



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 18, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THEN THEY WILL SEE
'THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN CLOUDS'
WITH GREAT POWER
AND GLORY.



MARK 13:26

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

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Masses for this coming week

November 18, 2018
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
 Mark 13:24-32

Saturday, November 17

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm John Brant by *Kevin & Christine Donnelly*

Sunday, November 18--Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Dr. Darius Anton Holmes MD by *Dr. Bertram A. Holmes (Dad)*

9:15am In Thanksgiving to St. Charbel by *Maria Cherubino, Virginia Cornacchioli by Joe & Patty Citro . Anna LoCastro by Joe & Patty Citro, Josephine Trovato by her family.*

10:45am Robert Russo by *Letty Russo*

12:15pm Louise Tedesco by *Walter & Terry Happe.*

Monday, November 19

9am Edward Skrzypek by *Mary Ellen Skrzypek*

Tuesday, November 20

9am Kathryn Tabet by *Marie & Carmine DiLullo*

Wednesday, November 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am John Corrigan by *James Kreider*

Thursday, November 22—St. Cecilia—Thanksgiving Day

9am James M. Bowden by *the Roberti's*

Friday, November 23—St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

9am Barbara McCarthy by *Nick & Patricia Giacalone*

Saturday, November 24 —St. Andrew Dũng-Lac

9am Lewis (Jim) Baker by *the Baker family*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Anna LoCastro by *the STM Golf Committee*

Sunday, November 25--Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00am Dr. Darius Anton Holmes MD by *Dr. Bertram A. Holmes (Dad)*

9:15am Michael Ramos by *Ruth & Dennis Grenier*

10:45am Frank Alonge by *Frank & Vivianne Latorre,*

Virginia Cornacchioli by *Xi Xi Tian & Chris Citro,*

Merri McMahon by *Evelyn & Bob McMahon,*

Cecelia Rantz by *Molly & Frank Prisinzano*

12:15pm Josephine Lagana by *Catherine Bavetta.*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

November 25, 2018
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Daniel 7:13-14
 Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)
 Revelation 1:5-8
 John 18:33b-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered,

"Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered,

"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered,

"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him,

"Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered,

"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Focus Questions:

1. Jesus testified to the truth. Relate a time when you were challenged to tell the truth even if it hurt.
2. Describe a time when you were rejected as Christ was.
3. How completely does Christ reign in your heart?

Family and children's question:

Advent begins next Sunday. What can you do to allow Christ to rule over the season and not become an afterthought?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

“May I ask you the secret of your success?”

“There is no easy secret. You just jump at your opportunity.”

“But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?”

“You can’t. You just have to keep jumping.”

Everything that happens in life is a life-giving opportunity. The way we look at any event makes that event as an opportunity or as an adversity.

Today’s Gospel speaks about the events at the end of the world-- tribulations, darkened sun, moon losing light, falling stars and angels rushing from the end of the earth and the end of the sky gathering God’s elect – very threatening and disheartening events. As scary and fearful as they are, Jesus instructs us to look at them as signs of something positive to happen. These events, according to Jesus, are like the tender branch of the fig tree sprouting leaves, indicating the arrival of summer. These events are like messengers announcing that the Son of Man is arriving at the gates.

The message of these events is not about the end of the world. Jesus concludes today’s Gospel that no one, neither the angels nor the Son of Man, knows when the world will end. The real message is that we should not be swayed or frightened by these events but should focus on the nearing presence of Jesus. Faith in the person of Jesus is more real than any fear or doubt caused by adversity in life. Let us pray for the unshakable faith in Jesus’ presence.

Thursday is Thanksgiving Thursday. We are taking time out of our usual and regular routines to reach out to gather with family and friends. We know that who we are and what we have are not merely our achievements but are free gifts from Nature and of the human community, both present and foregone. Just our being alive and our possessions demand us to reach out to the environment and other people (at least our family and friends) and acknowledge all their goodness and compassionate help to us. To be thankful is to acknowledge other’s participation in our life. Let us thank God and Nature, family and friends, health and work and all that makes our life livable and joyful. Let us wish each other “Happy Thanksgiving”.

This Year’s Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving will be on Wednesday November 21 at 7:00 pm in the Methodist Church, 473 Townline Road, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

Calendar Club 2019: The Calendar Club is open for 2019. This week the bulletin carries the form for the Calendar Club 2019. Please show your support by joining the Calendar club. **What is Calendar Club:** It is an “Every day Lotto.”

