

# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-4204

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor  
Rev. Peter O'Rourke, CP (*in residence*)  
Rev. Robert Dahlke, SJ, Weekend Priest  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon John S. Rapacki

## Religious Education

Patricia Chapin, Co-director  
Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director

## Parish Outreach

Staffed by volunteers

## Justice & Peace

Ralph Molinaro, Chairperson

## Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

## Youth Ministry

Joe Gast, s.c., Youth Minister

## OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE - EUCCHARIST

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm  
Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through  
Saturday.

**BAPTISM**—As soon as your child is born, please call the Parish Office to make Baptism arrangements. Preparation session and welcoming Mass attendance are required.

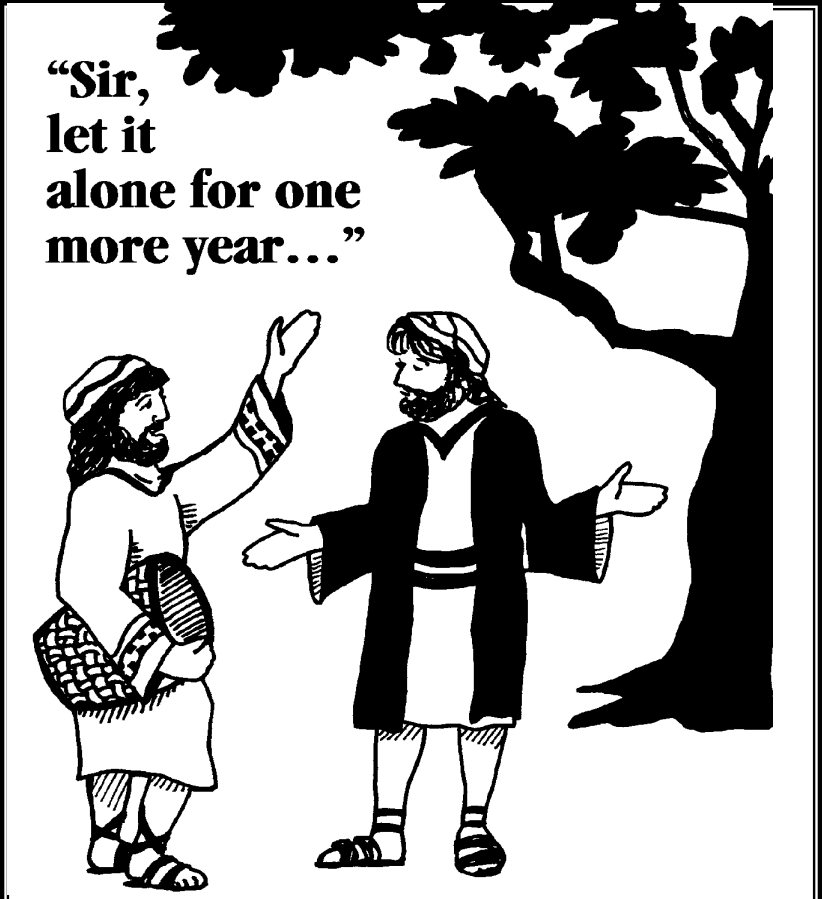
**MARRIAGE**—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with the Parish Office or one of the deacons.

**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.



**“Sir,  
let it  
alone for one  
more year...”**

*March 3, 2013  
Third Sunday of Lent*

*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><b>March 3, 2013</b>  <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Exodus: 3:1-8A, 13-15</b>  <b>Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11</b>  <b>1 Corinthians: 10:1-6, 10-12</b>  <b>Luke:13: 1-9</b></p>	<p><b>March 10, 2013</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Joshua 5:9A, 10-12</b>  <b>Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7</b>  <b>2 Corinthians: 5: 17-21</b>  <b>Luke: 15: 1-3, 11-32</b></p>

