

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 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Saturday, December 2

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday) Charles Dragowitz by Pat Frederick 5pm Sunday, December 3--First Snday of Advent Don Friedman by Ralph & Mary Ann Rantz 8:00am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin 9:15am 10:45am Judy Granville by Marilyn Miller 12:15pm Vincent Pizzulli by the Moccia family Monday, December 4--St. John Damascene 9am Don Friedman by St. Vincent de Paul STM Conference **Tuesday, December 5** 9am Thomas E. Prunty, Joan Hartnett & Andrew DiLeo by the Prunty family Wednesday, December 6--St. Nicholas Lisa Codispoti by the Codispoti family 9am Thursday, December 7--St. Ambrose 9am Ana Cecilia Castro by Milagros family Friday, December 8--The Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary--Holy Day of Obligation** 9am Lawrence Mazzone by Theresa Shannon Saturday, December 9--St. Juan Diego Cuauhlatoatzin Fara Giacalone by Gino & Joanne Leocadi 9am (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) Marie Corrigan by Mr. & Mrs. Keely, 5pm Anna Di Meglio by Vivian & Michael Jacobs, Dorothy Heller by Pat & Frank Lewis. Geraldine Heller by Pat & Frank Lewis, Susan Lia by Marsha Augustyn, Frances O'Reilly by Mr. & Mrs. Keely, Sofiya Smirnava by Peter & Pat Handal, Jimmy Waldner by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux, Sunday, December 10--Second Sunday of Advent 8:00am Lydia Wieman by Ralph & Mary Ann Rantz 9:15am Sgt. A.G. DeSocio & Lt. David DeSocio by Joan & Jim Murphy 10:45am Sophie & Vincent Mirabella, Nancy & Vincent Puzelli by Robert & Madeline Sauchelli 12:15pm Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 85:9-10-11-16, 13-19 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; *he will prepare your way.* A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you were blinded to the Uniqueness of another person by seeing that someone all the time.

2. How do you prepare the way of the Lord?

3. What meaning does John the Baptist have for you?

Family and children's question:

Talk about how you can be like John the Baptist and point others to Jesus.

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FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I read a funny saying about the symbolic meaning of baldness. "If a man is bald in front, he is a thinker. If he is bald in the back, he is a lover. If he is bald in front and back, he thinks he is a lover." Symbols are used to understand the truth easily.

Advent is the time when we can see lots of symbols connected to the great celebration of Christmas. The Christmas tree is one of them. Its song explains its symbolical meaning. "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree. How loyal are your leaves/needles. You're green not only in the summertime, No, also in winter when it snows. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how loyal are your leaves/needles." The Christmas tree is a sign of hope. When every tree around us loses its green leaves and stands bare and empty, the Christmas tree, still standing green even in the middle of the severest winter, inspires and instils in us to be hopeful for spring when all will turn green again.

The message of the Christmas tree during Advent is to say that whatever despairing situation we may live in, we can still be hopeful of living better because the birth of the Lord is very near. Though the news and incidents around us may discourage and incite sorrowful pain, the decorated Christmas tree invites us to be hopeful because God is going to be born in our history as one of us to live with us. God is Emmanuel (God with us).

December 8th is the Christmas Tree Lighting after the 7:00 pm mass. It is the Solemn Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception—a Day of Obligation. On Thursday, December 7th we have a vigil mass at 7:00 pm. On Friday the 8th, masses are at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. After the tree lighting Santa will make a special visit in Walden Hall.

The Immaculate Conception is a gift of God to Mary. She stands as Hope that God wants to do to all of us what God has done to her. In her we see the hope of bearing the presence of Jesus within us. When we light the Christmas Tree on her feast day, let us light within our hearts the light of hope.

During the weekend of December 9th and 10th, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the National Religious Retirement Annual Collection for senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Our parishioners have always been most generous to the retired religious collection that we conducted for many years; our hope is that they will continue to support this worthy collection on behalf of the religious men and women who have devoted their lives to serving us.

Our Church renovation work is in full swing. Upholstery of the pews, laying marble in the niches and installing the medallion are underway. Please continue to pray that we may celebrate Christmas in the new renovated church as we planned. Unless God builds, the labor of the builders is in vain. Let us pray that all our renovation reflects God's glory.

