



Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent



## Third Sunday in 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.*

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## ***Masses for this coming week***

**December 11, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**  
**Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**  
**James 5:7-10**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**

### **Saturday, December 10**

#### ***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Joseph Goetz by *Grace & Bill Harold*; Emily Goldner by *Angela Mingione*; Mary Hafemann by *Sylvia Graf*; Michael & Emilia Leocadi by *Gino & Joanne Leocadi*; Tom LoRusso by *Gary & Gina Poulin*; John Mingione by *Angela Mingione*; Thomas O'Shaughnessy by *Angela Mingione*; Ed Porter by *Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*; Dorothy Sauchelli-Balin by *Patricia Frederick*; Phyllis Tortora & Jimmy Aversa by *Gino & Joanne Leocadi*.

### **Sunday, December 11--Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Ann Gallo by *the Wieland family*  
 9:15am Thomas Atkinson by *Elizabeth Atkinson*  
 10:45am Margaret Agliato by *Don & Rose Flore*  
 12:15pm Ken Doti by *Marie & Carmine Dilullo*

### **Monday, December 12--Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9am Mary Beth Weidig by *Len Munzer*

### **Tuesday, December 13--St. Lucy**

9am Marin Lamia by *Ann & family*

### **Wednesday, December 14--St. John of the Cross**

9am Priscilla McAllister by *Ed McAllister*

### **Thursday, December 15**

9am Eleanore Porter by *Judy Coyle*

### **Friday, December 16**

9am Mary Beth Weidig by *Ann Russo & family*

### **Saturday, December 16**

9am Joan Hartnett; Tom Prunty Sr., Andrew DiLeo  
 by *the Prunty family*

#### ***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Richard DiGiacomo by *Anne & Donna*

### **Sunday, December 18--Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Frank T. Bocchino; Borowski & Marziotto families by *Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*; Judith Ellen Lentino by *her parents*; Louis Pontillo by *Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*; John Rodriguez by *Frank & Vivianne LaTorre*; Dorothy Sauchell-Balin by *Judy Coyle*; Mary Beth Weidig by *Jim & Marie Marsala*  
 9:15am Robert Hayes Jr. by *Barbara Chase*  
 10:45am Vincent & Nancy Puzelli & Vincent & Sophie Mirabella by *Robert & Madeline Sauchelli*  
 12:15pm Nick Liberatoscioli by *his family*

## ***Growing through the Sunday Scriptures***

**December 18, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 7:10-14**  
**Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**  
**Romans 1:1-7**  
**Matthew 1:18-24**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,

"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

#### **Focus questions:**

1. Describe a time when you trusted in God in a very difficult situation.
2. Describe a time when you felt your trust had been betrayed by someone you loved. How was that trust re-established?
3. Relate a time when you changed a decision you made after prayer and reflection.

#### **Family and children's question:**

The angel tells Joseph that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us". Talk about how God is with us each moment of everyday. What signs do you see of God's presence in your life?

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

Dear Friends,

**Wife to her husband during an argument:** "I could make a fortune if I could buy you for what I think of you and sell you for what you think of yourself." Whenever we happen to judge the other we tend to consider others less valuable than ourselves.

**The Readings of the third week of Advent paint a picture** of how God thinks of us and what kind of future God envisions for us. Nothing of our humble and unholy status stops God's coming to us. Precisely our poor and unworthy status makes God come to us that our blindness may see, deafness may hear and lameness may leap.

**In today's Gospel John the Baptist** wants to make sure that he introduced the right person as Jesus. Jesus clears his doubt by indicating how the blind, deaf and lame are healed. Jesus confirms to John that his works of healing are the sign of God's working among his people. Advent leads us towards Christmas, the joyful celebration of God in Jesus coming to heal and live with us. It invites us to be healed of our blindness to see everything as God sees. It challenges us to hear more than what we like to hear so that we can leap beyond our own convenient circle and venture to live in God's circle. May Advent open our eyes, ears and hearts.

