

Pastoral Staff Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor 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

**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 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.

# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221



December 21, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent December 25, 2014 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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	F
Religious Ed—	234-0397	F
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Church Lobby-	- 348-9378	

FAX 234-6412 FAX 234-1199 FAX 234-1199

## Masses for this coming week

December 21, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalm 16:25-27 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

## Saturday—December 20

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm—Rose, Michael, Rocco & Joseph Viso by the Butindari family

## Sunday—December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent 8am—Mayan Wallert *by Donna Mott*

9:15am—Kelly Skopek *by the D'Andria family* 10:45am—Robert Mohlenbrok *by Lois Mohlenbrok & family* 

12:15pm—Anthony Mirro *by the Paino family* Monday—December 22

9am—Leonard J. Solicito *by Rose Solicito & family* **Tuesday—December 23—St. John of Kanty** 9am—Gloria Kreider *by Mary Smyth* 

## Wednesday— December 24

9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish 3:30pm—For those who supported our Flower Fund 5:30pm—For those who supported our Flower Fund 8:00pm—For those remembered in our Flower Fund 10:30pm—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish **Thursday—December 25—The Nativity of the Lord** 9am—For those remembered in our Flower Fund 10am—For those who supported our Flower Fund 12:15pm—For those remembered in our Flower Fund 12:15pm—For those remembered in our Flower Fund 12:15pm—For those remembered in our Flower Fund Saturday—December 26—St. Stephen 9am— Denise Joyce *by Elizabeth Atkinson* Saturday—December 27—St. John the Evangelist

Saturday—December 27—St. John the Evangelist 9am—Msgr. Francis S. Midura by Barbara Mickelson (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Rose & Edward J. Borowski by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Rose

### Sunday—December 28—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8am—Matthew J. Noschese Sr. *by Joann DiGrazia* 9:15am—Teresa Keane *by the Hughes family* 10:45am—Kelly Skopek *by Michelle Eyring* 12:15pm—Nick Liberatoscioli *by his family* 



# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rita Basile; Charles Boston; Barbara Burns;

# Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 28, 2014 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke: When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him. He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of

the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

## Focus Questions:

1. Relate the ways that technology has affected your family life.

2. Describe how older family members are treated in your family.

3. How has the Holy Family influenced the way you raised your family or the way you continue to be a member of a family.

### Family and children's question

In what ways does your family communicate the love of God to each other.

Parker Broderick; Baby Luke Brodersen; Fred Busse; Linda Sue Cappisillo; Jamie Castro-Mango; Maria Connolly; Claire Cooper; Norma Cottrell; Debra Deveney; Tom Devine; Thomas Duffy; John & Maureen Dunn; Raphael Fedele; Barbara Foberg; Nadine Follini; Rose Fuls; Tom Gernon: James Gima: Debbie Harabedian: Theresa (Terri) Hillerbrand; Casano A.S. Holmes; Terri Ilardi; Ann Iovino & son Anthony; Irene Janis; Stephanie Kane; Kenneth; Elaine Kleinstauber; Richard Landi; Morgan Leary (age 6); Lauren Lossani; Jean Marsala-Kieffner; Lorraine Mango-Follini; Thurman (Buddy) Marshall; Terrence Martin; Michael McElroy; Patricia McElroy (for strength); Stella Minneci; Kathleen Moccia; Victoria Nelson; Jean Noschese; Irene O'Leary; Joan O'boyle; Maureen O'Donnell; Thomas Pacileo; Joe P; Mary Ann Peet; Joseph Peter; Joseph Placa; Baby Ryan Rolston; Carlos Sanchez; Jennifer Savarese; Terry Shannon; Brenda Sichlina; Ted Stahura; Thomas Stahura; Oscar Steadman; Elven Tangel; Chase Turano; Andrew J. Valentine; Andrew M. Valentine; Ellenjane Vinson; Jeanine Walsh 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 29, 2015. Please resubmit any names you wish to have

# PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Mary L. Pinto; Anthony Joseph Viola; Lucy Maltese,; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

# FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

### Dear Friends,

continued.)

