

Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord



# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 Service.*

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## Masses for this coming week

**January 5, 2020**  
**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**

### Saturday, January 4

9am In thanksgiving to St. Joseph *by Francesca and David Yu & family*  
*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Irene Carbonella *by Kevin & Michele Cloke*, Marlene, Kyle & Myles Christianson *by the Christianson family*, Patrick O'Brien Sr. *by the Islip Air Traffic Control Tower*

### Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Helen Schaefer *by Ann Russo and family*  
 9:15am Jean Noschese *by Virginia Lane*  
 10:45am Louise Rogan *by Lou & Emilia Savares*  
 12:15pm Harriet Miller *by Nella Luca*

### Monday, January 6—St. André Bessette

9am Maria Krol *by Ann & Lou Anatrella*

### Tuesday, January 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort

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

### Wednesday, January 8

9am Maria Krol *by Arlene & John Aspromgos*

### Thursday, January 9

9am Dominic & Ann Fanelli *by Nana & Jimmy Douse*

### Friday, January 10

9am Jean Noschese *by Marie & Ross Bracco*

### Saturday, January 11

9am People of the Parish  
*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*  
 5pm Janet Mallen *by Nancy & Ray Regan*

### Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Ted Muenkel *by Mary Erickson*  
 9:15am Jean Noschese *by Maria Lynskey*  
 10:45am Bob Druckenmiller *by Marilyn & Joe Amadio*  
 12:15pm Elaina Christine Lucia *by the LoRusso family*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**January 12, 2020**  
**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**  
**Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)**  
**Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38**  
**Matthew 2:13-17**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply,

"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you felt accepted and loved by God.
2. How attentive are you to the well-being of the environment, God's creation?
3. What was the last baptism you attended? How responsible do you feel for encouraging that child/person's faith?

### Family and children's question:

Talk about the baptism of each of the children in the family.

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Two hunters shot a deer and began to drag it by its tail** when they ran across another hunter. "It would be easier if you would drag the deer by the antlers instead of the tail. Then he won't go into the bushes."

They did as he suggested. After an hour of dragging the deer by the antlers, one of them said to the other, "It's a lot easier for sure."

"Yeah", said the other, "but I think we are going in the wrong direction." When something is made easy, one must also check one's direction. As much as a person desires to make things easy she/he must also keep to the right direction. Easiness must not be at the cost of the wrong direction.

**Today is the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.** The Magi (wise men) from the east came and travelled to see God born as a human child. Their wisdom of reading the star correctly and its meaning helped them travel in the right direction towards the God-child. Their desire to see in person the star indicated to them helped make their travel easy.

**Even in our days God reveals through various signs** (through peoples, through social and cultural events) and means to experience Him. What we need to do is to read them to get their Godly meaning and learn the correct way to live the meaning. Then we must have a desire to travel. Having a map is not enough. We have to travel. God invites us to come to Him. He makes our travel meaningful and helps us to take up the travel towards Him. Let the New Year be a new travel with God's meaning and power.

**Small Bite Bible Study by Fr. Antony:** We are planning to have Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. It is a Small Bite Bible Study because it will be just THREE 90- minute study sessions for three Wednesdays: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm in the meeting room of Walden Hall. It is a small bite because it might be easy for us to commit to three Wednesdays.

**2019 Contribution Statements:** Soon after the New Year we will complete the data entries of our contribution system. If you want a record of your 2019 contributions for tax purposes, please complete and return the form in the bulletin to the Parish 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, 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 sessions are held before the welcoming Mass attendance are required.

