



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 1, 2019

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 our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

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Masses for this coming week

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent,
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 37-44

Saturday, November 30

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Helen Schaefer *by Dcn. Ed & Laura*

Vigneaux

Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Casano Antonio & Dr. Darius Anton

Holmes M.D. by Dr. Bertram A. Holmes

9:15am Augie Vrondis *by Betty Vrondis*

10:45am Bernard J. Dell' Aquila *by Bob & Evelyn*

McMahon, Jennie Digirolamo by Vivian & Michael

Jacobs, Bob Druckenmiller by Alice Longwell &

family, Carmen Duran by the Fiasconaro & McCune

families, Charles Longwell by Alice & family

12:15pm Carolyn Molloy *by Margie & Joe Kersting*

Monday, December 2

9am Robert Druckenmiller *by Pat & Joan Shea*

Tuesday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

9am Biddy Flynn (living) *by Fintan & Margaret*

Stapleton

Wednesday, December 4—St. John Damascene

9am Thomas Ryan *by Fintan & Margaret*

Stapleton

Thursday, December 5

9am James John *by Maria Rotolico & Nana Dowse*

Friday, December 6—St. Nicholas

9am Nicholas J. Muro *by the Sweeney family*

Saturday, December 7—St. Ambrose—

First Saturday

9am For the People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Eleanor Graver *by Joann & Richie Lane*

Sunday, December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Casano Antonio & Dr. Darius Anton

Holmes M.D. by Dr. Bertram A. Holmes

9:15am Andrew Como *by Florence & Michael*

Aquafredda

10:45am Ann Marie Kane *by the Kane family*

12:15pm Anthony DiSalvio *by the McNeill family,*

Nick Liberatoscioli by his family, Janet Mallen by

Ellie Donlon, Charles Struzinski by his family

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent,
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15: 4-9
Matthew 3: 1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Focus Questions:

1. What part of John the Baptist message is meaningful today?
2. What might you need to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his path?
3. Relate a time when a relationship with another person brought you peace.

Family and children's question:

In the name of John the Baptist deny yourself one thing that you love each day this week.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

“Nothing improves a person’s driving skills like the sudden discovery that his license has expired.” The awareness that the cop can give him a ticket for driving with an expired license forces him to be the best driver possible. What motivates us to be our best? Is it the awareness that we want to be our best or that we are compelled to be our best? Or when do we live our best? At the realization that we wish to be our best,, or at the pressure that we have no other choice but to act our best?

This Sunday, we begin the Season of Advent. Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The first reading portrays that people went about eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands at the time of Noah. They did not adhere to God’s call, through Noah, to save their lives from the impending deluge.

Our simple acts of life, like eating, drinking, continuing our progeny and increasing our prosperity must reveal the truth that God is in our midst leading our history towards the fulfillment of God’s rule among us. Today’s Gospel admonishes us not to be carried away, as the people at the time of Noah did, by our habitual routine and conveniences, or by our own selfish motives or instant gratifications, but to stay awake to live God’s truth and presence revealed through our everyday activities.

Advent is an ardent time of preparation to welcome the birth of our Lord in our hearts and homes. As we light candles on the Advent wreath, let them symbolize that we try to ignite all the Godly senses in ourselves by taking extra steps to enlighten our thoughts, by reading the Bible to empower our words with mercy and kindness and to witness God’s presence and generosity through our daily activities.

December 14th is the Christmas Tree Lighting after the 5:00pm mass. After the tree lighting Santa will make a special visit to Walden Hall. I invite all young families with their children to the spiritual and family experience at the mass and to fellowship with Santa at the hospitality time.

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 candle lighting ceremony.

The Giving Tree is in the Narthex decorated with suggestions on how we can help those who are in need at Christmas. Please avail yourself to help someone in need.

