



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent



First 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

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Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday, December 1

(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)*.

Monday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

9am Terri Ann Ilardi McKee *by Len Munzer*

Tuesday, December 4—St. John Damascene

9am In thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity, Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Jude *by Andy*

Wednesday, December 5

9am Leroy Farrell *by the family*

Thursday, December 6—St. Nicholas

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

Friday, December 7—St. Ambrose; First Friday

9am Ruthann McDonald *by Peter & Mary Romano and Josephine Hawk*

7pm Anna DiMeglio *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Saturday, December 8 —The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Anna LoCastro *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, December 9--Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:15am Mary & William Fortmeyer *by Rosemarie Amoroso*

10:45am Josephine Lagana *by Veronica & Peter Bruni*

12:15pm Jayne Marie LiMandri *by Roselle Lauth*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 3:12-4:2
Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Focus Questions:

1. What does God expect of you this Advent?
2. How prepared are you for the coming of the Lord?
3. God is always trying to reach us; how good is your reception these days?

Family and children's question:

This Advent, try not to rush the season. Prepare for Christmas slowly and deliberately. As you decorate your home or bake for the feast, talk about how what you are doing reflects the love God has for us.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Driving Instructor: What would you do if you were going up an icy hill and the motor stalled and the brakes failed?

Student: I would quickly adjust the rearview mirror.

To panic at the problem debilitates the person. But to face it with one's own inner strength would open a new phase of life in that person.

Today we begin the first week of Advent. Today is the first day of the Liturgical New Year, like January 1st of the regular year. Today's readings call us to live from the strength of heart (inner strength) in the hope of a new future.

As the first part of the Gospel describes, our life may be filled with all disturbing and debilitating situations. But for those who are not drowsy but vigilantly praying, will have the inner strength not only to escape sufferings but also to have the blessings of the Son of Man, Jesus. In the second reading St. Paul prays for the same gifts that God might strengthen our hearts that we may cherish the love of God and love of others and be filled with divine blessings.

Problems are inevitable. Every one of us has problems and their pains. But it is purely our choice to suffer from the problem. Depression arises when we fail in our reaction to our problems. Those who live from their inner strength don't react but, like the lad of the above story, begin to adjust the rear mirror when everything works against their climbing up. Inner strength brings out in us, our unused God-given potential into pure action. May this Advent, the New Liturgical Year help us to grow in our Inner Strength.

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Families are invited to light the Advent Candles at the beginning of the mass. Please sign up in the Narthex and book your turn. Or please contact me or the deacon. We will be more than willing to include you and your children in this light-giving ceremony.

Next Saturday, December 8th is the Christmas Tree Lighting after the 5:00pm mass. It is the Solemn Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, a Day of Obligation. On Friday, December 7th we have a vigil mass at 7:00pm. On Saturday, December 8th masses are at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. After the evening mass is the Christmas tree lighting. Santa will make a special visit in Walden Hall. Dinner will be available at a nominal cost. Deserts and juice are free.

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 that we too, like her, can bear 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, the gift of bearing Jesus.

During the weekend of December 8th and 9th, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the National Religious Retirement Annual Collection for senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Our parishioners have always been most generous to the retired religious collection that we have conducted for many years; our hope is that you will continue to support this worthy collection of behalf of the religious men and women who have devoted their lives to serving us.

