

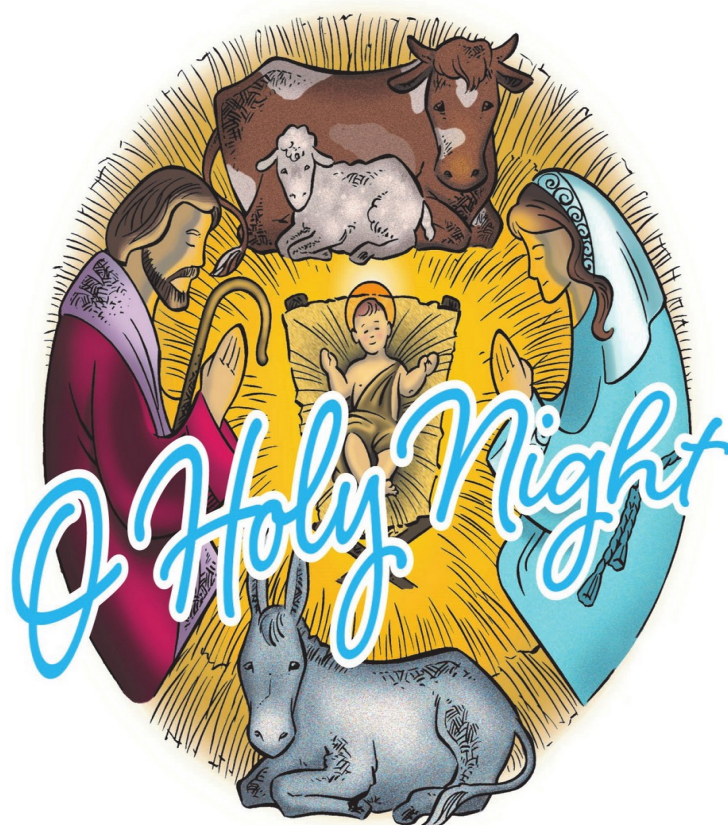
Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 24, 2017 4th Sunday of Advent **December 25, 2017**
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*



Parish Mission Statement:

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

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Masses for this coming week

December 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

Saturday, December 23 **(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

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Tuesday, December 26--St. Stephen

9am Frank Grieco *by Mae Devine & Dottie Lossan*

Wednesday, December 27--St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

9am Msgr. Francis S. Midura *by Barbara Mickelson*

Thursday, December 28--The Holy Innocents

9am Donald Brassil *by the family*

Friday, December 29--St. Thomas Becket

9am Judith Ellen Lentino *by her parents*

Saturday, December 30

9am Eileen Walsh *by James Kreider*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Msgr. Robert Kirwin *by Augie & Betty Vronsky*

Sunday, December 31--The Holy Name of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am Don Friedman *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

9:15am Barbara Booth *by Charles & Alice Longwell & family, Henry Devlin by Charles & Alice Longwell & family, Andy Forde & Geraldine Moschetti by Evelyn McMahon*

10:45am Judy Granville *by Joe & Marilyn Amodio*

12:15pm Frank Suszcynski *by Michele Brosnan, Josephine Hauk*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 31, 2017
The Holy Name of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:
 When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a turtle doves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the people: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven and thirty years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but shined night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Sally O'Connor, Leroy Farrell, our deceased loved ones and
our deceased servicemen and women

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registration for the 2018 summer season.

The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email Brendan@bfcamp.com or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com.

.Second 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](tel:6318287636)

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when another family had an effect on you.

2. Tell of an experience when you, like Simeon, could see the value of another person and told others about her goodness.

3. Relate a time when you told others of Jesus' effect on you.

Family and children's question:

Talk about a time when a little child/baby made a big difference in the lives of others.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy!

Consider having automatic deductions from either checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our churchcode 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>.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A young mother had been too busy to visit her elderly next door neighbor who was ill. She said Johnny, to run over and see how "old Mrs. Smith is". Within a few minutes, the boy was back. "She says i business how old she is." The mother's accent was on 'how'. When the son communicated to Mrs. Smith accent to be on 'old'. So the meaning of the mother's concern was misunderstood as 'her curiosity to know age.' The meaning depends on where the accent falls.

Christmas is the celebration of where God wants His accent to fall-- Yes on our hearts. God wants his abode so He decided to be born as a baby in a poorest place (manger) even though as God, He could have been born in the best place in a glorious way.

