

Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway

Pastoral Staff

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Staffed by volunteers

Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

Youth Ministry

Joe Gast, s.c., Youth Minister

OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE - EUCHARIST

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 one of the deacons.

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

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.



December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent

Parish Mission Statement:

*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a
parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through
Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments
The Teachings of the Church, and
Our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.*

Telephones:

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Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

Masses for this coming week	Growing through the Sunday Scriptures
<p>December 1, 2013 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24:37-44</p>	<p>December 8, 2013 Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15: 4-9 Matthew 3: 1-12</p>

Saturday—November 30

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Kenneth Fox *by Olga Miscione*

Sunday—December 1 —First Sunday of Advent

8am—Frank Corrigan *by Joann Keely*; James Corrigan *by Joann Keely*; Marie Corrigan *by Joann Keely*; Mary Forestiero *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*; Edmund Golembiewski *by his family*; Ray McDonald *by the Ahearns*; Mary Schauder *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*

9:15am—Sgt. Anthony DeSocio, Lt. Daniel DeSocio; & Richard Hohn *by Joan & Jim Murphy*
10:45am—Marianna D. Proto *by the Kane family*
12:15pm—Nicholas Jorge *by Peter Morales*

Monday—December —2
9am—Margaret O’Sullivan *by James Gough*

Tuesday— December 3

9am—John Reizsel *by the Acquafredda family*
Wednesday— December 4—St. John Damascene
9am—Dolores Spegman *by Tony & Ann Popp*

Thursday— December 5
9am—Helen M. Goode *by Terry & Margaret Moore*

Friday— December 6—St. Nicholas

9am—Lisa Codispoti *by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti & family*

Saturday—December 7—St. Ambrose

9am—4th Wedding Anniversary—Kenneth & Mary Kowalski (living)

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

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

Sunday—December 8 —Second Sunday of Advent

8am—Ann Druckenmiller *by the Pastoral Council*
9:15am—Eugene Cassidy *by Pat Curran & Fred Drewes*; Sonny Jackson *by the Hug family*; Patrick Keena *by the Pruntys*; Lillian LaSala *by Kevin & Linda Smith & family*; Michael Leocadi *by the Leocadi family*; Arlette Mazarakis *by Mr. & Mrs. M. Carrano*; Margaret Oravitz *by Mary & John Fitzgerald*; Vincenza Paniccia *by the SanFratello family*; Jo Ellen Sadowski *by the Buynak family*; Anita Sommer *by the*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Focus Questions:

1. If you were confronted by John the Baptist what could you point to as signs of reform in your life?
2. What are you doing to prepare the way of the Lord this Advent?
3. What are the gifts of charity and service that you will be giving this Advent?

Family and children’s question:

How are your efforts to make Advent different going?

McGuire family;

10:45am—Marie Dunn by the Kelly family

12:15pm—Pura Goncalves by Mr. & Mrs. Albrecht

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Kathy Badalaty; James & Rita Basile; Charles Boston; Arlene Bove; Fred Busse; Tom B. Buttles; Linda Sue Cappisillo; Sonny Carlucci; Jamie Castro-Mango; Maryann Che; Thomas Diana; Tom Devine; Florence & Anthony Donato; Katherine Drechsler; William Driscoll; Jason Elias; Lorenzo Fernandes; Roma Fierro; Michael Filaseta; Barbara Foberg; Conrad Gangone; Ed Gast; Tom Gernon; Mary Happe; Penny Henrich; Ann & Anthony Iovino; Laura Jennings; Claire Keating; Elaine Kleinstauber; Henry Kwiecinski; Lorraine Mango-Follini; Nicole Mango-Follini; Jean Marsala-Kieffner; Stella Minecci; Vicki Nelson; toddler Lila Nitsch; Pat Owens; Leona Papareto; Albert Pastore; Joseph Peter; Bill Radcliffe; Carlos Sanchez; Walter Seidel; Denise Siele; Ray & Kathy; Aileen Soler; Ted Stahura; Tom Stahura; Oscar Steadman; Richard Stout; Chase Turano; Andrew M. Valentine; Andrew J. Valentine; Grace Von Ancken; Leo Vannoni; Ellen-Jane Vinson; Mikki Wilbert; Linda Wilkonski; Thuy Wilmott