Numbers are drawn every day of the year except on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Numbers drawn on a Sunday are awarded \$50 and \$25 on weekdays. Prizes are higher on certain selected Feast Days. You receive one number for \$25 and five numbers for \$100. However, if we receive your money before December 10, 2018 you will receive 6 numbers. Please enroll as a member. Buy tickets and be a winner as many times as your luck determines your number. You may also purchase calendar club enrollments as gifts for family and friends. At the end of the year, there is a special drawing for those people who did not win during the calendar year. The prize awarded at this special drawing is \$250. The Calendar Club is a fun way of supporting our parish and is a good fund raiser for St. Thomas More Church.

We are just \$25,670 away from reaching our goal of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. When the goal is met we will get \$13,000 back to our parish in rebate. I kindly request those who have not participated yet, to consider make contributions.

Just a little more effort and we will get back our rebate. Thanks to those who have contributed.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
 Deacon Robert D. Weisz
 Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
 Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico
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

George Bein	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
Bernadette	Leland Reid
Pam Bertin	Victoria A. Russo
Mary Bien	Bob Sauchelli
Janice Bini	Elyse Schrage
Jean Blaney	Carlene Shernowitz
Peter Bongiorno	Kim Shernowitz
Lisa Bravo	Robert Shernowitz
Pamela Brosnan	Edward J. Smith
Donna Caragol	Antonette Solano
Kathy Calandrella	John Spadaro
Barbara Cappisillo	Joyce St. Germain
Kathy Capuano	Charles & Peggy
Patricia Cirone	Stepanek
Bobbie Cizon	Richard Stout
Ellen Cleary	Chase Turano
John Colosi	Andrew J. Valentine
Joey Cullum	Andrew M. Valentine
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Michael Valentine
Mary Ann Foley	Rosalind Warmuth
Gloria Gamarana	Diane Weisz
Joe Gandolfo	Arlene Wentin
Jody Casares George	Lorraine White
John H.	
Anita Ilardi	
Paula Izzo	
Joseph Jacklets	
Kevin A. Kane	
Chris Kenney	
Jean Marsala Kieffner	
Rob Kohl	
Wayne Leo	
Philip Lloyd	
Nicolas Lorusso	
Lauren Lossani	
Frank Mambuca	
Tom Margiotta	
Barbara McManus	
Edward McManus	
Marie Minutillo	
Joan Nachtman	
Jean Noschese	
Patricia OConnell	
Beatrice Okorn	
Arlene P	
Piper Palmiera (5 years old)	
George Pazolt	
Barbara P	
Joseph P	
Joan Perks	
Frank Procaccini	
Diane Rantz	

*This listing will expire on
March 31, 2019.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Terri Ilardi McKee Paul T. Kirdahy,
August (Augie) Vrondis, Angelina Bove,
Linda Sue Cappisillo, Viginia Cornacchioli,
Eduardo Bravo, Leonel Marques Ramos, Anna T. LoCastro,
Dennis LaRosa, our deceased loved ones and our deceased
service men and women.

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.

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 the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	John Karies
Jessie Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Anthony Broncatello	Dylan Kowalski
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
David Chester	Thomas LaFemina
John Chester	Andrew Lombardi
Nicholas Chester	Scott Lovelock
Theresa Chester	Andrew Lynch
Eddie Cullum	William Maley
Eric Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Adam Cussen	Tim Morris
David Cussen	John Nacktman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Timothy Fallon	Thomas Nichols
Bryan Figueiredo	Adam Papaizai
Nicholas W. Flanary	Michael Poist
J.T. Foltz	Michael Polanski
Mike Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Michael Gioia	Antonia Marie Rivera
Wiliam Gregory	Ann Karen Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Guidone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrikson	Michael White

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

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

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<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

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 Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(Nov. 17/18)	(Nov. 24/25)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of Nov. 11, 2018 \$6,376.50

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2018

as of November 6, 2018

Our Parish Goal \$70,100.00
Pledges to date \$46,465.00
Percentage of Goal 66.3%

St. Thomas More
Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign
“Grateful for our Past - Planning for our Future”

Phase II - Completion Campaign Set to Begin
\$30,000 needed to reach our Goal!

