



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

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

# Hope



**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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from us just text

**Spiritoflove** to 84576 or  
sign up @

[StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](https://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)

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

November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2  
Luke 21: 25-28 34-36

### **Saturday, November 27**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Judy Granville by *Emily & STM Choir*

### **Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Maud Reid by *Margaret & Fintan Stapleton*

9:30am Peter Romano by *Marie Utter*

11:30am Annette Lamp by *Catherine Schook*

### **Monday, November 29**

9am Nicholas Malin by *Patty & Joe Citro*

### **Tuesday, November 30—St. Andrew**

9am Neil & Susan Barr by *Michael & Eileen Barr  
and family*

### **Wednesday, December 1—**

9am Ann Aiello by *Laura Alicastro &  
Vincent DeRosa*

### **Thursday, December 2**

9am Gerard Hickey by *Joseph Hickey*

### **Friday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier—First Friday**

9am Louise Pondt by *the Citro family*

### **Saturday, December 4—St. John Damascene — First Saturday**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Agnes Barbier by *Ann Lamia*

### **Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Patricia A. Surico by *Margaret & Fintan  
Stapleton*

9:30am Marion Santangelo by *Barbara Toro &  
family*

11:30am Brian Giordano by *Mario Russo & family*

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

December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled*

*and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight,*

*and the rough ways made smooth,*

*and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

### **Focus Questions:**

- 1 Who is like John the Baptist crying out to all to return to God?
- 2 What rough ways need to be smoothed in your life?
- 3 What is your top priority this Advent?

### **Family and children’s question**

How are you patiently waiting this Advent?

## *FR. ANTONY'S LETTER*

Dear Friends,

**A man advanced in age would sit motionless** in church for hours on end. One day a priest asked him what God talked to him about.

“God doesn’t talk. He listens” was his reply.

“Well, then what do you talk to God about?” asked the priest.

“I don’t talk. I just listen” was his answer.

The beautiful experience of one recognizing the presence of the other happens when “neither talks, but both listen.” Yes” “Neither talks and neither listens” is a powerful communication between them, happening in SILENCE.”

**This Sunday we begin the Time of Advent.** From today until Christmas, we devote quality time in silence to reflect and realize that God is not an abstract and incommunicable reality but is one of us, coming to live with us in human conditions from birth to death. The readings of this First Sunday of Advent invite us to open our hearts for God’s abundance in each of us, in all people and in every situation of life.

Preparing Our Hearts for

*Advent*

**The first reading is Prophet Jeremiah’s proclamation** to his people who were driven out of their native land as exiles to Babylon. He announced that God is certainly coming to re-establish them in their kingdom with safety and security. The second reading is the instruction of St. Paul to his church at Thessalonica that God is the God who is capable of fulfilling their love for each other. It is up to them to avail themselves of God’s gift and live in the power of love.

**At the background of these two readings** we are invited to grasp the living power of today’s Gospel. Many disturbing and threatening events happen around us every day. Either we are easily carried away by these events and live in anxiety and fear. Or we willfully ignore these events, simply indulge in our own selfish world, and become drowsy people of carousing and drunkenness. But as believers in Christ’s lively presence among us, we can emerge in spiritual power to ‘stand erect and raise our heads’ and begin to live every moment of our life with faith-filled hope, realizing the redemptive presence of Jesus in our midst.

**Thus the first week of Advent brings the message** to ‘be aware’, ‘to be conscious’ of God’s saving power, coming to us as He promised. Our words and deeds are nothing but the outer expression of our inner realization. We are what we realize or are aware of. Advent is the time of making a soul-search of what we are conscious of

or are ware of, if we want to escape the tribulations, troubles, fears and false truths. Let us take the time of Advent to focus on what God has promised us and wants to fulfill in us.