**MARRIAGE**- As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Parish 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 Parish 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 December 29, 2019 \$6,407.00

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection for recording your contribution.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES  
APPEAL 2019**as of December 20, 2019**

Our Parish Goal \$70,100.00

Pledges to date \$41,099.25

*Percentage of Goal* 58.6%

## 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

( ) 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> (Jan. 4/5)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Jan.11/12)
<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafolo
<u>Sunday</u> 8 am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred

MINISTRY MATTERS AT  
ST. THOMAS MORE**RCIA TEAM**

Our Purpose and Responsibility  
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 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

Mrs. Altman, Angie, Arlene, ASB, Carmela Beltrani, Louise Beltrani, Bernadette, Patricia Brady, Lena Brennan, Pamela Brosnan, Barbara Cappisillo, Kathy Capuano, Dona Caragol, David Cartwright, Paul Connors, Marlene DiChristina, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Jodi Casares George, Jerry Georgis, John Gilligan, Gina, John H, Angelina Harrington, Olive Harrison, Tom H, Rita Hines, Laurie Holmes, Paula Izzo, Joseph Jacklets, Chris Kenney, Kevin Kenney, Shaun Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Albert Kunz, Nicolas Lorusso, Lauren Lossani, Frances Madera, MaryLee Manfre, Maria, Rob McGurrin, Sharon Mills, Rosie Miranda, Kieran Mock, Ellen Murphy, Joan Nachtman, Annelle McGill Newcomb, Pat O'Connell, Beatrice Okorn, Barbara P, Brienne Joe P, Rainey Pappas, Richard Peymann, Maura Ready, 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 Welsz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman., Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky

*This listing will expire on March 31, 2020.*

### CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

*Here are the winners from December 29-31, 2019*

- 12/29/19** ` \$50 290 Jack & Caroline DeSantis
- 12/30/19** \$25 136 James & Cyna Buckley
- 12/31/19** \$200 313 Michele Brosnan  
(New Year's Eve)

**The names of the Calendar Club 2020 winners for the month of January will be published in the bulletin of February 2, 2020.**

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Teresa Shannon, Charles Stepanek, Walter Drechsler, Theodore Muenkel, Marlene DiChristina, Janice Fleck, deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

**USING FAITH DIRECT?** - It's quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either 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) and sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. 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 mail it 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 projects to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to contribute, 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 for things for the students in our regional school.

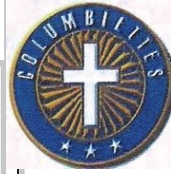
**USED CELL PHONES**—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

**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@holyfamilyregionalschool.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregionalschool.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
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
Collin Busto	Andrew Lombardi
David Chester	Lt. Clint Lorance
John Chester	Scott Lovelock
Nicholas Chester	Andrew Lynch
Theresa Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Collin J. Crean	William Maley
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Eric Cullum	Tim Morris
Adam Cussen	Ryan Murphy
David Cussen	John Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dola	Kaitlyn Nachtman
P. J. Erskin	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Major Michael Fantauzzi	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	



**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH  
MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA  
COLUMBIETTES #6062  
HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK 11788**

**WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FAIR!!!!**

**OUR COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL IS AN ORGANIZATION OF LADIES. 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER. WE ARE A CHARITABLE, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.**

**WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS UNITED BY OUR FATH, THE LOVE OF OUR FAMILY, OUR LOVE OF COUNTRY AND OUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING OTHERS.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR ORDER OF COLUMBIETTES, PLEASE COME TO OUR OPEN MEETING on JANUARY 12 7PM. HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE WITH US. "LINK THOSE WHO NEED HELP TO THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP"**

**BLESSINGS,  
Willy Ferrara  
631-806-4628**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE**  
*(Not totally inclusive)*


**Sunday—January 5**  
10:30am—RCIA—Kirwin Hall

**Wednesday—January 8**  
5pm—Knights Business Mtg—Kit/Walden Hall  
6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Meeting Room

**Thursday—January 2**  
5:30pm—Children’s Choir Reh—Church  
7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh—Church