This weekend December 2nd- 3rd we begin Advent. Families are invited to light the Advent Candles before mass. A Signup Sheet is found near the Giving Tree.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor Deacon Robert D. Weisz Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux **Religious Education** Patricia Chapin, Co-director Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director **Parish Outreach** Staffed by volunteers **Music Ministry** Emilia Savarese, Facilitator **Youth Ministry** Joe Gast, s.c., Youth Minister

OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE

EUCHARIST

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through Saturday.

BAPTISM- As soon as your child is born, please call the Parish Office to make Baptism arrangements. Preparation session and welcoming Mass attendance are required. **MARRIAGE-** As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with the Parish Office or one of the deacons.

RECONCILIATION- Celebrated in Church every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by previous appointment with Parish Office. **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**- Call the Church Office to request visitation of the sick.

CONFIRMATION- Those who have not been confirmed should call the Parish Office to receive further information. *HOLY ORDERS*- Contact the Parish Office for more information about the priesthood

Barbara Bamonti

Karen Berlet

Bernadette

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Janice Bini Joseph Bittner Jean Blaney Pat Booth Pamela Brosnan Mary Brussell Anthony C. (5 vrs) Daniel Callihan Christina Cammarata Barbara Cappisillo Linda Sue Cappisillo Dona Caragol Swami Chettiar John Colosi Thea Constantatos Donald Crocker Marv Cullin Joey Cullum Mike DeLeo Caroline De Santis Amanda De Rosa Preston De Rosa (2 years old) Florence & Anthony Donato Walt Drechsler Jr. Elvira DuBritz Duke Leona Esposito Dominga Francisco Andrew Gallo Connie Gennaro Ciro Ghiraldi Gerald Gilson Isabelle Grenier John Hanna Richard Happe Olive Harrison (16 months) Jamie Hawkins Jane Hoffman Laurie Holmes Theresa Huebner Anita Ilardi Anne & Judi Iovino Joseph Jacklets Regina Jeskie Suzy Johnson Richard Kaler Costa Katsapis Jean Marsala Kieffner Albert Kunz Theresa Marvelli Elaine Kleenstauber Dr. C. Lalli

Luigi Lanzo Morgan Leary (age 8) Anne Leggio Wayne Leo Nancy Link Phillip Lloyd Patricia Loicano Nicolas LoRusso (2 years old) Mike Masone Laura Mattioli Cindv Mango Diane McCann Terri Ilardi McKee Camille Mendolia Sharon Mills Marie Minutillo Rosie Miranda Dorothy L. Monaco Barbaralynn Moseman Ellen & Leo Murphy Betty Napoli Caidee Nielsen (2 years old) James Nielsen (16 years old) Victoria Nelson Fr. Harold Noviello Patricia OConnell Sarah O'Connor Beatrice Okorn Joseph P. Dorothy Pagano Rainey Pappas Mary Ann Peet Fern Peppe Robert K. Rathje Kim Rico Venjamin Rivera Mary Ruchalski (10 yrs. old) Robert Schernowitz Elyse Schrage Teresa Shannon Kim Shernowitz Daniel Skinnon Mary Spinosa Dorothes Stempel **Richard Stout** Andrea Suess Jeanine Tagliferri Chase Turano Andrew J. Valentine Andrew M. Valentine Mike Walsh Debbie Ward Rosalind Warmuth Gregory Yule Joey Ziegler

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein Jessie Bernstein Anthony Broncatello John Burk David Chester John Chester Nicholas Chester Theresa Chester Eddie Cullum Eric Cullum Christopher Day Timothy Fallon Bryan Figueiredo Karin Fitzgerald Nicholas W. Flanary J.T. Foltz Mike Foltz William Gregory Carl F. Greiner Philip Guidone John Michael Haffner Sean Hendrickson John Karies

Michael Knipper Dylan Kowalski Alex Lombardi Thomas LaFemina Andrew Lombardi Scott Lovelock Thomas Migliara Tim Morris John Nachtman Kaitlvn Nachtman **Thomas Nichols** Adam Papaizai Michael Poist Michael Polanski Kyle Rathie Antonia Marie Rivera Ana Karen Sanchez Donovan Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Ryan Smith Michael White

If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like to have their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

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Email

PARISH OUTREACH

Can you believe it? It's December already! Visions of sugarplums are dancing in children's heads (those who have seen the Nutcracker Suite, anyway) and people are already making frantic attempts to get great prices on Christmas gifts and planning those marathon eating get-togethers with family and friends. The pace of life has increased to the point where we are tense and stressed about getting everything done to perfection.

