



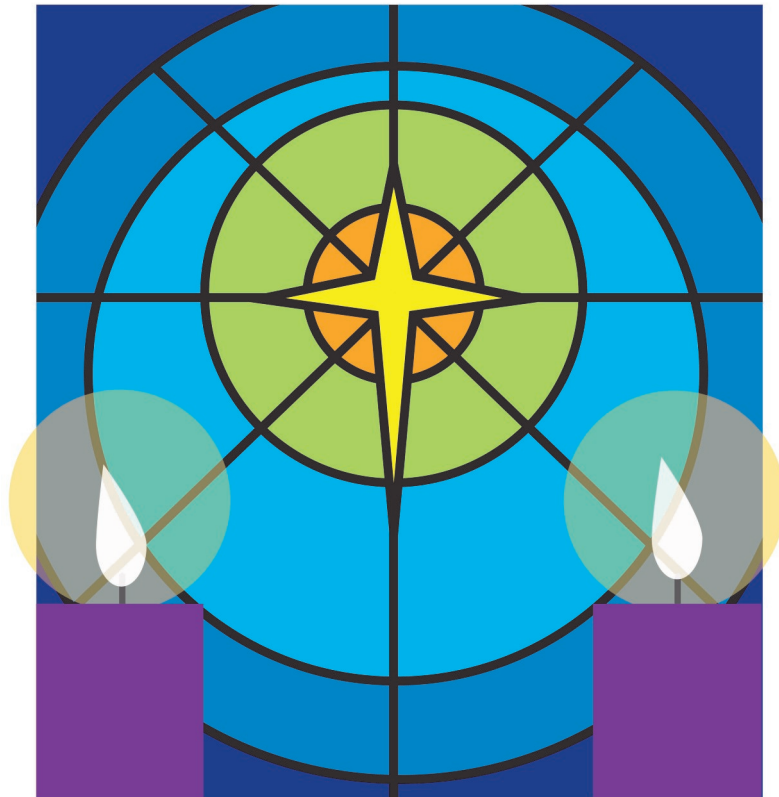
Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent



## SECOND SUNDAY OF 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 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

### **Saturday, December 8**

#### ***(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*

### **Monday, December 10**

9am Augie Vrondis by *John & Arlene Aspromgos*

### **Tuesday, December 11—St. Damasus**

9am Lucille Carrieri by *Marie & Carmine Dilullo*

### **Wednesday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9am Marin Lamia by *Ann Lamia*

### **Thursday, December 13—St. Lucy**

9am Bautista Madaio by *Ann Russo*

### **Friday, December 14—St. John of the Cross**

9am Priscilla McAllister & Gary Pazolt by *Ed McAllister*

### **Saturday, December 15**

9am Ann Bonicore (Healing) by *Francine Rosmini*

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

5:00pm Jane Brennan by *Christine & Kevin Donnelly*,  
 Dennis La Rosa by *Paulette & family*, Anna LoCastro by  
*Tom & Fran LaFauci*, Joseph Magarelli by *Gina & Stu Sklar*,  
 Marge Nagle by *Marsha Augustyn*, James McCabe by *Rebecca Harten*,  
 Catherine O'Mack by *Rebecca Harten*, Judith Patchell by *Kathleen O'Brien*,  
 Eleanor Porter by *Judy Coyle*, Dolores Spegman by *Howard Spegman*

### **Sunday, December 16--Third Sunday of Advent**

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

9:15am Stefania Borowski by *Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*

10:45am Christine Lynch by *the Aliscio family*

12:15pm Nick Liberatoscoli by *his family*

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

December 9, 2018  
 Third Sunday of Advent  
 Zephaniah 3: 14-18A  
 Psalm Isaiah: 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
 Philippians 4: 4-7  
 Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

#### **Focus Questions:**

1. This is Gaudete Sunday, Joyful Sunday. What fills you with joy?
2. Describe a time when you had to wait a very long time for something or someone. What gave you patience to wait?
3. What do you like about John the Baptist? How does he point the way to Jesus for you?

