

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More
115 Kings Highway

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
Rev. Robert Dahlke, SJ, Weekend Priest
Deacon Robert D. Weisz
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
Deacon John S. Rapacki

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 arrange-
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an
appointment with one of the deacons.

RECONCILIATION—Celebrated in Church
every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by
previous appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Call the Church
Office to request visitation of the sick.

CONFIRMATION—Those who have not been
confirmed should call the Parish Office to
receive further information.

HOLY ORDERS—Contact the Parish Office for
more information about the priesthood or
diaconate.



February 9, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Telephones:

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199
Church Lobby—	348-9378	

<p style="text-align: center;">Masses for this coming week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Growing through the Sunday Scriptures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> February 9, 2014 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> February 16, 2014 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 </p>

Saturday—February 8

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Frank Zablocki *by the family*

Sunday—February 9 —Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Lucja & Edward Kostrzewa *by the Kostrzewa family*

9:15am—Edmund Gast *by the Borowski family*

10:45am—James & Lucy Giardina *by Madeline & Robert Sauchelli*

12:15pm—Dolly & Ed Smith (65th Wedding Anniversary) *by Maureen Fallona*

Monday—February 10—St. Scolastica

9am—Jeanne Baer *by Ed Baer & family*

Tuesday—February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

9am—The Living & Deceased Members of the Potuzak family *by Charles Potuzak*

Wednesday—February 12

9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

Thursday—February 13

9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

Friday—February 14—St. Cyril & St. Methodius

9am—For the intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday—February 15

9am—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Rose, Michael, Rocco & Leonard Viso *by the Butindari family*

Sunday—February 16 —Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—John Soldo *by the Murn family*

9:15am—Robert DeFeo *by Mary & Greg Mastrandrea*

10:45am—Camille G. Ward *by the Borowski family*

12:15pm—Joseph Babits *by James Martin & family*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kathy Badalaty; James & Rita Basile;
Michael Basile; Bill Bell; Charles Boston; Arlene Bove; Fred Busse; Tom B. Buttles;
Linda Sue Cappisillo; Sonny Carlucci;
Jamie Castro-Mango; Maryann Che;
Thomas Diana; Tom Devine;



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you held onto a grudge for too long. Who or what helped you to let go?
2. Describe a time when you acted out of anger and regretted it.
3. Relate a time when you did the loving thing even though that action was unpopular.

Family and children’s question

How quick are you to call other people names? What can you do to break that bad habit?

Florence & Anthony Donato; Joanna Dove;
Katherine Drechsler; William Driscoll; Thomas Duffy;
Jason Elias; Leona Esposito; Lorenzo Fernandes;
Roma Fierro; Michael Filaseta; Barbara Foberg;
Fernando Francisco; Conrad Gangone; Tom Gernon;
Mary Happe; William Heidenreich; Penny Henrich;
Aaron Hilf; Ann & Anthony Iovino; Laura Jennings;
Claire Keating; Elaine Kleinstauber; Henry Kwiecinski;
Lorraine Mango-Follini; Nicole Mango-Follini;
Jean Marsala-Kieffner; Cody McGill;
Marge McGowan; Cathleen McQuade; Teri Miliano;
Stella Minecci; Vicki Nelson; toddler Lila Nitsch;
Pat Owens; Leona Papareto; Albert Pastore;
Joseph Peter; Bill Radcliffe; Cecilia Rantz;
Connie Polik; Fred Polik; Marie Reddy; Joel Rivera;
Carlos Sanchez; Ben Savage; Denise Siele;
Walter Seidel; Ray & Kathy; Aileen Soler;
Jennifer Spears; Jan Stahura; Ted Stahura;
Tom Stahura; Oscar Steadman; Richard Stout;
Monique Tartt; Chase Turano; Andrew J. Valentine;
Andrew M. Valentine; Grace Von Ancken;
Leo Vannoni; Ellen-Jane Vinson; Mikki Wilbert;
Linda Wilkonski; Thuy Wilmott; Eileen Zappia

*(We ask those who wish to have the sick listed in the bulletin to submit their names through the collection or drop the name(s) off at the Church Office. Please use the cut-out in the bulletin for your convenience. **This listing will expire on March 31, 2014.** Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.)*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Monique Tartt; Helen Dracius; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

There are two types of people in the world: those who come into a room and say, "Here I am!" and those who say, "Ah there you are!" The "here I am" people are like 'salt' which dissolves and becomes a part of the whole. The "there are you are" people are like 'light' that illuminates its surroundings and helps find the people.