During the months of October through November we are conducting an effort to seek additional financial support to help us reach and hopefully exceed our original goal of raising \$1.0 million. Many families in the parish have already given generously to the original campaign and we truly thank you. Without your financial commitment we would have never been able to undertake such an enormous effort.

To make our Completion Campaign a success:

- We ask every new family who has joined the parish since the original campaign to consider a pledge to the best of your financial ability. This pledge could be paid with a 10% down payment and then with monthly installments over a three year period. A down payment is not necessary to begin your pledge.
- We ask those families who have not yet contributed during our original campaign to now join us in making a pledge or onetime gift.
- We ask those families who are still paying on their pledge to continue to faithfully making the payments so we can use the remaining balance to complete the remaining projects.

All Pledges/Donations -- no matter what the amount are welcomed, needed and appreciated!



We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every **Wednesday, at 3:00 pm** in the Church.



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 the Meeting Room. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631.234.5805 or Joan at 631.234.1739.

We will meet on Monday, December 10, 2018. The book for discussion will be **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor-Towles—Facilitator Barbara Trimarco.

Our next meeting will be on

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

**Sunday—November 18—Second Collection:
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Hospitality Sunday**

12:15pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

2pm—Thanksgiving Food Drive -Youth Ministry —
KH/Kit/WH

Tuesday—November 20

7pm—“Genesis to Jesus” Bible Study—Kirwin Hall

Wednesday—November 21

7pm—Inter-faith Service at the Methodist Church

Thursday—November 22—Thanksgiving Day

Friday—November 23

12:30pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall, Kitchen



Parish Outreach is collecting food and turkeys for Thanksgiving. Please deliver donations by **Friday, November 16th, 2018.**

A full list of what is needed can be found in the bulletin.

PARISH OUTREACH



Our Thanksgiving food drive is in full force and we need your support. The pantry needs the following items for the Thanksgiving baskets:

Turkeys and Turkey breasts	
Canned vegetables	Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce	Gravy
Potatoes (white and sweet)	Juice
Coffee and Tea	Desserts

We provide each family with a turkey as well as gift cards so they can buy the perishable items we cannot provide.

As you put your donation together, please remember that many of our families do not have full kitchens so smaller items (smaller cans, smaller turkeys or turkey breasts are better).

As always we thank you for your donations. They are gratefully received by our clients!

Tip of the week:

Use air freshener to clean mirrors: It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine!

MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE

*The RCIA Team has answered God's call
To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life.
The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation
As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.*

RCIA stands for "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." Just as it takes an entire village to raise a child, it takes the gifts of an entire loving, playful community to make a committed Catholic Christian. The RCIA team is comprised of committed individuals who are entrusted to share our faith with those adults who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian, and to help lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

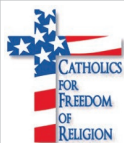
STM FRIENDS & FAMILIES

The Office of Religious Education is initiating a new program called STM FRIENDS & FAMILIES. The program will entail volunteer individuals or families who are established in St. Thomas More, to provide welcome and encouragement to families who have a child or children, who are preparing for First Holy Communion.

Volunteers are asked to participate in three "hospitality" Sunday meetings with the 1st Communion family they were assigned, or requested to be with, in order to establish a welcoming environment. In other words,

Be a Parish Friend! FOR MORE INFORMATION call Mary Ellen Carroll at 631-234-0397 or

Al Weidig at 631- 234-5551.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom
from *Catholics for Freedom of Religion*

www.cffor.org

***"Those who cannot remember the past are
condemned to repeat it.***

George Santayana, philosopher, poet, cultural critic

Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, & a Failed Experiment: Part 2

Few Americans realize that New England's first form of government was collectivism (socialism) and practiced what Karl Marx would promote two centuries later as: "each produced according to his ability and each received according to his need." The Pilgrims, a pious and decent people, discovered that even the best men cannot thrive under an incentive-crushing system. Within two years of the First Thanksgiving, the colonists had reaped shortages and starvation.

Writing in the *History of Plymouth Plantation*, Gov. William Bradford said that with the survival of the colony at stake, they contemplated upon "how they might raise as much corn as they could, and obtain a better crop than they had done, that they might not still thus languish in misery." They decided to abandon the collectivist model of government in favor of a more free model. So - they "assigned to each family a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number, for that end ..."