A famous writer once sent Christmas cards containing nothing but twenty five letters of the alphabet. When some of his friends admitted that they had failed to understand his message, he pointed to the card and said, "Look! No L". Yes the powerful message of Christmas is NOEL. This French word means Christmas, the birth of Jesus and the news of God's coming to us. This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and Thursday is the Solemn Feast of the Birth of God as Jesus the human among us. Christmas is the celebration of God mingling with us as one of us, and it is our grateful reception of God in our lives. Christmas is God's giving and our grateful receiving. It is the feast of giving ourselves to the other and grateful receiving of the other by us.

Christmas is not a repetition of what we did in the past. It is the great exchange between God and humans. God comes to appear in human flesh, and humans are invited to recognize the divinity in themselves. Christmas invites for a great exchange among us, from oneself to the other, from one heart to the other. Today when you give gifts please attach a little of yourself in the gift you want to give the other. When you receive the gift please gratefully accept the little self of the other. It is not the things that get exchanged at Christmas but the persons -- God with us, and we with each other.

On this note of Great Exchange I wish each one of you and your families a MERRY CHRISTMAS. May the God who shares God's wonderful self with us in Jesus, the EMMANUEL, (which means God-with-us) open your hearts to give and receive each other in love and joy. This...is...the...way....The...Church...

Looks....when....one....looks....it...

from.....the....pulpit.....during.....a...mass...on....a. .....regular.....Sunday

BUT

Thechurchwilllooklikethisatthemasseson ChristmaseveandChristmasday.

There are seven masses for Christmas. Every mass will be crowded and the parking lot will be overflowing. We may feel like Mary and Joseph who had to end up in the stable because there was no room for them in the inn. At Christmas mass, if you happen to be displaced from your usual seats in the Church, please consider yourselves to be like the Holy Family. Your new seat is the manger and the birth of Jesus will definitely take place wherever you sit. Let us welcome all. Let us celebrate with all. **Light from Bethlehem and Tree Lighting**: Last Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> we brought the light from Bethlehem, Israel in the 5:00pm mass. Tree lighting followed. Lots of young families joyfully participated. We had the

meaningful and spiritually enriching celebration of hope and light – Jesus Christ.

I whole heartedly thank all those who made this family event possible for our Parish - Justin Monsees and his friend Emily helped decorate all the trees with lights; John White brought the Bethlehem light for our Parish from JFK; Pat and Mary Ellen, our directors of Religious Education prepared the children as bearers of the Bethlehem-lights; the Youth Ministry and the Knights of Columbus served food and refreshments, led the children with Christmas activities; Frank Bayer our photographer, Santa Claus and his young elves... and many other individuals ... all who made this event a joyful evening. I thank you all.

**2014 Contribution Statements**: Soon after the New Year we will complete data entries of 2014 into our system. If you want a record of your 2014 contributions for tax purposes, please complete and return the cut-out in the bulletin to the Church Office. We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.

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

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	This Weekend	Next Weekend
	(Dec. 20/21)	(Dec. 27/28)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5:00	Fr. Dahlke	Fr. Irinel
<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Cornelius
9:15am	Fr. Irinel	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Cornelius	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

# 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.* 



A TIME FOR THE GIVING OF THANKS....

Thank you to the people who have been donating to the Giving Tree at St. Thomas More....the toys, gifts, and gift cards have been

coming in...and they will be donated to the families and agencies we support, helped by the Youth Group. If you have any last-minute food or gifts to bring in, please bring them directly to Outreach

them directly to Outreach . We will be closed from Dec. 23<sup>nd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>, however. We had an unexpected visit from Santa Claus this morning, and he donated \$50.00 in Target cards...and the third grade religion classes collected bottles, deposited them, and donated cash and gift cards worth \$573.00! Who knew so much could be collected from bottle deposits?