The aim of God's birth among us is not to accentuate how big and great God is. As today's Gospel tells us, the aim is to be "Emmanuel" (God with us). The accent of God's birth falls on our hearts. God wants to relate to us. He could reveal who He is. The more we open our hearts the more of God's self will be seen by us. The more we know Him, the more we will know how God wants to be one with us. Relating with God, we will open to our new life in which God is in love. May this Christmas open the new side of our worth by allowing God in our hearts.

I wish each one of you and your families **MERRY CHRISTMAS.** May the God who shares God's wonderful love in **Jesus, the EMMANUEL,** open your hearts to give and receive each other in love and joy.

We complete our Golden Jubilee Year of the parish by this Christmas. At Christmas 1967 we were born as a community of St. Thomas More. Let us wish each other Merry Christmas and a Happy Golden Jubilee.

We have a renovated Church as a God given gift for our Golden Jubilee. Please take a look at the new interior with new upholstery, new floorings, refurnished altar, center medallion, and Ambo (read Tabernacle, the abode of the Eucharistic presence of the Lord takes the center, a prominent and visible presence in the Sanctuary. As we did in the temporary Church for the last three months, let us try to keep holy silence in recognition of the Godly presence of Jesus, which in turn will help all of us to prepare for a meaningful celebration of the Holy Mass.

We need to finish a few more works in the Sanctuary. During the weekdays of the forthcoming year we need to finish them keeping the church available for celebration during weekends. If there is any inconvenience, please be patient with patience as we did it since October. If need be, please allow a little more time of patience, then all will be well.

In our Jubilee prayer we asked God to build our Sanctuary. God opened your generous hearts to contribute to the goal of \$ 920,000. We need a little more to reach our goal of the one million dollars. Thank you for your generous response. Not pledged yet I would kindly suggest this is your time. At this moment, a small or big donation, whatever you wish, will make us reach the goal easily. May God continue to bless you and inspire you to make the right offering. In the Spring of 2018, to continue the second phase of renovating the Parking Lot. So your contribution will be a great help to give a new face to the exterior of our Church.

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 sessions and welcoming Mass attendance are required.

MARRIAGE- As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Parish 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 appointment with the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK- All the sick and infirm should call the Parish Office to request visitation of the Sick Sacrament.

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 and diaconate.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Bamonti	Wayne Leo
Karen Berlet	Nancy Link
Bernadette	Phillip Lloyd
Janice Bini	Patricia Loicano
Joseph Bittner	Nicolas LoRusso (2 years old)
Jean Blaney	Mike Masone
Pat Booth	Laura Mattioli
Pamela Brosnan	Cindy Mango
Mary Brussell	Diane McCann
Anthony C. (5 yrs)	Terri Ilardi McKee
Daniel Callihan	Camille Mendolia
Christina Cammarata	Sharon Mills
Barbara Cappisillo	Marie Minutillo
Linda Sue Cappisillo	Rosie Miranda
Dona Caragol	Dorothy L. Monaco
Swami Chettiar	Barbaralynn Moseman
John Colosi	Ellen & Leo Murphy
Thea Constantatos	Betty Napoli
Donald Crocker	Caidee Nielsen (2 years old)
Mary Cullin	James Nielsen (16 years old)
Joey Cullum	Victoria Nelson
Mike DeLeo	Fr. Harold Noviello
Caroline De Santis	Patricia OConnell
Amanda De Rosa	Sarah O'Connor
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)	Patrice Okorn
Florence & Anthony Donato	Joseph P.
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Dorothy Pagano
Elvira DuBritz	Rainey Pappas
Duke	Mary Ann Peet
Leona Esposito	Fern Peppe
Dominga Francisco	Robert K. Rathje
Andrew Gallo	Kim Rico
Connie Gennaro	Venjamin Rivera
Ciro Ghiraldi	Mary Ruchalski (10 yrs. old)
Gerald Gilson	Robert Schernowitz
Isabelle Grenier	Elyse Schrage
John Hanna	Teresa Shannon
Richard Happe	Kim Shernowitz
Olive Harrison (16 months)	Daniel Skinnon
Jamie Hawkins	Mary Spinosa
Jane Hoffman	Dorothes Stempel
Laurie Holmes	Richard Stout
Theresa Huebner	Andrea Suess
Anita Ilardi	Jeanine Tagliferri
Anne & Judi Iovino	Richard Tulipan
Joseph Jacklets	Chase Turano
Regina Jeskie	Andrew J. Valentine
Suzy Johnson	Andrew M. Valentine
Richard Kaler	Mike Walsh
Costa Katsapis	Debbie Ward
Jean Marsala Kieffner	Rosalind Warmuth
Albert Kunz	Gregory Yule
Theresa Marvelli	Joey Ziegler
Elaine Kleenstauber	
Dr. C. Lalli	
Luigi Lanzo	
Morgan Leary (age 8)	
Anne Leggio	