**As you know the feasibility study** was going on for the past two months. Please see the reports of the study found in this edition of the bulletin. Thank-you for your participation and valuable suggestions.

**December of 1967 the Parish Community of St. Thomas More was born.** This December we complete 49 years. By God's gracious providence we begin the 50<sup>th</sup> year, the GOLDEN JUBILEE this December. I invite you personally to the Kick-off event of the Golden Jubilee on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It starts at 5:00 pm with Mass, where the children will be able to meet **the members of the family of St. Thomas More from the 16<sup>th</sup> century**. After the Mass we will have the **tree-lighting**, followed by the arrival of **Santa** to take us to Walden Hall for food and a photo opportunity with Santa and the members of the Family of St. Thomas More. Please come let us declare open our Golden Jubilee year.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
**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**

#### **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.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anthony Augugliaro	Ira Karten
John & Michele (LoGrande)	Kenneth
Bongiorno	Jean Marsala Kieffner
Peter Bongiorno	Elaine Kleinstauber
Donna Borowski Billott	Dr. C. Lalli
McKenzie Borchers	Morgan Leary (age 8)
Cheryl Borden	Anne Leggio
Charles Borghardt	Nicolas Lorusso (17 months)
Charles Boston	Cindy Mango
Brandon Boswell	Laura Mattioli
Christina Cammarata	Angela McIntyre
Barbara Cappisillo	Terri Ilardi McKee
Linda Sue Cappisillo	Rose Messina
Coleen Cizon	Linda Mulryan
John Coen	Sally O'Connor
Donald Crocker	Beatrice Okorn
Bernice Cuomo	Rainey Pappas
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)	Joseph P
Anthony Donato	Joseph Placa
Florence Donato	Ross Placa
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Hilda Reese
Sofia Drobinko	Benita Roehm
Michael Faithfull	Mary Ann Russo
Claudia Fiore	Elyse Schrage
Millie Fiore	Carolene & Bob Shernowitz
Nadine Rose Follini	Daniel Skinnon
Jean & Gerald Gilson	Charles A. Stepanek
Judy Granville	Baby Reese Sylvain (2 weeks)
John Hanna	Jeannie Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. Heinrich	Marie Swartz
Richard Heller	Chase Turano
Dylan Hollins	Greg Williams
Laurie Holmes	Joey Ziegler (2 years old)
Stephanie Horoski	
Patricia Hrycyk	
Anita Ilardi	
Barbara Importuna	
Ann & Anthony Iovino	
Jacqueline	
Kidd Iovino	
Joseph Jacklets	
Irene Janis	



*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, 2017**.*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Frederick Busse; William R. Pontecorvo;  
Samantha Grootenboer; Tom Larusso; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Thomas LaFemina
Jessie Bernstein	Alex Lombardi
Anthony Broncatello	Andrew Lombardi
John Burk	Scott Lovelock
David Chester	Thomas Migliara
John Chester	Tim Morris
Nicholas Chester	John Nachtman
Theresa Chester	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Nichols
Eric Cullum	Adam Papaizai
Christopher Day	Michael Poist
Jason Doyle	Michael Polanski
Timothy Fallon	Kyle Rathje
Bryan Figueiredo	William R. Rathje
William Gregory	Antonia Marie Rivera
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Guidone	Christopher Sidor
Sean Hendrickson	Ryan Smith
John Karies	Michael White
Michael Knipper	



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.

## SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

### Websites

[www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org)  
[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)

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Personal Prayer [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)  
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at  
[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## **PARISH OUTREACH**

WANTED! HAMS, HAMS, HAMS...

We traditionally give hams to our clients for their Christmas dinner, and we need lots of them. Any hams you can donate would be gratefully accepted.



For those of you who are traveling at this time of year, we ask that you take advantage of the free toiletries provided by your motel/hotel, and donate them to our toiletry drive for the homeless. Please package them separately, and drop them in the Church lobby or to The Outreach office across the street. These items are greatly appreciated!!!!