**Saturday—March 2—First Saturday**  
 9am—Angela Lee *by Ed & Nancy Mellina*  
*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*  
 5pm—Rev. Msgr. Francis S. Midura *by the Drechsler family*  
**Sunday—March 3—Third Sunday of Lent**  
 8am—Thomas LaVecchia *by the DeCristofaro family*  
 9:15am—Frances Rapacki *by Deacon Tom Malone*  
 10:45am—Jo-Ann Fannon *by Deacon John & Christine Rapacki*; Jeanne Hannon *by Susan Occhiuto*; Eileen Immarino *by Ed & Laura Vigneaux*; Ron Lupo *by the Bacotti family*; Helen Milne *by Joann Eyring*; Angela Perdue *by Yolanda Schweers*; Elizabeth Peterson *by William Degaynor*; Frank Sedlak *by the Buynak family*;  
 12:15pm—Mario Russo, Sr. *by Mario Russo, Jr.*  
**Monday—March 4—St. Casimir**  
 9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish  
**Tuesday—March 5**  
 9am—Domenic Capobianco *by Maureen Kowalski*  
**Wednesday—March 6**  
 9am—Mary Duffy *by Edward Duffy*  
**Thursday—March 7—St. Perpetua and St. Felicity**  
 9am—Alan Hirner *by the Hirner family*  
**Friday—March 8—St. John of God**  
 9am—Peter Spateri *by the Policastro, Kelly, O’Keefe & Makrum families*  
**Saturday—March 9 —St. Frances of Rome**  
 9am—Jim Lynch  
*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*  
 5pm—Philip Spincola *by the Spincola family*  
**Sunday—March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8am—James McQuillan *by Jessica Smith & Brendan Kolarik*  
 9:15am—Ida Marcello *by Shannon & Gary Scaglione*  
 10:45am—Frances Rapacki *by Barbara Mickelson*  
 12:15pm—Joseph Budd *by Katherine & Walter Drechsler*;  
 Michael Cisternas *by Meem & Pop*; Madelyn Lanzetta *by Mr. & Mrs. William Eyring & family*; Alejandro Maldonado *by the Borowski family*; Alice M. Scutari *by Elizabeth Kane*; John S. Truzzolino *by Elizabeth Kane*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Jessica Iannello; Louis Timpone; Gerri Surde; Danielle Mayo; Tom Gernon; Linda Wilkonski; Felicia Grippa; Barbara Miller; Janice DeSimone; Catherine Healy; Marilyn Collins; Anna LoCastro; August Vrondis, Nadine Follini, Lorraine Mango-Follini, Cindy Mango,

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them Jesus addressed this parable:  
 “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

**Focus Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you witnessed forgiveness freely given. How did that affect you?
2. The father in the parable runs to the son when he is spotted coming home; seeks the older brother when he refuses to come to the party. Describe a time when God sought you out.
3. Relate a time when you made poor choices and had to turn to someone you loved to ask for forgiveness.

**Family and children’s question**

Talk about a time when you felt resentful or jealous. Who helped you to see that you were only hurting yourself?

Jean Marsala-Kieffner,, Ann & Anthony Iovino, Diane Savano, John O'Donnell, Oscar Steadman, George Licata, Thuy Wilmott, William Booth, Dolores Poehl, Kathy Badalaty, Bill Randazzo, Joseph Carraba, Fred Busse, Clem Vaccarro, Teresa Shannon, Marge Giachetti; Virginia Lottt, Roseann Dorchow, Louise Lott, Freddy Zamparella, Cathy Covino, Connie S. Brocchi, Penny Henrich, Chuck Hall, Gary Surdi, Linda Sue Cappisillo, Tom Devine, Patsy Richards, Josie McGuire, Chase Turano, Joseph Peter, Victoria Nelson, Chuck Hall, Penny Henrich, Maryann Che, Janice De Simone, Susan McElroy, Lucille Schillaci, Teresa Atchison, Charles Boston, Nancy Aluisa, Anthony Donato, Martha Scollins, Casano A. S. Holmes, Joyce Riegal, Catherine A. Babits, Arlene Larosa, Dale R. Grippo, Pennny Heinrich, Antonette Solano, William Radcliffe, Baby Michael Joseph Loparo (7 weeks old), Conrad Gangone, Susan Raphael, Lucille Borrello, Henry Kwiecin-ski, 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, Juliette Gerlach, Leona Esposito, Mathilde Cormier, Richard Stout, James & Rita Basile, Theresa Caiata, Ellen-Jane Vinson, Jeanine Flandina-Walsh, Sean Walsh, Stella Minecci, Ted Stahura, Tom Stahura, Teresa Achison, Katherine Drechsler, Arlene LaRosa, Carmella Loccisao, Marie Dunne, Jim Regan, Leo Vannoni, Jeanne Marie Oliveri, Conrad Gangone, Chase Turano, Tom Devine, Susan Raphael, Paul Nicholls, Jean Marsala-Kieffner.