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

Talk about a tradition your family observes this season. How does it help the youngest members of your family understand what this season is all about.

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

Dear Friends,

**An inexperienced speaker arose in confusion** after dinner and murmured stumbingly, "M-m-my f-f-friends, when I came here tonight, only God and I knew what I was about to say... and now only God knows."

**Life is a journey.** We may think that we are travelling alone in life. But God always walks along with us all the time. God and we steer life together. The more we cooperate with God, our co-traveler, the more our life becomes Godly, and thus will come a time when we totally become Godly. All our crooked paths get straightened and all our roller coaster rides become a ride on an even and smooth plain.

**On the second week of Advent,** John the Baptist invites us to make our crooked paths straight and the uneven roads smooth. It takes more energy and a longer time to reach the destination through uneven and crooked roads. A straight and smooth road makes the journey easy and joyful for both of us, God to come to us and us to reach God. Let us pray that we may have the courage to make ourselves straight in our vision, not confused or distracted. May God make all our words and deeds smooth, not violent and hurtful.

**Please pray two 'Hail Marys' every day until Christmas;** one for your family and the other for our parish family. I am praying for every family of our Parish especially for those who would join us at the masses of Christmas Eve and Day that this Christmas may in a special way touch us with Christ's joy and peace. Pray two Hail Marys that God may be born in our hearts and home and that God may become the center our children's life.

**Next week is the third week of Advent.** It is customary for the Church to bless the Infant Jesus figures that children and families bring to Church on the Third Sunday of Advent. If you are not able to attend one of these blessings, simply hold the Infant from your Crèche reverently in your hand and invite those you live with to pray as you read the blessing prayer.

***"God our Father, you loved us so much. You sent us your only son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.***

***We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.***

***Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, family and friends,***

***Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us and see him in those who need our love.***

***We ask this in the name of Jesus your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world and He lives with us forever and ever. Amen.***

**Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Tree lighting.** We whole heartedly thank all those who helped put up the lights and decorations in and outside the church. Those who helped cook the dinner for the families, those who organized crafts and games for children, for Santa and for Frank Bayer, our photographer. God bless you for having been so generous with your time and talent to make this event joyful and spiritual.

**We thank Laura Vigneaux and Pat Citro** who effectively ran a course, "Child Lures Prevention Program", to our children in Religious formation. It was well received by the children and appreciated by their parents.

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**

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Jean Barz           | Frank Procaccini         |
| George Bein         | Diane Rantz              |
| Bernadette          | Maura Reddy              |
| Pam Bertin          | Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM |
| Mary Bien           | Leland Reid              |
| George Bien         | Victoria A. Russo        |
| Janice Bini         | Bob Sauchelli            |
| Jean Blaney         | Teresa Scarlato          |
| 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         |
| Paula Izzo          | Diane Weisz              |
| Joseph Jacklets     | Arlene Wentin            |
| Kevin A. Kane       | Lorraine White           |

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

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)  
Al Pankus  
Barbara P  
Joseph P  
Robert Pawluk  
Joan Perks

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Franklin Tabel; Marianne Alese, Anita Ilardi, 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](http://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](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com)

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ethan Bernstein          | John Karies          |
| Jessie Bernstein         | Michael Knipper      |
| Anthony Broncatello      | Dylan Kowalski       |
| John Burk                | Thomas LaFemina      |
| David Chester            | Alex Lombardi        |
| John Chester             | Andrew Lombardi      |
| Nicholas Chester         | Lt. Clint Lorance    |
| Theresa Chester          | Scott Lovelock       |
| Eddie Cullum             | Andrew Lynch         |
| Eric Cullum              | William Maley        |
| Adam Cussen              | Thomas Migliara      |
| David Cussen             | Tim Morris           |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | John Nacktman        |
| Timothy Fallon           | Kaitlyn Nachtman     |
| Bryan Figueiredo         | Thomas Nichols       |
| Nicholas W. Flanary      | Adam Papaizai        |
| J.T. Foltz               | Michael Poist        |
| Mike Foltz               | Michael Polanski     |
| Michael Gioia            | Kyle Rathje          |
| William Gregory          | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Carl F. Greiner          | Ann Karen Sanchez    |
| Philip Gudone            | Justin Schneider     |
| John Michael Haffner     | Christopher Sidor    |
| Sean Hendrikson          | Ryan Smith           |
| Kevin Ilyichenko         | 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](http://www.stmli.org)  
[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://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](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