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
 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	Frank Procaccini
Bernadette	Diane Rantz
Pam Bertin	Maura Reddy
Mary Bien	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
George Bien	Leland Reid
Janice Bini	Victoria A. Russo
Jean Blaney	Bob Sauchelli
Peter Bongiorno	Elyse Schrage
Lisa Bravo	Carlene Shernowitz
Pamela Brosnan	Kim Shernowitz
Donna Caragol	Robert Shernowitz
Kathy Calandrella	Edward J. Smith
Barbara Cappisillo	Antonette Solano
Kathy Capuano	John Spadaro
Patricia Cirone	Joyce St. Germain
Bobbie Cizon	Charles & Peggy
Ellen Cleary	Stepanek
John Colosi	Richard Stout
Joey Cullum	Erik Sztorc
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Chase Turano
Mary Ann Foley	Andrew J. Valentine
Gloria Gamarana	Andrew M. Valentine
Joe Gandolfo	Michael Valentine
Jody Casares George	Debbie Ward
John H.	Rosalind Warmuth
Anita Ilardi	Diane Weisz
Paula Izzo	Arlene Wentin
Joseph Jacklets	Lorraine White
Kevin A. Kane	
Chris Kenney	
Jean Marsala Kieffner	<i>This listing will expire on</i>
Rob Kohl	<i>March 31, 2019.</i>
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)	
Al Pankus	
George Pazolt	
Barbara P	
Joseph P	
Joan Perks	

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

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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 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>
	(Dec.. 1/2)	(Dec.. 8/9)
<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. Fred
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of Nov. 18, 2018 \$6,411.50
 Nov. 25, 2018 \$6,344.00

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 19, 2018

Our Parish Goal \$70,100.00
Pledges to date \$47,525.00
Percentage of Goal 67.8%

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)

Saturday—December 1

2pm—Baptism (Oates)—Church

5pm—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

Sunday—December 2

9:15am—CYO Mass—Church

7pm—Youth Ministry—Kit/WH

Tuesday—December 4

7pm—Adoration—Church

7pm—”Genesis to Jesus”—Bible Study—Walden Hall

Wednesday—December 5

5pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

Thursday—December 6

5:30pm—Children’s Choir Reh.—Church

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

Friday—December 7

9am—Knights of Columbus—Kitchen

12:30pm—Young at Heart—Walden Hall

Saturday—December 8

3pm—KofC & Columbiettes—Kit/KH/WH

5pm—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

6pm—Christmas Tree Lighting—outside

PARISH OUTREACH

Thanksgiving is over, the Christmas decorations have been in the stores for weeks already and Outreach is preparing our Giving Tree. The Giving Tree in the narthex is stocked with tags and gift suggestions. Please choose your tag(s) and return the gift with the tag attached by Sunday December 16th.



If you are donating a gift card, please attach the tag directly to the gift card. We often receive gift cards in beautiful packaging but have to open them to give them to our clients. We appreciate the extra thought but don't want you to spend unnecessary money!

We are also beginning to collect food and hams for Christmas dinner. Our needs include small to medium hams (canned hams are great!), smaller cans of vegetables, fruit, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cookies/desserts, and juice. We have heard it said time and time again that St. Thomas More's congregation is a very special one...small, yet huge in its compassion and support of one another. At Outreach, especially, we have seen the response to our pleas for donations of food and other items that has always exceeded our fondest hopes. You are an amazing group of people, and we are so grateful to be a small part of our congregation. Thank you for helping us to help others.

MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE

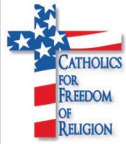
*The RCIA Team has answered God's call
To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life.
The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation
As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.*

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.



Altar Servers Wanted!

Have you ever thought about serving the parish as an altar server? We're looking for students in grades 4 through 12 who would be interested in giving it a try. If you think this ministry might be for you, you can speak to Deacon Matt if you see him before or after any Mass, or give a call to our altar server coordinator Denise Kramer at 631-456-5972. We have training for brand new servers coming up on Sunday December 9th from 3-4 PM, so this is a good time to sign up! This is a great way to earn community service credit, understand what takes place at Mass better, and come to a greater relationship with the Lord in your life.



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

John Jay, First Chief Justice

"Security under our constitution is given to the rights of conscience and private judgment. They are by nature subject to no control but that of Deity [the Lord], and in that free situation they are now left."

