For info contact (718)229-8001

FAITH & LIGHT MEETING—PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS—NESCONSET. Dec. 7 at 7pm. (Faith & Light is an international faith-sharing organization for developmentally challenged people, their families and caregivers).

23rd NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego. 9pm Dec. 8 to 1am Dec. 9th. For info call Anne Murphy at 224-1089,

HAUPPAUGE LIBRARY—HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR—Sat. Dec. 15th from 10am to 4pm. Vendors call 234-0714 for info.

SPRING & FALL PILGRIMAGES BY FRANCISCAN AND CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS—

"Footsteps of John Paul II —Poland/Prague"; "Franciscan Italy";

“Great Women of Faith” —Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux; “Paris/Lisieux Retreat; “Holy Land—The Living Rosary”; “Medugorje—Journey to Peace”; “Fatima”; “Guadalupe/Mexico, Our Lady in the New World”; “The Camino/Santiago de Compostelo”; “World Youth Day” - Madrid and Fatima.

Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more info or to arrange a private custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 1-800-631-1128 or on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and our parish will receive a contribution.

(Second Notice)

VICTIMS OF HURRICANE SANDY—FEMA FUNDED—”PROJECT HOPE”—Crisis Counselors are available to come to your house. Residents of the Town of Babylon & Islip, please call Tracy Falkner (Federation of Organizations) 631-669-5355 x1003.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE—2 Indian Head Road, Commack—Donations requested of clothing, blankets, gloves & scarves. Personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, powder, deodorants, etc.). Cleaning supplies (bleach, paper towels, Lysol, heavy duty brooms, masks, etc.) All donations given to local families affected by our recent storms.)

ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER—Brentwood—December Programs:

Dec. 5: 1-2:30pm “Living with Alzheimers and Dementia” (held On 1st Wednesday of month). *Free Will offering*.

Dec. 5—7:30pm (Evening session); Dec. 19—(Morning session)—“Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of Focusing”. \$15 per session.

Dec. 5—7-8pm—Therapeutic/Guided Meditation—\$15 (\$20 individual session by appointment).

Dec. 5—10am—3pm—Advent Day of Prayer “Are you READY to let a TINY HAND take yours?”—\$35 includes lunch.

Dec. 8—8-9:30am—Men’s Spiritual Gathering. \$20 includes breakfast.

Dec.11—10am-12noon—Women’s Spiritual Gathering. \$15. For reservations, please call (631) 273-1187 x123.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of November 25: \$ 9,040.20

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.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

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.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

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.

SCRIP SALES

Scrip Sales November 25: \$2950.

Profit to the Parish: \$ 197.50

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 and charges at the Scrip Desk in the Lobby.

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 AMERICAN FLAGS—If you have an American flag that is no longer useable, you can bring it to the Church and we will present it to the American Legion on your behalf for proper disposal.

USED CELL PHONES - 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.

A WEB SITE THAT PAYS ST. THOMAS FOR USEAGE — Want to know how you can support St. Thomas More? By entering the search engine known as *Goodsearch.com* By doing any shopping on the various web sites listed a certain portion of the sale will be credited to St. Thomas More. It does not involve any additional cost to the purchaser nor is there any attached surcharge to the sale order involved. I did not compare the same web sites listed alone with the one listed with GoodSearch yet. Here is how it works:

ENTER: www.GoodSearch.com

Where it states: “Who do you Good Search for?”

And “Enter your charity here”

ENTER: St. Thomas More And then verify by selecting “St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY”

Once it is verified as our parish, you will be asked to register as a supporter. Then select the SHOPPING tab and choose whatever category you want, from travel to food to entertainment. If you use it, let us know if you have any problems with it. Thanks for shopping online and thanks for the donation that we will receive on your behalf.

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
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
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 the Young Ministry website at www.stthomasmoreyouth.org.

“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.

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 winners from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1 2012:

- Nov. 25, 2012---\$50--#9—Maria J. Lilly
- Nov. 26, 2012—\$25—#771—Andy & Kathy Turano
- Nov. 27, 2012—\$25—#14—Chris & Gert Hirsch
- Nov. 28, 2012—\$25—#64—Willis Tangel
- Nov. 29, 2012—\$25—#211—Bob & Mary Burke
- Nov. 30, 2012—\$25—#474—Mr. & Mrs. Colucciello
- Dec. 1, 2012—\$25—#109—Denise & Bob Matthews

YOUNG AT HEART Attention Seniors

The Young At Heart has changed our meeting time from evenings to afternoons, from 1 to 3 pm. All parishioners of St. Thomas More aged 55 and over are welcome to join. We use Msgr. Walden Hall for all of our meetings.

At our meeting on December 14th at 2pm, our own member Gino Leocadi will demonstrate the famous Cutco Knives on

how to choose and use good cutlery and cooking utensils. All parishioners of St. Thomas More are welcome. Please call Bob at 686-5272 to make your reservations. Refreshments will be served as usual.

CALENDAR CLUB 2013

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2013.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

One Number for 25

OR

FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If you return your form by December 3, 2013, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket).

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Music Ministry

We are now forming our Christmas Choir. We welcome all children and young adults 2nd grade through High School to come sing during the Christmas season.

- Rehearsals are Dec. 8— 1:15 to 2:15 pm
- Dec. 15—2:00 to 3:00 pm
- Dec. 22—1:00 to 2:00 pm

We sing Christmas eve at the 3:30 and/or 5:30 pm Mass. We also invite the choristers to remain the choir throughout the season and sing at the 9:15 family liturgies December 30, January 7 and January 13.

If you want to be a part of this Christmas Choir, please leave your name and telephone number on the organ as soon as possible. For information, please call Emilia at 724-8820.

Thank you and God Bless.

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 Hospitality
- Usher Greeter
- RCIA Liturgy with Children
- Lector Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Minister Landscaping/Planting
- Plumber Electrician
- Painter Handy Man/Woman
- Rosary Altar Society Scrip Sellers
- Caring for Altar Plants Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS Adult Lending Library
- Banner Committee St. Vincent de Paul Society

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

I/we would like to order Poinsettias.

NAME(s):

PHONE:

Colors:

- Red
- White
- Marble

Total "x" \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed.

(Please return to the Church Office by December 9, 2012

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2012

I/we would like to support the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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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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)

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

Allscripts—Several positions—CIS Training Analyst, Interrogation, Business mgr., Service desk, and people soft financial analysts.

Atlantic Auto Group—40 sales training positions available; no experience necessary— sign on bonus. Bring résumé. Business attire required.

Cablevision - Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits.

Drivers—School Bus/Van—Excellent Benefits—\$20.62 for bus—\$18. for van—Training—Huntington

Gieco 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

6. St. Catherine's Hospital, Smithtown—Cashier wanted: Part-time, Permanent Position, Experience preferred. Call Donna @ 862-3006

Housekeepers - FT/PT positions for small offices and homes.

Hyundai Millenium—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.

Macy's—Macy's is hiring for the holidays.

Newsday—Collators—4 to 7 hr. shifts all year long. \$10.52 per hr.

P.C. Richards—Full Time Maintenance Mechanics for all 35 NY showrooms—light plumbing, electrical, carpentry, etc.

South Nassau Hospital—Several openings in leadership, nursing education, technical and licensed professional departments.

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.

4. **Nurse Manager**—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

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

Town of Smithtown—PT positions for Teachers, Ass't teachers, HS diploma, 2 yrs. Experience. Smithtown, Kings Park.

United Parcel—Drivers Helpers (no license req.), seasonal, Tractor Trailer Drivers, CDI req., Package Handlers—work nights.

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.