All of the Outreach Volunteers would like to wish all the parishioners of St. Thomas More our heartfelt thanks for their generosity and kind wishes for our clients and their children. You have brought to life the true spirit of Christmas, which is the satisfaction and inner peace obtained from giving, rather than receiving. May you all have a respite from your usual worries and concerns, and rejoice in the birth of Christ.

## **St Vincent de Paul Conference St Thomas More SVdP Conference**

What we do: The St Thomas More SVdP Conference helps relieve some of the burden put on Outreach. When the demand on Outreach goes beyond food and daily necessities, Outreach calls us. We contact the client and arrange to meet with them in their home. We help by paying bills, networking, finding jobs & temporary housing, providing clothes and necessary furniture.

What you can do: Support the conference. *All* of all your donations are used to help those in our community ... your donations stay right here! Although we have a close relationship with Outreach and we work hand in hand, our funds are separate from Outreach and require your support.

Donations can be made as follows:

<u>Checks</u>: SVdP St. Thomas More Conference <u>Cash</u>: an envelope that says SVdP. Leave at the rectory.

**Become a Vincentian.** The only requirement is to have a desire to help. Together, as a conference, we offer the many skills and resources that enable to assist those in our community.

For more information, please call 234-3249.



Save the date for our Family Valentine Night,
 Saturday, February 14th immediately
 following the 5PM Mass.

# PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

John Chester

David Chester Carl F. Greiner Scott Lovelock Justin Schneider Christopher Day Thomas Nichols Kaitlyn Nachtman Adam Papaizai Jesse Bernstein Kyle Rathje William R. Rathje Timothy Fallon Tim Morris Thomas Migliara

Michael White Thomas LaFemina William Gregory Jason Doyle John Karies John Nachtman, Michael Poist Michael Polanski Ryan Smith Ethan Bernstein Philip Guidone



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.

## **Catholics for Freedom of Religion**:

"The threats (to religious freedom) are more subtle (in the West), many people don't even perceive them; they happen bureaucratically, or legislatively, or judicially, 'said Archbishop William Lori. Whereas in other parts of the world ... it's bloody, violent, overt, but in both cases it's a denial of the rights of

conscience and the freedom to relate to one's own God."

Christmas in the News:

\* Oklahoma lawmakers advance "Merry Christmas Bill" allowing traditional greetings. The legislation says that public school students, teachers and staff can greet each other with such traditional phrases as Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays. (<u>akdart.com</u>, 2/11/14)

\* Students and parents from Prosper, TX, were upset that student created Christmas cards didn't get delivered to local veterans because of a Veterans Affairs policy against specific religious cards and phrasing. (myfoxdfw.com, 12/24/13)

The Twelve Rules of Christmas (continued) 9. Government entities may erect and maintain celebrations of the Christmas holiday, such as Christmas trees and Christmas light displays, and may include creches in their displays ...

10. Neither public nor private employers may prevent employees from decorating their offices for Christmas, playing Christmas music, or wearing clothing related to Christmas ...

11. Public or private employees whose sincerely held religious beliefs require they not work on Christmas must be reasonably accommodated by their employers ... 12. Government recognition of Christmas as a public holiday and granting government employees a paid holiday for Christmas does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. (rutherford.org, 12/9/13) ) <u>http://</u> bit.ly/1AUNaqT

Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly (on the night of Christmas) entered into our night, 'Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, 12/25/08

May your Christmas be blessed with the joy of the coming of our Savior. .....From your fellow parishioners, Catholics for Freedom of Religion

# **RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 7pm.

# 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.

## NEW WEBSITE—ST. THOMAS MORE

Did you know that St. Thomas More has a website? We've had one in various forms since 1996, but we have found that many parishioners don't always make use of it. Recently the STM Pastoral Council has been discussing social media and the Internet at length. Like most communities, we have a growing population of persons who use several types of electronic media to stay in touch with information and keep their lives organized. In order to more effectively communicate parish information, we will be making more use of Facebook and Twitter. We have also re-launched our website with a brand new design.

