



Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**  
115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



**THIRD SUNDAY**  
OF  
*Advent*

**Parish Mission Statement:**

*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.*

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

December 13, 2020  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 61: 1-2A, 10-11  
Psalm: Luke: 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

December 20, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Psalm: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Romans: 16:25-27  
Luke: 1:26-38

### **Saturday, December 12**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Robert Dacey by *Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

**After 5pm Mass —Christmas Tree Lighting. No  
social time with Santa**

### **Sunday, December 13—Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30am Patricia Hatta by *Lynn Hatta & Susan Mannino*

12:00pm John Skrabonja by *Ratka & Joe Santic*

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

9am Priscilla McAllister & Gary Pazolt by *Ed McCallister and the Pazolt family*

### **Tuesday, December 15**

9am Marin Lamia by *Ann & family*

### **Wednesday, December 16**

9am Janice Fleck by *Bett Ann & Joe Codispoti*

### **Thursday, December 17**

9am Rose Scoppettone by *Dennis & Theresa Agnello*

### **Friday, December 18**

9am Anthony Mirro by *Chris & Andrew Paino*

### **Saturday, December 19**

9am Joseph Luca Sr., Harry & Josephine Luca,  
Felice & Josephine Faragone by *Nella Luca*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Charles Stepanek by *Elizabeth Ryan*

### **Sunday, December 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30am Eric Reistetter by *his family*

12:00pm Judith Patchell by *the O'Brien family*



A reading from the Gospel of John:

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said,

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her,

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel,

“How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”

And the angel said to her in reply,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said,

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

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

Dear Friends,

**When a business man watched a cuckoo clock maker carve out** the case, he was astounded at the slow rate of his progress. The businessman finally said, “My good man you’ll never make much money that way.”

“Sir,” the clock maker replied, “I’m not making money, I’m making cuckoo clocks.”

The joy of expressing one’s creative self is the most fulfilling moment of life. Life that settles for anything less than this joy would never find satisfaction or fulfillment.

**Today’s Gospel narrates that John the Baptist was not ready** to settle for anything but what God wanted to fulfill in him. The priests from Jerusalem wanted to know from him why he was baptizing if he was neither Christ, nor Elijah nor a prophet. John the Baptist answered that he baptized people because that was what God wanted to do in and through him. He said: “I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord’*”. He neither wanted anything more of what he is called by God to do, nor desired anything less than what God expected him to do. His meaning and goal of life is to do God’s mission and God’s meaning for him i.e., to be the herald announcing the immediate arrival of Jesus, the Messiah.

**Even today God calls each of us to live God’s meaning and mission.** Until and unless our life becomes the expression of God’s meaning, we will never have fulfillment in our life. Unless and until our words and deeds bear fruits of God’s mission, our life would be a burden and pain. St. Augustine bears personal testimony to this spiritual reality. “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee”.

**We will never be full unless God fills us.** What Jeremiah reminded his people would become true if we have everything else but God. “They withdrew from me, went after emptiness, and became empty themselves....they have forsaken me, the source of living waters; they have dug themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” (Jeremiah 2: 5,13).

**The third week of Advent is known as ‘Gaudete Sunday’, ‘Rejoicing Sunday’.** God’s arrival nears and it brings joy. The birth of God in Jesus can make our lives fulfilled and joyful. Let the birth of Jesus make this spiritual reality come true in our midst and in our homes. Let us experience the true joy of living and be empowered to live it by allowing God to be born in our hearts and homes.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



Knowing the Central Thought  
of God and Living a life for  
the Fulfillment of God's  
Eternal Purpose

## ADVENT – Time of Joy

Now we are in the third week of Advent. The third rose candle of the Advent wreath is lit. “Joy” is the right key to enter our inner spiritual resources. The end result of anything we do should/would be joy as long as we live the God given meaning in our words and deeds. It may take a minute to read each day’s reflection. Please reflect and pray as a first thing in the morning before start of any work. Be conscious of the scripture words through the day. It will empower you the whole day in God’s way.

**Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent:** Things end. People change. And you know what? LIFE goes on. Today’s readings invite us to engage ourselves enthusiastically with JOY in the flow of LIFE that God presents us every second of each day. If we only realize that the Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon us, we will be blessed to accept and experience that it is God’s world. Every moment is announcing a time of favor from the LORD. “Joy is not simply a matter of temperament. It grows in our hearts. Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love.” (Mother Teresa). That is why Paul in the second reading invites us, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” To be joyful is God’s plan for us. Whoever lives God’s plan as their life, will never miss a moment to live in JOY.



**Dec. 14 Monday:** “Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.”



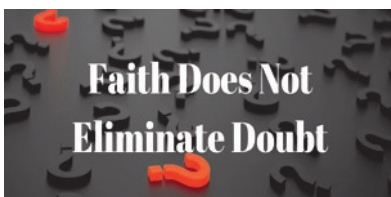
(Albert Einstein). Today’s first reading reminds us that our life is not to get stuck but to keep on moving. When we change the way we look at people, the people we look at change. People will relate with us in a Godly way if we try to know and understand them as God would. In today’s Gospel, (Matthew 21:23-27) the religious authorities could not move towards understanding Jesus, which made Jesus unable to move towards them. Life is a constant travel. Blessed are those who are not stuck. They will never lack joy in moving.

**Dec. 15 Tuesday:** “Preach the Gospel always and when necessary use words” (Francis of Assisi). Because deeds speak louder than words, in today’s Gospel story, neither of his two sons did what the Father asked them to do. The first son verbally pleased the father but not in deed, while the second son verbally displeased him but obeyed him in deed. What matters at the end with God or people is not just verbal consent but living the consent in actual deeds. Without deeds life is just a day dream. Without real consent life is a heavy burden.

“A man of words,  
and not of deeds,  
is like a garden  
full of weeds.”

- English Proverb

**Dec. 16 Wednesday:** Being in prison, John the Baptist sent his disciples to know personally from Jesus if he is the right Messiah whom he heralded. Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will. John has to be assured that he did not fail in his ministry of announcing the Messiah. Jesus affirms John by answering, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk,



lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised....” (Luke 7:18-23).

Doubt can only be removed by action (J. Wolfgang von Goethe). Our faith can move mountains and our doubt can create them. Doubt makes us weak. Believing in ourselves and God makes us strong.

**Dec. 17 Thursday:** Just seven more days to Christmas. Starting from today we will hear Gospel stories directly connected to the birth of Jesus. Today’s Gospel (Matthew 1:1-17) is the Family tree starting from Abraham through King David and ending with Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, was born of Mary, and also called the Son of David belonging to the lineage of David through Joseph. Like Jesus, each of us has three identify-references for ourselves. Biologically, each of us is a child of our parents, genealogically, belonging to a family tree, race, nation etc., and spiritually, bearing the image of God. Let us be proud of who we are and pray that God help us live our personal, social and spiritual identity to the best.



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**Dec. 18 Friday:** “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.” (African Proverb). In today’s Gospel (Matthew 1:18-25), the pregnant Mary becomes the problem for her betrothed husband Joseph. While Joseph tries to get out of the problem by thinking of quietly divorcing Mary, God elevates him to solve it by making him the foster father of the child born of Mary. While Joseph was focusing on the problem, God turned his focus on the solution. The easier way to solve a problem is to stop participating in the

problem. Our faith in God will never make us perspire by blaming the problems; it will inspire and empower us by living the solutions.

**Dec. 19 Saturday:** In today’s Gospel Story (Luke 1:5-25), on the one hand Zachariah is happy that he and his wife would have a male child in their advanced age; on the other hand he wanted to know “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”

So the angel replied to him, “Because you did not believe my words you will be unable to talk until the day your son will be born.”

