

Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
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Staffed by volunteers

Justice & Peace

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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 arrange-
ments, 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.



Rejoice

December 16, 2012
Third 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	

Masses for this coming week	Growing through the Sunday Scriptures
<p>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>	<p>December 23, 2012 Fourth Sunday of Advent Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Hebrews 10:5-10-7 Luke 1:39-45</p>

Saturday—December 15

(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 Vigneaux

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

Monday—December 17

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

Tuesday—December 18

9am—Joseph Madden *by Marie Madden*

Wednesday—December 19

9am—Joseph Luca, Sr. *by his wife*

Thursday—December 20

9am—Eric Reistetter *by his family*

Friday—December 21—St. Peter Canisius

9am—Mayan Wallert *by Donna Mott*

Saturday—December 22

9am—Jan, Genowefa, John & Msgr. Francis S. Midura

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Dominick Butindari *by the Butindari family*

Sunday—December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

9:15am—John & Mary Barry *by Lillian Gibbs; Stefan Daniels by the Hauppauge Rotary Club; Barbara Diffendale by the*

Dowd family; Mary & William Fortmeyer by Rosemarie & Rocco Amoroso; Jim Larson by the Hug family; Carol

Licandro by the Licandro family; Helen Maganza with love by Emilie & Ellen Segal; Pat McGuckin by Amy Hughes; Msgr.

Francis S. Midura by Augie & Betty Vrondis; Jean Popielarz by Helen Straznitzki;

10:45am—Mickelson & Williams families *by Barbara Mickelson*

12:15pm—Robert Mohlenbrok *by Lois Mohlenbrok & family*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Focus Questions:

1. John gives specific examples of what people should do in anticipation of the nearness of God. How would John answer, "What are we to do?" if you were to pose that question?
2. What are you doing to help the poor and needy in this season of giving?
3. Where do you experience joy?

Family and Children's Question:

Talk about what you can share with those in need this Advent. Devise a plan to help the poor and those in need.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Joyce Riegal, Catherine A. Babits, Arlene Larosa, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Anththony 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 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

Negative is the absence of positive: We are in the Third week of Advent- just a week to Christmas. As much as we are rushing to finish shopping, writing cards, decorating etc., let us try to take some time to internalize the message and grace of Christmas. Advent makes us ready internally, to empower ourselves by the grace of Christmas. What is the grace of Christmas?

Once Lord Buddha was asked, "What have you gained by meditation?" He replied, "Nothing"

But Buddha continued, "Let me tell you what I lost: Anger, Depression, Insecurity, Fear of Old Age and Death."

The grace of Christmas gives us the inner power to lose all that is negative, so that we can emerge with our original inner power to a positive, joyful self. Jesus' Birth among us is the grace of Christmas. A manger is

not a place for the birth of a child. But even the manger, the "not-place-of-birth" was turned into a "place-of-birth" by Jesus. The grace of Christmas makes the negative nonexistent by the presence of the positive. Negative is the absence of positive. Hatred, anxiety, depression, fears are all negatives which begin to exist only when we refuse to live the positives of Love and Joy.

On Saturday evening, December 15th we had our tree lighting event. Light, the positive, expels Darkness, the negative. Jesus, the life and love expels all the negatives-- death, depression, anger etc.

Please take some quality time for yourself. May the time of Advent prepare your heart to receive the positive energy (the Grace) of Christmas. In your hustle and bustle make a conscious effort to calm down to shed the negatives. Please remember that every negative you suffer is only the absence of the positive.

Happy Birthday St. Thomas More! We celebrated the 45th anniversary of our church by 'Sharing the Spirit of Love'. At the family mass at 9:15am the dedication candles, which are mounted on the pillars of the church, were lighted by the children, as a symbol of the future growing of the church. Representatives of various ministries of our parish processed with banners at the Mass at 12:15pm. Again the dedication candles were brought in procession to the Altar to signify that we are the light of Christ lit by Word and Sacrament, by God's love and grace. At both Masses we thanked God for His blessings and prayed for God's guidance for the years to come. We also sang 'Happy Birthday to us St. Thomas More' enthusiastically.

Thanks: I thank you all, my dear congregation of St. Thomas More. Note the spelling of the word 'Church'. It is CH -ur- CH. Between the two CH's at the beginning and at the end of the word there is U (you) R (are). That is precisely what makes the Church. UR, Yes, WE are the Church. If there is no 'WE' then it becomes only an empty building. God acts in each one of us. As a Church we are the acts of God. As a Church we are God's invisible Grace working in and through us. I wish to thank you, St. Thomas More Church, who are the visible sign of God's act in this part of Long Island.

I am grateful to representatives with banners of different ministries who stood for various gifts of God working among us. I would like to gratefully mention a few persons in particular. Our Choir helped us raise our hearts in a harmonious voice of praise to God. Our Hospitality team spiced our social gathering with delectable sweets and smiles. Lottie Kalenty and Rosa Malazzo made a great and interesting presentation of our growth from a coffin factory to our present church. Laura Giordano and Judy Granville did a marvelous job of coordinating the celebration. Many others helped us behind the scenes. I thank each and every

one of you for your presence and your help in celebrating our 45th birthday. Viva St. Thomas More! Let us continue to live in 'Sharing the Spirit of Love'.

Calendar Club 2013: The Calendar Club is open for 2013. We still need more members to join the Club in order to make it a profitable proposition to the Parish. Please show your support by joining the Calendar club or by giving it as a gift to someone, as it is a good way of raising funds for the parish. The bulletin carries the form for joining the Calendar Club 2013.