*(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 March 31, 2014.** Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.)*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Douglas Albert Sposato; Anthony J. Hirsch; Margaret Doria; Philip T. Purcell; Boleslauf Stanley Roncrka; Alex Viola (grandson of Ann Popp); Rosemarie Shady; Rocco Cortese; Paul Mazzola; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Nasruddin was arrested and taken to court on the charge that he was stuffing horsemeat into the chicken cutlets he served at his restaurant.

Before passing sentence, the judge wanted to know in what proportion he was mixing the horsemeat with the chicken. Nasruddin on oath said, "It was fifty-fifty, your Honor." After the trial a friend asked what exactly "fifty-fifty" meant. Nasruddin replied "One horse to one chicken."

This Sunday begins the season of Advent which is a time

of preparation to welcome Jesus at his birth among us on December 25. As in the story of Nasruddin above, this time of preparation (Advent) is disproportionately and commercially overloaded by Christmas displays at the stores, Christmas music on the radios, Christmas attractions in the surroundings. They rob the mood of preparing ourselves and thus realizing within our hearts the birth of Jesus.

Being overwhelmed by all these things before Christmas, our time of preparation (Advent) turns to be strenuous and tiresome. In order to give us a time of prayer and stillness of heart, we have planned various spiritual activities in our Church.

December 1st - at 3:30pm we have Lessons and Carols. An hour of singing and listening to the readings of God's mighty acts through history up to the birth of Christ. This is a prayerful way of getting into the mood of Advent.

December 4th and 11th—Wednesdays--7:00pm to 8:00pm - Advent Vespers and Benediction with short reflections. An hour before the Blessed Sacrament to quieten our hearts in the busy and crazy shopping season.

December 14th— Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass--

Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa. - A time to learn along with our children the true meaning of the real Christmas gift - becoming Santa to each other and giving the gift of God to each other.

December 17th—Tuesday after the 9:00am Mass and in the Evening at 7:00pm-- Advent Reflection with Sr. Pat Duffy O.P., Ph.D. - to draw us closer to the birth of Jesus in our hearts and homes.

This year on December 9th we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception because December 8th falls on a Sunday, when the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection takes precedence. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holyday of obligation this year. On Monday December 9th there will be just one mass at 9:00am. The usual hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that we have on Tuesday, will be held on Wednesday December 11th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We will pray for Life and its preservation in all stages from conception to death.

The Giving Tree: 'The Giving Tree' is in the Church Lobby with suggestions for Christmas gifts for those in need. By picking up a gift tag from the tree, we can be a giving tree to a needy person, who can celebrate a 'Merry Christmas' from the fruit of our donation. Thanks for being a 'Giving Tree'.

Calendar Club 2014: The Calendar Club is open for 2014. This week the bulletin carries the form for Calendar Club 2014. Please show your support by joining the Calendar Club. Parishioners are steadily joining this club. Please join and rush for your lucky numbers. You may also consider giving the Calendar Club as a gift to someone. Calendar Club is a good way of fund raising for the Parish.

Catholic Ministry Appeal 2013: Our Parish's assessment this year is \$65,300. This year we have reached the pledged total of \$ 50,712 so far which is 78% of our goal. Last Year we attained 109.7% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal. Besides helping others by our generosity, we benefited \$ 16,859 for our parish from that sharing.

If you did not receive a letter from the CMA office 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.

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS (*Subject to last minute changes*)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Nov. 30/31)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Nov. 30/Dec. 1)
<u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Racos
10:45am	Fr. Charles	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Dahlke	Fr. Charles

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



K of C KORNER

St Thomas More Council once again earned Star Council which is recognition from the Supreme Council of the K of C for growth, involvement in the Community and works of Charity. Congratulations to GK Don Lynch & his team.