It's time for THE GIVING TREE!!!! Please take a moment to look at the various cards on the tree to see what you would like to donate this year...please keep in mind, anything you give would be greatly appreciated! There are a variety of gifts this year, including towel sets, toys, gift cards, etc. Bring your gifts to the table set up in the Narthex, where someone is waiting to accept your offering either before or after Mass.

Please remember our Senior citizens at this time of year...it can be a lonely time if their relatives do not live nearby. If you can, reach out to them with a small gift or at least a friendly word. You would be doing God's work.

### ***St Vincent de Paul Conference***

Please remember our neighbors who have so much less, who struggle to meet all their basic necessities and Yet are thankful to all of our St. Thomas More community for your generosity, for Sharing the Spirit of Love, and for your prayers!  
May God Bless You!

### **OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

(Subject to last minute changes)

### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2016**

#### **Saturday**

5:00 pm

#### **Sunday**

8:00am

9:15am

10:45am

12:15pm

This Weekend  
(Dec. 10/11)

Fr. Antony

Msgr. Boccafola

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

Fr. Fred

Next Weekend  
(Dec. 17/18)

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

Msgr. Boccafola

Fr. Fred

**Our Parish Goal**      **\$68,500.00**  
**Pledges to date**      **\$52,464**  
**Percentage of Goal**      **76.59%**





## 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 2:30 pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631.234.5805 or Joan at 631.234.1739.

The following book will be discussed on:

Dec. 12--All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr--  
Facilitator: Marie Bracco

Jan. 9--Miller's Valley by Anna Quindlen--  
Facilitator: Aurelie Miller-Hendry

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

**Sunday--December 11--Hospitality Sunday**

(Second Collection: Religious Retirement)

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

7pm--Youth Ministry--Kit/Walden/Kirwin Halls

**Tuesday--December 12**

2:30pm--Circle of Women--Meeting Room

**Wednesday--December 14**

2pm--CFFR Meeting--Walden Hall

3pm--Divine Mercy--Church

6:30pm--Baptism Prep--Church/Kirwin Hall

7pm--Bereavement Support Group--Rectory

7:30pm--Meeting Columbiettes--Walden Hall

**Thursday--December 15**

5:30pm--Children's Choir--Church

7:30pm--Choir--Church

**Saturday--December 17**

11am--Angels & Shepherds --Church/Walden Hall

1:30pm--Children's Choir--Church

pm--Christmas Party--Knights of Columbus/Columbiettes-  
Kitchen/Kirwin/Walden Halls

**Sunday--December 18**

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

3pm--Eagle Scouts Ceremony--Kitchen/Walden Hall

7pm--Youth Ministry--Kit/Kirwin/Walden Halls

## YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on **Friday, December 9th at 1 pm** in Walden Hall.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be at Ciro's on **Wednesday, December 14th at 12 noon**. If you plan to attend, please call Elaine at 631-724-6337.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Madeline and Bob Sauchelli on their 65th Wedding Anniversary



Young At Heart November & December Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Peter Romano and Mae Devine



Happy Birthday to Elaine Moccia, BettyAnn & Joe Codispoli and Louise Soldo

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING



In order for us to send the names of your loved ones for printing in the Christmas Bulletin, we request that you submit your Flower Offering envelopes and your Christmas Remembrance envelopes by

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

so we can meet the Bulletin deadline.