*(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 on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013.** Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.)*

## **PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Karen Ann Collarini; Ronald J. Lupo; Angela M. Perdue; Alice M. Scutari; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## **FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends

**A little boy's prayer:** "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, and please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we are gonna be in a big mess." This Sunday's Gospel speaks about how much God cares for us. When something evil or unfortunate happens to us, we either try to reason out why it happened or try to blame it on somebody or something. Jesus asks us to see God's presence in all situations, good or bad, fortunate or unfortunate. Lent's climax is Holy week when we celebrate the mystery of suffering leading to the Glory of Resurrection. God's presence

was in the death of his Son. It changed even death to His Glorious Resurrection. Thus Lent invites us to see the guiding hand of God even in our time of misfortune. As the Gospel narrates, God is ready to make the unfruitful fig tree bear fruit by giving it a chance and fertilizing it. God's guiding presence is beyond our own reasoning. God invites us to live in hope by believing God's care for us even in times most difficult to understand. God cares for us. Let us not lose hope. Lent invites us to grow and increase in that hope because Lent is the time when we live the spiritual mystery of Jesus rising from death to life.

**Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI** has retired. We thank God for his papacy. We will pray specially at all the Masses this weekend for the Holy Spirit's guidance to the College of Cardinals that, as they prepare for the Conclave, they will be sustained by our prayer to listen to the Holy Spirit in making their choices before God for the good of the Church.

### **Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI**

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of Your Church. We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example in his teaching, in his prayer and in his great love. Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Lenten Project** is to help the Appalachians. Please place your donation in the little house on display in the lobby during the season of Lent.

**Parish Secretary and Business Manager:** With the approval of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, our Parish office now has two full time employees.

Celine D'Souza is the Parish Secretary who works at the front desk helping me to coordinate various ministries and assists with secretarial and administrative duties.

Bernard Pontillo serves as Business Manger and helps me with book-keeping, maintenance of temporal needs as well as the day-to-day running of the parish. Please pray that we grow as a family of St. Thomas More with every little gift each of us is given by the Holy Spirit.

**Easter Basket and Easter Flowers:** Please have a look at the flyers for Easter Baskets and Easter Flowers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Next week, March 10, 2013, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies and benefits millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this collection make a real difference in lives across the globe

**Stations of the Cross:** On Lenten Fridays at 7:00 pm we pray 'Stations of the Cross' on various themes. We invite you to this prayer. This will help you experience the mystery of our suffering in the light of Jesus' death and Resurrection. This week on March 8<sup>th</sup> we will pray for those battling with addiction. Please come and pray for courage and strength for them to overcome their weakness.

**Special Lenten Reflections, Vespers and Benedictions:** Last



Monday we had a Lenten Reflection with Fr. Fred Hill. Close to 70 people attended. It was spiritually an empowering hour to know that Saints are not born but made. God does not call perfect people. God calls sinners and empowers them with the capability to be made perfect.

This week at **7:30 pm** on **Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>** we will have Special Lenten Reflections with Vespers and Benediction. We will experience how God empowers us to be holy and fully alive. Please make an effort to attend; it will enrich your Spiritual Life.