The Knights conducted their Food Drive for Parish Outreach at Hauppauge Waldbaums and collected over 1000 lbs. of food for the needy of our Parish Community.

A hearty and fraternal welcome to brother Mike Hoffmann, the newest member of STM Council. Also, congratulations to PGK and District Warden Richie Webber on his retirement after 40 years of service with the IRS.

Look for the sale of Christmas Poinsettias by the K of C. We will be taking orders Dec. 7 & 8 for white, red, & jingle bell colored plants. The sale of plants helps to sponsor various charities throughout the year.

PARISH OUTREACH & ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

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

Thank You!

Outreach would like to thank each and every person who stopped by with a turkey or food baskets for our clients who needed our help in enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Your spirit of generosity and the sharing of your own good fortune enabled our families to lessen their own



worries, at least for the day.

Islip town Senior I.D. cards

Senior I.D. cards are available for senior residents age 60 years and older. The ID cards are available at the Permit/ID Office located at Brookwood Hall, 50 Irish Lane, East Islip. 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Please bring proof of residency and age. You can also obtain a card by mail; just send a copy of your driver's license or proof of residency and age to the above address. The card will be mailed back to you along with the copy of your driver's license.

Residential Repair Program

Assistance is provided for small household repairs that the homeowner is not able to manage, if the homeowner is over sixty years old. The owner is responsible for parts and supplies only. Call 631-224-5335 for information. Appointments are made Monday through Friday, 9:00 -5:00.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| David Chester | John Chester |
| Carl F. Greiner | Michael White |
| Scott Lovelock | Christopher Mustakas |
| Justin Schneider | William Gregory |
| Christopher Day | Jason Doyle |
| Thomas Nichols | John Karies |
| Kaitlyn Nachtman | John Nachtman, Jr. |
| David W. Cussen | Adam Papaizai |
| Michael Fensterer | William R. Rathje |
| Jesse Bernstein | Michael Polanski |
| Adam J. Cussen | Ryan Smith |
| Kyle Rathje | |



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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

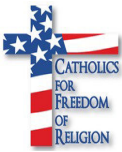
ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7 pm.

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.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion:



Bishop Murphy, together with US Catholic Bishops (USCCB), is holding firm to Catholic belief about "life" and refusing to comply with the HHS Mandate, due to be enforced on January 1, 2014. The right of religious liberty, the First Freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our fundamental beliefs. This is why members of Congress of both parties are sponsoring the **Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204)**.

Please join us in writing to and phoning our representatives, urging them to pass this Conscience Rights Act H.R. 940, and save our Catholic institutions.

In addition, you can visit www.usccb.org/freedom, or text the word "Freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty.

INNER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.... with Sister Pat Duffy, O.P.



Don't let the season pass without gifting your soul with "what it is really about" - Christ, the light that continues to overcome our darkness. You are invited to stop, to remember, and to allow yourself to breathe deeply of the great love God has for you. Everyone welcome.
St. Thomas More Church—Tuesday,

December 17th, 2013 at 9:30 am & at 7pm

YOUNG AT HEART

Next Meeting December 13, 2013 @ 1pm

Christmas Luncheon: **Tuesday, December 17, 2013**

STEWARDSHIP AT ST THOMAS MORE

Surely you have heard of Justice and Peace – we hope the following article will give you an insight into the rewarding and necessary work of this very important ministry -

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRY

People often ask, "what is Justice and Peace?" It is more than charity, it looks at the systemic root of the need for charity, e.g., why don't people have enough food to eat, or a safe place to live; or a job that will provide for their basic needs, and seeks to educate others on these issues.

Justice and Peace can best be illustrated by the story of the villagers who lived downstream from another village. One day, they found bodies floating down the river which then became a daily occurrence. Charity enabled the people to bury the bodies, but Justice and Peace led them to go upstream and find the cause of the carnage, so that they might help to find a solution.

