

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

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

**December 31, 2017 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



## The Holy Family

**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 31, 2017**  
**The Holy Family 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**

### **Saturday, December 30** **(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)**

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

### **Sunday, December 31--The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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

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

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

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

### **Monday, January 1--The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9am Alice De Stefano *by Michele Brosnan*

12:15pm Joel Miller *by the Miller family*

### **Tuesday, January 2--St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen**

9am Bernice Kluse *by Mae Devine & Dottie Lossan*

### **Wednesday, January 3--The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9am Dominick Fanelli *by Maria Rotolico*

### **Thursday, January 4--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9am Jacqueline Marcello *by friends from the St. Mary's Pantry*

### **Friday, January 5--St. John Neumann--First Friday**

9am Frank Suszczyński *by Ann & Lou Anatrella*

### **Saturday, January 6--St. André Bessette--First Saturday**

9am Arlene Mellina *by Rose Quinn*

### **(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)**

5pm Alice Di Stefano *by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*, Barbara Dorsey (Healing) *by Pat & Helena Marsden*, Matthew Fabrizio *by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*, Eleanor Frost, John (Johnny) Furlong *by Helena & Pat Marsden*, Janet Heine *by Marsha Augustyn*, James Killian *by Helena & Pat Marsden*, Fred Smith *by Eileen & Joel Frank*, Theresa Vogt *by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

### **Sunday, January 7--The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00am Mark Smith *by Fred Dunlop*

9:15am Jean Podmore *by Phyllis Brunetti*

10:45am Marie Dickie *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

12:15pm Jacqueline Marcello *by Maryann & Kristian Gregorace*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**January 7, 2018**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Isaiah 60: 1-6**  
**Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**  
**Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6**  
**Luke 2:1-12**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:  
 When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judah; for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

"Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, and came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

### **Focus questions:**

1. Describe a time when you had an Epiphany, a sudden awareness of something beyond your ordinary experience.

2. Describe a time when you took a different route in your faith journey. What obstacles got in your way of getting on the right track?

3. What can you do as a member of the Catholic community to become a better light in helping others find Jesus?.

### **Family and children's question:**

What gifts would you bring to the Christ child?.

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

John J. Butler, Sally O'Connor, our deceased loved ones  
and our deceased servicemen and women

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

**Single, Widowed, Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island--Meeting--Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:30pm--St. Frances De Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh**

Non-Denominational All are welcome. Please bring proof of single status. Refreshments following the meeting. For more info. Call Carol 516-794-4933 or Barbara 516-798-2858.

(Second 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.

## 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 21 Hours per Week, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Individual

will be 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,

ability 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 our Human

Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre,

P O Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 -

Email: [employment@drvc.org](mailto:employment@drvc.org) - Fax: 516-678-9566.

**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

[www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our churchcode is

**NY227**. You may also use the form located where

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

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 projects.

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/>

or email [stmreled@stthomasmore.org](mailto:stmreled@stthomasmore.org).

**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**, Commack,

New York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You

may contact the school at [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of

parish's regional school, or visit the school website

at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com)

## FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

**A young boy, away at boarding school,** wrote after his first visit to the school's chapel: "It has glass windows with pictures of people who were famous in God's time." We are beginning a new year. The year is our time. God calls us to make this human time into God's time.

**Today we celebrate our families while celebrating God's Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When God comes into their relationship, the poor and regular family became the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Today's celebration recognizes our potential to let God in our family and make it holy just as the Holy Family did. When God comes into our time and situation, then all human times and situations become God's time.

**As humans, none of us is perfect.** None of us has all that we need to live up to the expectations of God. We are all weak and insufficient and thus fall short of making our lives fully alive and joyful. But if all of us let God into our personal lives, then God fills us with all that we lack in our relationship. If we can put our personal demand and satisfaction to have God-experience as the goal of our relationship, we will find that our personal relationships will be more fulfilling of all our needs and expectations. Let us let God in. Let our time become God's time. May none of our relationships be reduced to personal and self-centered. Let them bloom into the experience of God among us to make our lives blossom with fullness of life in joy.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.** (Psalm 118:23) This sentiment of the hearts when we celebrated the Golden Jubilee Mass on Christmas Day in the Renovated Church, marking the completion of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of our Parish. We came together in the name of God. God worked among each one of us according to how much each one of us has let God work in us. Praise God. Thank God. January 2<sup>nd</sup> work will re-commence to complete the work that was unfinished.

