



Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



#### Parish Mission Statement:

*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through*

#### Contact Numbers

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

**December 30, 2018**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14**

**Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5**

**Colossians 3:12-21**

**Luke 2:41-52**

**Saturday, December 29**

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

5:00pm Judith Ellen Lentino *by William & Ellen Lentino*

**Sunday, December 30--The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00am People of the Parish .

9:15am Carole Rose Canale *by the Torquato family,*  
Paul T. Kirdahy *by the Recce family,*  
Augie Vrondis *by the Stapleton family*

10:45am August Vrondis *by Joan & Gilbert Oberkirch*

12:15pm Nicholas Loiacono *by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bie*

**Monday, December 31—St. Sylvester**

9am Anita Ilardi *by Len Munzer*

**Tuesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9am Octavio Teixeira *by Aurora Ramos*

12:15pm People of the Parish

**Wednesday, January 2—St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. &  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stevens *by Charles Potuzak*

**Thursday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9am Sr. Catherine Gilmore *by Pat & Helena Marsden*

**Friday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—**

**First Friday**

9am Leonel Ramos *by Esther Strnad*

**Saturday, January 5—St. John Neumann—**

**First Saturday**

9am Anna LoCastro *by Judy Coyle*

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

5:00pm Christopher Faust *by Elizabeth & Margaret Kane,*  
JoAnn Gallo *by Barbara & Joe Cassetta,* Anna LoCastro *by Rick & Diane Auspaker & family.* Irene McGayhey *by Joanne Kelly,* Eileen McHale *by the Monacchio family,* Joe & Marge Nagle *by Marsha Augustyn,* Augie Vrondis *by Frank & Vivianne LaTorre*

**Sunday, January 6--The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00am Helen Straznitzki *by the Recce family .*

9:15am Margaret Harten *by the Harten family,*

10:45am Anna LoCastro *by Molly & Frank Prisinzano*

12:15pm Dr. Mark R. Fleckner & his son *by Ronald Webb*

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

**January 6, 2019**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Isaiah: 60:1-6**

**Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

**Ephesians: 3: 2-3a, 5-6**

**Matthew: 2:1-12**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

**Focus Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you were led to Jesus.
2. Talk about the people who have travelled with you in your search for God.
3. Relate a time when you found wisdom in an unexpected source..

**Family and children's question:**

What gift can you bring to Jesus?

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**A child's father kept bringing home work from the office** just about every night. Finally his first-grade son asked why. Daddy explained that he had so much work he couldn't finish it all during the day. The boy reasoned, "Then, why don't they put you in a slower group?" It is harmful to bring the office into the home. It should be the other way. The office can function in a healthy and happy atmosphere when employees work as a family of workers.

**Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family.** A family is not merely a biologically connected body of people. They are born out of love, and live and grow in love. The family's fundamental base is love. That is why when God wanted to be with humans, God chose to be born as Jesus, a child of the family of Mary and Joseph. The family is a worthy place of experiencing God's love. Every relationship in a family has great divine potential of experiencing God's love in their love of each other. Thus every family is a Holy Family after the model of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

**Let us pray for all our families.** Let us make the family our first and only priority. Let us try to live the love of family both in our personal families and in the bigger human family of our parish, work place, society etc. Let us pray especially for our children who are our hope and future, that God make them strong and faithful in their love for the family.

**Best wishes to you for a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019.** This Tuesday is January 1<sup>st</sup>. We begin 2019. (Please find the schedule in the adjacent page under "Masses for this coming week"). Let us promise ourselves to begin something new and leave something old. May God inspire us and give us the strength to get rid of the old that burdens and suppresses us. May God encourage and empower us to embrace the new. I wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year 2019. I pray that God bless you and your family abundantly with health and happiness, peace and prosperity, growth and generosity.

**2018 Contribution Statements:** Soon after the New Year we will complete the data entries of 2018 into our system. If you want a record of your 2018 contributions for tax purposes, please complete the cut-out in the bulletin and return it to the Church Office. We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.