God often invites us to trust in wonders which are humanly or logically impossible to explain, accept, or believe. Those times it is better to withdraw ourselves into silence and meditative prayer than to live our every moment in anxiety and empty talks.

Silence in the presence of God is a powerful means to understand and experience the wonders of life. When our heart knows, it knows. There is no explaining it. We can only trust it.

*The fruit of silence is prayer.  
The fruit of prayer is faith.  
The fruit of faith is love.  
The fruit of love is service.  
The fruit of service is peace.*

MOTHER TERESA

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ethan Bernstein          | Michael Knipper      |
| Jessie Bernstein         | Kevin Ilyichenko     |
| Joseph Blaugrund         | Dylan Kowalski       |
| Anthony Broncatello      | Thomas LaFemina      |
| John Burk                | Alex Lombardi        |
| Collin Busto             | Andrew Lombardi      |
| David Chester            | Lt. Clint Lorange    |
| 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 Dolan | Kaitlyn Nachtman     |
| P. J. Erskin             | Thomas Nichols       |
| Timothy Fallon           | Adam Papaizai        |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi  | Michael Poist        |
| J.T. Foltz               | Michael Polanski     |
| Mike Foltz               | Kyle Rathje          |
| Michael Gioia            | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Carl F. Greiner          | Ann Karen Sanchez    |
| Philip Gudone            | Justin Schneider     |
| John Michael Haffner     | Christopher Sidor    |
| Sean Hendrikson          | Christopher Singer   |
| Tylor J. Hickey          | Ryan Smith           |
| Kevin Ilyichenko         | Michael White        |
| John Karies              |                      |

**Calendar Club Winners**

**Congratulations!**

*Here are the winners from Dec. 6-12, 2020*

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|------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 12/ 6/2020 | 500 \$50  | Keith & Lois Christianson  |
| 12/ 7/2020 | 413 \$25  | John & Marie Reddy         |
| 12/ 8/2020 | 117 \$50* | Michael & Alissa Siedlecki |

**\*(Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

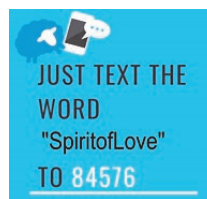
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| 12/ 9/2020 | 855 \$25 | Pat Lewis                |
| 12/10/2020 | 15 \$25  | William & Dolores Rudden |
| 12/11/2020 | 607 \$25 | Ann Russo                |
| 12/12/2020 | 294 \$25 | Phyllis Sivori           |



Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what's happening in our Parish?

See below or go to

**StThomasMore29.flocknote.com**



**2020 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

**I/we would like a record of our 2020 contributions to St. Thomas More:**

**NAME(s)**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**E-mail:**

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*



## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **December 6**      **\$3,826.00**  
Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY227](http://faith.direct/NY227), or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.  
God Bless You,  
Fr. Antony

## SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

### Websites

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

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

### Facebook

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

### Instagram

- stm\_church
- stmreligiousd
- stm\_yg

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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)



## 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 14, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

The book for discussion will be **The Jew Store** by Stella Suberman—Facilitator Marie Bracco.

We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The seekers will be accompanied on the journey by the community of Saint Thomas More in the spirit of love.

Do you know of a family member or friend who needs to complete one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?

Do you know a family member or friend who has been a member of another faith tradition who wants to become a catholic?

To find out more about the faith journey or to join us on the journey please call the rectory at 631-234-5551.