**2017 Contribution Statements:** Soon after the New Year we will complete data entries of 2017. If you want a record of your 2017 contributions for tax purposes, please complete and return the statement in the bulletin and return it to the Church Office. We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

Thanks  
for a great year

#### 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 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**- 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 &amp; EMAIL

**Websites**

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

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

**Facebook**

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

**Instagram**

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

- stmreligiousd
- stm\_yg

**Email**

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Altar Servers Ministry: [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)

Personal Prayer: [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

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

[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## PARISH OUTREACH



Let us share in the good news that our friends have made possible: we have been able to provide Christmas gifts to the needy in our parish, as well as provide 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 needed items to those who couldn't afford to buy them; and we have provided you, dear parishioners, with the opportunity to share in the joy in your hearts.

Pat Chapin's third grade religious education students collected bottles and redeemed them, giving Out. Food drives have been initiated, fund raisers have been held, and ad hoc donations have been made, all adding to the bounty that we have been privileged to receive. What Spirit we have seen this year! Despite the challenges we have witnessed, goodness still thrives in the world - at least here, in our little world of St. Thomas More. Thank you, one, for helping.

We look forward to a New Year of renewed energy, faith, and a hopeful outlook for the world, in general. We hope that all people are good at heart; don't let the evil thoughts and deeds of some depress you. God has a plan for us.

And remember...you feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it....

## St Vincent de Paul Conference

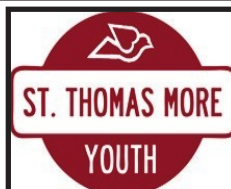
**To our friends, benefactors, neighbors and fellow parishioners:**

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

### The True Meaning of "Separation of Church and State"

Our forefathers would have never accepted or permitted the restrictions on religion or conscience that are enacted today under the banner "Separation of Church and State." Since these restrictions are the exact opposite of the intent of Thomas Jefferson's "separation ..." phrase. The intent of the founders was not to establish the government as a free zone, but to ensure that matters of religious conscience and practice was a **government-free zone**.

Yet, frequently today, crosses are ripped down in parks, prayer has been banished from schools, and there are lawsuits trying to remove "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance.

How did this happen? It seems that over the past century, when we weren't paying close attention, and freedom-from-religion groups challenged American founding principles in the public square, in schools, the courts, thus succeeding in mutating Jefferson's reassurance to the Danbury Baptist Church that government couldn't interfere in their First Amendment Freedom of Religion rights. President Jefferson wrote that the "exercise" clause "built a wall of separation between Church and State."

Our founders fought for a nation where, in the words of Pastor John Leland, all would be "equally free - Jews, Turks, Pagans, and Christians." They knew from history that an attack on anyone's religious liberty would be destructive to everyone's religious liberty; for where government, through power, can dictate, there is no liberty.

(christiananswers.net; forbes.com, 7/9/11; wnd.com; KrisAnneHall, 6/26/13)

**"God governs in the affairs of men ... And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"**  
 Benjamin Franklin

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, contact 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 Wraps in Silk by Kelli Estes--Facilitator Joan Shea.

## New Year's Day on Monday? What about Mass?

This year, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day) falls on a Monday. This makes things a little complicated. Normally, this feast is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church. However, the Bishops of the United States have said that when this feast falls on either a Saturday or a Monday, ~~those years only~~ **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation.

So, this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass on New Year's Day. However, for those who wish to, we will have Mass on Monday, January 1, 2018, at 9:00 am and at 12:15 pm. There will be no anticipatory Mass in the parish on New Year's Eve.

## PAINT NIGHT - YOUTH GROUP

Please note that the Paint Night has been rescheduled from Saturday, February 10, 2018 to **Saturday, February 24, 2018.**

Further information will be available in the bulletin the weekend of January 6/7, 2018.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE***(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday--December 31**

Masses: 8 am, 9:15am, 10:45 am. &amp; 12:15pm

No Youth Ministry

**Monday--January 1--New Year's Day***(Not a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA this year)***Tuesday--January 2**

7 pm--Adoration--Church

**Wednesday--January 3**

5 pm--Knights of Columbus Bus.Mtg--Kit/WH/KH

**Thursday--January 4**

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

7:30 pm--Adult Choir--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 24-30 2017

**Sun.. Dec. 24 \$50.25 James & Anita Ilardi****Mon. Dec. 25 \$75.920 Karen Flynn****Tues. Dec. 26 \$25.232 M/M Greg Clarke****Wed. Dec. 27 \$25.274 Angelo & Mary Joan DiFrancisco****Thurs. Dec. 28 \$25.967 Bill & Lori Rudden****Fri. Dec. 29 \$25.484 Joe & Joy Licari****Sat. Dec. 30 \$25.330 Carol & Bill Link**

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of December 24, 2017 figure not available when Bulletin went to press.

