

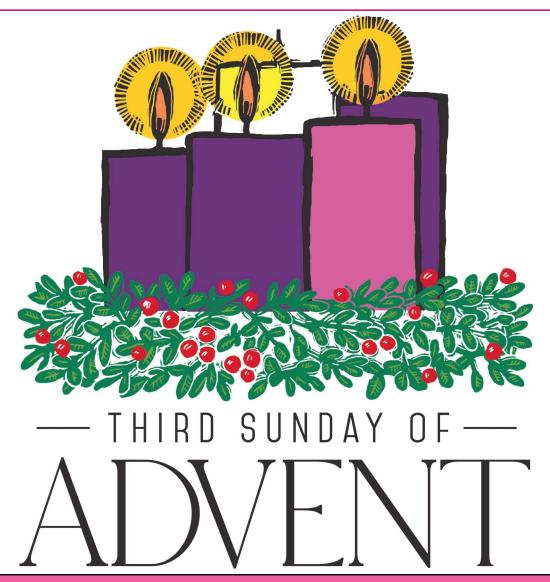
Catholic Church Community of

### St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

**December 17, 2017** 

**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.

### **Contact Numbers**

Rectory 234-5551 FAX 234-6412 **Religious Ed** 234-0397 FAX 234-1199

Outreach 234-3149 FAX 234-1199

### Masses for this coming week

December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 611-2a, 10-11 Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Saturday, December 16

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Jacqueline Marcello *by MaryAnn & Kristian Gregorace* 

Sunday, December 17--Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Kenneth Brosnan by Robert &

Madeline Sauchelli, Andrea Dickson by Gina &

Gary Poulin, Juliette Gerlach by Lynn Brennan,

Timothy Richard Keenan by the Eyring family,

Irminia Lovanio by Evelyn & Bob McMahon, Roberta Rall

by Gary & Gina Poulin, James Renz by the Tufano family,

Kristin Tringali by Evelyn & Kathy Kaler

9:15am Judith Patchell by Kathleen O'Brien

10:45am Judy Granville by Robert &

Madeline Sauchelli

12:15pm Nick Liberatoscioli by his family

Monday, December 18

9am Frank Grieco by Arlene & John Aspromgos

Tuesday, December 19

9am Joseph Sr; Harry & Josephine Luca

by Nella Lucca

Wednesday, December 20

9am Eric Joseph Reistetter by the family

Thursday, December 21--St. Peter Canisius

9am James Nicolette by Walter & Terry Happe

Friday, December 22

9am Robert Mohlenbrok by Lois Mohlenbrok & family

Saturday, December 23--St. John of Kanty

9am Gloria Kreider by family (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Edmund R. Gast by Joe Gast

Sunday, December 24--Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

9:15am Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

10:45am Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

**Christmas Eve:** 

3:30pm Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

5:30pm Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

8pm Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

10:30pm Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

Monday, December 25--The Nativity of the Lord

9am Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors 10:45am Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

12:15pm Christmas Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

### Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 24, 2017 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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

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.

### **Focus questions:**

- 1. How hard is it to say, like Mary, may it be done to me according to your word?
- 2. Relate an experience when you did something you thought was impossible.
- 3. Describe a time when you felt troubled or fearful.

### Family and children's question:

Has your practice of spiritually preparing for Christmas challenged how you will celebrate Christmas?

### FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

**Husband:** Dear, do you remember John Williams? I saw him today. He was the student body president at our high school.

Wife: That was thirty-five years ago!

Husband: I know. In fact, he has gotten so bald and so heavy he did not even recognize me.

Everything changes around us and within us. At the same time there is something in each of us which remains unaffected by changes, and that helps us recognize the true person in each of us in spite of all changes.

The Third week of Advent invites us to recognize the inner spirit by which we can rightly recognize our real worth as a person and the meaning of everything around us. In the Gospel today, people ask John the Baptizer who he was. He speaks from his inner spirit that he is the voice of God to introduce God's son Jesus when he would come to be baptized by him. Recognizing oneself in the light of what God wants to do in and through that person will help recognize one's the real worth.