We even have a much easier to remember web address now: <u>stmli.org</u> (that stands for "St. Thomas More, Long Island").

The website can be viewed not only on your computer, but on a smartphone or tablet as well. You will be able to link to our parish Facebook page and get connected to the Facebook and Twitter accounts of our Religious Education program and our Youth Program.

We will have contributed articles and postings from several areas of the parish, including some of our ministries, and will have a calendar of events covering both regular events as well as the special ones that take place during seasons such as Lent and Advent. There will be several other features added to site in the coming weeks. For now, make sure you check out the new site by going to <u>stmli.org</u> and bookmark it for future use.

# 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 next meeting will be on:

Jan. 12, 2015—Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown—Facilitator—Caroline DeSantis Feb. 9, 2015—Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by

Helen Simonson—Facilitator—Ann Belluardo

# SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 14, 2014 \$9551.50

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 <u>www.FaithDirect.net</u> 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.

**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 Grade. 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



Fr. Antony lights a candle at St. Thomas More with the light from Bethlehem brought to us by John White (right).

## CALENDAR CLUB 2014

Here are the winners: Dec. 14-20, 2014

## **CONGRATULATIONS !**

Sun.	Dec.	14—\$50—#172—Michael T. Welsh
Mon.	Dec.	15—\$25—#709—Walter Brennan
Tues.	Dec.	15—\$25—#89—Joseph & Mary Anne Como
Wed.	Dec.	17—\$25—#166—Willis Tate
Thurs.	Dec.	18—\$25—#862—Mary E. Conway
Fri.	Dec.	19—\$25—#17—Pat Lewis
Sat.	Dec.	20—\$25—#742—Evelyn & Bob McMahon

We wish you and your loved ones the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Fr. Antony, Deacons Bob, Ed & John and the staff of St. Thomas More.

# 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 Fr. Dahlke - dahlkesj@icloud.com Deacon John Rapacki- deaconjohn@stmli.org Altar Servers Ministry- altarservers@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.

# YOUNG AT HEART

will welcome the New Year at our meeting on January 9, 2015 at 1pm. Heroes, salads, etc. will be served FREE to all paid members. Bring your own favorite drink.

Happy and Healthy New Year!

## St. Thomas More/ Msgr. Francis S. Midura Council #6062 Columbiettes

The Columbiettes are looking for Catholic women who would like to give up an evening once a month for ten months out of the year, and two days for our fund raisers.

We meet once a month on the second Thursday of every month; we also hold two fund raisers a year to help our community. A great time is had by all. If interested in joining please contact Betty Baker, President at <u>631-348-3615</u>.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We have been notified that the following students of our parish received certificates for making the Honor Roll at St. Anthony's High School for the first quarter of 2014. at St. Anthony's High School for the first quarter of 2014.

Alex Aliscio Michael Barr Brett Boller Victoria Byrnes Victoria Cipri Maggie Curly Kayla CeCristofaro Alexander Delgado Nicole Falcone Victoria Faulisi

Emily Gallagher Tyler Grippo Michael Haggerty Madison Lulley Morgan Lulley Terrence Mooney Nicole Pikulik Rebecca Safranek William Waters Christopher Wiendland

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE (Not totally inclusive)

(Not totally inclusive)
Sunday—Dec. 21—Hospitality Sunday
No Bible Study by Fr. R. Dahlke
Monday—Dec. 22
7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall/Meeting Room
Wednesday—Dec. 24
10:30pm—Youth Ministry Alumni Mass
Thursday—Dec. 25—The Nativity of our Lord—
(Christmas)
We Wish all our Parishioners and their Families
a Holy and Blessed Christmas.
Sunday—Dec. 28
8am—RCIA—Meeting Room
1:30pm—Altar Servers—Church
6pm—Young Adult Ministry Christmas Party