Attacks on Religious Thought, Expression & Liberty Continue:

A UC Berkley Student Senator is being forced to resign after abstaining from voting for a resolution that condemns this Administration for considering narrowing the legal definition of gender to match a person's physical sex at birth. Isabella Chow, a junior, believes that voting for the resolution would compromise her Christian faith. She was the only one of 20 student senators to abstain on the measure which also backed organizations that promote the LGBT agenda.

Ms. Chow said, "Where the (student) bill crosses the line for me is that I am asked to promote a choice of identities that I do not agree with to be right or best for an individual, and to promote certain organizations that uphold values contrary to those of my community."

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), passed almost unanimously in 1993, is **now under attack** by certain members of Congress in an attempt to give secular values priority over religious freedoms. H.R. 3222 would declare that religious freedoms must yield when they run counter to the LGBT agenda or to abortion rights causes. **RFRA states** that no federal law or policy can be allowed to substantially burden anyone's exercise of religious freedom - unless government can prove a compelling interest to justify the interference. **RFRA forms a barrier against laws and policies that undercut conscience and religion.**

"As RFRA reaches its 25th anniversary, **most Americans don't know about this aggressive effort to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act into oblivion,**" wrote former Rep. Ernest Istook.

(dailysignal.com, 11/13/18; dailywire.com, 11/12/18; frc.org, 11/15/18; washingtonexaminer.com, 11/14/18)

Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for the week of Dec. 1-8, 2018

Sat.	12/1/18	#542	\$25	Gerard & Joan Smith
Sun.	12/2/18	#20	\$50	Rosalie Rocchio
Mon.	12/3/18	#487	\$25	Marilyn Miller
Tues.	12/4/18	#326	\$25	Evelyn Kinney
Wed.	12/5/18	#733	\$25	STM Choir—Gift of Elizabeth Kane
Thurs.	12/6/18	#742	\$25	Ryan Lilly
Fri.	12/7/18	#767	\$25	Donna Basile
Sat.	12/8/18	391	\$50	Walter Brennan (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Please join Mary Ellen Carroll and Ann Russo for the evenings of **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)

Men's Forum at Saints Philip & James Church—

St. James, NY. December 3— Speaker: Mr. Charles Morgan, Retired Assistant Professor of History, Dowling College.

Topic: The Persecution of the Church during the Mexican Revolution. The Men's Forum is a brotherhood of Catholic men who are dedicated to growing in their faith and discipleship. Please join us. 6:30 pm—Adoration—Main Church, 359 Clinton Ave., St. James;

7:30 pm—Speaker Talk; 8:30 pm—Coffee & Cake—Saints Philip & James Room. Come for all or part of our evening's schedule. No membership required.

(Second 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.



Christmas Choir News

“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.

**Our next Parish Holy Hour will be held on
Tuesday December 4, 2018, from 7-8 PM in the
Church.**



What is done at Holy Hour?

Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and we the faithful have an opportunity to enter into prayer and peaceful meditation with our Lord truly present. Time is alternated between silent prayer and spoken prayer.

Evening Prayer (Vespers): These are the daily prayers said in the evening by the whole Church, from the Liturgy of the Hours. We join our prayers with clergy, religious and lay persons around the world, praying as one.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: This is a devotional prayer recited on the beads of the Rosary, asking God to continue to shower us with his mercy.

Benediction: At the end of the hour, chants and prayers in praise of our Lord are recited, and we are actually blessed by Christ as the celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the assembly with the monstrance.

Why should I attend a Holy Hour? Thoughts for December:

Jesus wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday.

"Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart.

"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." (Mt. 11:28)

"Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." (1 Pt. 5:7) "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Jn. 14:17)

Come join us!

Youth Ministry gathered on Sunday for their Annual Thanksgiving Feast and Food Drive. Special thanks to all who were involved! In addition to teens collecting food donations in our local neighborhoods, we also had Mass and dinner together. Great job, teens!



Happy Thanksgiving



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)