|                 | <u>This Weekend</u> | <u>Next Weekend</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                 | (Dec. 8/9)          | (Dec. 16/17)        |
| <u>Saturday</u> |                     |                     |
| 5 pm            | Fr. Antony          | Msgr. Boccafola     |
| <u>Sunday</u>   |                     |                     |
| 8 am            | Fr. Antony          | Fr. Antony          |
| 9:15 am         | Fr. Antony          | Fr. Antony          |
| 10:45 am        | Fr. Fred            | Fr. Antony          |
| 12:15pm         | Msgr. Boccafola     | Fr. Fred            |

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of Dec. 2, 2018 \$7,287.50

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 27, 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)*

#### **Sunday—December 9—2nd Collection Religious Retirement**

5pm—Youth Ministry—Church/KH/WH

7pm—Teen Advent Adoration for DRVC Youth Group

#### **Monday—December 10**

2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry—Kit/WH

#### **Tuesday—December 11**

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

#### **Wednesday—December 12**

2pm—Catholics for Freedom of Religion—Mtg. Rm .

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Ch/Kirwin Hall

7:30pm—Columbiettes Monthly Meeting—WH

#### **Thursday—December 13**

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

#### **Friday—December 14**

11:30 am—Young At Heart—Kit/Walden Hall

#### **Saturday—December 15**

1pm—Children's Choir Reh—Church

5pm—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

6pm—Youth Ministry Christmas Village—KH/Kit/

WH

## **PARISH OUTREACH**



If we needed a harbinger of the holiday yet to come, it arrived in the form of our first snowstorm on November 15<sup>th</sup>!! It suddenly seemed as though winter is really here, and Christmas is coming! Actually it will be here in only 16 days! We need to gather HAMS to feed our families for this last holiday of the year – and all of the traditional food that goes with it – vegetables, cornbread, gravy, dessert, potatoes, and anything else you may wish to donate! This is the last holiday of this year, and the last holiday for a while...until Easter (not counting Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day). So if you can find it in your hearts to stoke the feelings of love and sharing one last time in 2018, now would be the time to do it!!! Please continue to support our community by choosing a tag from the Giving Tree. All gifts should be returned by Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our gratitude for your kindness and generosity is overflowing and know that each and every one of you is kept in our prayers!

## **MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE**

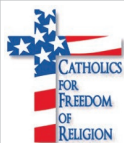
*The RCIA Team has answered God's call  
To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life.  
The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation  
As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.*

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

Focus on Religious Freedom

*from Catholics for Freedom of Religion*

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

*"To the American People: Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world."* ~Calvin Coolidge

#### **The Twelve Rules of Christmas —**

**Part I:** Compiled by The Rutherford Institute Attorneys

1. Public school students' written or spoken personal expressions about Christmas (e.g. "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" t-shirts) may not be censored by school officials.
2. *Teachers are permitted to wear Christmas-related clothing or jewelry so long as they are generally permitted to wear clothing or jewelry about other holidays.*
3. Public schools may teach students about the Christmas holiday, including its religious significance, so long as it is taught objectively for secular purposes such as its historical or cultural importance.
4. *Teachers may send Christmas cards to the families of their students so long as they do so on their own time, outside of school hours.*
5. Public schools may include Christmas music, including those with religious themes, in their choral programs if the songs are included for a secular purpose such as their musical quality or cultural value or if the songs are part of an overall performance including other holiday songs.
6. *Public schools may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with the students' own religious or nonreligious views.*

***"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."*** ~Pope John Paul XXIII

## **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  | <b>\$50</b> | 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<br>Elizabeth Kane                    |
| Thurs. | 12/6/18 | #742 | \$25        | Ryan Lilly   |
| Fri.   | 12/7/18 | #767 | \$25        | Donna Basile   |
| Sat.   | 12/8/18 | 391  | <b>\$50</b> | Walter Brennan (Feast of<br>the Immaculate Conception) |

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

Please join Mary Ellen Carroll and Ann Russo for the evening of **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.