Next week the Lenten Reflection will be on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 pm**.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2013:** The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a charitable commitment to support both our own parish and the Diocese. In both aspects we help people. Your generosity to the Sunday collection enables St. Thomas More to meet its responsibilities of fulfilling its Mission of Evangelization and the Spiritual Care of our parish family. Our response to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Diocese fulfill its duties in areas of evangelization, education and pastoral care.

**Our Parish's assessment this year is \$ 65, 300.**

The number seems big. But you know so well, only small drops of rain make the big ocean. Let us look at the number from the contribution each of us can make.

**If one sets apart One dollar a day for CMA, that person becomes a \$365 donor.**

**If one gives 50 cents a day for CMA, that person is a \$183 donor.**

**25 cents a day makes a person a \$92 donor.**

I ask you personally to help me and the parish meet its goal so that we can all help our brothers and sisters as well as benefit from the sharing that the parish will receive once our goal is attained.

Please use the cut out in the bulletin and make a pledge. You can drop it in the collection plate in an envelope marked 'CMA' and we will process it for you. We thank you for your generous support

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

## **JUSTICE & PEACE**

Today is the third Sunday of Lent. A lot of what we do under the name of justice and peace are really works of charity rather than true social justice, which works to change the underlying social structures that cause inequality. The preferential option for the poor is a central teaching of Christ. Take a look at the encyclicals. The Church is into social justice. A definition of social justice is people working together to transform the social structures of society for the common good. As a parish we have done some work that has improved the lives of others. For example Habitat for Humanity, Appalachia and the dogs for the wounded soldiers, to mention a few. What does this all mean in terms of justice and peace? We need more ways to improve the lives of others. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace describes the common good as "the sum total of conditions which allow people, either as groups or individuals, to reach

their fulfillment more fully and more easily"

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

March 4 is St. Casimir.

March 7 is St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs

March 8 is St. John of God, Religious

March 9 is St. Frances of Rome, Religious

**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.*

### PARISH OUTREACH

Thank you for continuing to support our Pantry. We distribute all food that is donated, but we have a greater call for items such as canned fruits and vegetables, soup, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, flour, cereal, mayo, detergent and packages of meat. Whatever help you can give us is always appreciated.

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

From time to time Outreach is in need of volunteers to deliver food to clients. It would involve only one hour of your time occasionally. We have some clients who, due to illness or lack of transportation, are unable to pick up their monthly supply of food. If you would like to help, please call Outreach at 234-3149 Monday through Thursday 10:AM to 2:PM. Virtus training is available.

### EASTER IS MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

**Candy Baskets are needed for our children for Easter!**

**Can you donate a Basket?**

**If you can help, please bring Candy Baskets to Outreach by March 18<sup>th</sup>, so that we can distribute them to our families in time for Easter.**

**We are also in need of food for Easter dinner:**

**Hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit, dessert,  
And any other items that might be included in an Easter dinner.**

## **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

David Chester  
Carl F. Greiner  
Scott Lovelock  
Justin Schneider  
Christopher Day

John Chester  
Michael White  
Christopher Mustakas  
Candice Gagnon  
William Gregory

Karin Fitzgerald

Thomas Nichols

Jason Doyle

Kaitlyn Nachtman

John Nachtman, Jr.

John Karies



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.

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN

The Children's Easter/Communion Choir will be having rehearsals soon. Please consider joining for this joyous season. We will sing Easter Sunday at the family liturgy, First Communion Masses and through the Easter season. Children 3rd grade through High School are invited to share their voices with the people of St. Thomas More. Rehearsals are: Saturday, March 9th —1:00 to 2:00 pm; March 16th— 1:15 to 2:15 pm; March 23rd —1:15 to 2:15pm. Any questions please call Emilia at 631-724-8820.

Leave on organ

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### K of C KORNER

**EASTER FLOWER SALE** The K of C will be taking orders for Easter Flowers before and after all weekend masses starting Feb. 10th through March 17th. Selections will include Easter Lilies, Hyacinths and Tulips, all of very high quality and supplied by Borella's Nursery in Nesconset. Please look for us and help our works of charity while aiding our Parish also.