Outreach is collecting hams for Christmas. Please bring them to the Outreach Office Monday to Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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, Director
Parish Outreach
 Staffed by volunteers
Music Ministry
 Emilia Savarese, Facilitator
Youth Ministry
 Dan Haggerty, 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.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of November 24, 2019

(Amount 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 2019

as of November 12, 2019

Our Parish Goal \$70,100.00

Pledges to date \$38,820.00

Percentage of Goal 55.4%

CALENDAR CLUB 2020

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2020.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE:()

EMAIL:

() One Number for \$25

OR

() FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, December 10, 2019, 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 AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket).

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Nov. 30/Dec. 1)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Dec. 7/8)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony



MINISTRY MATTERS AT ST. THOMAS MORE

RCIA TEAM

Our Purpose and Responsibilities

To share our faith with those who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian and to lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE

Just as it takes an entire village to raise a child, it takes all the gifts and talents of a loving and prayerful community to make a committed Catholic Christian.

THEREFORE...

We invite ALL Members of St. Thomas More to join us in praying for those seeking to join us in our Faith Community and welcoming those who are now on their journey to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angie, Arlene, ASB, Bernadette, Lena Brennan, Pamela Brosnan, Barbara Cappisillo, Kathy Capuano, Dona Caragol, David Cartwright, Paul Connors, Marlene DiChristina, Walter Drechsler, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Jodi Casares George, Jerry Georgis, John Gilligan, Gina, John H, Olive Harrison, Tom H, Laurie Holmes, Paula Izzo, Joseph Jacklets, Chris Kenney, Kevin Kenney, Shaun Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Nicolas Lorusso, Lauren Lossani, Frances Madera, MaryLee Manfre, Rob McGurrin, Rosie Miranda, Kieran Mock, Ellen Murphy, Joan Nachtman, Pat O’Connell, Beatrice Okorn, Barbara P, Brienne P, Joe P, Rainey Pappas, Richard Peymann, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Sue Rukchael, Teresa Shannon, Carlene, Robert & Kim Shenowitz, Charles & Peggy Stepanek, Robert Strommer, MaryAnn Tinger, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman., Ashley Zabelsky

This listing will expire on March 31, 2020.

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from Nov. 24-30, 2019

11/24/19	\$50	644	Phyllis Sivori
11/25/19	\$25	815	Sal Napolitano
11/26/19	\$25	210	Patricia Citro
11/27/19	\$25	581	Ken Granville
11/28/19	\$50	942	Maria Lilly
			(Thanksgiving Day)
11/29/19	\$25	924	James Cussen
11/30/19	\$25	694	Ann Russell

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Janet Mallen, Jean Noschese, 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	Michael Knipper
Jessie Bernstein	Dylan Kowalski
Joseph Blaugrund	Thomas LaFemina
Anthony Broncatello	Alex Lombardi
John Burk	Andrew Lombardi
Collin Busto	Lt. Clint Lorance
David Chester	Scott Lovelock
John Chester	Andrew Lynch
Nicholas Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Theresa Chester	William Maley
Collin J. Crean	Thomas Migliara
Eddie Cullum	Tim Morris
Eric Cullum	Ryan Murphy
Adam Cussen	John Nachtman
David Cussen	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Thomas Nichols
P. J. Erskin	Adam Papaizai
Timothy Fallon	Michael Poist
Nicholas W. Flanary	Michael Polanski
J.T. Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Mike Foltz	Antonia Marie Rivera
Michael Gioia	Ann Karen Sanchez
William Gregory	Justin Schneider
Carl F. Greiner	Christopher Sidor
Philip Gudone	Christopher Singer
John Michael Haffner	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrikson	Michael White
Tylor J. Hickey	
Kevin Ilyichenko	
John Karies	

Support Our Religious.

The second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the weekend of December 7th and 8th.

Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Please be generous.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—December 1—

9am—Troop 343 Wreath Sale—Narthex, Outside

10:30am—RCIA—Kirwin Hall

Tuesday, December 3

5pm—KofC District Dep. Mtg—Kitchen/Walden Hall

7pm—Adoration—Church

Wednesday—December 4

5pm—KofC Business Mtg—Kit/WH

Thursday—December 5

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh—Church

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Reh—Church

Friday—December 6

9am—KofC—Kitchen

Saturday—December 7

10am—KofC—Kit/WH



Choir News

As you know Christmas is coming soon, so we would like to invite our young children grades 3 through high school to join the Christmas Choir. There are only three rehearsals to get ready for the “Big” day—December 7, 14 and 21 from 1 to 2 pm.

We will be singing at the 3:30 pm Christmas eve Mass and at 9:15 am during the Christmas season.

What a beautiful way to celebrate Jesus' birthday as **He** is the reason for the season! Come share your time and talents as a gift to Jesus and to the STM community. As you know it is in giving that we receive.

For info or to join call Emilia at 631-724-8820.



Focus on Religious Freedom www.cffor.org

We Give Thanks for Religious Freedom Wins in 2019

Victories for Americans' First Freedom are happening nationwide, with people of faith reclaiming their most cherished and fundamental God-given liberty. Recent court decisions set important precedents to protect religious rights for students and for faith-based adoption agencies.

Iowa - In 2018, the University of Iowa banned InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and several other religious groups from the school because they required their leaders to ascribe to its Christian beliefs. Still, InterVarsity does allow all students to be members. A Federal Court judge ruled in October, 2019, that university officials had "violated InterVarsity's clearly established (constitutional) right to free speech..." "The Court does not know how a reasonable person could have concluded this was acceptable..." She ruled these officials can be held personally liable and forced to pay damages out of their own pockets because they failed to follow an earlier ruling in support of InterVarsity.

"**We must have leaders who share our faith,**" said an InterVarsity director. "No group - religious or secular - could survive with leaders who reject its values." Would it make sense to force College Democrats to allow a Republican to lead the organization? Must the Libertarians admit Democratic Socialists to leadership positions? Of course not.

Michigan - In September, a federal court ruled in favor of a faith-based adoption agency and in support of parents of 5 foster children with special needs. The court said, "the State's real goal is not to promote non-discriminatory child placements, but to stamp out St. Vincent's (Catholic Charities) religious belief and replace it with the State's own."

St. Vincent's was one of Michigan's most successful adoption and foster agencies. It upholds Catholic teaching about marriage and therefore, referred same-sex and unmarried couples to agencies that have no objection to providing them adoption and foster services. In 2019, a new attorney general began a policy targeting faith-based agencies because of their beliefs about same-sex marriage. She implemented a requirement that religious agencies provide recommendations and endorsement of same-sex couples and she banned religious agencies from making referrals.

Judge Jonker wrote, "What this case is about is whether St. Vincent's may continue to do this work and still profess and promote the traditional Catholic belief that marriage as ordained by God is for one man and one woman." He called the state's actions a "targeted attack on

sincerely held religious belief." (washingtonexaminer.com, 9/27/19; ncregister.com, 9/27/19; nationalreview.com, 9/27/19, firstliberty.org, 10/11/19; christianheadlines.com, 10/11/19)

"I will walk about in freedom for I have sought your precepts." Psalms 119:45



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.

Our next meeting will be on December 9, 2019 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman—Facilitator: Vivianne Latorre.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room. For further and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

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Personal Prayer

SpiritualOrientations.com

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

BJFRAT@optonline.net

PARISH OUTREACH

“Give us this day our daily bread”



Our current needs include:

Canned Fruit

*Tomato Sauce***

*Canned Tomatoes**(28 oz)*

*Jelly***

Cranberry Sauce

*Canned Yams***

Stuffing

Turkey Gravy

Individual Canned Meals

(i.e., Chef Boyardee)

*Coffee/Tea***

*Soup** (18-22 oz)*

*Macaroni & Cheese***

*Boxed Milk***

*Canned Vegetables***

Mustard/Ketchup

Shampoo

*Toothpaste***

*Liquid Laundry Detergent***

*** We are in great need of these items as we often run low on them.*

Non-perishable foods may be left in the bins at the entrance to the Narthex. We are always grateful for your generosity!

