

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 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.



**PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE
LORD!**

December 9, 2012
Second 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 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>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 16, 2012 Third Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3:14-18a Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18</p>

Saturday—December 8

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Rose, Michael, Rocco, Leann 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*

Monday—December 10

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

Tuesday—December 11—St. Damascus I

9am—Jeanette Fearon *by the St. Thomas More Columbiettes*

Wednesday—December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

9am—Ann Gallo *by the Gallo & Wieland family*

Thursday—December 13—St. Lucy

9am—Matthew Casey McDonald *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Friday—December 14—St. John of the Cross

9am—Gary Pazolt *by his mom, dad & brothers*

Saturday—December 15

9am—Florence Struck

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Antoinette & Josephine Butindari *by the Butindari family*

Sunday—December 16—Third Sunday of Advent

8am—Frances Rapacki *by Patricia & James Dugan*

9:15am—Carolina Gaudio *by Benito Guadio & family*

10:45am—Kathleen Bevilacqua (living—Speedy Recovery) *by Kay & Joe Babits*; Rose Borowski *by the Borowski family*;

Cregan & Munzer families *by Len Munzer*; Joseph Daniel *by Edward & Arleen Rogan & family*; Ann Dowling (living—

Speedy Recovery) *by Kay & Joe Babits*; Maria Corssy family

by Daniza Humberto; Richard Honoski *by Kenneth Kowalski*;

Ken & Mary Kowalski (3rd Wedding Anniversary—living) *by Ken Kowalski*;

Jean Lamantia *by Franca Cuccia*; Dominick Mariano *by Carmel Heberer*;

Robert McKeon *by Robert & Madeline Sauchelli*;

Helen Michalski *by the Dennis Chase family*;

Rev. Magr. Francis S. Midura *by Ken & Mary Kowalski*;

Josephine Zielenski *by Ed & Laura Vigneaus*;

12:15pm—50th Wedding Anniversary of Carol & Manny

Bartolotta

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Focus Questions:

1. John's call to repent challenges us today. Which of your actions, attitudes or values are in need of change or re-ordering?
2. How are you practicing prayerful listening this Advent?
3. How do you balance the noise and activity of the season with the stillness and quiet that Advent offers?

Family and Children's Question:

Talk about the people in your life who are like John the Baptist in reminding you about what is really important in life. How do they help you to understand what God wants for you?



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Arlene Larosa, Linda Sue Cappisillo,
Anthony Turano, Dale R. Grippo,
Pennny Heinrich, Antonette Solano,
William Radcliffe, Baby Michael Joseph
Loparo (7 weeks old), Thuy Wilmott,

Conrad Gangone, Susan Raphael, Lucille Borrello, Henry
Kwiecinski, Elaine Kleinstaubler, 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 are in the second week of Advent. In today's second reading St. Paul summarizes the meaning of Advent. "My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best." Advent invites us to intensify our love for each other and to recognize the best in us. What does this actually mean?

Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy: In Advent we wait for the birth of Jesus, the birth of God in the human flesh. This means our human nature is considered by God as being of a worthy state of receiving God's birth; our human state is given God's worth. This worthy state given to us by God is the best, as St. Paul says, which we can recognize in our individual selves. Advent invites us to see that you and I are worthy of receiving God. You and I can become a bearer of God. Recognizing this

worth in each of us empowers us with Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy.

Energy because our human nature is raised to the level of receiving God; thus each human being can become God's act. Human nature is not valued for its weakness but for its potency to receive God's grace. Enthusiasm because it is no longer I but Christ lives in me and each one of us becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit. Empathy because every human being is a bearer of God and we are called to recognize and respect God's worth in each other.

Congratulations St. Thomas More: This Sunday we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our church. Just as Advent begins the New Liturgical Year, we shall begin the 46th year and march towards the 50th, the half century. 'Sharing the Spirit of Love' for 45 years we thank God for the blessings so far. We pray for God's guidance for the years to come. We push ourselves in the spirit of Advent, in Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy for the greater and mightier act of God to take place in our parish for us and for our next generations. Viva St. Thomas More!

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 the 15th after the 5:00 pm Mass we will gather outside the church and start the countdown to illuminate the lights. The three magi from the east saw the star and were directed towards the manger. As we will be close to Christmas we will light the trees as a symbol of being led by divine light towards the manger to celebrate the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Santa Claus: When the lights go on Santa will appear. We will follow him to Walden Hall for hot coffee and chocolate. Children will have a photo opportunity with Santa. I invite families to come with their children to celebrate these joyous Christmas events.

Calendar Club 2013: The Calendar Club is open for 2013. We still need more members to join the Club so as to make a profit for the Parish. Please show your support by joining the Calendar club. You can also consider giving the Calendar Club out as gift to someone. This week the bulletin again carries the form for Calendar Club 2013.

Calendar Club is a good way of fund raising for the Parish. **The Giving Tree:** 'The Giving Tree' is in the Church Lobby decorated with suggestions 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 be a giving tree to a needy person who can celebrate a 'Merry Christmas' from the fruit of your donation. Thanks for being a 'Giving Tree'.

Congrats: Three students of our Parish studying in St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter of the 2012-2013 School Year. They are Nicole Tessar (Summa Sum Laude), Kathryn-Rose Russotto (Magna cum Laude) and Mary

Monsees (Magna Cum Laude) Congrats! Bravo! Keep it up!

Christmas & New Year's Schedule:

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses—Monday—December 24
3:30pm (Family Mass & 5:30pm (Family Mass)
8pm & 10:30pm

Christmas Day Masses—Tuesday—December 25
9am; 10:45am & 12:15pm.