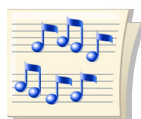
The work of Justice and Peace flows from Catholic Social Teaching, which originates from the Encyclicals of our Popes; the earliest issued in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII on "The Condition of Labor." Unfortunately, Catholic Social Teaching is also called the Church's "Best Kept Secret."

There are many paths that led me to this ministry: the values I learned in my family, my Catholic school education that taught me to question "why"; the dedication of our ministry members, as well as other such committees throughout the Diocese. So one day, even though I didn't have the time to "do" another thing, I asked to join our parish committee. It has been rewarding – and frustrating at the same time. When you see the world through the Justice and Peace lens, you realize that there is so much need, and change is slow. Advocating for those marginalized by our society is never popular and not always welcomed by those in authority. But, God's way of living in the world is through each of us. How can we say no to His command – "Love One Another."

Interested? Call me – Ann Russo – 631.543.2740

St. Thomas More Columbiettes #6062

The Columbiettes extend an invitation to all women interested in helping their community to join our group. We meet at St. Thomas More once a month from September to June, a total of ten meetings a year. We run two fund raisers, Nite at the Races and Supermarket Bingo, which enable us to contribute to our church outreach and to abused families among other charities. Please call our president, Betty Baker 631-348-3615 or our vice-president Lillian Oddo 631-724-9374. Please join our group of LOVELY LADIES !!! We are known as the smallest council with the biggest hearts.



MUSIC NEWS

The hustle and bustle of the coming season is already upon us. It seems that each year the commercial sector wants to grab you earlier and earlier. "Shop till you drop" has begun because Christmas is coming.

On December 1st at 3:30pm we will offer a program to enter into Advent because Christmas "IS" Coming! We invite you to enter into the beginning of the advent season. There will be Scripture & song. A time to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas—the reason for the season!

Please plan to attend "A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent" — **December 1st at 3:30pm.**
COME!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Christmas is coming and it is now time to prepare for the happy day. The Young People's Christmas Choir is forming and I invite all children grades 2 through High School to join their voices in celebration of the birth of Jesus.



There will be 3 rehearsals:

December 7th from 2 to 3 pm

December 14th from 2 to 3 pm

December 21st from 2 to 3 pm

We will sing at the 3:30 and/or 5:30 Mass of Christmas eve and at the 9:15 Mass through the Christmas Season.

There is a song that asks "What can I give Him poor as I am?" We can give Him our time and our voices. Think about it. Come be a part of this joyful group.

For information and to join please call Emilia at 724-8820 by November 24, 2013.

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 Marilyn at 234-5805 or Joan at 234-1739.



The book reading schedule for the next

meetings are:

Dec. 9, 2013—The Irresistible Henry House

by *Lisa Grunwald*—Facilitator: Carolyn DeSantis

Jan. 13, 2014—Buddha in the Attic by *Julie Otsuka*—

Facilitator: Aurelie Miller

THINKING ABOUT ??

BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

- ◆ Do you feel His tug to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist?
- ◆ Have you felt the desire to learn more about becoming a Catholic. If any of these apply to you, consider our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information contact :Ann Russo, e-mail: redaa@aol.com or by phone at 543-2740 or Arlene Zuzzolo, e-mail: johnandao@gmail.com or by phone at 543-6499, or the Church Office at 234-5551.



You may have noticed that the dirt and grime on the exterior wall of our church is gone! This is thanks to Charles Lella (Ultra Power Washing, Hauppauge). We are grateful to him for volunteering his time and skill in doing a professional job. THANK YOU, CHARLES! GOD BLESS YOU.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—December 1

12:15pm—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

2pm—Baptisms—Church

3pm—Advent Lessons & Carols—Church

Monday—December 2

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden & Kirwin Hall
Tuesday—December 3

6pm—Knights of Columbus—Kitchen
7pm—Holy Hour of Adoration—Church
7pm—Knights of Columbus District Deputy—Walden Hall

Wednesday—December 4
7pm—Advent Vespers—Church
7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

Thursday—December 5
5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church
7pm—Healing our Hearts—Religious Ed. Center
7:30pm—Choir—Church

Saturday—December 6
2pm—Christmas Choir Rehearsals—Church
5pm—RCIA—Church & Meeting Room
6pm—Knights of Columbus Christmas Party—Walden Hall-Meeting Room

CALENDAR CLUB 2013

HERE ARE WINNERS FROM NOV. 24-30, 2013 CONGRATULATIONS!