For your convenience an order form is available on this bulletin.

### 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. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Ann at 265.8302.

Meeting: **March 11, 2013** — *A Bittersweet Season* by Jane Gross—Facilitator: Marie Bracco.  
**April 8, 2013**—*The Condition* by Jennifer Haigh—Facilitator: Joan Shea

### THINKING ABOUT ??

#### BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Are you a baptized Catholic who was never confirmed?  
- Are you someone baptized in another faith but interested in becoming a Catholic?  
- Are you someone who was never baptized?  
If any of these apply to you, consider our parish *RCIA* (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information, contact Ann Russo through e-mail, [redaa@aol.com](mailto:redaa@aol.com) or by phone at 543-2740 or contact the Church Office.

### CALENDAR CLUB 2013

Here are winners for the week February 10—16, 2013. Congratulations!  
February 10—\$50.00—#840—Camille Romito  
February 11—\$25.00—#142—Bruce & Joan Cameron  
February 12—\$25.00—#646—Tony & Connie Gennaro  
February 13—\$25.00—#750—Donna & Jim Chelel  
February 14—\$25.00—#236—Robert & Mary Burke  
February 15—\$25.00—#514—Dianne & Louis Debeneditis  
February 16—\$25.00—#367—Elaine Campanella

### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

**ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**HOLY HOUR:** Every 4th Monday of the month at 7:45pm.

### PRO LIFE

Come join us, be faithful to your faith; prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood abortion center, defend the defenseless, every Wednesday & Saturday 7:30 am till 11:00 am rain or shine, at 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown. Supporters from all denominations are welcome. The unborn need your support and help. For additional information, please contact Mary Ann & Al Rubenbauer at 864-1759.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

**Sunday—March 3**  
2pm—Baptisms—Church  
7:30pm—Bible Study—Meeting Room  
8pm—YoungAtHeart—Hauppauge High School Musical-Free  
**Monday—March 4**  
9:45am—Bible Study—Meeting Room



7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Room

**Tuesday—March 5**

7:30pm—Vespers, Benediction & Lenten Reflection—Church

**Wednesday—March 6**

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—White Room

**Thursday—March 7**

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7pm—Healing Our Hearts—Rel. Ed. Center

7:30pm—Choir—Church

**Friday—March 8**

1pm—Meeting YoungAtHeart —White Room

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

**HIBERNIAN FESTIVAL SINGERS—Bay Shore High School**—Andy Cooney's "Forever Irish" show featuring Ancy Cooney & his Band, the Three Irish Sopranos, the Darrah Carr Dance & the Hibernian Festival Singers—Sun., March 10, 3pm. Reserved seat admission. Tickets \$35 per perso. For further info please call 665-1371.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH—General Bereavement Group**—Meets weekly for 6 sessions. April 9 through May 14 from 2:30—3:30pm. St. Anthony of Padua Parish Outreach, Blue Liturgy room Basement of Trinity School, 1025 Fifth Ave., East Northport. For registration call Gertrude Frein 757-2103.

**St. MARY —East Islip—Bereavement Support Group**—Free 8-week support group for adults who have lost a loved one. From April 3 through May 22, 2013; 7pm—9pm. Refreshments served. Registration required. For info and/or registration, please call: 581-4266 x 100. To participate in this group, death must have occurred prior to January 3, 2013.

**THE CATHOLIC COUNSELING CENTER—Dix Hills**—Family, Marriage & Individual Therapy provided by NY State licensed therapists under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies accepted. For confidential info or appointments, call Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or visit website <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED & SINGLE CATHOLICS OF L. I.**—New Member Orientation—Non-Denomination—All Welcome. Meeting—March 26, 8pm at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served. For info call Carol (516) 794-4933 before 9pm or Eileen (516) 661-4353.