**Saturday—January 11**  
6pm—Kris Kindle—Walden Hall

**Sunday—January 12—Hospitality Sunday**

 <p><b>GENERAL APPLICATION</b></p>		AUXILIARY NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____		<p><b>AUXILIARY SECTION</b></p>	
		COUNCIL NUMBER _____ I.D. # _____		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <small>(Date of First Degree Must Be Included)</small>	
MISS OR MRS. LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE FORMER NAME		STREET CITY STATE OR PROVINCE COUNTRY OR ZIP CODE		<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER <small>(Date of Degree Must Be Included)</small>	
AREA CODE TELEPHONE NO.		OCCUPATION		<input type="checkbox"/> REINSTATEMENT (WITHIN ONE YEAR) <small>(Date of Degree Must Be Included)</small>	
ARE YOU A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC		YES NO NAME OF P. SPIRIT		<input type="checkbox"/> REINSTATEMENT (AFTER ONE YEAR) <small>(Date of Degree Must Be Included)</small>	
PREVIOUS COLUMBIETTE AFFILIATION		DEGREES RECEIVED AND DATES		<input type="checkbox"/> HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP <small>(Date of Degree Must Be Included)</small>	
NAME OF LAST AUXILIARY LOCATION CITY STATE OR PROVINCE		FIRST DEGREE (year) THIRD DEGREE (year)		<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWAL CARD <small>(Date of Degree Must Be Included)</small>	
DATE OF WITHDRAWAL/SUSPENSION REASON:		NAME OF LAST AUXILIARY LOCATION CITY STATE OR PROVINCE		<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH _____ DATE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF NAME _____ Former Name _____	
DATE OF TRANSFER: REASON:		NAME OF LAST AUXILIARY LOCATION CITY STATE OR PROVINCE		<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____ Former Address _____	
I hereby certify on my honor as a Columbiette (Knight of Columbus) that I am acquainted with the above applicant, that I know her to be a practical Catholic and that I unqualifiedly endorse her as desirable and worthy of membership in the Columbiettes. I believe her statements in the foregoing application to be true. I hereby witness her signature.		I DO FURTHER DECLARE AND AGREE:		PRESENTLY SERVING AS: DISTRICT DEPUTY OR OFFICER AUXILIARY, CHAPTER, STATE	
Proposer's Signature _____		I. That I have read this application in its entirety and am fully acquainted with its contents and that each and every statement and answer by me made herein is true, and that the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Columbiettes, hereinafter called the Order, and of any Auxiliary thereof of which I may at any time be a member, which are now in force or which may at any time hereafter be duly made or amended, shall be binding upon me.		Date of Acceptance _____	
Signature of Applicant _____		II. That the decisions of the Board of Directors of the Order, or their successors in office, shall control in all matters of dispute between the Order or any Auxiliary or any officer or member thereof and myself relative to membership or the obligations of membership.		<p><b>PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ONLY</b></p>	
DATE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SIGNATURES PRESIDENT		PRESIDENT FINANCIAL SECRETARY SIGNATURES OF ACCEPTING AUXILIARY		SIGNATURES OF ACCEPTING AUXILIARY	



**Focus on Religious Freedom**  
[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

**Reducing Anti-Semitism on College Campuses**

**NY and FL Public High Schools Violate Law by Rejecting Student Religious Clubs**

**Wappingers Falls, NY:** This NY school district violated federal law when it rejected a Christian student's request to start an on-campus Christian club, according to pro-bono law firm, First Liberty Institute. Freshman Daniela Barca's application to form the "Christian Club" at Ketcham H.S., aimed to offer "faith-based support" where students have "discussions about living for God in a godless society," (1) was rejected by her principal who claimed the club was "too exclusive."

First Liberty Institute sent a letter to Wappingers S.D. stating, "The discrimination toward Daniela's religious speech has prevented OMG from pursuing their community-wide goals of 'food drives, clothing and other charitable endeavors.'" (2) The letter stated the school has about 2 dozen on-campus groups, including a "Pride Club," claiming that the school is already "exclusive" groups on campus.

"Ketcham school officials blatantly ignored the plain text of the Equal Access Act (EAA) of 1984 by rejecting Daniela's Christian club because of its religious speech," said attorney Keisha Russell. (3) The EAA clearly states that it is unlawful for public secondary schools that receive federal assistance to "deny equal access or fair opportunity" to students on the basis of "religious, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings," (4)

First Liberty attorneys state they expect the school to allow the club no later than January 2, 2020.

**Naples, FL:** The Gulf Coast H.S. denied a pro-life Sharks 4 Life, earlier this school year and is violating the U.S. Constitution according to Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF).