As Isaiah says in the first reading God's spirit is upon us to lead us to do God's wonderful works in and through us. As we approach Christmas let us spend a few minutes every day in silence to realize this inner spirit God has given us... let us recognize our real worth .. let our life become God's wondrous deed.

Christmas Masses: We are just a week away from Christmas. With God's help and with your wishes and prayers, we will be able to celebrate masses in our newly renovated church. As Psalm 129 proclaims, 'unless the Lord builds, our labors would have been in vain...' God provided us with excellent workers and was with them coordinating all their efforts. It was owing to His marvelous work that we can celebrate Our Lord's birth in the Church. We will take care of certain unfinished parts of the renovation after Christmas. I will let you know if we need to make any adjustments when we come to that phase. I thank all of you for your patience during our renovation journey.

Next Sunday is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. On Sunday morning we will have just three masses at 8:00 am, 9:15 am and 10:45 am. **NO 12:15 pm mass**. Then the usual four Christmas Eve Masses at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:30 pm. We will have Christmas carols at 10 pm prior to Mass at 10:30 pm.

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

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

for more information about the priesthood or diaconate.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Bamonti Karen Berlet Bernadette Janice Bini Joseph Bittner Jean Blaney

Pat Booth

Mike DeLeo

Caroline De Santis

Morgan Leary (age 8) Anne Leggio Wayne Leo Nancy Link Phillip Lloyd Patricia Loicano

Luigi Lanzo

Nicolas LoRusso (2 years old)

Pamela Brosnan Mary Brussell Mike Masone Anthony C. (5 yrs) Laura Mattioli Daniel Callihan Cindy Mango Christina Cammarata Diane McCann Terri Ilardi McKee Barbara Cappisillo Camille Mendolia Linda Sue Cappisillo Dona Caragol Sharon Mills Swami Chettiar Marie Minutillo John Colosi Rosie Miranda Thea Constantatos Dorothy L. Monaco Donald Crocker Barbaralynn Moseman Mary Cullin Ellen & Leo Murphy Joey Cullum Betty Napoli

Caidee Nielsen (2 years old) James Nielsen (16 years old)

Victoria Nelson Amanda De Rosa Preston De Rosa (2 years old) Fr. Harold Noviello Florence & Anthony Donato Patricia OConnell Walt Drechsler Jr. Sarah O'Connor Elvira DuBritz Beatrice Okorn Joseph P. Duke Dorothy Pagano

Leona Esposito Dominga Francisco Rainey Pappas Andrew Gallo Mary Ann Peet Connie Gennaro Fern Peppe Robert K. Rathje Ciro Ghiraldi Gerald Gilson Kim Rico Isabelle Grenier Venjamin Rivera

Mary Ruchalski (10 yrs. old) John Hanna

Richard Happe Robert Schernowitz Olive Harrison (16 months) Elyse Schrage Teresa Shannon Jamie Hawkins Kim Shernowitz Jane Hoffman Laurie Holmes Daniel Skinnon Mary Spinosa Theresa Huebner Dorothes Stempel Anita Ilardi Anne & Judi Iovino Richard Stout Joseph Jacklets Andrea Suess Regina Jeskie Jeanine Tagliferri

Suzy Johnson Chase Turano Richard Kaler Andrew J. Valentine Costa Katsapis Andrew M. Valentine Jean Marsala Kieffner Mike Walsh

Albert Kunz Debbie Ward Theresa Marvelli Rosalind Warmuth Elaine Kleenstauber Gregory Yule Dr. C. Lalli Joey Ziegler

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Leroy Farrell, Ann Marie Adams, Alice DiStefano, Theresa Vogt, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Knipper