## Focus on Religious Freedom

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

*"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety" -*

**Benjamin Franklin**

### **Warning! Religious Freedom: What's at Stake If We Lose It**

"Religious freedom is more than the 'freedom to worship' at a synagogue, church, or mosque. It means people shouldn't have to go against their core values and beliefs in order to conform to culture or government," wrote the Heritage Foundation, a public policy foundation. "Religious freedom protects a person's right to live, speak, and act according to their beliefs peacefully and publicly." <sup>(1)</sup>

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito recently spoke about his concern that religious liberty is under threat in the United States and warned that the ongoing coronavirus pandemic was acting as a "stress test" for Constitutional liberties. He fears that religious liberty is emerging as a "disfavored" and "second tier" right. "The pandemic has obviously taken a heavy human toll...But what has it meant for the rule of law?" said Justice Alito. "The pandemic has resulted in previously unimaginable restrictions on individual liberty ... We have never before seen restrictions as severe, extensive, and prolonged as those experienced for most of 2020." <sup>(2)</sup>

Justice Alito raised concerns about the closure of churches on Easter Sunday and the closure of synagogues during the Jewish holidays of Passover and Yom Kipper. "The covid crisis has served ... to highlight disturbing trends that were already present before the virus struck." <sup>(3)</sup> He said that cases the court hears today follow a trend of eroding religious liberty.

Justice Alito was critical of states restricting worship services and especially cited the Nevada case. "Take a quick look at the Constitution. You will see the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, which protects religious liberty. You will not find a craps

clause or a blackjack clause or a slot machine clause. Nevada was unable to provide any plausible justification for treating casinos more favorably than houses of worship." <sup>(4)</sup>

**What's at stake?** Heritage wrote, "Religious freedom prevents the cultural majority from using the power of the state to impose their beliefs on others. This protects everyone - religious and nonreligious alike - from the government becoming so powerful that it can tell people what to think and how to act. ... A government that intrudes on conscience will not hesitate to intrude on our other freedoms." <sup>(5)</sup>

(heritage.org (1)(5); catholicnewsagency.com, 11/13/20(2)(3)(4); christianpost.com, 11/13/20; freedomforum.org, 11/17/20)

*"Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth."*

**- Pope Francis**

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020**

as of December 7, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$37,877.00
Percentage of Goal	53.80%

### **Support Our Religious— Collection on December 12th and 13th.**

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. 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.





## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloï, Bill Boyrer, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Ginny Desiderio, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Peggy Fleming, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Tony Hollins, Matthew Inga, Regina Jeskie, Kevin Kenney, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Rich Nixon, Bernice Noeker, Al Pankus, Robert McGurrin, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Janet Rodriguez, Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs.) Mel Smith, Jerry Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Jerry Walker, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Julia Westbrook, Dawn Zabbia.



*This listing will expire on March 31, 2021.*

During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at [www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org). Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

*“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”*

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Chie Petti, Catherine Healy, Mary Ann O’Gara, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, 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 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 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>.

**St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry  
OUTREACH**



**“Give us this day our daily bread”**

Our current needs include:

**Pancake Mix\*\***

**Syrup\*\***

**Boxed Milk\*\***

Jelly

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)

**Paper Towels\*\***

Bread

Pasta

**Spaghetti Sauce\*\***

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Fruit

**Peanut Butter (smaller jars)\*\***

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Apple Juice

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

**Tea Bags\*\***

Mustard/Ketchup

Soup (18-22 oz)

Shampoo

Toothpaste

**\*\*We are especially in need of these items**

***CASH DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!***

***Our sincere gratitude and blessings to all who so generously donated to our Thanksgiving food drive. Whether it was a monetary donation, a gift card, or food, you have touched the hearts of our neighbors in need and brightened their Thanksgiving Day!***

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***Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.***

**Outreach is now open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

**10 AM to 2 PM**

**Phone: 631-234-3149**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.

Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving--please give to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas

Thank You

## CALENDAR CLUB 2021

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2021.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

PHONE:( )

EMAIL:

( ) One Number for \$25  
OR

( ) FIVE Numbers for \$100

**(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, December 20, 2020, 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).*

## **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 the Rectory)*

## 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)*

## 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:

## St. Thomas More Employment Services

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Aides at Home:** PCAs and HHAs. P/T and F/T. Call **516-641-2273**

**Altice (Optimum/Cablevision)** - Many positions available. Go to: [www.alticeusacareers.com](http://www.alticeusacareers.com)

**Catholic Charities of Long Island:**—many F/T and P/T positions available. Go to: [www.catholiccharities.cc/careers](http://www.catholiccharities.cc/careers).