A happy Gov. Bradford wrote, "This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been ... The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression."

Thus, the Pilgrims now wished to work because they got to keep, and then trade, the benefits of their labor. They discovered that freedom is a much greater stimulus than force.

"Instead of famine, now God gave them plenty," wrote Gov. Bradford, "and the face of things was changed, to the rejoicing of the hearts of many, for which they blessed God ... Any general want or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."

(libertyunderfire.org; townhall.com; historyofmassachusetts.org; *History of Plymouth Plantation*)

"Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." John Quincy Adams

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Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for the week of November 11 to 17, 2018

Sun.	11/11/18	#846	\$50	Phyllis Sivori
Mon.	11/12/18	#915	\$25	Dolores & Ken Fensterer
Tues.	11/13/18	#213	\$25	Emilia & Lou Savarese
Wed.	11/14/18	#299	\$25	Mae Devine
Thurs.	11/15/18	#880	\$25	Mary LoPreto
Fri.	11/16/18	#338	\$25	Linda Carlino
Sat.	11/17/18	#198	\$25	Ed & Arleen Rogan

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Please join Mary Ellen Carroll and Ann Russo for 3 evenings, **November 29, December 6 and December 13 at 7:00 pm** for a course that will explore the meaning and impact of Catholic Social Teaching. It is sometimes described as the best kept secret of the Catholic Church since many Catholics do not know about it. Yet the American bishops describe Catholic Social teaching as "an essential part of Catholic faith." They go on to say, "This poses a serious challenge for all Catholics, since it weakens our capacity to be a Church that is true to the demands of the Gospel".

There will be videos, presentation and discussion.

Two of the evenings will take place during the Advent season, a fitting time to explore the message and impact of the Son of God, born in a poor stable, who preached the message of God's love for the least among us and urged his followers to continue his outreach to the poor and those on the margins of society. The world is in urgent need of the message of Our Savior. This class will examine the principles that underlie how we can live Christ's teachings in our time.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

The Men's Forum—Church of Saints Philip & James—459 Clinton Ave., St. James—Monday, November 19, 2018: Open Forum Discussion-Topic: Facing Scandal in the Church. Time: 6:30pm Adoration— 7:30pm Open Forum— 8:30 pm Coffee & Cake. Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule. No membership required.

Long Island State Veterans Home—100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY Multi-Purpose Room—Benefits & Breakfast Lecture Series—Saturday, December 1, 2018—9 am to 10:30 am. Changes to the Aid & Attendance Benefit; Presented by Melissa Negrin-Wiener, Esq. Continental breakfast will be served. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 631-444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org

St. Anthony's High School Franciscan Brothers Christmas Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music—Friday, December 7 & Saturday, December 8, 2018—Auditorium 7 pm—Donation \$10.00

(Second Notice)

Single, Widowed, Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island—A Social Organization for Single Persons—New Member Orientation Meeting—Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm.—St. Frances de Chantal School—1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Non-Denominational—All are welcome. Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For further info. please call . Carol 516-794-4933 or Barbara 516-798-2858.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church—88 2nd Ave., Brentwood—presents Healing Songs of Hope—Free Concert & Love Offering followed by Church Lighting Ceremony. Get into the Christmas Spirit with our program of inspirational and holiday music. You will leave with a song in your heart! Thursday, December 6th at 7pm.

Fr. Stan Wadowski of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Brentwood and Expres' Travel Miranda Zimnoch—present Pilgrimage Tour to the country of birth of St. John Paul II and St. Faustyna Kowalska—Poland, August 22 —22, 2019 12 days/11 nights). Price \$3,299 (based on double occupancy and minimum of 20 travelers) Spaces are very limited. Deposit in the amount of \$1200 due at the time of registration, plus travel insurance. For additional information, please call: Marge Baum at 631-273-8113 or contact Expres' Travel—Miranda Zimnoch, 1909 Great Neck Road, Copiague; Telephone 631-789-1227.

PREPARE FOR ADVENT

The advent season is a time of spiritual preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth at Christmas.

Traditionally, **Advent wreaths** remind us to the hope implicit in this liturgical season.

Our conference of SVdP has several Advent wreaths for sale (\$15) and boxes of Advent candles (\$5). You can order either or both items.

To order, or for information, contact Jo Garvey at 631-265-2753 or Ann Russo at 631-543-2740.