Dylan Kowalski

Alex Lombardi

Ethan Bernstein Jessie Bernstein Anthony Broncatello

John Burk John Chester



Thomas LaFemina David Chester Andrew Lombardi Scott Lovelock Nicholas Chester Thomas Migliara Theresa Chester Tim Morris Eddie Cullum John Nachtman Eric Cullum Kaitlyn Nachtman Christopher Day Thomas Nichols Timothy Fallon Adam Papaizai Bryan Figueiredo Michael Poist Karin Fitzgerald Michael Polanski Nicholas W. Flanary Kyle Rathie

J.T. Foltz Mike Foltz William Gregory Carl F. Greiner Philip Guidone John Michael Haffner Sean Hendrickson John Karies

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

#### Websites

www.stmli.org

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

https://www.facebook.comStThomasMoreHauppauge/

### Instagram

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

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following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

BJFRAT@optonline.net

### PARISH OUTREACH

#### HAMS! HAMS! HAMS!

Yes, that is the key word this week...we need small canned or spiral hams for our clients for the Christmas holiday. Accompanying food to go along with the ham dinner would be greatly appreciated as well, as would coffee, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, soup, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, shampoos, toothpaste, rice, beans, and anything else (food-wise) that you would care to contribute.



Our food giveaway is the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>, so if you could give what you can before that time, it would be greatly appreciated!!

And did you know? Reading while sunbathing will make you well red.

### 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.

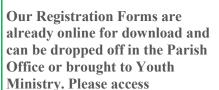
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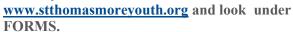
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### YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER





We are always in need of additional adults who would like to serve our young people with love, faith and joy. Please reach out to Joe if you would be interested in joining our Youth Ministry team!



### St. Thomas More Monsignor Francis S. Midura Council 6062

### **VETERANS PHOTO BOARD**

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting photos for the Veterans Board in Walden Hall. We will be putting up a new board as need.

Walden Hall. We will be putting up a new board as needed. The following items will be necessary.

3 x 5 photo (no exceptions) Branch of Service Years served

Rank or Rate (where possible)

Please leave all information in an envelope with your name and phone number addressed to Jerry Ferrara, Grand Knight, and leave it at the rectory.

### CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion www.cffor.org

The 12 Myths of Christmas (Part 2)

Myth: Students cannot talk about their faith and the religious origins of Christmas in class assignments. **Fact:** Schools can't refuse to allow, punish, or give a lower grade to a student who includes a religious viewpoint in a class assignment. Far from "establishing religion," that would be displaying an anti-religious bias, which is unconstitutional and infringing on the free speech of students.

Myth: Teachers cannot display a "Christmas tree" in the classroom.

**Fact:** No court has ruled that "Christmas" is unconstitutional. In fact, The Supreme Court has acknowledged the government's long-standing recognition of holidays with religious significance, such as Christmas.

Myth: School choirs and bands cannot use churches as venues, because of the "separation of church and state." **Fact:** Voluntary performances at a church do not promote religion. "Courts have unanimously allowed students to sing Christmas carols in school. Nothing changes when they sing the same Christmas songs at a community festival instead," said Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF).

Myth: Students cannot give their classmates gifts that reference the Christian origins of the holiday.

**Fact:** The Supreme Court has never ruled that public schools must prohibit the distribution of religious Christmas messages. For example, a H.S. that forbade a student from giving out candy canes to friends with a note that described the Christian legend, later granted the student permission when ADF informed the principal of this fact. (adflegal.org, 12/11/15; rutherfordinstitute.org)

"Our first real Christmas as a nation was the dark and freezing Christmas of 1776, when George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware. They and Providence gave our nation its first Christmas gift a victory that brought us closer to liberty, the condition in which God meant man to flourish." President Ronald Reagan, 1984

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 Monday, January 8th, 2018. The book for discussion will be The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes--Facilitator Joan Shea.

### COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Catholics Returning Home: St. Lawrence the Martyr R.C. Church --corner of Main Street & Handsome Ave., Sayville--will conduct a series called Catholics Returning Home on six consecutive Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Church beginning January 8th. These sessions are for Catholics who have left the active practice of their faith and who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Maria Davidson at 631-589-3160.,

### **Spousal /Partner Bereavement Support Group: Rockville Centre**

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened at no charge to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

Spousal/Partner Loss Group- 1/9/18 – 2/27/18; 2:00PM-3:30PM

Spousal/Partner Loss Group- 1/9/18 – 2/27/18; 5:30PM-7:00PM

Groups held at Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, NY Registration required -(631) 828-7636. (Second Notice)

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017





### 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

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 <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. 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.

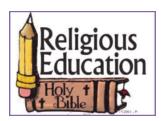
**CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS**—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

**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.

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.



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

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

### Saturday--December 17

6:30pm--Choir--Kirwin Hall

7pm--HS Youth Ministry--Walden Hall

### **Monday--December 18**

7pm--Outreach--Walden Hall

### Wednesday--December 20

5pm--K of C Soc. Meeting--Kitchen/Walden Hall

7:30pm--Choir--Kirwin Hall

#### Thursday--December 21

5:30pm--Children's Choir--Kirwin Hall

### Saturday--December 23

11am--Rehearsal-Angels & Shepherds Kirwin/Walden

Sunday--December 24--Christmas Eve Masses: 8 am, 9:15am, & 10:45 am. 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 8pm & 10:30pm.

Christmas Carols by the Choir at 10 pm.

### Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for December 10 - 16, 2017

	Sun	Dec. 10	\$50	# 4 Bill & Lori Rudden
	Mon.	Dec. 11	\$25	#976 Bill & Jamie Stahura
	Tues.	Dec. 12	\$25	#502 Michael & Christine Genoves
	Wed.	Dec. 13	\$25	#965 Michael Welch
	Thurs.	Dec. 14	\$25	#878 Ken & Dolores Fensterer
	Fri.	Dec. 15	\$25	#202 Andy & Kathy Turano
	Sat.	Dec. 16	\$25	#881 Lottie & Chet Kalenty
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### SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 10, 2017 \$7.434.75

Envelope <u>users</u>: 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.

### 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%

### **OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

(Subject to last minute changes)

	This Weekend	Next Weekend
<u>Saturday</u>	(Dec. 16/17)	(Dec. 23/24)
5 pm	Msgr.Boccafola	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr.Boccafola
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15 pm	Fr. Fred	NO MASS

### **Christmas Eve**

### **Christmas Day**

3:30 pm	Fr. Antony	9:00 am Msgr.Boccafola
5:30 pm	Fr. Antony	10:45 am Fr. Antony
8:00 pm	Fr. Corneille	12:15 pm Fr. Antony
10:00 pm	Christmas	
	Carols (Choir	r)
10:30 pm	Fr. Antony	







### **Baptism Preparation Facilitator Training Part I - Port Washington**

The Meaning and the grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington

### **Baptism Preparation Facilitator Training Part I - Setauket**

The Meaning and the grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. Thursday, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. St. James Parish (*Pastoral Center, Room 104*) Setauket

### 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:

( ) Altan Caman

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

### CHURCH MINISTRIES

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#### 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:

REGISTRATION and/or			
Phone:			
Address:			
Name::			
( )Adult Lending Library	( ) Banner Committee		
( ) Caring for Altar Plants	( ) FOCCUS		
( ) Rosary Altar Society	( ) Pre-Cana		
<ul><li>( ) Lector</li><li>( ) Consolation Minister</li></ul>	<ul><li>( ) Eucharistic Minister</li><li>( ) Landscaping/Planting</li></ul>		
( ) RCIA	( ) Liturgy with Children		
( ) Usher	( ) Greeter		
( ) Altai Scivei	( ) Hospitality		

### 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

To join the Calendar Club, you may purchase 1 number for \$25 or 5 numbers for \$100. You may also give membership to the Calendar Club as gifts.

Numbers for the Calendar Club are drawn every day of the vear, except on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Prizes are \$50 on Sundays and \$25 on weekdays. Larger prizes are awarded on certain special feast davs.