The Giving Tree: 'The Giving Tree' in the Church Lobby is decorated with tags with suggestions on how we can help with Christmas to those who are in need. By picking up a tag from the tree you can be a giving tree to someone who can celebrate a 'Merry Christmas' from the fruit of your donation. Thanks for being a 'Giving Tree'. Outreach needs volunteers on Monday, December 17th at 9:30 am to help them pack Christmas baskets. Volunteers please help.

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 after the 9:00 am Mass on Christmas Day. It will be a quick visit. My family plans to have a Mass of Thanksgiving in my home town Erode, India with the full fledged Sr. Leena, either on the 2nd or 3rd of January depending upon when she can be with us at home after her profession. I shall be back on 5th of January. I am sorry I will miss celebrating New Year with you but it was my niece's convent that chose the date for the final profession of her vows. While I am away, Frs. Peter O'Rourke, Bob Dahlke, Irinel Racos and. Bala Rathinam will help us with Masses and other needs.

With love and prayers
Fr. Antony Asir

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ATTENTION: High School Seniors

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 third Sunday of Advent. We are continuing our Advent journey. Jesus said, "I came that they may have divine life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). We don't have to wait till after we die to find happiness. Divine life starts here! As Catherine of Siena said, "All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said "I am the way." Jesus asked us to keep His rules. Jesus lived among us, so that we could begin experiencing His Divine life here on this earth. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? We have been given this time of Advent to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. How closely does your image of God correspond to Scripture's description of the God who so loved the world that He gave His only son"? (John 3:16) .

To be continued.

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

Dec. 21 is St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Also the first day of winter.

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 PROGRAM OFFICIALLY COMES TO AN END THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 16th. PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS TO THE NARTHEX AFTER SUNDAY MASSES. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE NOT AS YET TAKEN PART IN OUR

PROGRAM, IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE A GIFT CARD OR GIFT TO HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS A LITTLE BRIGHTER. WE WILL GLADLY RECEIVE YOUR DONATION AT OUTREACH ON MONDAY, 12/17 OR TUESDAY, 12/18 FROM 10AM TO 2PM. AS ALWAYS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Help Wanted: Our Employment Department has depleted its list of people available to clean in private homes. If you are seeking employment in this capacity or for more information, please call Outreach at 234-3149, Mon-Thurs, 10AM to 2PM.

Advent 2012

“As the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man”.

Matthew 24:27

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 this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or a soldier has the Church Office. If returned, let us know.



K of C KORNER

Thanks to all our wonderful family here at STM & their friends for making this year's Spaghetti Dinner a resounding success. Be assured that our proceeds go to local charities such as St. Catherine's Hospital and Nursing Home, Maryhaven, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Parish Outreach -just to name a few.

Our recent membership drive was fruitful with nearly a dozen men expressing interest in joining.

The Knights will be selling Poinsettias for the next weekend after Mass if they last.

The Knights & their spouses will be celebrating the Christmas Season at Ciro's on December 18, 2012.



Thanks to the kind folks at Maloney's, you may have noticed the two beautiful "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" signs put up in the front of the Rectory and at the corner of Rabro Drive & Simeon Woods Road. Several of our Knights braved the elements and erected the signs on Dec. 4th.

On behalf of the all the Brother Knights of St. Thomas More Council, we wish all our fellow parishioners a Holy and Merry Christmas. May God bless us all in 2013 with a Happy New Year!!

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.



BLOOD DRIVE

*Give the gift of life this
Christmas Season.*

Donate blood—the gift that keeps on giving.

Place: St. Thomas More—Walden Hall
When: Wednesday, December 26, 2012
Time: 2:30 pm—8:30 pm
Contact: Eve Barnofsky at 543-8591 to make an appointment

Walk-ins also welcome.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Monday—December 17
7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall
Tuesday—December 18
7:30pm—Justice & Peace @ Ralph's
Wednesday—December 19
7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall
Thursday—December 20
5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church
7:30pm—Choir—Church
Saturday—December 22
1pm—Rehearsal—Children's Choir—Church
Sunday—December 23
2pm—Baptisms—Church
6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal—Church

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH—Crown Acres Road, Centereach—Respect Live Committee—Annual celebration of the Feast of the Holy Innocents on Friday, Dec. 28 at 7pm Mass. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Center Hall. All are invited. For Info: call 585-8760 or 588-7242.

CLEARLY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF—American Sign Language Classes—Evening Adult Education classes for levels 1,2,3 & Intermediate/Advanced. Spring session: Jan.30-May 1, 2013 (age 12 & up). Call Carolyn Kelly @ 588-0530 or e-mail ClearlyASL@hotmail.com for more information.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO EXOTIC WESTERN

CARIBBEAN—7-night cruise with Fr. Shawn McKeeny, April 13 to 20, 2013 on the Carnival Dream out of Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida. Prices begin at \$1348 for two & includes all port fees & taxes. Daily Mass & Rosary. Space limited; deposit of \$50 to reserve cabin. Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/dpayttc@aol.com to register or for further information.
(Second 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. 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.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 9, 2012: \$ 8,793.00

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 10: \$3,950

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.

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. 9—15, 2012:

Dec. 9, 2012—\$50—Anthony & Moira Trgo

Dec. 10, 2012—\$25—Grace Harold

Dec. 11, 2012—\$25—Virginia Zablocki

Dec. 12, 2012—\$25—John & Jackie Fontana

Dec. 13, 2012—\$25—Elaine Moccia

Dec. 14, 2012—\$25—Edward Skrzypek

Dec. 15, 2012—\$75—Tony & Irene Trgo

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.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

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

Name

Phone

E-mail

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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)

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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The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th and on Tuesday, December 25th for Christmas.

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.