We further request that all names be written legibly.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following young parishioners who attend St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

### **SUMMA CUM LAUDE HONORS**

Maria Avila-Franklin      Grade 12  
Kaitlyn Frenger            Grade 12

### **MAGNA CUM LAUDE HONORS**

Kyleigh Fitzgerald      Grade 09  
Hank Frenger              Grade 09  
Kevin Fitzgerald         Grade 11

### **CUM LAUDE HONORS**

Jillian Harris              Grade 09  
Gavin Wojtas              Grade 12

## CYO Mass at St. Thomas More on December 4, 2016 at 9.15 am



## DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

As the Church community enters into this Advent season we are called to a period of watchful longing and preparation in anticipation of the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. I liken Advent to an extended vigil period wherein we wait, we pray and we are aware -- aware of the subtle movements of grace in our hearts. A characteristic of a vigil is that of protection. We do this often--perhaps not even aware we are sitting vigil. Parents who wait through the night with a child who is ill; those who sit at the bedside of a loved one who is preparing for the greatest of transitions-- to eternal life after death; I suggest the many times we help our children prepare the night before for a test is a vigil. And what of the expectant parents? Is not their wait one of vigil? Praying and protecting the new life within? And so, vigils are intentional, purposeful and prayerful.

As we prepare to welcome the infant Jesus on Christmas day, it is important to consider the measures the Church has implemented, and continues to enforce, in order to keep safe those most vulnerable among us-- the children. We have learned from the tragic mistakes of the past--and now we are called to maintain a vigil--to insure the safety of children in our community. To this end, in 2005, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has written The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Charter, approved by the full body of bishops outlines the policies and procedures all Dioceses are to implement in their efforts to protect children. Copies of The Charter are available by contacting the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (516-678-5800 x 507). In response to the directives set forth in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has implemented programs, policies and procedures which every parish, throughout the Diocese, must adhere to. It is important to remember these regulations were established by the USCCB and it is our obligation as faithful members of the community to abide by these. Some of these directives may be familiar to you:

- All employees and volunteers must attend the Virtus program: ***Protecting God's Children***
- All employees and volunteers must sign Codes of Conduct-- which outline expected behaviors of those in ministry.
- Volunteers complete a Volunteer Application/Employees complete an Employment Application.
- Consent to be background screened--with this the USCCB acknowledged that historical information is important to the protection of children.
- Established a 24 hour confidential hotline number: 516-594-9063. Anyone suspecting abuse by someone affiliated with the Church is urged to call the hotline. Calls are confidential and responded to within 24 hours.

We were reminded that a vigil is characterized by waiting, by protecting and by prayer. Let us remember that the Vigil to keep all children safe is on-going and requires the diligence of all.

Mary McMahon, LCSW  
Office for the Protection of Children/Young People

## **CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

**Catholics For Freedom of Religion**

**[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)**

### **Religious Expression in Public Schools at Christmas continued:**



There are a multitude of incidents in which ongoing confusion arising over the do's and don'ts of celebrating Christmas in schools, workplaces and elsewhere has led to perfectly constitutional activity being suppressed. For example, a public school 6th grade class was asked to make "holiday cards" to send to the troops but were told they could not use the words "Merry Christmas" on their cards. (rutherford.org, 12/17/13)

A Georgia elementary school had a long tradition of displaying Christmas cards on the hallways. Mysteriously, the cards disappeared after Thanksgiving break when administrators ordered their relocation away from the students' view after a demand from an anti-religious law firm. Following an intervention by Liberty Institute, the school board issued a notice supporting religious liberty. (firstliberty.org, 12/2013)

"Public school students' written or spoken personal expressions concerning the religious significance of Christmas may not be censored by school officials absent evidence that the speech would cause a substantial disruption."  
(Twelve Rules of Christmas, rutherford.org)

"Public school teachers may send Christmas cards to the families of their students so long as they do so on their own time, outside of school hours."  
(Twelve Rules of Christmas, rutherford.org)

*"The much-vaunted commitment to diversity - ... argues persuasively for celebrating this Christian holiday."* Dr. William Donohue, president of Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

## **RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8pm.**

As part of the **Year of Divine Mercy**, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every **Wednesday, at 3:00 pm in the Church.**



We are pleased to be offering an Advent program for Kindergarteners and for those who will be attending Kindergarten next year.

The four sessions will take place

during the 9:15 mass on

November 27, and on December 4, 11, and 18.