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Jessie Bernstein	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Alex Lombardi
John Burk	Thomas LaFemina
David Chester	Andrew Lombardi
John Chester	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 Rathje
J.T. Foltz	Antonia Marie Rivera
Mike Foltz	Ana Karen Sanchez
William Gregory	Donovan Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Guidone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrickson	Michael White
John Karies	



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

Facebook

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

Instagram

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- stm_yg

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Personal Prayer

SpiritualOrientations.com

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

BJFRAT@optonline.net

PARISH OUTREACH

HAMS! HAMS! HAMS!



Another Christmas hotly anticipated; another Christmas almost here in a matter of hours. Is the company here?

Have you baked enough cookies and cakes? Have you wrapped all the gifts? Is it time to sit back and say I've done it all to the best of my ability. If it isn't done, it's not going to be done. I have earned the right to sit and enjoy this Blessed holiday and contemplate all that is in my life. Let me sing in Church with all the gusto I can manage, and tell of the joy I am feeling to let us share in the good news that our friends have made possible: we have been able to provide Christmas for the needy in our parish, as well as giving gift cards to the children so that they may enjoy gifts on Christmas. We have been able to provide toys for needy children in dire circumstances; we have been able to provide meals for those who couldn't afford to buy them; and we have provided you, dear parishioners, with the opportunity to share the goodness in your hearts.

Pat Chapin's third grade religious education students collected bottles and redeemed them, giving Outreach Food drives have been initiated, fund raisers have been held, and ad hoc donations have been made, all in the name of sharing the bounty that we have been privileged to receive. We have seen this year! Despite the depressing news we have witnessed, goodness still thrives in the world here, in our little world of St. Thomas More. Thank you, everyone, for helping.

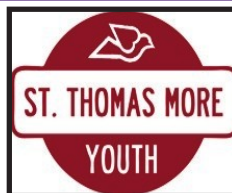
St Vincent de Paul Conference

To our friends, benefactors, neighbors and fellow parishioners:

On this day, illumined by the gospel hope which springs from the humble stable of Bethlehem, I invoke the Christmas gift of joy and peace upon all: upon children and the elderly, upon young people and families, the poor and the marginalized. May Jesus, who was born for us, console all those afflicted by illness and suffering. May he sustain those who devote themselves to serving our brothers and sisters who are most in need.
Happy Christmas to all!

---- Pope Francis

(Opening Our Hearts to God: Praying through Advent with Pope Francis)

YOUTH MINISTRY
CORNER

Our Registration Forms are already online for download and can be dropped off in the Parish Office or brought to Youth Ministry. Please access www.stthomasmoreyouth.org and look under FORMS.

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
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 needed. The following information 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

Taking "Christ" Out of "Christmas" on College Campuses

Under the guise of inclusivity, many colleges across the nation are promoting non-religious decorations, displays and celebrations when issuing their annual guidelines for Christmas. They contend that public religious displays are inappropriate for Christmas - a holiday so-named because it celebrates the birth of Christ. In their efforts "striving to make campuses as inclusive as possible in 2017," by banning Christmas displays and celebrations, these colleges are telling Christians their traditions are offensive.

* The University of California, Irvine, encouraged a "focus on celebrating a special occasion, instead of a specific holiday" such as a "year-end celebration" or celebrate "seasonal themes such as fall, winter, or spring."

* The State University of New York at Brockport issued decorating guidelines. "Keep decorations general and non-specific to any religion. Create a winter theme with lights and color rather than religious icons ..." Brockport advised employees to "consider a grab bag instead of a 'Secret Santa' gift exchange."

* Missouri State University barred "religious icons" and recommended displaying snowmen, bells, flowers and other nondescript items.

* Life University in Georgia, Eastern Connecticut State University, and others, are holding a holiday decorating contest that considers "inclusiveness, or how the decorations are respectful of all religious winter holidays."

