

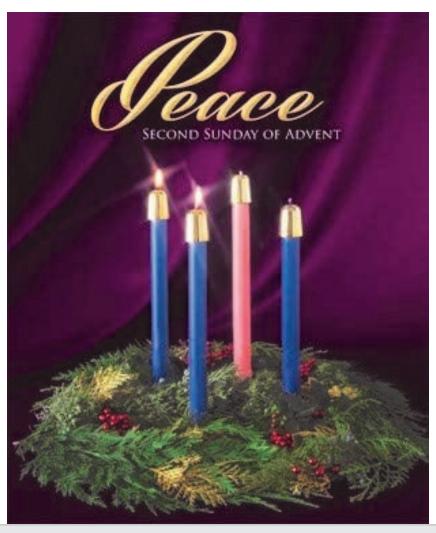
Catholic Church Community of

### St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 5, 2021

Second 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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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge
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To receive texts or emails from us just text

**Spiritoflove** to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

## Masses for this coming week

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

#### Saturday, December 4

(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

#### Monday, December 6—St. Nicholas

9am Lisa Codispoti by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti

### Tuesday, December 7—St. Ambrose

9am Elaine Rodriguez *by Iacometta family* 7pm Vigil Mass—Diane Weisz *by Michael & Florence Acquafredda* 

Adoration following the 7pm Mass

### Wednesday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Charles Struzinski *by Eunice Struzinski* 7pm Diane Weisz *by Marilyn & Joe Amodio* 

### Thursday, December 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhlatoatzin

9am Timmy O'Grady by Pat & Frank Lewis

### Friday, December 10

9am Anita Wisniewski by Jo Ann Eyring

### Saturday, December 11—St. Damasus I (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Elaine Vazquez by Walter & Terry Happe

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

8:00am Mildred Logan by Deborah De Santis

9:30am Special Anniversary Intentions of Jillian and Darren Harsch *by Mary Scorsese* 

11:30am Elaine Moccia by Marie Utter

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3: 14-18a Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10-18

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

The crowds asked John the Baptist,

"What should we do?"

He said to them in reply,

"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them,

"Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him,

"And what is it that we should do?"

He told them,

"Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

#### **Focus Ouestions:**

- 1. How attached are you to "things"? What can you let go of?
- 2. Relate a time when you acted as a herald of good news.
- 3. What part of Jesus' message brings joy to your life?

### Family and children's question

Talk about how you can share what you have with those who are poor.

### FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends.

Bob called his wife from work in the middle of the afternoon, "I'm able to get two tickets for the show we wanted to see. It is playing now. Do you want to see it?"

"Oh, yes!" she answered excitedly. "I'll get ready right away."

"Do that," Bob said, "the tickets are for tomorrow night."

We prepare well in all measures so that we don't miss the event at any cost and want to enjoy it at all costs.

On the second Sunday of Advent "PREPARE" or "GET READY" is the message. When a day's events are habitual and routine, we don't need any special preparation to live them. We just live them habitually without making any strenuous effort. But when we expect something very important and essential to us, we begin to prepare seriously

Isaiah in the first reading announced to the people to prepare themselves by putting away the robe of mourning in order to put on the splendor of glory from God. Isaiah's proclamation was to get ready to pass from gloom to glory. St. Paul in the second reading gladly and thankfully reminds his church in Philippi, that the time of God fulfilling His promise in Jesus is at hand to those who are ready to embrace it. The God who began good work in the believers will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Today's Gospel is the voice of John the Baptizer inviting his listeners** to prepare themselves to receive the Lord Jesus. How to prepare? He quotes what the former



prophets suggested. The ways of getting ready to receive the Lord are 1) To "make straight his paths": which means to receive the Lord as He comes and not as we want. 2) "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low" which means to welcome the Lord neither in the 'High' nor in the 'Low' levels of the society, but as the Psalm suggests to focus on the Lord alone, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) 3) "The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth and all flesh shall see the salvation of God" which means that God's coming is straight

and smooth for those who are not crooked and rough; as Jesus would say "the meek will inherit the earth and the pure will see the face of God." (Matthew 5: 5 & 7)

Christmas is just 19 days away. The stores and 'On Line Sales' have so many suggestions to choose our gifts, and thus to open our wallets and swipe our credit cards. As this type of preparation goes on for days, let these 19 days prepare us spiritually. Let us open our hearts and minds that the Lord may visit us and fulfill His promises and fill us with His blessings. May this Christmas be one of God filling all our vacuums and dreams. Let us invite Him to provide peace and strengthen the weak. Let us reflect to make our ways smooth and straight.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



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### SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the

following

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at 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 Jessie Bernstein Joseph Blaugrund Anthony Broncatello John Burk Collin Busto