**Advent Wreath: During the four Sundays of Advent,** we would find Advent wreaths of evergreens, shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize God’s unfading presence. The four candles are for the four Sundays preceding Christmas. We start lighting the first candle today, the first week of Advent. As the weeks progress we

light the second, third and fourth candles representing the week of Advent we celebrate. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. In the midst of the four candles, some wreaths add a fifth candle, called the Christ candle, which is lit on Christmas to remind Christians of the light Jesus brings to the world.



**Yes, the time of sports on Sundays is/was a great hindrance** for parents

with kids to attend Sunday Mass.. Now that the Fall outdoor sports are winding down and will soon come to an end. we strongly recommend young parents to come to Sunday Mass. Just as sports developed children’s bodily strength and social skill, participation in Sunday Mass will inspire in them the spiritual power to decide and live the good values of life. Please give Sunday Mass a try.



With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony



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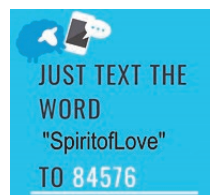
Altar Servers Ministry:

[altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)

Personal Prayer

SpiritualOrientations.com

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at [BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

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

**See above or go to  
StThomasMore29.flocknote.com**

***Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming!***

It's that time of year again when the weather turns cold and thoughts drift toward Christmas.

The stores certainly are ready, our homes are getting decorated, the children are preparing their wish lists for Santa and the church is getting ready too!

We are planning our music for the Christmas masses and we welcome and invite all children 3rd grade through high school to become part of our celebration.

We will have only 3 rehearsals from 11am to 12noon on Dec. 4, 11 & 18. To become part of our choir please call Emilia at 631-724-8820.

Consider what can you give Jesus for His birthday—the gift of your voices.

Thank you and God bless,

Emilia Savarese



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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



**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.

Out next meeting is on December 13 at 2:30 pm.

The book for discussion will be:

**Love and Ruin by Paula McLain**

**Facilitator: Adele Gibbons**

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

**SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of **November 21, 2021 \$4,374.00**

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

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES  
Appeal 2021**

as of November 15, 2021  
 Our Parish Goal \$68,000.00  
 Pledges to date \$35,472.00  
*Percentage of Goal 52.16%*

***"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."***



## Focus on Religious Freedom Catholics for Freedom of Religion

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

### Why Do We Celebrate Thanksgiving Day Every Year?

Ever since 1789 when Pres. George Washington proclaimed that a day of Thanksgiving be held to thank God for giving the American people the opportunity to create a Constitution to preserve their hard-won freedoms, most presidents have also proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving and praise to God. However, the dates and months of the celebration varied. It wasn't until Pres. Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Proclamation that Thanksgiving was regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday in November. Then, in 1941, Congress passed a joint resolution and officially set the fourth Thursday in November as a fixed-date for the holiday.

Since Washington's proclamation was the first of its kind, it is the legitimate standard for all future proclamations. Pres. Washington focused on God and our relationship to him. He said we should "acknowledge His providence," "obey His will," "be grateful for His benefits," "humbly implore His protection and favor." Thanksgiving should be "devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

Happy  
Thanksgiving

### *Young at Heart*

The Young at Heart will meet in Walden Hall at 12:30 pm on Monday, December 6th, 2021.

The **Christmas Party** will be held on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 12 noon** at Mama Sbarro's Restaurant (586 Veterans Memorial Highway in Hauppauge). The cost is \$20 per person. New members are welcome.

On **Friday, December 10, 2021 at 12:30 pm** is the **Young at Heart Christmas meeting**. All are welcome to come and join us for our end of year celebration in Walden Hall.