Names of winners are printed in the bulletin every week and a check is mailed directly to them.

To enroll in the Calendar Club, please complete the form below and mail it together with your check to St. Thomas *More Church or drop it off at the Rectory.* 

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

NAME(S)			
ADDRESS:			
PHONE:( )			
( ) One Number for \$25			
OK			
( ) FIVE Numbers for \$100			
(If your return your form & payment by Sunday,			

December 10, 2017, 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</u> (Advantage Care Health Center) 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.

<u>Catholic Health Services of LI</u> 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.

Newsday Media Group--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. **Panera**--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

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

Suffolk Bus Drivers--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

### St. Catherine of Siena—

- 1. <u>Nursing Home</u>—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;
- 2. Hospital—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists
- 3. Physical Therapy Aides—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.
- 4. Nurse Manager—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

<u>Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes</u>--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.



#### Christmas 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families! As we celebrate the Prince of Peace's entrance into world history, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the Mission of Mercy of our Holy Catholic Church.

We give thanks for our families, our domestic churches, which transform the world and history with Christ's Love and the Church's missionary spirit

This past month we dedicated the Gianna Center of Long Island for Women's Health and Fertility, which in its mission unites the Splendor of Truth of Catholic Moral Teaching on Marriage and the Family with ethical reproductive science through the use of *NaPro Technology* and the *Creighton Model Fertility Care System*.

This was an important moment for the Catholic Church and Catholic Health Services in its service to the common good of Long Island.

The dedication of the Gianna Center gives a living expression of celebration to some important 2018 Church anniversaries.

On July 28, 2018, we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Blessed Paul VI was prophetic as he courageously taught that all marital intimacy celebrates both the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love that cannot be separated.

The Holy Father predicted accurately the dire consequences for society of separating the lovegiving and life-giving dimensions of married love. He was widely criticized, even ridiculed at the time, but as we know from the Old Testament that is exactly what happens to prophets who stand up for liberating truths.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman once said: "The Catholic Church is not behind the times. It is beyond the times." And as the renowned particle physicist Professor Stephen Barr emphasizes, in the history of the world, the Catholic Church is the greatest friend and supporter of *ethical* scientific development. The Gianna Center is an expression of this friendship, support and partnership in history.

On August 4, 2018, we will also celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John Paul II's great encyclical *The Splendor of Truth*, which shows that moral choices and decisions that are grounded in objective truth transform and illumine the lives of individuals and society.

The Gianna Center is a powerful part of that dedication to truth, charity and mercy and during this Christmas 2017, we ask the Christ Child to lead all those involved in the mission of the Gianna Center and all who are served by that mission.

The Center's patroness, St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) was a wife, a mother and a physician dedicated to the progress of medical science. Her image is prominent at the main altar of St. Agnes Cathedral where I will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass.

I will pray that her intercession and her courageous and holy example may inspire each one of us and our family members this Christmas season and be yet another catalyst of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Dishop of Rockville Centre

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### St. Thomas More Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign

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### Over \$920,000 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, 433 families have returned their pledge for a total of \$923,750. 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 sacrifice.

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

Pledge Payment reminders are being mailed on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

# One of the real joys of the Christmas season Is the opportunity to say Thank you to all our catechists and coordinators Who bring the light of Christ to our children.

May God Bless you and your family!