**Catholic Health Services:** Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health care positions. Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

**Geico Insurance**—Service and sales positions available. Go to: <https://careers.geico.com/us/en>

**Nassau County:** Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to [www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment)

**Suffolk County:** Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment)

**Panera**--Positions available. Go to: <https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results>

**Suffolk Transportation Services:** Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available. Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

**7-Eleven** Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home>.

**ShopRite:** Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://shop.shoprite.com/careers>

**Stop & Shop:** Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://stopandshop.com/pages/careers>

**Developmental Disabilities Institute:** Local jobs available. Go to: <https://www.ddiny.org/> or call Mary Ann Stein

**Brookhaven Laboratories:** Many positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.bnl.gov/>

**Costco:** Local positions available. Go to: <https://www.costco.com/job-opportunities.html>

**BJ's:** Local positions available. Go to <https://careers.bjs.com/>

**Northwell Health:** Many health and non-health care positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/>

**Tri-County Nursing Services:** Care Manager positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://www.tricountycare.org/careers/>

**Ideal Home Care:** PCA and HHA positions available. Go to: <https://www.idealhcs.com/employment>

**Kohls:** Many seasonal positions available on Long Island . Go to: <https://careers.kohls.com/>

**Lowes:** Positions available. Go to: <https://corporate.lowes.com/careers/search-apply>

**Target:** Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.target.com/>

**Home Depot:** Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.homedepot.com/>

**Stony Brook Medical Center:** Multiple health and non-health job opportunities available. Go to: <https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers>

**Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue):** Multiple positions available. Go to: <https://licommunityhospital.org/careers/>

**CVS Health:** Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

**United States Postal Service (USPS):** Many career opportunities available. Go to: [www.usps.com/careers](http://www.usps.com/careers)

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: [jmwhite@optonline.net](mailto:jmwhite@optonline.net)

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).



On November 22nd families participated in an Angela's House Virtual 5K Walk. Each group selected a separate location to walk. Mr. Policastro the founder of three houses for medically fragile children was kind to come speak to a group of families. The St. Thomas More team raised over \$3,200.

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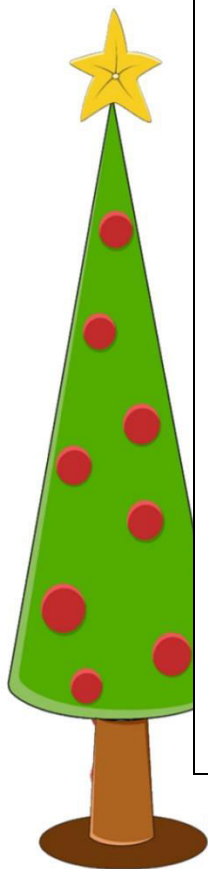
## **Saturdays**

**5:00 pm in the church**  
(live streamed)

## **Sundays**

**9:30 am parking lot**  
(weather permitting)

**12:00 pm in the church**



## St. Thomas More Outreach

### Giving Tree

This year has been filled with many changes and new ways of doing things. Because of the pandemic our Giving Tree, usually found in the Narthex filled with tags for gifts and gift cards, will be virtual this year. Although the way we do things has changed, the needs of our community remain the same. We invite you to help us make Christmas special for those less fortunate by donating gift cards for our families and those who are in need. Walmart and Target gift cards (\$25 and \$50) will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to purchase a toy for a youngster in need, please feel free to do so. If you are not able to go into the stores, cash donations are always welcomed. Our Outreach “elves” will do the shopping for you!

Gift cards/donations can be put in the weekly collection or sent to/dropped off at the Outreach office. Please do not leave gift cards in the Narthex.

As always, your generosity is a clear reflection of who we are as a parish family! Thank you and God Bless you and your families!

**Please submit all donations by December 13th**