### ***Calendar Club Winners***

### ***Congratulations!***

*Here are the winners for Nov. 14—20,, 2021*

11/14/2021	\$50	741	Dorothy Boyle
11/15/2021	\$25	780	Matt Hegner
11/16/2021	\$25	697	Emily Gungel
11/17/2021	\$25	608	SVdP (Gift of Thorn)
11/18/2021	\$25	1131	Angela & Joan DiFrancisco
11/19/2021	\$25	1235	Lillian Estelle Margas
11/20/2021	\$25	973	Jackie & Jim Cotgreave



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Ronnie Borgese, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Veronica Corvasce, Marianne Deszcz, Michael Fiorentino, Chet Kalenty, Kevin Kenney, Joe Madonia, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Eleanor Kingsley, Robert McGurrin, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Ellen Murphy, Philip Pandolfi, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Ken Sentiff, Barbra Mary Sexton, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Edward Zebrowski,

*This listing will expire on March 31, 2022.*



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. 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*



### Altar Bread and Wine Memorial

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family.

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Diane Weisz, 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.

**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 thanks to the Lord; his love endures forever”**  
-Psalm 118

Our current needs include:

<b>Boxed Milk**</b>	Syrup
Bread	Mustard/Ketchup
<b>Canned Fruit and Vegetables**</b>	<b>Mayonnaise**</b>
<b>Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)**</b>	Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)
<b>Cereal**</b>	Tuna
Macaroni & Cheese	<b>Apple and other juice**</b>
<b>Pancake Mix**</b>	Toothpaste
Pasta/Spaghetti	Shampoo
Peanut butter (smaller jars)	Hand soap
Rice	Toilet Paper
<b>Soup (18-22 oz)**</b>	Laundry Detergent (small)
Spaghetti Sauce	<b>Paper Towels**</b>

**\*\*we especially need these items**

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

**Outreach is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM**

**Phone: 631-234-3149**

***Coming soon: Our Christmas Giving Tree will be in the Narthex next weekend!***

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call St. Vincent de Paul. They are, in effect, calling you and asking for your help.

Your gift to SVdP will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

To contact us, call 631 648 2760 or email us at [svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)



### **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 Ministry
- Rosary Altar Society     Pre-Cana
- Caring for Altar Plants  FOCCUS
- Landscaping/Planting  Choir
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

### **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)*

### **CALENDAR CLUB 2022**

I (We) would like to join St. Thomas More’s Calendar Club for 2022.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

PHONE:

ONE number for \$25 OR

FIVE numbers for \$100

***(If you return your form and payment by Sunday, December 12, 2021, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).***

I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

**TOTAL MOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope Calendar Club 2022).*

## St. Thomas More Employment Services

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**New - Walmart:** Adding 100+ P/T and F/T positions in new Yaphank Super Store

Go to: [www.careers.walmart.com](http://www.careers.walmart.com)

**NEW – Orsted (Wind Farm Operator):** Project Managers and Technicians needed. Port Jefferson location.

Go to: <https://us.orsted.com/careers/vacancies#>

**NEW – First Class Bagel Café (Elwood):** Multiple Positions. Inquire within.

**Chipotle:** Apply on line at: [Jobs.Chipotle.com](http://Jobs.Chipotle.com) (Restaurant Name: Motor Parkway; Restaurant Number: 1634)

**Auto Zone:** Positions still available. Go to [www.autozone.com/careers](http://www.autozone.com/careers)

**Pete the Greek:** New restaurant in Hauppauge. Positions needed. Call: (631) 623-8122

**Maryhaven:** Many positions at many locations.

Go to: <https://maryhavenjobs.chsli.org/search-jobs>

**WB Mason:** Drivers and Warehouse personnel needed. Go to: [www.wbmason.com/careers](http://www.wbmason.com/careers)

**PC Richards:** Many positions available. Go to: <https://careers.pcrichard.com/>

**Still Looking – Brendel’s Bagels:** Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff Drivers. P/T & F/T.

Call: 631-656-6828

**Still Looking - Dunkin’ Donuts/Subway:** F/T and P/T Flexible positions available.

Call: 718-820-6112.