No Bible Study by Fr. R. Dahlke



Altar Servers Wanted



Thinking about taking a more active role in your mass experience? Why not become an altar server? Anyone who has received the

sacrament of First Holy Communion is eligible to participate in the Altar Server Ministry. For additional information please email the coordinator at <u>altarservers@stmli.org</u> (For middle school & high school students, you can receive community service credit for

honor society and graduation)

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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)

# 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:

() Landscaping/Planting

() Banner Committee

- () Altar Server () Hospitality () Greeter () Usher () RCIA () Liturgy with Children () Lector () Eucharistic Minister
- () Consolation Minister
- () Rosary Altar Society
- () Pre-Cana ) Caring for Altar Plants () FOCCUS
- ()Adult Lending Library

Name::

Address:

Phone:

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2014

**Our Parish Goal Pledges to date** 



77.13%

Hands of Christ

Percentage of Goal

Thank you for your support of the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Completing your 2014 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

# **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)

# 2014 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/We would like a record of our 2014 contributions to St. Thomas More

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

(Please return to the Church Office)

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2014

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### (First Notice)

**Faith and Light Meeting**—Friday, Jan. 2, 7pm—Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset (Faith and Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges, their families and caregivers).

#### (Second Notice)

**St. Sylvester's Parish Center—Big Band Beat**— Dec. 20 at 7pm featuring the "Savoy Swing Band" playing for your listening & dancing entertainment. Admission \$10pp beverages & snacks included. Address: 68 Ohio Ave., Medford, NY. For info. visit website: www.goodolddanceband.com or call Mike (631) 730-3333.

**Twelfth Night Concert for Epiphany**—Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 4pm. Presented by the Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre at the Sacred Heart Chapel, Sisters of St. Joseph, 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood. Reception immediately following concert. All are welcome

**Catholics Returning Home**—St. Lawrence the Martyr R.C. Church, corner of Main St. & Handsome Ave., Sayville will conduct a series called *Catholics Return-ing Home* on six consecutive Monday evenings at 7:30pm beginning January 5th. These sessions are for Catholics who have left the active practice of their faith and who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Maria Davidson at 631-589-3160

#### Help St. Stephen Catholic Church in Appalachia— The church roof & gutters need urgent replacement, and

parts of walls need to be repaired. Help is desperately needed as the small church community cannot do it without external assistance. Any donation, large or small will be a blessing. Please send donations to St. Stephen Catholic Church, 304 Central St., Cumberland, KY 40823. Attention: Fr. Mani George Thellikalayil.

# Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's visit to St. Thomas More $\backslash$











# **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**—Outside mortgage Loan Officers, Mortgage Sales Mgrs, Branch Mgrs., Head Tellers; P/T Tellers at various locations.

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

Diligent Credit Solutions—Sales Trainees, Account Executives; Sales Consultants—they will train right candidate.

**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.

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—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

<u>Hiring for Holidays</u>– Big Retailers hiring—Fed. Ex—Kohl's—Macy—Sports Authority—Target—Toys R Us—UPS—Walmart **Housekeepers** - FT/PT positions for small offices and homes.

**Island Federal Credit Union**—1) Branch Mgr—Massapequa/Stony Brook; 2) Home Lending Officer– Stony Brook; 3) Financial Service Associates—Hauppauge; 4) Facilities Technician; 5) Head Teller—Brookhaven Town area; 6) Tellers FT/PT-Excellent Benefits & Salary

J.S. Pharmaceuticals Inc.-Now hiring all depts. 4 day work week.401K Profit Sharing, medical, paid vacation.

Collators.\$10.73 per hr. Afternoon & evening shifts-must be able to work thru calendar year. HS diploma-18 yrs.or older

-Accountant-Senior-assist journal entries, prepare & review accruals, inventory procedures, etc. 2 yr. experience, CPA preferred.

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

Customer service skills-excellent benefits-van, mobile phone, uniforms supplied.

#### St. Catherine of Siena-

1. <u>Nursing Home</u>—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;

2. <u>Hospital</u>—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.

Town of Smithtown: PT certified teachers, teachers assistant & sub. before or after school programs 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.