High School Youth Ministry is off to a great start!
It's not too late to join us and friends are welcome!

Registration forms, information about Youth Group and the calendar for the year can be easily accessed at www.stthomasmoreyouth.org.

Upcoming for Teens:

11/10 & 11/11 — *Box City Homeless Awareness Night* with other parishes, hosted at St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Sound Beach. Permission slips are available on the Youth website!

12/9 — *Diocesan Teen Advent Adoration & Social* hosted at St. Thomas More

We are always looking for loving and dedicated adults to join our Core Team. If you would enjoy working with our group, contact Joe.

All volunteers or parents working with our ministry must complete the Diocesan VIRTUS training program. Visit www.virtus.org for details.

THE MESSIAH BENEFITS THE MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN, WYANDANCH

Through the generosity of the Church of St. Joseph, the renowned St. Joseph's Choir will present a **FREE BENEFIT CONCERT** at St. Joseph's Church in Babylon Village on Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. They will perform selections from Handel's *MESSIAH* and Vivaldi's *Gloria* directed by Dr. Marie Drohan and accompanied by soloists, trumpet, harpsichord and the Sophisticated Strings. The concert will include other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a moving candlelight procession.

The choir has sung on Fox 5 and on European national television and in the presence of many prominent figures such as Cardinal Bevilacqua, Cardinal Egan, Cardinal Myers, the late Cardinal O'Connor, Helen Hayes, Ossie Davis and the great jazz legend, Dave Brubeck. They met and performed for St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI and most recently embarked on a concert tour to the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria.

St. Joseph's R.C. Church is located on North Carll Ave. in Babylon Village, one block north of Main St. and two blocks south of the Babylon railroad station. Early arrival is recommended as the church is put in complete darkness promptly at 7:00pm. Free-will offerings of cash or checks made payable to St. Joseph Church will be most appreciated. Suggested donation: \$20 pp or \$40 a family.

Proceeds benefit the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch.

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:

- Altar Server
- Usher
- RCIA
- Lector
- Consolation Minister
- Rosary Altar Society
- Caring for Altar Plants
- Adult Lending Library
- Hospitality
- Greeter
- Liturgy with Children
- Eucharistic Minister
- Landscaping/Planting
- Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

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)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2018

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2018.

NAME(s)ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: \$ _____

- Check for entire amount is enclosed.
- Installment enclosed. I/We would like to pay the rest in _____ installments.

Please return to the Rectory for further processing.

CALENDAR CLUB 2019

I (We) would like to join St. Thomas More’s Calendar Club for 2019.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS”

PHONE:

- ONE number for \$25 OR
- FIVE numbers for \$100

(If you return your form and payment by Monday, December 10, 2018, 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 MOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope Calendar Club 2019).

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

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 Charities—many positions both full time & part time available— check Employment Bulletin Board outside Walden Hall for complete list.

Per Diem Driver—Chemical Dependence Services—Commack

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., \$13.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

Educators--Academy Charter schools, elementary, middle & high schools. Administrator & other positions.

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

Newsday Media Group--Account executives for sales. Excellent benefits including matching 401K

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

New York Community Bank--Auditors, Financial Service System Engineer, Locksmith & Maintenance Mechanics--Excellent Benefits.

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.

7-Eleven--Owner is a member of St. Thomas More--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

ShopRite Supermarket--Various positions open; apply on-line or go to ShopRite in Hauppauge.

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.

The Garage—Drivers & Delivery—To deliver orders PT.

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.

The 14th Annual Spaghetti Dinner was hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Nov. 10, 2018. Good food, good company, plenty of prizes and lots of dancing—an enjoyable evening.



**IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY,
ST. THOMAS MORE HAD A MASS AT
5 PM ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 10, 2018 FOLLOWED BY
THE RAISING OF A NEW FLAG
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.**

**WE ARE INFINITELY GRATEFUL TO
ALL OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.**





POINSETTIA SALE

Poinsettia 7" pot - \$16.00

Red _____

White _____

"Jingle Bells" Poinsettia
(leaves are red, white and green)

"Jingle Bells" Poinsettia 6 ½" pots - \$11.00 _____

Red Poinsettia 6 ½" pots - \$11.00 _____

Order Total

Items _____ Cost _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Orders Due **11/25/2018**

Plants will be ready for pick up the weekend of December 1 & 2.