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Eve Mass—Saturday—December 31
5pm

New Year's Day Masses—Tuesday, January 1, 2013
9am & 12noon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Come on Saturday, December 1 at 10:30am or from 3:45 to 4:45pm. In addition we will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:30am and 3:45 to 4:45pm on Saturday, December 8; and from 3:45 to 4:45pm on December 15 and December 22. Due to the Christmas Eve schedule of Masses, there will be no opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Personal Note: Trip to India: My niece Sr. Bernardine Leena is making her final profession as a Religious Sister in the Congregation the Sisters of the Charity of Mary, in Kumbakonam, India on December 29th, 2012. I will leave for this religious celebration soon after the 9:00 am Mass on Christmas Day, December 25th. It will be a quick visit. My family plans to have a Thanksgiving Mass in my home town Erode, India with my niece, the full fledged Sister. Leena, either on the 2nd or the 3rd of January depending upon when she can be with us at home after her profession. I will be back on January.5th. As it was my niece's convent that chose the date for her final profession, I am sorry I will miss celebrating New Year with you. During my absence, Fr. Peter O'Rourke, Fr. Bob Dahlke, Fr. Irinel Racos and Fr. Bala Rathinam will help with Masses and other needs.

With love and prayers

Fr. Antony Asir.

ATTENTION: High SchoolSeniors

**Scholarship Requirements for
Community Service Award**

Requirements:

1. Active in works of charity/community service
2. Must be a Senior in High School
3. Must submit one page essay, preferably typed, describing why you deserve the award.
4. Submit to the Rectory by **December 20th** deadline.
5. Must be present to receive award at special dinner on April 30, 2013 at 7pm.
6. Please include:
Name
Address
Name of Church to which you belong

JUSTICE & PEACE

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Who Are You God? Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among nations, I am exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:11. These words should cause attention. Who is God? What is He like? If someone were to ask you what you think God is like, what would you say? What practical steps could you take to grow into a more mature understanding of God? What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? During this time of Advent, the Church is giving us time to understand God more clearly, and to change what needs to be changed. What do we have to do to be a better person? Do we think of the poor and what they need to survive? Try to spend more time during Advent talking to God and listen to what he is saying to you.

To be continued.

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

Dec. 9 is the Second Sunday of Advent and the First Day of Hanukkah for our Jewish Brethren.

Dec. 11 is St. Damascus I, Pope

Dec. 12 is Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 13 is St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Dec. 14 is St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

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.



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 NARFTHEX AFTER SUNDAY MASSES. GIFT CARDS MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT TO OUTREACH :

MONDAY—THURSDAY
FROM 10AM—2PM.

PLEASE SEE OUR FLYER FOR DETAILS.

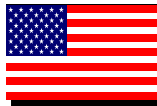
**PLEASE BRING ALL GIFTS BY NEXT SUNDAY 12/16,
SO WE CAN SORT AND DELIVER THEM IN TIME FOR
CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU!**

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

David Chester
Carl F. Greiner
Scott Lovelock
Justin Schneider
Christopher Day
Karin Fitzgerald
Jason Doyle

John Chester
Michael White
Christopher Mustakas
Candice Gagnon
William Gregory
Thomas Nichols



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 their names through the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know.



this list, please submit the collection basket or 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.

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 10

9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room
2:30 pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room
7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall

Tuesday—December 11

7pm—Finance Council—Rectory

Thursday—December 13

5:30pm—Children’s Choir—Church
6:30pm—Baptismal Preparation—Red Room
7:30pm—Choir—Church
7:30pm—Men’s Gathering—Religious Ed. Center

Friday—December 14

1pm—YoungAtHeart—White Room

Saturday—December 15

10:30—Reconciliation Confirmation Students
12noon—Rehearsal Angels & Shepherds—White Room & Church
2pm—Rehearsal Children’s Choir—Church
5pm—Liturgy of the Word Advent—Level 2 First Communion Students—Church

Sunday—December 16

8:30am—Hospitality Sunday—White Room
9:15am—Installation of Altar Servers—Church
2pm—Baptisms—Church

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

THE CATHOLIC COUNSELLING CENTER—Professional family, marriage and individual therapy provided by New York State licensed therapists, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies, plus Medicare, honored. For appointments and confidential info please visit website: <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com> or call 631-243-2503.

THE ARBORS ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES—1515 Veterans Highway, Islandia—All Veterans are invited to a Vets Chat Series to share stories and reminisce with other veterans across Long Island. Vets Chats held the 2nd Monday of every month @ 3pm at The Arbors at Islandia West and the 2nd Friday of every month @ The Arbors at Islandia East. Refreshments served. For more info call Susan or Nancy (631) 582-3600.

THE ARBORS AT ISLANDIA EAST—The Bretton Woods School—Intergenerational Reading Program—3:45-4:40pm on Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Students will be reading with the seniors on events such as The Depression, World War II & Jackie Robinson’s entry into baseball. To reserve a seat, call -232-3131.

(Second Notice)

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.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 2, 2012 : \$ 9,623.00

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 December 3: \$4.575.

Profit to the Parish: \$ 228.75

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.

The next meeting of the men's gathering will be on Thursday, December 13, 2012 in the Religious Education Office at 7:30 pm. Our topic will be "Who is the God we Worship?" It is an excellent topic during Advent. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

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 for the week Dec. 2—8, 2012:

Dec. 2, 2012—\$50—139—Ms. Ann Belluardo

Dec. 3, 2012—\$25—110—Miss Elizabeth Kane

Dec. 4, 2012—\$25—332—Lou Savarese

Dec. 5, 2012—\$25—256—Mrs. Yolanda Schweers

Dec. 6, 2012—\$25—939—Ellen Moore

Dec. 7, 2012—\$25—667—Kenneth & Dolores Fensterer

Dec. 8, 2012—\$75—120 —Dana Basile

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.

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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

() 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).

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.