While recognizing almost 80 clubs including group Turning Point USA, Students for Change, Culture, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Gay-Straight Alliance, the school principal rejected Sharks 4 Life saying it was "too political and controversial." (5)

"The failure to recognize Sharks 4 Life is blatantly illegal under the Equal Access Act and First Amendment, both of which guarantee students the right to have a student club that stands on equal footing with the hundreds of other student clubs in Collier County public schools," said an ADF spokesman.

(christianpost.com, (1), (2); mrctv.org, 12/13/18); christianpost.com, (4); pulpitandpen.org, 1/1/2019 (6)



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 faith in our daily lives.

Our next meeting will be on January 13, 2020 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be

**The Reckoning** by John Grisham—  
Facilitator: Joan Shea

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

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

[www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org)  
<https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

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

Instagram

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Altar Servers Ministry: [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)  
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)

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Parish Outreach**

Thank you, thank you, thank you...for the generous donations of toys, towels, gift cards, clothing, hats and gloves, food, hams and turkeys! Because of your generosity Parish Outreach provide Christmas meals to almost 50 needy families in our community. We were able to give e cards so they could purchase Christmas gifts for their children. In addition, because of your gen was able to help other needy agencies in our community including, St. John of God, The Opening Program, Eastern Farm Workers, Life Center, and Mercy Haven.

“It’s Christmas every time you let God love  
others through you”  
-Mother Teresa

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer h of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Your gifts and support of our conference enable us to assist those in need

The following is a thank you recently received by our conference president, Tom Prunty:

"I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous thoughtful gift. I was havi anxiety about Christmas because I just don't have a lot extra after paying bills. This has helped r much!.....MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

*Save  
the  
Date*

**February 8, 2020—St. Vincent de Paul** invites you to a **Music Night Performance**  
**All Good Friends**—includes dancing, 50/50 & Raffles. Hope to see you there.  
Tickets go on sale Saturday, January 4, 2020



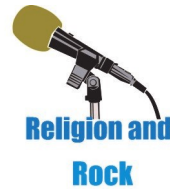
## ***COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*(First Notice)*

*(Second Notice)*

**Divorced, Separated, Widowed, Single Catholics of Long Island—Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 PM**  
**Columbus Council #6526 of St. Frances de Chantal** (1869 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh). Parking in the lot. Non-denominational. All are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshment meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 516-794-4933 or Fran at 516-889-5790

**St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Sayville** (corner of Main Street & Handsome Ave) will conduct a series of ***Catholics Returning Home*** on six consecutive Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Church beginning January 13th. Sessions are for Catholics who have left the active practice of their faith and who are seeking answers to questions regarding returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details contact Fr. Davidson at 631-589-3160.



Tune into ***"Religion and Rock"*** with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on *Sirius Channel 159, the Catholic Chanel* and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

Next Sunday's theme is **Remaining Excited**, don't miss it!. To listen online or receive more info regarding ***Religion and Rock*** go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on *ITUNES*. Don't forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS visit [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)



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)*

2019 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2019 contributions to St. Thomas More:

**NAME(s)**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**E-mail:**

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

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                      ( ) Hospitality
- ( ) Usher                              ( ) Greeter
- ( ) RCIA                                ( ) Liturgy with Children
- ( ) Lector                              ( ) Eucharistic Minister
- ( ) Consolation Minister ( ) Landscaping/Planting
- ( ) Rosary Altar Society ( ) Pre-Cana
- ( ) Caring for Altar Plants ( ) FOCCUS
- ( ) Adult Lending Library ( ) Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

*Please return to the Rectory for 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, Employment Services Office, 234.4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls are kept in

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Cablevision** - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory- Excellent benefits. 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 complete list.

Per Diem Driver—Chemical Dependence Services—Commack

**Catholic Health Services of LI** 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive

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 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 v

**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 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 listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, child’s home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care 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 7, 2020, 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?***

We all need to take time for ourselves, to slow life down for just one hour. In sacrificing that one hour, we give God a precious gift, the gift of our time.

As we give that gift to him, he richly pours out his grace upon us. We sit before our very Lord, present in the Eucharist. We offer praise, thanksgiving and homage to the one who sets us free from sin and death, and who gives us the opportunity for eternal life with him.