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	Joseph P
George Bein	Robert Pawluk
Bernadette	Joan Perks
Pam Bertin	Frank Procaccini
Mary Bien	Diane Rantz
George Bien	Maura Reddy
Janice Bini	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
Jean Blaney	Leland Reid
Peter Bongiorno	William (Bill) Rudden
Lisa Bravo	Victoria A. Russo
Pamela Brosnan	Bob Sauchelli
Donna Caragol	Teresa Scarlato
Kathy Calandrella	Elyse Schrage
Barbara Cappisillo	Carlene Shernowitz
Kathy Capuano	Kim Shernowitz
Patricia Cirone	Robert Shernowitz
Bobbie Cizon	Edward J. Smith
Ellen Cleary	Antonette Solano
John Colosi	John Spadaro
Joey Cullum	Joyce St. Germain
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Charles & Peggy
Mary Ann Foley	Stepanek
Gloria Gamarana	Carly Strachovsky
Joe Gandolfo	Richard Stout
Jody Casares George	Erik Sztorc
John H.	Chase Turano
Edward Hendershot	Andrew J. Valentine
Paula Izzo	Andrew M. Valentine
Joseph Jacklets	Michael Valentine
Linda Jennings	Donna Marie Velazquez
Kevin A. Kane	Debbie Ward
Chris Kenney	Rosalind Warmuth
Jean Marsala Kieffner	Diane Weisz
Rob Kohl	Arlene Wentin
Arnold Landi	Lorraine White
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	

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

## ***PRAY FOR THE DECEASED***

Enid Deale, Richard A. Erali Sr., 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	Troy A. Maida,
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 Gudone	Ann Karen Sanchez
John Michael Haffner	Justin Schneider
Sean Hendrikson	Christopher Sidor
Kevin Ilyichenko	Ryan Smith
	Michael White

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(Dec. 29/30)	(Jan. 5/6)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafolo
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 20, 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 December 18, 2018

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$70,100.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$48,437.25</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>69.1%</b>



We thank all of you who contributed to our Christmas Mass Remembrance and our Christmas Flower Fund 2018. If your names did not appear in our previous Bulletin, it is because your envelopes arrived

after our Christmas Bulletin went to print on December 17, 2018. However, we wish to reassure you that we prayed for all our donors and their intentions at all the Christmas Masses.

God Bless you.

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)

### Facebook

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

### Instagram

SSTHOMASMORECHURCH

- stmreligiousd
- stm\_yg

### Email

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

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

Goal	\$1.0 Million
Total Pledged	\$1,026,014
Paid to Date	\$ 749,476
% of Cash Received	73%
# of Gifts	503
% of Goal	103%

**Our Goal is Surpassed!**  
**Thank you for your support!**

**On behalf of Father Antony and the entire campaign committee we wish to thank all Parishioners who have made a gift to the campaign. Thanks to the generous support from many families the campaign has been a great success. We deeply appreciate your generous response!**

**If you have any questions about your pledge payment schedule, please call Andy White at 516-607-3635.**

**Congratulations!**  
**CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

*Here are the winners for the week of Dec. 23-29, 2018*

Sun.	12/23/18	#177	\$50	Karen Flynn
Mon.	12/24/18	#496	\$25	Pat & Joan Shea
Tues.	12/25/18	# 6	\$50	Kevin & Jen Pearsall (Christmas Day)
Wed.	12/26/18	#405	\$25	Gerard & Joan Smith
Thurs.	12/27/18	#976	\$25	Dolores & Ken Fensterer
Fri.	12/28/18	#639	\$25	Virginia Zablocki
Sat.	12/29/18	#421	\$25	Linda Carlino



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 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 30**

8am—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

**Tuesday—January 1—Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses are at 9 am and at 12:15pm.**

**Courtesy Announcements**

*(First Notice)*

*(Second Notice)*

**Camp Fatima** for Boys and **Camp Bernadette** for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. The camps located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week

overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For more

information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email [Brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:Brendan@bfcamp.com) and register online at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com). Please don't wait as sessions fill quickly. The gift of a summer camp experience could be the ideal Christmas present for your child or grandchild.

## PARISH OUTREACH

We are on the cusp of a new year; in just two days we will be writing the year 2019! Is there anything we would change? Now that the mad rush of the holidays is over, and we have some time to reflect, what would we do differently, and WHY?



If we say we would do things differently, it's important to reason why we would, rather than just give lip service to the thought. Is it because we want to become "better" people? And if so, how would we improve? Perhaps we could give less thought to our own wants and needs and more to what others' needs are? Whatever we decide, it should give us peace of mind, and peace in our hearts.