Dear Parents, Guardians, Catechists and Trusted Adults: It was with great pleasure and some trepidation that we presented the *Child Lures Prevention Program* to your children. Many thanks first of all to Fr. Antony for giving us the opportunity to include this in our Religious Education program. We would like to thank all the parents and guardians who entrusted us with this task, for bringing your children to the program, encouraging them to participate and helping them to understand what we were attempting to accomplish. The students seemed most receptive to the activities we provided for them, were very responsive to the concepts and questions that were discussed and we thank them for their participation.

Many other adults helped us accomplish our goal of giving our children of St. Thomas More tools to help keep them safe, such as our Social Workers and School Psychologists, Ann Russo, Jack DeSantis, Eileen Petre and Dr. Marti White who were available each evening to listen to any child who wanted to speak privately. Our Religious Education Staff, Linda Ronning, Joanne Anelli, and of course our Director of Religious Education, Mary Ellen Carrol, were invaluable to us by assisting at each session with registration and materials. This was a group effort and we are so pleased with the result.

This was just a beginning opportunity. We ask our parents and guardians to continue the conversation with your children. Go over the material in their booklets. Use the Parent Guide which you received at the Parent meeting. Pray with your children, that they continue to *“Think First and Stay Safe.”*

Sincerely,

Patty Citro and Laura Vigneaux



## 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!

### ***COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*(First Notice)*

**Marian Healing Ministry**—Healing Mass at the Church of St. Anastasia, 45-14, 245 Northern Blvd., Douglaston—**Tuesday, December 11, 2018.** Rosary, Mass & Healing Service at 7 pm. For more information, please call 718-631-4454.

*(Second Notice)*

### **CYO MASS —9:15 am December 2, 2018**



**The teens made Advent wreaths for their own homes and families to share faith in the home.**



### 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.

## St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Fiscal Report - September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018

Fiscal Report - September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

### Where It Came From

|                       | <u>This Year</u>    | <u>Last Year</u>    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Regular Collection    | \$ 642,765          | \$ 669,865          |
| Fund Raising          | \$ 42,695           | \$ 22,815           |
| Parish Programs       | \$ 173,946          | \$ 212,418          |
| Auxiliary Revenue     | \$ 99,096           | \$ 94,712           |
| Collection For Others | \$ 26,435           | \$ 29,466           |
| Non-Operating Income  | \$ 67,109           | \$ 75,657           |
| Extraordinary Income  | \$ 16,233           | \$ 6,304            |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$ 1,068,279</b> | <b>\$ 1,111,237</b> |

### Where It Went

|                                |                   |                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries                       | \$ 347,166        | \$ 354,860          |
| Fringe Benefits                | \$ 118,964        | \$ 123,433          |
| Parish Programs                | \$ 60,302         | \$ 84,161           |
| Regional School (Holy Family)  | \$ 33,492         | \$ 104,844          |
| Printing & Office              | \$ 55,530         | \$ 63,959           |
| Auxiliary Expenditures         | \$ 102,801        | \$ 97,722           |
| Rectory/Household              | \$ 5,436          | \$ 4,924            |
| Collection For Others          | \$ 26,435         | \$ 29,466           |
| Bldgs. Util & Maintenance      | \$ 193,389        | \$ 142,144          |
| Non-Operating Capital Expenses | \$ -0-            | \$ 27,775           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 943,515</b> | <b>\$ 1,033,288</b> |

|                       |                   |                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Net Difference</b> | <b>\$ 124,764</b> | <b>\$ 77,949</b> |
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### Summation:

We have been very fortunate over the last few years to maintain a favorable financial position despite challenging economic issues both locally and overall. Once again in FY 2017-18 (Sept thru August) we have maintained a positive balance between Income and Expenses. Also, while income dropped \$43,000, expenses were reduced by nearly \$90,000.