* Many colleges are leaving off the word "Christmas" to describe annual tree lighting ceremonies.
(nynews.com, 12/10/17; leadershipinstitute.org, 12/6/17; campusreform.org, 12/11/17)

"There were only a few shepherds at the first Bethlehem. The ox and the donkey understood the first Christmas than the high priests in Jerusalem. And it is the same today."
Thomas Merton, Catholic monk and author

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



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 the Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, please contact Marylyn 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 Wraps in Silk by Kelli Estes--Facilitator Joan Shea.

DRVC - Bookkeepers Wanted

The Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking 3 part-time Bookkeeper positions (Eastern Suffolk, Central Suffolk, and Nassau). This part-time position is 20 Hours per Week, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Individual bookkeepers are expected to work with all Parish Support Managers and Associate Parish Support Staff, in providing financial services and administrative support to a select group of parishes and schools.
Position Requirements - Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, Associate degree, preferably in the discipline of accounting or bookkeeping preferred, Good verbal and written communications skills, Initiative and willingness to learn new tasks and systems.

Please email your cover letter and resume in word format as an email attachment. Please note
Part-Time - Bookkeeper in subject of e-mail to Human Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre, P O Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 - Email: employment@drvc.org - Fax: 516-678-9566.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE*(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday--December 24--**

Masses: 8 am, 9:15am, & 10:45 am.

Christmas Eve-

Masses at 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 8pm & 10:30pm.

Christmas Carols by the Choir at 10 pm.

Monday--December 25--Christmas Day

Masses at 9 am, 10:45 am & 12:15 pm

Thursday--December 28

5:30pm--Children's Choir Reh-Church

7:30pm-Choir Reh--Church

**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

**Congratulations
CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

Here are the winners for December 17 - 23, 2017

Sun..	Dec. 17	\$5049	William E. Waters
Mon.	Dec. 18	\$25#450	Patricia Porter
Tues.	Dec. 19	\$25#673	Iallonardi Boys
Wed.	Dec. 20	\$25#955	Lottie & Chet Kalenty
Thurs.	Dec. 21	\$25 #888	Lee Ann DeCillis
Fri.	Dec. 22	\$25#376	Peter & Mary Romano
Sat.	Dec. 23	\$25 #298	Ralph Marcello

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 17, 2017 \$696.00

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.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2017**

as of December 13, 2017

Our Parish Goal \$68,500.00
Pledges to date \$53,142.08
Percentage of Goal 77.6%

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Dec. 23/24)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Dec. 30/31)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Antony
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Fred	Msgr. Boccafolo
12:15 pm	NO MASS	Fr. Antony
<u>Christmas Eve</u>		<u>Christmas Day</u>
3:30 pm	Fr. Antony	9:00 am Msgr. Boccafolo
5:30 pm	Fr. Antony	10:45 am Fr. Antony
8:00 pm	Fr. Corneille	12:15 pm Fr. Antony
10:00 pm	Christmas	
10:30 pm	Carols (Choir)	
	Fr. Antony	



ADVENT:
Christ in The Crowd



DAILY VIDEO ADVENT REFLECTIONS
with Bishop John O. Barres
DECEMBER 3RD — DECEMBER 24TH

TO WATCH, VISIT: DRVC.ORG | TELECARETV.ORG | DRVC ON FACEBOOK

***Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit to
St. Thomas More in
December 2017***



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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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, year, 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 feasts.

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
OR

☐ FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday December 10, 2017, you will receive a total of 5 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? Or know of any job openings? 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

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

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

Cablevision - Account executives sales for potential customers--canvassing assigned territory- Excellent benefits. U.S. 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 LI 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive salaries. 2) Superintendent Helper Male Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr.--15 hrs.

Geico Insurance--Sales reps, mgt. trainees, claim services reps. --750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am -3pm, Mon-Fri. 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

Newsday--Security Officer/EMT--security & safety of employees-2-3 years exp. as security or law enforcement. P/T Collator position. 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.

New York Community Bank--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. Nursing Home--Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, 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.

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

Uncle Giuseppe--Melville locations, deli, bakery, produce & more openings. Insurance, discount, salaries--also open in other locations.

United Cerebral-- Positions open in Residential, Children's Adult Day Programs throughout Suffolk--Valid NYS Driver's license or GEC. Excellent Benefits and salaries.

See "Civil Service Notice" posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information on the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, and child's home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides. 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 Flower Fund 2017

With gratitude in our hearts, we thank those who supported our 2017 Flower Fund.

(We apologize for any typographical errors in reading some handwriting).

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Starting at 7pm
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\$50 per person

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