Outreach is open Monday to Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM. Phone: 631-234-3149

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive begins the weekend of November 2-3.

Many of our families do not have large ovens so smaller turkeys (less than 15 pounds) or turkey breasts work best for them.

The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to support our parishioners who are in need of help around their homes. If you are, or know of someone who is elderly, ill, recovering, or financially burdened, please contact the Outreach Office for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

Whenever you donate to our parish conference of SVdP, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

(Second Notice)

Franciscan Spirit Tours—Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Seigny, OFM Cap., Fr. Julian Jagudilia, OFM and Fr. Jim Sauer, OFM will be leading several upcoming pilgrimages to holy sites around the world this fall and beyond. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 646-736-7964 or at info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com. You may also see the full itineraries on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention that you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

Special for 2020: Oberammergau/Prague (“Passion Play”) (From only \$3,395); Greece/Turkey/Greek Isles (From \$2,995) Plus our regularly scheduled pilgrimages: “Franciscan Italy”, “Great Women of Faith” Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux, “Holy Land—The Living Rosary”, “Footsteps of St. John Paul II —Poland/Prague”, “Our Lady in the New World” - Guadalupe/Mexico, “Catholic Spain”, “Fatima”, “Journey to Peace” —Medjugorje, “Footsteps of Pope Francis”—Argentina/Uruguay, “Catholic Ireland”, “Church of John and Paul”- Greece/Turkey.

Bay Shore High School WOW Program December 9-14— Holiday Pop-Up Shoppe—Monday through Friday from 3:30 o 6:30 pm—Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm—Staffed by the school’s special needs WOW (World of Work), students, they have made...not purchased for resale...holiday gifts such as soaps, door signs, and other holiday ornaments. Please come to this event and show your support.



will be held at Ciro’s on Tuesday, the 10th of December at 12 noon. Cost is \$30, payable on November 30th.

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:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/
Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee |

Name::

Address:

Phone:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2019**

**I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries
Appeal for 2019.**

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.

**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)*

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.

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

New Beginnings Pre School in Hauppauge—needs an Infant and a Toddler Teacher—631-360-0039

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

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

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.

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 3, 2019, 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 September:

With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his.

“He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God.” (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

“Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe...” (Jn. 20:29)

“Faith can move mountains...” (Mk. 11:23)

“What is needed is trust...” (Mk. 5:36)

“Behold I come to make all things new.” (Rev. 21:5)

Come join us!

Youth Mass at St. Thomas More — Sunday, November 24, 2019



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

There will be one **mandatory rehearsal and costume pick-up.** It will be **Saturday, December 21st** 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, 2019.

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

ANGELS and SHEPHERDS

Name: _____

Would like to participate as an:

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

_____ **3:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name A to M**

_____ **5:30 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, 2019)



Let's join together and share in the Christmas spirit with another St. Thomas More family this Advent season!

Before Advent begins you will receive an email and/or letter in the mail with the name of another parish family whom you can pray for and surprise with notes, cards, or small gift (example: movie or family board game) once a week for four weeks during Advent. At the same time your family will be receiving surprises from a different Kris Kindle. Your secret family will be revealed at a celebration in January. (date to be announced) This is a wonderful way to meet new families and a great way to teach children the true meaning of Christmas through prayer, giving, and acts of kindness. Sign up to be a family's secret Kris Kindle this year and be a part of this special experience.

Please fill out the attached form and drop it in the box in the Narthex or email information to Constance Sandbichler at cngsands@optonline.net by November 24th.

Questions please call Constance at 516-319-3913

Yes! We want to be part of Kris Kindle!

Family Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email _____

Individual Family Members, Ages, and Interests

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