This was accomplished due to a dramatic reduction of Regional School assessments. This reduction of assessments was made possible by utilizing undistributed funds from prior parish contributions. While this was a very helpful and welcome action taken by the parishes it may not occur on a regular basis. We will closely monitor all factors of income and expense to assure maintaining a strong fiscal posture for our Spiritual home for years to come but there always exists a possibility of issues arising that may warrant our Parish to re-evaluate income or expense factors

**May God continue to bless our Parish Family with generous and talented people who have given time and treasure to keep the Spirit alive and well at St. Thomas More !**

***Submitted by Financial Committee, approved Father Antony Asir***

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Regular Collections</b>  | \$ 642,765 |
| - Collections for Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter  |            |
| <b>Fund Raising</b>   | \$ 42,695  |
| - Includes rebates from Catholic Ministries Appeal, Gains and losses from fund-raising events such as Feast Weekend, Calendar Club, Raffle, Golf Outing |            |
| <b>Parish Programs</b>  | \$ 173,946 |
| - Funds received from Religious Education fees, Parish Social Ministry, Youth Ministry  |            |
| <b>Auxiliary Revenue</b>  | \$ 99,096  |
| - Includes Maintenance & Repair Fund; wedding, funeral, and baptism offerings; LI Catholic, donations from societies, bulletin commission               |            |
| <b>Collection for Others</b>  | \$ 26,435  |
| - All special non-parish collections and special disaster collections that are collected and then forwarded in their entirety                           |            |
| <b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>  | \$ 67,109  |
| - Gains and losses from Investment Fund; unrealized gains and losses from investments   |            |
| <b>Extraordinary Revenue</b>  | \$ 16,233  |
| - Targeted & restricted donations   |            |

### **Detail of Where It Went**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Salaries</b>  | \$ 347,166 |
| - Clergy, church office staff (1 f/t + 2 p/t days. Religious Ed staff (3 + 1 p/t), music ministry (1 + 1 p/t), youth ministry (1 p/t), plant operations (2 p/t)  |            |
| <b>Fringe Benefits</b>   | \$ 118,964 |
| - Includes health & dental insurance, FICA taxes, pension, workers' comp insurance   |            |
| <b>Parish Programs</b>   | \$ 60,302  |
| - Includes religious education non-employee expenses, social ministry non-employee expenses, youth ministry non-employee expenses, adult education (like Bible Study), consolation ministry, RCIA, stewardship, parish retreat |            |
| <b>Regional School</b>   | \$ 33,492  |
| - Churches without their own parochial school contribute 15% of regular collections to the Regional School. Our regional school is Holy Family in Commack.   |            |
| <b>Printing &amp; Office</b>   | \$ 55,530  |
| - Includes postage, printing supplies, phone, payroll fees, computer fees, equipment   |            |
| <b>Auxiliary Expenditures</b>  | \$ 102,801 |
| - Includes liturgical expenses, missalettes, choir expenses, diocesan assessment, staff gifts  |            |
| <b>Rectory Household</b>   | \$ 5,436   |
| - Includes rectory food, household cleaning supplies, newspapers, items needed to maintain a household   |            |
| <b>Collection for Others</b>   | \$ 26,435  |
| - All monies collected on behalf of others are forwarded entirely to their respective entities (i.e. Missions, Rice Bowl, Peter's Pence)   |            |
| <b>Buildings - Utilities &amp; Maintenance</b>   | \$ 193,389 |
| - Includes National Grid, LIPA, heating oil, water, contracted maintenance services, ordinary repairs & maintenance, maintenance supplies, minor rectory renovations, insurance premiums                                       |            |
| <b>Non-Operating Capital Expenses</b>  | \$ - 0 -   |

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# 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](mailto:Theresa@stmli.org) with questions

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## 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)**