

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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 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

Saturday, November 24

(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.*

Monday, November 26

9am May DiGirolamo *by Molly & Frank Prisinzano*

Tuesday, November 27

9am Alice DiStefano *by May & John Thompson*

Wednesday, November 28

9am Josephine Trovato *by her children*

Thursday, November 29

9am Don Leun *by Don & Kathleen Walker*

Friday, November 30—St. Andrew

9am Judy Granville *by the Granville family*

Saturday, December 1 —First Saturday

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Marco Torquato *by grandparents-Frank & Prudence Gallo*

Sunday, December 2--First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Leonard Speicher *by the Faber family*

9:15am August Vrondis *by Emilia & the Children's Choir*

10:45am Sandra DeMille *by Prime Fine Catering*

12:15pm Leroy Farrell Sr. *by the family,* Catherine Mullin *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo,* Joseph Puric *by Joseph & Ratka Santic,* David Ramos *by Frank & Vivianne Latorre,* Emil Pizzingrillo *by Adoption Department (Emily & Justin Monsees).*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 26:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Focus Questions:

1. Describe some of the ways you prepare yourself to stand before the Son of God
2. What distracts you from putting God first in your life?
3. If you knew that you had one day to live, what would you do?

Family and children's question:

Think of the 4 weeks of Advent as 4 steps to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. What are 4 steps you can take to enter into the celebration of the birth of Jesus?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

An enthusiastic young man who had just graduated as a plumber was taken to see Niagara Falls. He studied it for a minute, and then said, "I think I can fix this."

It is our choice to let ourselves be crushed by problems or to let ourselves be filled with will power, to find a way to solve them. Our inner strength is so powerful that nothing can make us yield unless we wish to. Our inner strength is so potent that it lives its true identity at any cost.

Today is the Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Kind of the Universe. The Gospel reading proclaims the Kingship of Jesus in context of Pilate's condemning Jesus to crucifixion. Jesus claims that His kingship is more by his way of life, testifying to truth, than by inheritance or declaration by others. Jesus knows for Himself that He is King. He needs nothing glorious outside of him to hail his Kingship or nothing ignominious to diminish His Kingship. He is self-conscious of his Inner (real) identity and his way of life is that of his self-awareness. Thus even in the scene of condemnation Jesus never fails to claim that He is King.

We all are created in God's image. This is our true identity. Unless we let ourselves be reduced, no one and nothing can stop us from living up to our true identity. It is we who decide to choose who we want to be, not anything or anybody outside of us. Let us pray that God fills us with wisdom and strength to live our true inner identity.

Next Sunday begins the Season of Advent: Today's Solemn Feast of Christ the King ends the Liturgical year. Next Sunday begins the new Liturgical Year with Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is the first day of the Liturgical Year (like January 1st). We begin the year with preparing our hearts and homes for the birth of Jesus (Christmas).

The Advent Wreath is a spiritual tool to celebrate Advent. During each week of Advent, we light a candle in the wreath, for four weeks, to show how the light of Christ increases as we approach the date of Jesus' birth. The increase of light increases the warmth, to indicate how our desire (warmth of the heart) increases to meet the Lord who will be born among us.

Saturday December 8th is the Solemn Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Friday, December 7th we will have a vigil mass at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, December 8th is the Christmas Tree Lighting after the 5:00pm mass. After the tree lighting Santa will make a special visit in Walden Hall.

The Immaculate Conception is a gift of God to Mary. She stands as a hope that God wants to do to all of us what God has done to her. In her we see the hope of bearing the presence of Jesus within us. When we light the Christmas Tree on her feast day, let us light within our hearts the light of hope.

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	Maura Reddy
Bernadette	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
Pam Bertin	Leland Reid
Mary Bien	Victoria A. Russo
Janice Bini	Bob Sauchelli
Jean Blaney	Elyse Schrage
Peter Bongiorno	Carlene Shernowitz
Lisa Bravo	Kim Shernowitz
Pamela Brosnan	Robert Shernowitz
Donna Caragol	Edward J. Smith
Kathy Calandrella	Antonette Solano
Barbara Cappisillo	John Spadaro
Kathy Capuano	Joyce St. Germain
Patricia Cirone	Charles & Peggy
Bobbie Cizon	Stepanek
Ellen Cleary	Richard Stout
John Colosi	Chase Turano
Joey Cullum	Andrew J. Valentine
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Andrew M. Valentine
Mary Ann Foley	Michael Valentine
Gloria Gamarana	Rosalind Warmuth
Joe Gandolfo	Diane Weisz
Jody Casares George	Arlene Wentin
John H.	Lorraine White
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, 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
William 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

Facebook

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

Instagram

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- stm_yg

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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. 24/25)	(Dec.. 1/2)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of Nov. 18, 2018

(Figure not available when bulletin went to print).

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 13, 2018

Our Parish Goal	\$70,100.00
Pledges to date	\$46,975.00
Percentage of Goal	67.0%

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 January 14, 2019. The book for discussion will be **The Day the World Came to Town** by Jim Defede—Facilitator: Aurelie Miller-Hendry.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—November 25

12:15pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

7pm—Core Team Meeting Youth Ministry—Kit/WH

Tuesday—November 27

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

Thursday—November 29

5:30pm—Children’s Choir Reh.—Church

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

PARISH OUTREACH

Hoping everyone had a Blessed and fulfilling Thanksgiving Day! We here at Outreach are so very grateful to all those parishioners who reached out to us with their generous spirit and brought in a truly amazing quantity of food for our clients. In particular, the Cotgreave family brought in an astonishing number of turkeys! Kudos to all the catechists who encouraged their students to participate in the "Adopt a Family" program and earn community service credits by collecting food for our families! We are in awe of the quantity of food that was delivered, ensuring that no one in our program needs to go hungry this holiday!