Collin Busto
David Chester
John Chester
Nicholas Chester
Theresa Chester
Collin J. Crean
Eddie Cullum
Eric Cullum
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Joseph Marziotto Jr. Thomas Migliara Tim Morris Ryan Murphy John Nachtman Kaitlyn Nachtman Thomas Nichols Adam Papaizai

Michael Poist

Michael Polanski

Kyle Rathje Antonia Marie Rivera Ann Karen Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Christopher Singer Ryan Smith

Ryan Smith Michael White



### **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 28, 2021 4,675.00** 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, 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 29, 2021

Our Parish Goal \$68,000.00 Pledges to date \$36,037.00 Percentage of Goal 53%

### **RCIA**

Shutel Paquiyauri-Gonzales has committed himself to becoming a follower of Jesus Christ during the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Rite of Welcome. In the Spirit of Love, which is Saint Thomas More, please continue to welcome Shutel as he continues his journey to the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.





### Focus on Religious Freedom Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

"Freedom is a gift and a personal responsibility. It is a challenge held out to each generation and it must constantly be won over for the sake of good." - Pope Francis

### Support For Religious Freedom Reached a 3 Year High in 2021

More than half of Americans said that religion, spirituality, freedom and patriotism give meaning to their lives according to a new survey by the Pew Research Center. (1)

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty also conducted a survey, released on Nov. 17, 2021, that tracks trends across the full spectrum of opinions on American religious freedom, and this shows the support for the "principles of religious freedom" at a 3-year high. (2)

"As Americans bounce back from a divisive year, we see an increased commitment to a wide range of religious freedom principles," said Luke Goodrich, Becket senior counsel. "This across-the-board support shows a renewed confidence that protecting religious exercise and expression benefits American culture and civic life." (3)

71%, representing more respondents than ever before, said they think that religious organizations in the community should be just as eligible to receive government funding as non-religious organizations. 62% believe that people of faith should be free to voice their religiously based opinion in public, even on controversial topics. (4)

(washingtontimes.com, 11.24/21(1); becketlaw.org, (2)(3)(4); ncregister.com, 11/17/21(5)(6)

"A nation always gets the kind of politicians it deserves. If ever a time comes when the religious Jews, Protestants and Catholics ever have to suffer under a totalitarian state which would deny them the right to worship God according to the light of their conscience, it will be because for years they thought it made no difference what kind of people

represented them in Congress and they abandoned the spiritual in the realm of the temporal." Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

# Calendar Club Winners Congratulations!

Here are the winners for Nov. 21—27,, 2021

11/21/2021	\$50	799 Alice Longwell
11/22/2021	\$25	731 Phyllis Ann Ehrhardt
11/23/2021	\$25	1059 Tony & Connie Gennaro
11/24/2021	\$25	961 Stanley & Eileen Midura
11/25/2021	<b>\$50</b>	564 Eileen Santangelo
		Thanksgiving
11/26/2021	\$25	255 Jeanine Gunsel
11/27/2021	\$25	392 Richard Soldano

### Congratulations! Well done!

The following students of our parish have received Honor Roll Certificates for the Second Quarter of the 2020-21 school year at St. Anthony's High School:

Caleb Aurelien	Patrick Keena
Nicholas Carrieri	Nicholas Kump
Nicole DeCanio	Analisa LaMonica
Matthew Ficco	John Lynch
Andrea Haggerty	William Mitrus
Erin Johannsen	Thomas Popp





### 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, Manuel (Mal) Malavet, Robert McGurrin, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Ellen Murphy, Philip Pandolfi, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Barbra Mary Sexton, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, 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.

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Hedwig Buecken, Ken Sentiff, 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 <a href="https://www.FaithDirect.net">www.FaithDirect.net</a> 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



"A smile is laughter's whisper and has its roots in the soul"
—Fulton Sheen

Our current needs include:

Boxed Milk\*\*

Bread
Canned Fruit and Vegetables\*\*

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)\*\*

Cereal\*\*

Macaroni & Cheese Pancake Mix\*\*

Pasta/Spaghetti

Peanut butter (smaller jars)

Rice\*\*

Soup (18-22 oz)\*\*

Spaghetti Sauce

Syrup

Mustard/**Ketchup Mayonnaise\*\*** 

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tuna

Apple and other juice\*\*

Toothpaste Shampoo\*\* Bar soap\*\* Toilet Paper\*\*

Laundry Detergent (small)

Paper Towels\*\*

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

Thank you, thank you for your generous donations to our Thanksgiving food drive!