Nov. 24—Sun. \$50 #501—Rosalind Warmuth
Nov. 25—Mon. \$25 #421—Greg Napolitano
Nov. 26—Tues. \$25 #143—Mae Devine
Nov. 27—Wed. \$25 #514—Diane & Louis Debenedittis
Nov. 28—Thurs. \$75 #96—Edward & Arleen Rogan
(Thanksgiving)
Nov. 29—Fri. \$25 #888—August Vrondis
Nov. 30—Sat. \$25 #835—Anthony Rotolico

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Marian Healing Ministry—Healing Mass—Immaculate Conception Center (Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston)—Tues. Dec. 10; 7pm—Rosary, Mass & Healing Service. For info call 718-229-8001.

St. Anthony's High School Christmas Concert of Instrumental & Choral Music—Friday, Dec. 13 & Sat. Dec. 14 at 7:30pm in the Auditorium (275 Wolf Hill Rd, South Huntington). Donation \$10.

Winter Solstice Prayer: Saturday, December 21st from 10-11 am. Join us for prayer and reflection on the darkest day of the year. Quiet your mind, body, and spirit as we prepare to welcome the Light of the Incarnation into the world. At the CSJ Organic Garden on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1725 Brentwood Road (follow the signs from the entrance). Registration is helpful at brentwoodcsj.org under "Ecology" or call (631)273-1187 ext 140

Montfort Spiritual Center (26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore)—**Advent Retreat**— Fri., Dec. 6; 7pm to Sun., Dec. 8—1pm. "Come to the Stable" \$175 pp.

Day of Prayer—Dec. Fri. 7; 9am to 3pm. "Do you let God love you". \$35 pp.

New Year's Retreat—Monday, Dec. 30, 7pm;

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, - 9:30am. "Make me an instrument of Your Peace" \$100 pp. For info call 666-7500.

Church of St. Joseph (39 North Carl Ave., Babylon)—Concert by St. Joseph's Choir to benefit The Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch. Performance will include Handel's *Messiah* & Pergolesi's *Magnificat* and other beautiful choral selections, and will be preceded by a candlelight procession. Free-will offering.

Bereavement Support Group—St. Mary's Parish (20 Harrison Ave., East Islip) is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Group begins Wed., Jan. 15, 2014 from 1 to 3 pm; registration required. Refreshments served. For info and/or registration, please call 581-4266, ext. 100. In order to participate, the death must have occurred 3 months prior to Jan. 15, 2014.

(Second Notice)

Hauppauge Middle School Blood Drive—Dec. 4 in the Cafeteria—2:30 to 8:30pm. Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season!

Faith & Light Meeting—Friday, Dec. 6 at 7pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset (Faith & Light is an international faith sharing organization for developmentally challenged people, their families and caregivers).

Hope House Ministries—Andy Cooney's "Classic Irish Christmas Show" with "America's Irish Colleen"—Sat. Dec. 7 at 2 pm at St. Joseph's College Patchogue. Tickets \$35pp. Please call Janet Brennan 631-928-2377 ext. 22.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church—800 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma—Annual Christmas Craft Fair—Sun., Dec. 8—9am-5pm. Crafts, baked goods, raffles, refreshments, take pictures with Santa. Vendors & information: 631-846-9323.

St. Joseph Renewal Center—1725 Brentwood Rd—Brentwood—December programs—Please call 273-1187 x123 for reservations.