It is not only people who are hungry at this time of year in particular, but the deer who live among us who are anxious for food. They are becoming bolder in their search for nourishment, and they are crossing streets without regard for traffic. Please drive especially carefully now, as accidents can be fatal for both deer and drivers.

The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind is fear, and the oldest and strongest kind of fear is fear of the unknown.

MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE

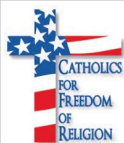
*The RCIA Team has answered God's call
To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life.
The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation
As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.*

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

"An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people." Attributed to Thomas Jefferson

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, RELIGION and MORALITY are indispensable supports." George Washington

Learning About Our Liberty:

The generation of resolute Americans whom we call the Founding Fathers created the first FREE people to survive as a nation in modern times.

They believed that without RELIGION, the Government of a free people cannot be maintained.

They wrote a new Constitution which is now the oldest in existence.

From "The 5000 Year Leap"

1. FREEDOM - A Founding Basic Principle

A **principle** is a defining statement of what you believe and what you seek to accomplish.

A **policy** is simply the means you choose to get you there.

The foundation of American PRINCIPLES are found in the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the Constitution:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their CREATOR with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

"WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the general Welfare, and secure the BLESSINGS of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

"You my brothers and sisters, were called to be FREE. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Galatians 5:13

Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for the week of November 18 to 24, 2018

Sun.	11/18/18	#422	\$50	Amadeo Fasolino
Mon.	11/19/18	#95	\$25	Raymond Endres
Tues.	11/20/18	#595	\$25	Ed & Laura Vigneaux
Wed.	11/21/18	#758	\$25	Jack & Caroline DeSantis
Thurs.	11/22/18	#452	\$25	Bill & MaryAnn Peet
Fri.	11/23/18	#565	\$25	Terry Toal
Sat.	11/24/18	#392	\$25	Ed Baer

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)

Ronkonkoma Cenacle—Advent Programs—Dec. 2018:

- **Life's Calling You—Come, Follow Christ... Morning for Seniors—Thursday, December 6, 2018—10:30 am to 1:30pm** —at the Retreat Center. 10:00 am arrivals & refreshments. Advent Seeds of Winter's Beauty—Preparing and waiting with faith and trust, for newness to unfold. Presenter: Carmela Bergman, Cenacle Staff Associate. Offering: \$30—Lunch included—this is a reduced rate for seniors \$20; deposit required to hold your reservation.
- **Friday, December 14, 2018—6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**—Retreat Center. 5:30 pm arrivals. **Holiday Evening with your Higher Power.** An evening for those in a Twelve Step Program. The evening begins with a festive meal, followed by a presentation, personal processing and integration. Presenter: Ann Schehr, LMHC, CRC. Offering: \$50-Festive Dinner included. \$20 deposit required to hold your reservation.
- **Sunday, December 16, 2018—1:30 pm to 4:30pm**—at the Retreat Center. 1:00 pm arrivals & refreshments. **Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella! Silent Afternoon of Prayer.** This French carol is about two female farmhands running to tell the inhabitants of a nearby village that they have found the baby and his mother in a stable. What can its beckoning and hushed quality say to us about greeting the Christ Child with exuberant and contemplative presence to the moment this Christmastide? What noise must we still, lest we awaken Him? Presenter: Sr. Kathryn Madden, r.c. Offering: \$35; \$20 deposit required to hold your reservation.

Second Notice)

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

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.

“Hear Ye! Hear Ye!”

Christmas is coming soon! Time to get ready for Jesus' big birthday celebration!

Children 2nd grade through High School are invited to join the chorus — Instruments welcome too!

Only 2 rehearsals on December 15th and 22nd from 1 pm to 2 pm.

We will bring joy to our Family liturgy of December 24th at 3:30 pm and/or 5:30 pm and through the Christmas Season at the 9:15 am Sunday Mass.

You might ask the question “What can I give Jesus for His birthday as He gives to me every moment of my life?” You can give Him yourself with all the gifts and talents He has given you!

Come join the celebration!

Call Emilia at 631-724-8820 for information or to join.

Thank-you and God Bless you!

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 16, 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.

ANGELS and SHEPHERDS Needed!

Believe it or not, it's that time again! Time to invite all children 5 years of age and older to be angels and shepherds at our two **Family Masses on Christmas Eve.**

We ask all children wishing to participate to follow this guideline in order to have fairly equal amounts represented at both Masses.

Those whose last names begin with letters **A through M will attend the 5:30** Mass. Those whose last names begin with letters **N through Z will attend the 3:30** Mass.

There will be one **mandatory rehearsal and costume pick-up.** It will be **Saturday, December 22nd** and will last about one hour.

Please complete the Angel and Shepherd Form below and return it in the collection basket or return it to the Church Office **no later than** December 12, 2018.

Contact: Theresa at (631) 234-5551 or Theresa@stmli.org with questions

ANGELS and SHEPHERDS

Name: _____

Would like to participate as an:

_____ **angel** _____ **shepherd**

_____ **5:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name A to M**

_____ **3:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name N to Z**
(Please check appropriate Mass)

Parent's Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Parent's E-Mail _____

(Return no later than December 12, 2018)



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.