Jesus wants to communicate his love for us. We just need to take the time to hear him. Adoration is a powerful way to do this.

**Come join us!**



Christmas Eve Mass at St. Thomas More—December 24, 2019



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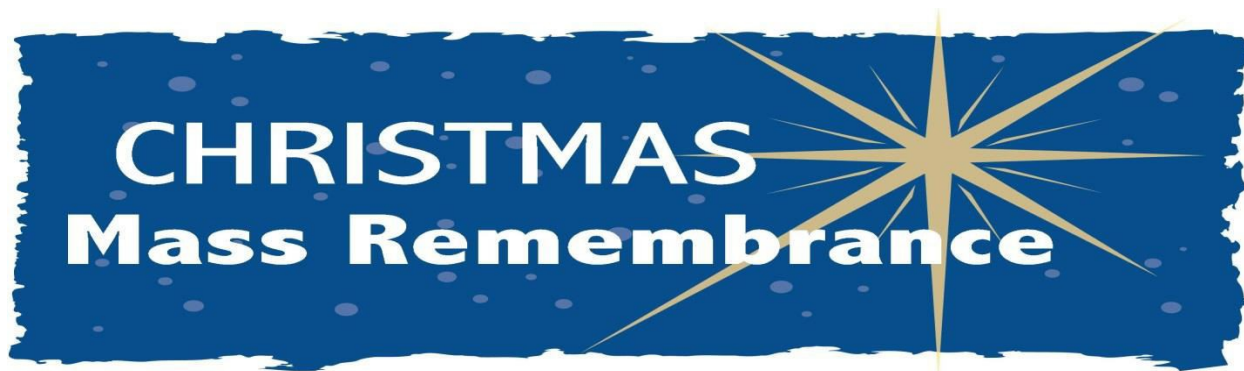
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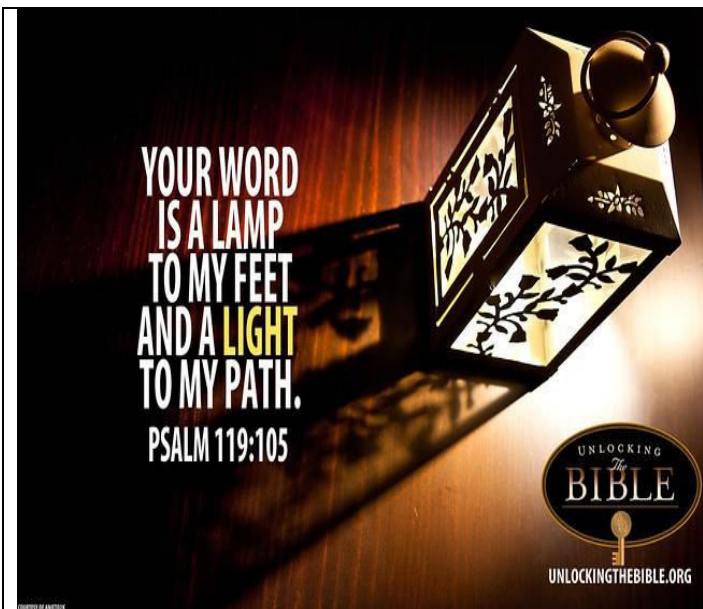
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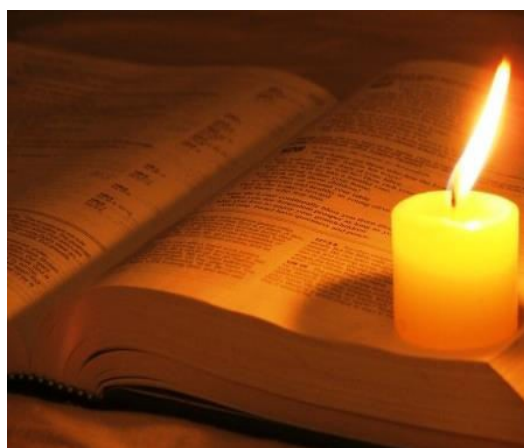
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