**Western Suffolk BOCES:** Special Education Aides. Go to: [wsboces.org/team](http://wsboces.org/team)

**Top Golf:** Many positions available at the new facility in Holtsville (on the LIE).

Go to: <https://topgolf.jobs/>

**SUNation Solar Systems:** Sales Representatives, Service Technicians, Installers, other positions. Send contact information and resume to: [Marketing@sunationmarketing.com](mailto:Marketing@sunationmarketing.com)

**United Parcel Service (UPS):** Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: [www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com)

**Target:** Multiple positions at all LI locations. Text “JOBS” to 827438

**Still Looking - The Paramount Theater (Huntington):** Many positions available. Sign on bonuses. Send resume to: [kevin@paramountny.com](mailto:kevin@paramountny.com)

**Applebee’s (Commack):** Positions available. Inquire within.

**Community Care Home Health Services:** HHAs and PCAs. Call: 516-965-2809

**Northwell Health:** Many health and non-health care positions available.

Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/>

**Safelite Auto Glass:** Multiple Long Island jobs open, including the Hauppauge location.

Go to: [www.safelite.com/careers](http://www.safelite.com/careers)

**Hauppauge Palace Diner:** Wait Staff – Hostesses – Line Cooks.

Go to their Facebook page or stop in person.

**Stop & Shop (Long Island):** 700 P/T job being sourced. Many positions.

Go to: [stopandshop.reidsystems.com](http://stopandshop.reidsystems.com)

**Candlelight Diner:** All positions available. Call 631-499-3918 or stop in.

**Catholic Charities of Long Island:** Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: [www.catholiccharities.cc/careers](http://www.catholiccharities.cc/careers)

**Suffolk Transportation Services:** Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

**BJ’s:** Local jobs available. Go to: [BJs.com/careers](http://BJs.com/careers)

**Starbucks:** Positions available. Go to: [www.starbucks.com/careers](http://www.starbucks.com/careers)

**Rite-Aid:** Long Island positions available for Pharmacy Technicians and Shift Supervisors.

Go to: <https://careers.riteaid.com/jobs>

**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/>

**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: [jmtwhite@optonline.net](mailto:jmtwhite@optonline.net)

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





**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN  
ANGEL OR SHEPHERD  
AT OUR  
3:30 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS?**

Are you at least 5 years old and free to come to one mandatory rehearsal and costume pick-up (with a parent) on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>?

Please send an e-mail to [Theresa@stmli.org](mailto:Theresa@stmli.org) to let us know you are interested. Include in the e-mail: child's name, age and contact information of parent/guardian and interest in being an angel or shepherd.

In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we will be limiting the number of angels and shepherds this year and keeping it to a very small group.

Names will be accepted in the order in which their e-mail was received.





## St. Thomas More Outreach

### Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree can be found in the Narthex and is filled with tags for gifts and gift cards. We invite you to help us make Christmas special for those less fortunate by donating gift cards, toys, baby clothes, or diapers for our families and those who are in need in our community. Gift cards to Walmart or Target allow our families to shop for their children and cards to Shop Rite or Stop and Shop can be used to add something special to their Christmas dinner table.

There is a special table set up in the Narthex for your donations as well as a basket for gift cards. You can also put gift cards in the weekly collection basket or drop them off at the Outreach office.

There is no need to wrap toys, gifts or put gift cards in special envelopes. Your generosity is always appreciated and is a clear reflection of who we are as a St. Thomas More parish family!

Thank you and God Bless you and your families this Christmas season!

Please submit all donations by December 12th





**Boy Scout Troop 343**  
**Annual Christmas Wreath Sale**

**After all masses**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**



**Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets and Crosses**



# *Finding Hope in a Pandemic*

**Advent is a time of hope and waiting.**

Join us this Advent for an opportunity to reflect back on the last 21 months. There will be a short video followed by time to talk with others about the challenges, heartaches, and hope of the past 21 months. Through story and prayer we will seek to unite our stories with the greater story of our God who reaches out to strengthen and save us.



*Friday, December 3rd at 10:00am*

*~or~*

*Monday, December 6th at 7:00pm*



"Strengthen hands that are feeble, Make firm knees that are weak, Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, He comes with vindication, With divine recompense He comes to save you."  
*(Isaiah 35:3-4)*

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