**Envelope users:** Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This greatly help us when counting the collection and recording your contribution.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2017

as of December 20, 2017

**Our Parish Goal \$68,500.00****Pledges to date \$53,242.08****Percentage of Goal 77.7%**

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

This Weekend  
(Dec. 30/31)

Next Weekend  
(Jan. 6/7)

Saturday

5 pm

Fr. Antony

Msgr. Boccafolo

Sunday

8 am

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

9:15 am

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

10:45 am

Msgr. Boccafolo

Fr. Antony

12:15 pm

Fr. Fred

Fr. Fred

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

In observance of New Year's Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st.





## St. Thomas More Photos of Mass on Christmas Eve - December 24, 2017



*Photos: Courtesy of Frank Bayer*

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK

— Adding a name Request —

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LIST 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 of the 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 feast days.

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

☐ 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).

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## 2017 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/We would like a record of our 2017 contributions to St. Thomas More.

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

PHONE

E-mail:



## 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. 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 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 positions. 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 diploma 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.*

*The following names were received after the Bulletin went to press.*

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

## IN MEMORY OF

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Benintendi  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Fensterer  
Mrs. Maureen Grancio  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hirsch  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Lane  
Ms. Concetta A. Linehan  
Mrs. Joseph Loughlin  
Mr. & Mrs. Dominick W. Mancuso  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mango  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Marinacci  
Mr. James Monahan  
Mr. Dom Montanino  
Mr. Bernard G. Nagel  
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Mr. & Mrs. Miles O'Shaughnessy  
Mr. & Mrs. John Palmer  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Policastro  
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas R. Raso  
Mr. Victor C. Spadafora  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Stapleton  
Mrs. Winifred T. Sulander  
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Tate  
Mrs. Timons

Richard & Frances Mazzone  
Fensterer & Kreischer Families  
Anthony Grancio  
Deceased members Donato and Hirsch Families  
Julia & Leopold Horyl  
Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Cordella  
Joseph Loughlin  
Karen Kennedy  
Guzzardo/Mango Families  
Anthony & Lena Palazzotto  
Monahan & Madigan Families  
Rose Friscia & Tony Friscia  
Agnes Nagel  
Rouse & Marvelli Family  
Michael O'Shaughnessy  
John H. Palmer & Veronica Palmer  
Angela Policastro  
Placido Raso  
Lisa Spadafora  
Stapleton Casey Family and John Blount  
Mrs. Ellen Boland  
Carraba/Tate Families  
Family

*Our grateful thanks to the following for their support of our Christmas Flower Fund 2017*

Mrs. Joseph Luca





# **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.**







**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THOMAS MORE/MSGR MIDURA  
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**THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN 4PM AND 8PM**

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

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[mecarroll@optonline.net](mailto:mecarroll@optonline.net) or call  
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(front of ornament)



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



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**Golden Jubilee  
1967-2017**



**\$5 Each**



On sale in the lobby after each Mass

Starting December 2-3

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# CHRISTMAS

## Mass Remembrance

*In Remembrance of:*

Mr. Lew Bernard  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Codispoti  
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas M. Cohen  
Mrs. Mary Friedman  
Mr. & Mrs. David Holdorf  
Miss Elizabeth Kane

Mrs. Marie Madden  
Mr. Ralph C. Marcello  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary G. Norris  
Mrs. Letitia Russo  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Saladino  
Mr. & Mrs. Hank Sentowski

Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Smith  
Leonard Solicito  
Mr. Andrew Valentine

Mary & Guerin Bernard  
Lisa Codispoti  
Nancy & Frank Lamb  
Don Friedman  
Roberta Pistorius  
Living & Deceased Members of the Kane  
Family  
Joseph Madden  
Ralph M. & Ida Marcello  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lertora  
Robert Russo

Deceased - Sentowski & Bendykowski  
Families  
Mr. & Mrs. William Dillon  
Deceased - Smith & Severynse Families

Anne Joan Valentine