Save the date: The Catholic Health Services Mobile Health Van will be at St. Thomas More on Tuesday, January 4th to administer flu vaccines to anyone in need

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

To contact us, call 631 648 2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com

<sup>\*\*</sup>we especially need these items

### **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:

( ) Usher ( ) C ( ) RCIA ( ) I	Hospitality Greeter Liturgy with Children Eucharistic Minister
<ul><li>( ) Consolation Ministry</li><li>( ) Rosary Altar Society</li></ul>	( ) Pre-Cana
( ) Caring for Altar Plants	( ) FOCCUS
( ) Landscaping/Planting ( ) Banner Committee	( ) Choir
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 Collec-

tion Basket marking envelope Calendar Club 2022).

### **St. Thomas More Employment Services**

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW - Stop & Shop (East Northport): Looking for deli, cashiers, dairy and overnight shifts.

Go to <a href="https://stopandshop.reidsystems.com">https://stopandshop.reidsystems.com</a> or call: <a href="https://stopandshop.reidsystems.com">631-462-5555</a>

NEW – Whole Foods (Commack): 15% Store discounts! Apply on line.

Go to: joinwholefoods.com

NEW – Dick's Sporting Goods: Hiring Now. Go to: www.dicks.com/jobs

NEW – White Castle: Multiple Positions. Apply on line at: https://careers.whitecastle.com

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

Go to: www.careeers.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 (Restaurant Name: Motor Parkway; Restaurant Number: 1634)

**Auto Zone:** Positions still available. Go to www.autozone.com/careers

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

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/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.

<u>Still Looking - The Paramount Theater (Huntington):</u> Many positions available. Sign on resume to: kevin@paramountny.com bonuses. Send

Western Suffolk BOCES: Special Education Aides. Go to: wsboces.org/team

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

Go to: https://topgolf.jobs/

<u>SUNation Solar Systems:</u> Sales Representatives, Service Technicians, Installers, other positions. Send contact information and resume to: <u>Marketing@sunationmarketing.com</u>

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

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

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

**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

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

Go to their Facebook page or stop in person.

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

Go to: 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

**Starbucks:** Positions available. Go to: www.starbucks.com/careers

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

**Catholic Health Services:** Many positions available - health care 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

**Suffolk County:** Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

<u>Panera</u>: Positions available. Go to: <a href="https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results">https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results</a>

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

**Shop Rite:** Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available.

Go to: https://shop.shoprite.com/careers

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: <a href="https://jobs.cvshealth.com/">https://jobs.cvshealth.com/</a>

<u>United States Postal Service (USPS):</u> Many career opportunities available.

Go to: www.usps.com/careers







Children at 9:30 am Mass last Sunday. They painted their own Advent wreath picture. They also learned an Advent song about waiting.



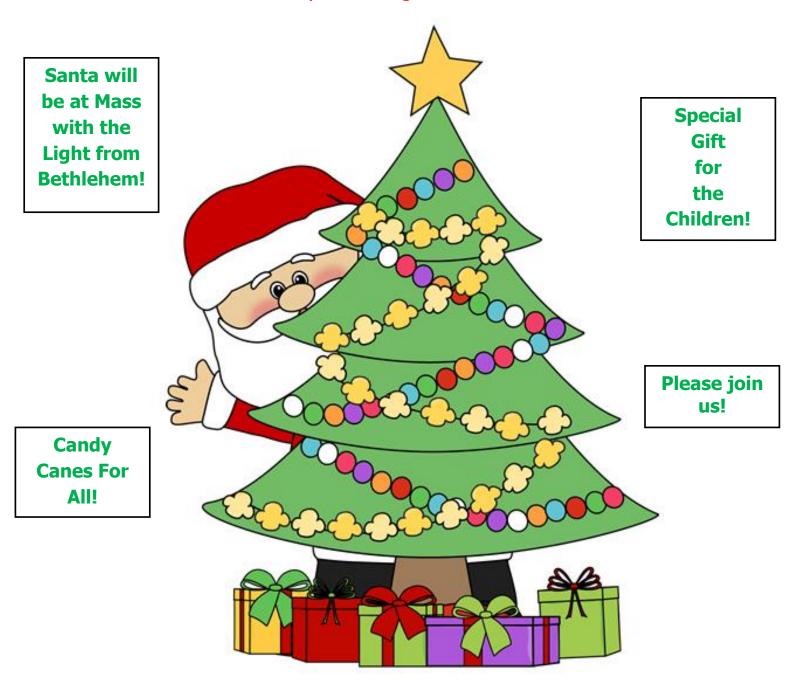
Above, the children sing the Advent song in church.

### St. Thomas More

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

### Saturday, December 11, 2021

Immediately Following the 5:00 P.M. Mass



### Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service Wednesday, November 14, 2021 at 7 pm













### Blessing of the Pre-Cana couples at the Pre-Cana Mass at St. Thomas More





### 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 out 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



# 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

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)

In the interest of safety, please RSVP to... 631-234-3149 or email outreach@stmli.org