Dec. 4; 1-2:30pm "Living with Alzheimers and Dementia" —Free Will Offering

Dec. 4—Evening Session 7:30—9:30pm

Dec. 8—Morning Session 10am —12noon

Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of Focusing Offering: \$15 per session

Dec. 4; 10am—3pm —Advent Day of Prayer—'ON BEING the Womb of God'

Offering \$45 includes lunch.

Dec. 4; 7—8pm—Guided Meditation for Inner Healing

Offering: \$15 (\$20 individual session by appointment)

Dec. 10; 10am to 12noon—A Gathering of Women

Offering: \$15

Dec. 14; 8—9:30am—Men 2 Men Spiritual Gathering

Offering: \$20 includes breakfast

Dec. 22; 2-4pm—11th Step Prayer—A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness

Offering: Free will

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.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of November 24, 2013 \$8,757.00

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.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS - Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

USED CELL PHONES - We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

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. Here is how it works: ENTER: www.GoodSearch.com Where it states: “Who do you Good Search for?” “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.

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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 or check out the Young Ministry website at www.stthomasmoreyouth.org.

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 2014

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More’s Calendar Club for 2014.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE:()

() One Number for 25

OR

() FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

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

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School:

Summa Cum Laude Honors

Kaitlyn Frenger Grade 09
Kaila Fitzgerald Grade 10

Magna Cum Laude Honors

Maria Avila-Franklin Grade 09
Kathryn-Rose Russotto Grade 10

Cum Laude Honors

Gavin Wojtas Grade 09
Mary Monsees Grade 12

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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:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY'S DATE:

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

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**REGISTRATION and/or
ENVELOPE REQUEST**

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

- I/we would like to register in the parish.
- Please send contribution envelopes.
- I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.

Other _____
(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)

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CHURCH MINISTRIES

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

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee |

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**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2013**

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2013.

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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**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2013**

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$ 65,300

PLEGDED TO DATE: \$ 50,712

78% of goal met.

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

Bethpage Credit Union: Tellers, Asst. Branch Mgrs., Mortgage Sales Mgrs. Excellent Benefits.

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

Caterpillar Dealer—Holtsville & Bronx. Service Mgrs., Supervisors, Electric Power Generator Techs, Diesel/Heavy Equipment Techs. Attractive benefit package.

Christmas Tree Shop—All year customer serv. overnight associates & many depts. Also new Riverhead store.

Collators—PT- \$10.52 per hr. 4 hr. shifts—all year long for Newsday 18 yrs. Or older. HS.

Darby Dental—Inside sales account managers. Will train —outstanding benefit package. New openings in all depts.

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

Driver— Driver—Mon to Fri—to make deliveries in NY & L.I.—Van & Gas supplied.

Exelis—ITT— North Amityville—1. Program Director—#9957BR—Electron warfare—direct programs, negotiate contracts, manage staff—experience—US citizenship. (2) IT Specialist #8932BR—Troubleshoot & test components/devices— BS in IT or engineering. 1 yr. experience. Competitive salary—Benefits.

Geico Insurance—Sales reps, mgt trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven Directly

Healthcare Partners IPA— Vlsimd Sfl., Nurse Care Mgrs, Marketing Sales Mgrs., Cust. Ser. Reps. Excellent Benefits.

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.

JS Pharmaceuticals—Process Operators, office assistants, chemists/analysts, warehouse—401K—profit sharing—medical—pd. vacation.

Lexus of Massapequa—New management. Exper. A plus, but will train. Great salary & benefit pkg.

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

P.C. Richards— Appliance Service Technicians to diagnose & repair full line appliances—will train, good driving record— Customer service skills—excellent benefits—van, mobile phone, uniforms supplied.

School Bus/Van Drivers—Huntington Coach-free training. Full Benefit Pkg \$21.07 Bus; \$18.30 Van.

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.

Target—Huntington—new store— Team members—Competitive salary, discounts, flexible hours.

Town of Smithtown—Sub PT teachers & teacher assistants. Smithtown & Kings Park School Districts.

Uncle Giuseppe's— Store Mgrs. Dept. Mgrs., Team members—all depts. Good Benefit Pkg.

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.