Children will be escorted by the teachers to the classroom in Walden Hall before the homily and parents will pick them up after mass. The program is free, but we ask that you register your child by calling the Religious Education office (631-234-0397) or by emailing Pat Chapin at Pchapin@optonline.net by November 23.

### **Feasibility Study Complete!**

Thank you for your input!

Special thanks to over 340 parish families who participated in the recent Feasibility Study. As many of you know, we have been conducting a Feasibility Study seeking the input, advice and suggestions from all parishioners on proposed capital improvements and enhancements to our Church and parking lot.

Your input and advice will be of great help to Fr. Antony and parish leaders as they determine the final details of the enhancements and improvements. Soon a summary of the study will be printed in the bulletin for your review.

Thank you for your input!



## ***Parish History Project***

Work continues on the video documentary of our parish's history for the Golden Jubilee. We thank those that have contributed personal memories and pictures so far.

We could still use more! We really would love photos, prayer cards, flyers, etc., from the years 1967-1980. Photos of sacraments are very welcome!

And we especially would love to speak with you if you would like to share your memories on camera about those early years, whatever your role in the parish was, even if you simply have a fond memory of a particular member of the clergy. This is a video documentary, so the more people we have that can add their slice of history, the better the video will be.

If you can help us out, please contact us at a special address we've set up: [history@stmli.org](mailto:history@stmli.org), or if you run into me, please feel free to speak about it directly. Thank you!

**Matt Surico**  
History Project Coordinator



Fr. John Cervini directs Confirmation students in a Walk-a-Thon in support of Catholic Relief Services, March, 1973 (photo courtesy of Jack and Rosemary Mango)

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***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](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com)

***USED EYE GLASSES*** —The Volunteer Optometrist Service to Humanity (VOSH) is a group of Ophthalmologists/Optometrists who volunteer their time and professional skills each year for two weeks in Peru. They go to rural mountainous regions and provide optical treatment and/or eye surgery to the local villagers who live in abject poverty. The glasses donated are refurbished. After an eye exam, the villagers are given glasses closest to their prescription. If you have any old glasses lying around, please put them to good use by donating them to our church.

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**Sister Act: A Divine Musical Comedy--Friday, December 9, 2016 @ 8pm.**-At Bayway Arts Center Main Stage, 265 Main Street, East Islip-- Tickets: \$35 adults; \$30 Seniors (65 & older); \$15 Children (12 & under). For tickets & reservations contact: Kathy Colett at 631-666-5679. *All Proceeds to Benefit the Life Center of Long Island-*

**St. Anthony's High School--275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington--Christmas Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music--Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 & Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium.** Donation \$10.00.

**Free Concert--St. Joseph's Church, Babylon--Sunday, December 11 at 7 pm.** Free will offerings of cash or checks made payable to The Mercy INN will be most appreciated. Selections from Handel's *Messiah* and Pergolesi's *Magnificat*. The concert will include other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a moving candlelight procession. All proceeds enefit the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch.

*(Second Notice)*

**Hauppauge Middle School Blood Drive--Wednesday, December 7, 2016--2:30pm-8:30pm--Cafeteria.** Eligibility Criteria: °Bring ID with signature or photo °Minimum weight 110 lbs. °Age 16-75 (16 yr. olds must have parental permission. Age 76 & over need doctor's note) °Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids °No tattoos for past 12 months.

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900. For more information or to schedule an appt., please contact **Michele Knopf at 631-360-2755.**

**Women's Spirituality Retreat--"On Being Spiritual Pilgrims"--January 6 - 8 or January 20 - 27, 2017.** St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Retreat Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY. Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ. Offering \$190 for the weekend incl. meals & accommodations. Please note: You must bring your own towels and washcloths as they will not be provided. Only sheets, pillowcases, soap & a cup will be provided. The rooms have 2 beds. To register, please mail your check made out to **Montfort Missionaries** with your Name; Address, Phone Number (Evening); E-mail and mail them to St. Joseph Renewal Center at the above address.

## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of December 4, 2016 \$9,352.25

**Envelope users:** Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording Your contribution. Also, it is not necessary to staple your envelope or to seal it with scotch tape.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

## **CALLING THE CHILDREN**



It's time to get ready -- Jesus is coming soon!

We are inviting children 2nd grade through High School to join our Christmas Chorus. Your joining will make Jesus' Birthday a truly joyous celebration. What better gift is there than the gift of one's self -- heart and voice!

Our Rehearsals will be on December 3, 10 and 17 from 1:30 to 2:30pm. We will sing on Christmas eve at the 3:30 and/or 5:30 Masses. We will sing at the 9:15 am Mass through the Christmas Season to continue the celebration.

We hope you will consider becoming part of our Christmas Chorus. As the saying goes "the more, the merrier!"

Please call Emilia at 631-724-8820 for information or to register.

Thank you and God bless.

*Emilia Savarese*



***St. Thomas More***  
***Monsignor Francis S. Midura Council 6062***

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, please complete the following membership card and either drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

For information please contact the Grand Knight Jerry Ferrara at 631-806-3830.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

THE MAN WHO STANDS WITH US  
NEVER STANDS ALONE.

- I wish to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.  
 I desire some information regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus.  
 I am a former member interested in rejoining the Knights of Columbus.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

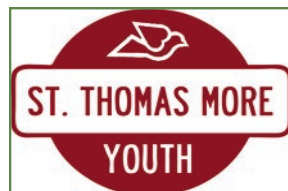
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

FORM 921A - 10/04

***Youth Ministry  
Corner***



***Congratulations!***

***CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS***

Here are the winners for Dec. 4 - 10, 2016

Our Registration Forms are already online for download and can be dropped off in the Parish Office or brought to Youth Ministry. Please access [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org) and look under FORMS.

We are always in need of additional adults who would like to serve our young people with love, faith and joy. Please reach out to Joe if you would be interested in joining our Youth Ministry team!

Sun.	Dec. 4	\$50	#294	Marilyn & Joe Amodio
Mon.	Dec. 5	\$25	#461	Amadio & Barbara Fasolino
Tues.	Dec. 6	\$25	# 92	Alison Tonry
Wed.	Dec. 7	\$25	#965	Diane Coumou
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>#730</b>	<b>Elaine Campanella *</b>
Fri.	Dec. 9	\$25	#582	Barbara Schriever
Sat.	Dec.10	\$25	#841	William Waters

\* Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**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)*

**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)*

**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      |

Name::

Address:

Phone:

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**CALENDAR CLUB 2017**

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2017.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

PHONE:( )

One Number for \$25 OR

FIVE Numbers for \$100

**(If your return your form & payment by Friday, December, 9, 2016, 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).*

## 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

**Aon**-Multiple positions available-Cust. Serv. claims specialist, staff accountant & many more. Excellent benefits.

**Business Agency of KC**- Field agents needed. Call Outreach (631-234-3149) for more information.

**Cablevision** - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory— Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive— 4 days, 12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

**Catholic Health Services of LI** 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.

2) **Superintendent Helper Male** Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

**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

**Holiday Hiring**--The following companies will have for the holidays:

United Parcel Service--2,850 jobs; Target--70,000 jobs; Toys R US--taking applications.

Contact stores directly.

**Newsday**—Senior Accountant—Assist in month end process—prepare & review balance sheets, inventory, etc.

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

**Lily Transportation**—Flatbed drivers—Mon.- Fri. also PT Sat. Excellent benefits incl. Health Ins.

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

**Panera**--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

**School Bus Drivers**—Flexible hours—Bus Drivers. & Van Drivers. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

**Suffolk Bus Drivers**--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

**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.

**Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes**--Town of Smithtown & Kings Park. High School Diploma, 2 yrs. Exp. - before & after school.

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.