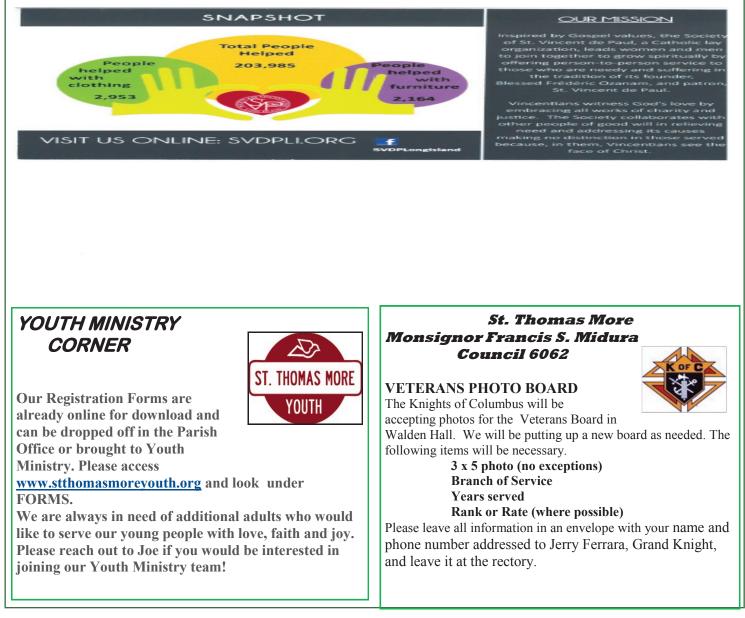


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Relax. Take a breath...if everything is not done to perfection, then at least you know you tried. After all, what is most important about this holiday? Celebrating the birth of Christ is what comes to mind – and getting together with friends and family to celebrate that joyous event. How you celebrate is not important; just being cognizant of the event is. The quantity of the gifts is not important; the fact that you want to let someone know that he/she is important to you is. So let's look at this holiday as a time to let our important people in our lives know that they matter to us. Take the time to contact them, invite them, and celebrate with them. And also remember those less fortunate who may not be able to do those things. Think about how you could make their lives better.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

The St. Thomas More Conference of SVdP is part of a local, national and international Catholic organization. Below is a blurb from the SVdP newsletter of Long Island that we hope will increase your understanding of who we are.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion www.cffor.org

U.S. Supreme Court to Hear Pro-Life Free Speech Case:

The Supreme Court agreed to hear a critical First Amendment challenge to a California law that forces life-affirming pregnancy centers to advertise/promote abortions. Under threat of ruinous fines, the CA law **requires** pro-life pregnancy resource centers to post signs notifying patients where and how they can receive state taxpayer-funded abortions. The law applies to hundreds of privately funded pregnancy centers and medical clinics.

"California's threat ... counts among the most flagrant violations of constitutional religious and free speech rights in the nation," said pro-life NIFLA founder.

"Forcing anyone to provide free advertising for the abortion industry is unthinkable - especially when the government is doing the forcing," said Alliance Defending Freedom. "The state should protect freedom of speech and freedom from coerced speech. Information about abortion is just about everywhere, so the government doesn't need to punish pro-life centers for declining to advertise for the very act they can't promote."

"If you can't force the American Lung Associate to promote cigarettes and tell people to buy them, you certainly can't force pro-life organizations to direct people to taxpayer-subsidized abortions," wrote Melanie Israel in the Daily Signal.

(dailysignal.com, 11/13/17; lifesitenews.com, 11/13/17; usatoday.com, 11/14/17)

"If the freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." George Washington

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday, at 3:00 pm in the Church.





CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631.234.5805 or Joan at 631.234.1739.

The Circle of Women will meet on December 11, 2017--Book Selection-- Please bring a book that you would like to present to the group.