### Father Antony and the Religious Education staff

Daniela Abruscato, Colleen Agovino, Edith Aliscio, Lori Arcoleo, Melissa Barbera, Eileen Barr, Vicki Barrett, Karen Bayer, Michele Bento, Donna Brown, Dawn Bryan, Theresa Bullaro, Marisa Busch, Michele Byrne, Andrea Caldara, Lisa Cangro, Carolyn Carboy, Hilarie Carrieri, Wendy Cavanagh, Kathleen Cella, Adrienne Colonna, Deanne Congema, Heidi Contreras, Jannine Corso, Kristen Coyne, Theresa Curtin, Lauren DeFelice, Dianne Delgado, Jennifer DeModna, James DeSantis, Diane DeSantis, Dana DiDio, Danielle Diesso, Jaime Doblan, Ellen Dove, Melissa Farina, Lydia Femminella, Kelly Feron, Theresa Ferrante, Elizabeth Ficco, Pam Fine, Anita Florek, Patricia Flynn, **Karen Flynn**, Michele Foley, Christina Francisci, Maureen Fresolone, Maria Fusaro, Thomas Fusco, Louise Gallagher-Maggio, Jennifer Galvin, Jacqueline Garziano Clarke, Heather Gaudioso, Claudine Gennari, Michael Genovese, Margaret Gill, Denise Gillis, Peggy Goutink, Tricia Greene, Rebecca Harten, Greta Helmke, Cathy Henselder, Patricia Hoeler, Elana Hores, Cara Horigan, Kelly Hyland, **Karen Ilntizki**, Babs Importuna, Anna Isernio, Colleen Katchen, Caitlyn Kempsey, Lisa Lalli, Katie Lave, Suzanne Lefebvre, Danielle Liebold, Marc Limonciello, Nancy Lombardi, Jennifer Magill, Janet Mangafas, Cheryl Manzella, Andrea Marinozzi, Elizabeth McDonald, Barbara McGuire, Mike McNamara, Kerry Menendez, Crystal Migliore, Maria Milazzo, Andraia Milazzo Miller, Dawn Monda, Lisa Mooney, Linda Morales, Gina Morris, Maureen Napolitano, Natalie Niemann, Christine Orioles, Carmen Palermo, Jill Pasqualone, Kevin Pearsall, Nikki Peet, Eileen Petre, Ellen Pistritto, Suzanne Polidoro, Jennifer Reidy, Rosemarie Riepe, Samantha Rivera, Linda Ronning, Susan Rosenfeld, Eileen Ryan, Traci Ryan, Thomas Samson, Ximena Samson, Constance Sandbichler, Eileen Santangelo, Dawn Scarfo, Sharon Schmidt, Dolores Schroeder, Michele Schroeder, Christine Sgaraglio, Stephanie Sherin, Cynthia Smith, Kimberly Stopanio, Jennifer Sullivan, Josephine Sumwalt, Tracy Sweeney, Christine Tjersland, Maria Torquato, Donna Vaughan, Erica Vaughan, Samantha Vermilyea, **Laura Vigneaux**, Angela Villarico, Peggy Vissichio, Carolanne Wahl, Andrea Walker, Susan White, Dana White, Rose Williamson, Barbara Zembrzycki and Jill Zweigbaum



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THOMAS MORE/MSGR MIDURA COUNCIL #6062

THIRD ANNUAL FUND RAISER AT!!!!!



# FIVE GUYS

BURGERS and FRIES



FIVE GUYS BURGERS AND FRIES 601 VETERANS HIGHWAY, HAUPPAUGE NY 11788

THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN 4PM AND 8PM

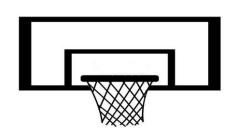
PLEASE COME DOWN AND SUPPORT OUR EFFORT. A PORTON OF THE THEIR PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. JUST COME DOWN AND ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE GRAND KNIGHT, JERRY FERRARA AT 631 806 3830



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### ST. THOMAS MORE/MSGR MIDURIA COUNCIL #6062







### PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST!!

THE DATE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2018 AT BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE TIME IS 6:30PM. BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 TO 14 (PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED). A PRIZE TO ALL WHO COMPETE.

WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO REGIONAL FINALS AND THEN ON TO STATE FINALS AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PAUL MERGET, CHARIMAN AT 631 291 0030.









# GOLDEN JUBILEE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS





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### Golden Jubilee 1967-2017







On sale in the lobby after each Mass Starting December 2-3

### SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!