May we all savor the peace that Christmas can bring us, and look forward to the joy that the New Year will bring. God Bless You.

## 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul

### THE VISITATION (S)

The second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary is the Visitation, when Mary journeys to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John The Baptist. Mary travels to help her cousin, and be of assistance to her in any way she can.

Our conference of SVdP also visits our neighbors in Hauppauge who are in need and we try to assist in any way possible.

Recently, we have had many calls: to a recent widow who just lost her job, living in a house in foreclosure, raising her teen daughter, and living on \$20. a month for food and clothes once other bills are paid; another visit to a family whose father has a rare form of eye cancer, and the wife, a registered nurse, can only work per diem because she must travel out of state with her husband whenever he may need treatment.

Of course, we, on your behalf, try to help. Please pray for our neighbors in need, for the conference volunteers, and if possible, at this time of year, consider making a donation to SVdP.

We wish you all a Blessed, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

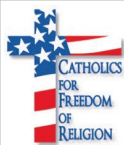
## Altar Servers Wanted!



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.

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)

### **Knowing First Amendment Rights Makes Schools & Students More Free**

**Newaygo, Michigan** In this small Michigan town, the School Board unanimously decided to keep a display of the 3 Wise Men, erected each holiday season for over 40 years, at a public elementary school despite complaints that it violates separation of church and state.

"Please leave our wise men alone," said a parent. "Look away if it offends you."

"This community has said loud and clear (over 3,400 people signed a petition) that they want the display to stay," said Superintendent Peggy Mathis. **"Newaygo Public Schools has a legitimate secular purpose for the display. We are both upholding the communities' tradition of celebrating a public holiday and attempting to point towards the importance of wisdom, knowledge, and open-mindedness.** They've been described as the scientists of their time... To my knowledge, there is no case law that prohibits the depiction of 3 non-Christian middle eastern men on camels that are seeking wisdom."

**Honey Grove, Texas** **"Y'all don't do that again,"** Middle School Principal, Lee Frost, told a group of 8th grade students who decided to pray for an injured classmate during lunch. **They could only pray on the stage behind the curtain, outside the school building, or in the gym while no one was present and they couldn't be seen.**

Attorneys for First Liberty informed the School District of the students' rights and school officials corrected their policy.

**"The right to pray is a Constitutionally protected activity ...** By mandating that the students hide when they pray, Principal Frost sends a message to students that school prayer is illegitimate, disfavored, and should not occur in public ... Even Establishment Clause concerns cannot justify such treatment... Students are free to pray together at school as long as it's not disruptive. Our client is very pleased that she and her friends can continue to pray together for each other, their fellow classmates, and their teachers."

(frc.org, 12/3/18; abc6onyourside.com,12/11/18; thestate.com, 12/11/18; firstliberty.org; lifesitenews.com, 11/20/18; wnd.com, 11/18)

*"When our Founding Fathers passed the First Amendment, ... They never intended to construct a wall of hostility between government and the concept of religious belief itself."* President Ronald Reagan



**Msgr. Jim Vlaun**  
**Executive Producer**  
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### **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)*

### **2018 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/we would like a record of our 2018 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

*Please return to the Rectory for 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

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 January 8, 2019, from 7-8 PM in the Church.**

**Please note this is a change from our usual schedule.**



***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 January:***

*You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!*

"Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

*Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy!*

"The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev. 7:17)

**Come join us!**



## The *IRA Charitable Rollover* is back and is now permanent!

**What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.**

### If...

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

**You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).**

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

***VERY IMPORTANT!!* Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.**

*Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.*

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6062  
ST. THOMAS MORE MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA**

**ANNUAL BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2019-- FROM 6:30 TO 8:30PM. THE PLACE WILL  
BE BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO  
ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 THROUGH 14. PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED.  
ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE COMPETING IN THEIR AGE BRACKET.  
AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.  
WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO LONG ISLAND FINALS AND THE WINNERS  
OF THAT WILL COMPETE FOR STATE FINALS AT WEST POINT MILITARY  
ACADEMY. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
BROTHER KNIGHT PAUL MERGET AT 631 291 0030.**