Congratulations

The following young parishioners who attend St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year.

Summa Cum Laude Honors

Cassandra Davies

Grade 9

Magna Cum Laude Honors

Grade 9
Grade 10
Grade 10
Grade 12

Cum Laude Honors

Salvatore Scarpellini	Grade	9
Kyleigh Fitzgerald	Grade	10
Christian Colon	Grade	12



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Sing to "Deck the Halls" Melody

Now's the time to join the choir **Fa la la la la; La-La-La** It's the sea-son to be singing **Fa la la la la; La-La-La-La** Ba-by Je-sus soon will be here, Let's have fun, car- ol-ing, praise his name. Join us now for this short sea-son **Fa la la la la; La-La-La**





Young People's Choir

Rehearsals:

Saturdays -- December 2, 9, 16-- 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Masses - Christmas Eve - 3:30 pm &/or 5:30 pm.

Sundays--December 31, & January 7, 2018--9:15 am.

Let us together form a Jubilee Choir to celebrate our 50th year. Help us to make it a great Christmas for everyone.

For information and to join, call: Emilia at 631-724-8820.

Thank you and God Bless!

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 <u>www.FaithDirect.net</u> to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at http://calendar.yahoo.com/ stmreled.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You may contact the school at parents@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

USED EYE GLASSES — The Volunteer Optometrist Service to Humanity (VOSH) is a group of Ophthalmologists/ Optometrists who volunteer their time and professional skills each year for two weeks in Peru. They go to rural mountainous regions and provide optical treatment and/or eye surgery to the local villagers who live in abject poverty. The glasses donated are refurbished. After an eye exam, the villagers are given glasses closest to their prescription. If you have any old glasses lying around, please put them to good use by donating them to our church.

December 3, 2017



We are pleased to be offering an Advent program for Kindergarteners and for those who will be attending Kindergarten next year. The four sessions will take place during the 9:15 am mass on December 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Children will be escorted by the teachers to the classroom in Walden Hall before the homily and parents will pick them up after mass. The program is free, but we ask that you register your child by calling the Religious Education office (631-234-0397) or by emailing Pat Chapin at

Pchapin@optonline.net by November 30.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women



Healing after Abortion

The Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred

space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Saturday, December 9, 2017 Long Island Location

For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org To register contact: Project Rachel 1-888-456-4673 | projectrachel@drvc.org All reservations and information will remain confidential.

Congratulations ! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for November 6 - Dec. 2, 2017

Sun	Nov 2	26	\$50	#697 Lou & Diane DeBenedittis
Mon.	Nov. 2	27	\$25	#108 Bill & Lori Rudden
Tues.	Nov. 2	28	\$25	#859 Ann Belluardo
Wed.	Nov. 2	29	\$25	#713 Mary Ellen Skrzypek
Thurs.	Nov. 3	60	\$25	#644 Al Pankus
Fri.	Dec.	1	\$25	#778 Bill & Mary Ann Peet
Sat.	Dec.	2	\$25	# 75 M/M Greg Clarke

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of	November 19, 2017	\$7,078.50
	November 26, 2017	\$7,523.25

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.

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

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	This Weekend (Dec. 2/3)	Next Weekend (Dec. 9/10)
<u>Saturday</u> 5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
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Sunday		
8 am	Msgr.Boccafola	Fr. Antony
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr.Boccafo
12:15 pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred

Antony Antony sgr.Boccafola Fr. Fred

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES **APPEAL 2017**

as of November 21, 2017

Our Parish Goal	\$68,500.00
Pledges to date	\$52,542.08
Percentage of Goal	76.7%

First Sunday of Advent

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Church of St. Joseph--Free Concert --Babylon Village, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon--**Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.** Concert will include selections from Handel's *MESSIAH* and Bach's *MAGNIFICAT* and other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a candlelight procession. Early arrival recommended as the church is put in complete darkness promptly at 7 pm. Free-will offerings of cash or checks made payable to St. Joseph Church will be most appreciated. Suggested donation: \$20 pp or \$40 a family. Proceeds benefit the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch. *(Second Notice)*

Hauppauge Middle School Blood Drive--Wednesday, December 6--2:30 - 8:30 pm--600 Townline Road, Hauppauge. Eligibility Requirements: Bring donor card or ID. Minimum Weight: 110 lbs. No new tattoos for past 12 months. Ages 16-25 (16 year olds must have parental permission. For questions concerning medical eligibility: www.nybc.org; 1-800-933-2566. For more information or to schedule an appointment: Michele Knopf (631) 360-2755.