(Second Notice)

**ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER—BRENTWOOD—March programs**

Mar. 6: 1-2:30pm "Living with Alzheimers and Dementia"—Free Will Offering

Mar. 6: 7:30-9:30pm (Evening Session)

Mar. 20: 10am-12pm (Morning Session) "Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of Focusing". \$15 per person.

Mar. 6: 7-8pm—Therapeutic/Guided Meditation (For Inner Healing) \$15 (\$20 individual session by appointment)

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

Mar. 12: 10am to 12 noon—Women's Spiritual Gathering. \$15

Mar. 13: 10am to 3:30pm "Mid-Lenten Day of Prayer". \$40 includes lunch. All programs held at 1725 Brentwood Rd. Call for reservations (631) 273-1187 x 123.

**THE CATHOLIC TOUR LLC—Upcoming Papal Conclave & Election**—Await the "White Smoke" at the Vatican Piazza & the appearance of our new Holy Father on the Balcony—March 16-24; \$2869 all inclusive from Newark N.J.. Please call toll free 877-627-4268 [ir enuak ubfi@thecatholictour.com](mailto:ir enuak ubfi@thecatholictour.com).

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of February 24, 2013, -**\$9,350.00**

**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](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

**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.

**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](http://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**

Rectory –rectory@stmli.org  
Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org  
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  
Deacon John Rapacki– deaconjohn@stmli.org  
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](mailto:gast.joe@gmail.com) or check out the Young Ministry website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://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](http://stmli.org) and click Men's Gathering. You will have to give a password known only to you to open and read the message.

The next meeting of the men’s gathering will be on Thursday, February 14, 2013 in the Religious Education Office at 7:30 pm. Lent started with Ash Wednesday. This is an excellent time for men to gather, to share experiences, and to learn more about God. 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 8<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the school at [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of this parish’s regional school, or visit the School website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com).

### **YOUNG AT HEART** **Attention Seniors**

Next Meeting : Friday, March 8 from 1pm to 3 pm.  
**St. Patrick’s Celebration**—Corned beef and Cabbage luncheon will be served on March 22 in Walden Hall at about 1pm. Cost is \$12.50 per person. You may pay by check made out to YoungAtHeart and mailed to Marie Utter (Telephone: 234-4102) for the number of people attending, or you may pay at our March 8 meeting.

New members welcomed

**Monday, 3/4/13 - Friday, 3/8/13 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Rigorous curriculum across all subject areas that meet and exceed NYS standards  
Enrichment programs taught by our NYS certified and experienced teachers  
Cutting edge technology including Smart boards, distance learning, portable Mac book labs , iPad use in the classroom, fully-equipped computer lab with computer instruction starting in kindergarten  
Band beginning in 3rd grade  
Sports beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade participating in CMSAA  
Graduates academically excelling in their high school of choice; many on the high school honor roll in their first trimester

**Call for a tour (631) 543-0202 or email [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com).**

**You’ll be glad you did!**

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### **PRAYING FOR THE SICK**

#### **— Adding a name Request —**

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

**Name of person(s) who is (are) ill:**

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Person making the Request:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

TODAY’S DATE:

*(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)*

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### **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

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

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher        | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA         | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector       | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgical Minister   |

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## 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.

**Astoria Federal Savings Bank**—Many exciting opportunities—different locations—full benefit package.

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

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

**Darby Dental**—Inside sales account managers. Will train —outstanding benefit package.

**Dayton F. Brown**—Technical Services Division, Bohemia, NY & Shelton CT. Extensive benefit package.

**Disaster Care Mgrs**—F/T to help L.I. recovery from Sandy. Driver's License necessary. Excellent benefits.

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

**Gioco 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

**Home Center Assemblers**— Commack Territory— to assemble BBQ grills, lawn furniture, wheel-barrows. Paid training.

**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.

**Newspaper Delivery**—Excellent 2nd income—early AM hours—car & valid NYS license.

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

### 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**—Sub PT teachers & teacher assistants. Smithtown & Kings Park School Districts.

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.