St. Anthony's High School Franciscan Brothers Christmas Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music--Friday, Dec. 8, 2017; Saturday Dec. 9, 2017--Auditorium 7:00 pm. Donation: \$10.00



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive) Saturday--December 2 1:30pm--Children's Choir--Kirwin Hall **Sunday--December 3** 1:15pm--RCIA--Meeting Room 7pm--HS Youth Ministry--Walden Hall Wednesday--December 6 5pm--Knights of Columbus Bus. Mtg--Kitchen/WH **Thursday--December 7** 5:30pm--Children's Choir--Kirwin Hall 7pm--Vigil Mass (Immaculate Conception) followed by Adoration Friday--December 8--Holy Day of Obligation 9am--Mass 12:30pm--Young At Heart--Walden Hall 7pm--Mass followed by Tree Lighting Saturday--December 9 1:30 pm--Children's Choir Rehearsal--Kirwin Hall



Our Christmas luncheon will be on **Tuesday, December 5th at 1:00 pm at Ciro's**. The price is \$27 per person and is the same as last year's. If you plan to attend, please call Marie at (631) 234-4102..

We will have our last meeting for this year on **Friday**, **December 8th** at **12:30 pm** in **Walden Hall**. The meeting will be followed by our Christmas party with games and entertainment.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

- Adding a name Request -PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LIST-ING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill: Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY'S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS? Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

() 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:

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 2018

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2018.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:()

() One Number for \$25

OR

() FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, <u>December 10, 2017</u>, 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*).

St. Thomas More Employment Services

*Are you presently unemployed and looking for a part-time or full-time job? * Do you have or know of any job openings? If so, call our Employment Services Office, 234.4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls are kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<u>AHRC (Advantage Care Health Center)</u> Teachers Aides/Assistants--Special Ed- Mon-Fri 3-6 pm. Direct Support Professionals. Family Nurse Practitioner--Comprehensive Benefit Package.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union -- PT Tellers, Outside Mortgage Loan Financial Consultant -- Digital Banking -- Good Benefits.

<u>Cablevision</u> - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory– Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive– 4 days,

12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

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

2) Superintendent Helper Male Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr.-15 hrs.

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—Sales reps, mgt. trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200

2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774

3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708

4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven directly

<u>Newsday</u>--Security Officer/EMT--security & safety of employees-2-3 years exp. as security or law enforcement. P/T Collator position-ability to lift 30-50 lbs. Must be available for all shifts. HS Diploma.

<u>Newsday Media Group</u>--Account executives for sales. Excellent benefits including matching 401K

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

<u>New York Community Bank</u>--Auditors, Financial Service System Engineer, Locksmith & Maintenance Mechanics--Excellent Benefits. <u>Panera</u>--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drivers. & Van Drivers. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

7-Eleven--Owner is a member of St. Thomas More--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

ShopRite Supermarket--Various positions open; apply on-line or go to ShopRite in Hauppauge.

<u>Suffolk Bus Drivers</u>--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>—

1. <u>Nursing Home</u>—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;

- 2. <u>Hospital</u>—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists
- 3. <u>Physical Therapy Aides</u>—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.
- 4. <u>Nurse Manager</u>—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes--Town of Smithtown & Kings Park. High School Diploma, 2 yrs. Exp. - before & after school.

<u>Uncle Giuseppe</u>--Melville locations, deli, bakery, produce & more openings. Insurance, discount, salaries--also openings in other locations.

<u>United Cerebral</u>-- Positions open in Residential, Children's Adult Day Programs throughout Suffolk--Valid NYS Drivers License--HS diploma or GEC. Excellent Benefits and salaries.

See "Civil Service Notice" posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information about any of the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, etc. positions are in the child's home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides, etc. It is the responsibility of the employer to check all references prior to hiring.

****We have a list of names of those willing to baby-sit in their homes.

****We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.

St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Fiscal Report - September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 Fiscal Report - September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016

Where It Came From

	This Year	<u>Last Year</u>
Regular Collection	\$ 669,865	\$ 698,999
Fund Raising	\$ 22,815	\$ 50,661
Parish Programs	\$ 212,418	\$ 219,273
Auxiliary Revenue	\$ 94,712	\$ 101,135
Collection For Others	\$ 29,466	\$ 24,464
Non-Operating Income	\$ 75,657	\$ 35,531
Extraordinary Income	\$ 6,304	\$ 22,109
Total	\$ 1,111,237	\$ 1,152,172
Where It Went		
Salaries	\$ 354,860	\$ 348,759
Fringe Benefits	\$ 123,433	\$ 154,176
Parish Programs	\$ 84,161	\$ 101,777
Regional School (Holy Family)	\$ 104,844	\$ 99,916
Printing & Office	\$ 63,959	\$ 55,837
Auxiliary Expenditures	\$ 97,722	\$ 103,247
Rectory/Household	\$ 4,924	\$ 5,916
Collection For Others	\$ 29,466	\$ 24,464
Bldgs. Util & Maintenance	\$ 142,144	\$ 131,457
Non-Operating Capital Expenses	\$ 27,775	\$ 14,263
Total	\$ 1,033,288	\$ 1,039,812
Net Difference	\$ 77,949	\$ 112,360

Summation:

Once again our Parish has maintained a fiscally responsible posture for the past fiscal year. Despite additional needs resulting from our Capital Campaign and all the activities that were part of our Jubilee celebration, the positive position earned in 2016 was reduced by only \$35,000. This position is a reflection of the generosity and dedicated stewardship of our Parish Staff and most importantly. each of you -our Parish Family.

The key take away from the above bottom lines is that, while Income was reduced by \$40,000 in FY2017 - Expenses also decreased by \$6000. Also, while Income was reduced year to year, it is VERY gratifying that your generosity did not waiver.

We can take great pride in this financial posture while taking on a major renovation and Capital improvement of our Church building and grounds.

Thanks be to God and the people of St. Thomas More Church !

Detail of Where It Comes From

Regular Collections\$669,865					
- Collections for Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter					
Fund Raising\$22,815					
- Includes, Gains and losses from fund-raising events such as, Calendar Club, Raffle, Golf Outing, Donations and Jubilee event profits.					
Parish Programs\$212,418					
- Funds received from Religious Education fees, Parish Social Ministry, Youth Ministry					
Auxiliary Revenue\$94,712					
- Includes Maintenance & Repair Fund; wedding, funeral, and baptism offerings; LI Catholic,					
donations from societies, bulletin commission					
Collection for Others\$29,466					
- All special non-parish collections and special disaster collections that are collected and then					
forwarded in their entirety					
Non-Operating Revenue \$ 75,657					
- Gains and losses from Investment Fund; unrealized gains and losses from investments					
Extraordinary Revenue \$ 6,304					
- Targeted & restricted donations					
<u>Detail of Where It Went</u>					
Salaries \$ 354,860					
- Clergy, church office staff (1 f/t, 2 p/t days + 1 p/t Saturdays. Religious Ed staff (3 + 1 p/t), music ministry (1 + 1 $(2 - 1)^{-1})$					
p/t), youth ministry (1 p/t), plant operations (2 p/t) Erringer Bangefitz					
Fringe Benefits \$ 123,433					
- Includes health & dental insurance, FICA taxes, pension, workers' comp insurance Parish Programs \$ 84,161					
Parish Programs\$ 84,161- Includes religious education non-employee expenses, social ministry non-employee expenses,					
youth ministry non-employee expenses, adult education (like Bible Study), consolation ministry,					
RCIA, stewardship, parish retreat					
Regional School \$ 104,844					
- Churches without their own parochial school contribute 15% of regular collections to the Regional					
School. Our regional school is Holy Family in Commack.					
Printing & Office \$ 63,959					
- Includes postage, printing supplies, phone, payroll and accountant fees, computer fees, equipment					
Auxiliary Expenditures \$ 97,722					
- Includes liturgical expenses, missalettes, choir expenses, diocesan assessment, staff gifts					
Rectory Household \$ 4,924					
- Includes rectory food, household cleaning, newspapers, items needed to maintain a household					
Collection for Others \$ 29,466					
- All monies collected on behalf of others are forwarded entirely to their respective entities					
(i.e. Missions, Rice Bowl, Peter's Pence)					
Buildings - Utilities & Maintenance \$ 142,144					
- Includes National Grid, LIPA, heating oil, water, contracted maintenance services, ordinary repairs &					
maintenance, maintenance supplies, minor rectory renovations, insurance premiums					
Non-Operating Capital Expenses \$ 27,775					
- Includes final payment for HVAC in the small meeting room & new ductless A/C units in the rectory					

St. Thomas More Church 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign

Over \$912,000 Pledged – Thank You! Help Us Reach Our Goal

On behalf of Father Antony and the campaign committee we thank you for your strong support for our capital campaign. As of this past week, 425 families have returned their pledge for a total of \$912,460. The campaign is being conducted on the basis of equal sacrifice, not equal giving. Not every family can make the same size pledge, but every family can make the same size pledge.

Thank you for your prompt pledge payments to the Capital Campaign!

Pledge Payment reminders are being mailed on or about the 15th of each month and include a statement of your pledge and a return envelope. We are pleased to report that a majority of families are on time or ahead of schedule with their pledge payments. This helps a great deal as we are now underway with the renovation of the Church.

Making your pledge or payments by Credit or Debit card is easy and convenient

Making your gift or pledge payments is easy, simply log onto the parish web-site at www.stmli.or and click on the Parish Life button and then the Faith Direct link, indicate the parish code NY227 and select the option of onetime payments to make a down payment or onetime gift or recurring option for making payments. Any questions, call our campaign director, Andy White at 516-607-3635 for more information.

THE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE TEMPLE BETH CHAI WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017.



Psalm 141

















Thanksgiving!

Our Youth Ministry held their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive & Feast this past Sunday. They collected food from homes in the community, sorted the food and brought to help replenish our Parish Outreach. They also shared Mass together, followed by serving each other dinner, lots of laughs and ending with prayer and the Good Night talk. **Great job, teens!**





















GOLDEN JUBILEE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS





(front of ornament)



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



(back of ornament) Golden Jubilee 1967-2017



\$5 Each

On sale in the lobby after each Mass

Starting December 2-3

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!







ANGELS and SHEPHERDS Needed!

Believe it or not, it's that time again! Time to invite all children 5 years of age and older to be angels and shepherds at our two **Family Masses on Christmas Eve.**

We ask all children wishing to participate to follow this guideline in order to have fairly equal amounts represented at both Masses.

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

There will be one **mandatory rehearsal and costume pick-up.** It will be **Saturday, December 23rd** and will last about one hour.

Please complete the Angel and Shepherd Form below and return it in the collection basket or return it to the Church Office **no later than** December 11, 2017.

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

ANGELS and SHEPHERDS

Name:_____ Would like to participate as an:

____angel _____shepherd

_3:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name A to M

5:30 p.m. Mass-Last Name N to Z (Please check appropriate Mass)

Parent's Signature _____

Phone Number_____

Parent's E-Mail _____

(Return no later than December 11, 2017)



Join Krist Kindle and share your love of Christmas with another STM family this Advent season

The week before Advent begins you will receive, in the mail, the name of another parish family whom you can pray for and surprise with notes, telephone calls, or a small token gift once a week for each of the four weeks of Advent.

Please fill out the attached form and drop it in the box in the narthex or at the rectory by November 26th. At a celebration on January 7, 2017, the secret partners are revealed. This is a wonderful way to meet new friends and a warm and friendly way to teach children the true meaning of Christmas with prayer, thanksgiving and generosity to others.

At the Meet and Greet on the 7th, we would like to have the children in the families present a short Epiphany play. Please circle 'Yes' on the form if your children would like to take part.

Barbara Haynes 631 854-3124 <u>kksmom1950@aol.com</u> Anita Combs 516 659-0336 <u>anitacot@hotmail.com</u>

Yes! We want to be part of Krist Kindle!

FAMILY NAME	PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS	EMAIL	
FAMILY MEMBERS, AGES, INTERESTS		

Yes! Our children want to take part in the Epiphany skit! No thank you. Maybe next year...