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us his disciples to be Salt and Light. We, as salt of Jesus, are called to dissolve into the situations and people we live with, in order to bring out the taste of Jesus. Also, as the light of Jesus, we are called to keep the flame of Jesus alive in us, in order to illuminate the situations and people around us that they may find their true identity in the

light of Jesus.

We are the salt - with the power of Jesus we are called to serve and save those with whom we relate. We are His light - with the grace of Jesus we are called to burn ourselves to bring forth His light and warmth wherever we live.

Severe Winter lots of snow: We feel we had enough of winter already...enough of shoveling snow. We have also spent a considerable amount of money for snow removal in the church parking lot... so may I kindly request you to add a bit more in your maintenance envelopes. Thank you very much for all your support.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive until Sunday, February 16. Please drop your gently used coats and jackets in the container found in the Narthex.

Congratulations to all of us. We have met the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal. Thanks to you for your contributions. The rebate we get from the Catholic Ministries Appeal will be used towards the cost of changing the ceiling lights in the Church and the projectors in Walden and Kirwin Halls.

At the direction of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops February 7th to 14th is observed as National Marriage Week, and this Sunday, February 9th is World Marriage Day to celebrate the gift and blessings of marriage. This Friday on Valentine's Day, let us pray for all married couples, engaged couples, and those in their discernment process.

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS (*Subject to last minute changes*)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Feb. 8/9)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Feb. 15/16)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5:00pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. John Rufus
<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00am	Fr. John Rufus	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Racos	Fr. John Rufus
12:15pm	Fr. Dahlke	Fr. Antony

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

YOUNG AT HEART

YAH Party on February 14. We will have wine, soda and hors d'oeuvres. Cost is \$5 per person. Coffee and cake will also be served.

For information call Peter at 724-3382.

PARISH OUTREACH & ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

Our mission: to help people incorporate St. Thomas More Parish Outreach and the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Conference.



Although we may grumble about the ice and snow, and complain about how cold we are at any given time, let's take a moment to reflect; it is winter, and this is typical weather for the season. Recently, there was news about a snowstorm that hit Atlanta, Georgia, and paralyzed the city; children couldn't get home from school, parents couldn't get to their children, or get home, for that matter. Those in charge did not cope well with the situation. Compare that to our own scenario on Long Island; we have had much snow in the last month, but we were able to cope with its effect on our lives. Think about how little we should be complaining, then, in comparison to the citizens of Georgia. How grateful we should be, that we are warm most of the time, and comfortable. Of course, the clients of Outreach would be hard pressed to call themselves "comfortable"; that is why we need to help them to sustain their self-respect, their dignity, and their hope. Please help in whatever way you can, by donating meat or chicken, canned goods, pasta, cereal, etc. and bringing the items to the Church lobby or to Outreach from Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 – 2:00. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Singles Fellowship

It's time once again for the monthly social gathering of Baby Boomer singles for a couple of hours of coffee, cake, and mingling. Find new friends to "hang out" with or plan a trip with a whole group! The singles are a mixed group: divorced, separated, widowed, or just looking to meet other single people. The meeting takes place at St. Patrick's Church, in the back by the school from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The meeting will take place on the third Sunday of every month.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

David Chester	John Chester
Carl F. Greiner	Michael White
Scott Lovelock	Christopher Mustakas
Justin Schneider	William Gregory
Christopher Day	Jason Doyle
Thomas Nichols	John Karies
Kaitlyn Nachtman	John Nachtman, Jr.
David W. Cussen	Adam Papaizai
Michael Fensterer	Michael Poist
Jesse Bernstein	Michael Polanski
Adam J. Cussen	Kyle Rathje
Ryan Smith	William R. Rathje
Ethan Bernstein	



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.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion:



Pope Francis spoke frankly last week to University of Notre Dame leadership about Catholic identity. He told them:

"To defend it, to preserve it and to advance it!"

He insisted on fidelity to Catholic moral teaching ... just a few days after a Notre Dame professor took to the N.Y. Times to lobby Pope Francis to allow certain abortions.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are calling for prayer that "we can continue to educate students in the fullness of our Catholic faith." (Cardinal Newman Society, 1/31/14)

"St. Thomas More is the man for this season, the man for this moment. He calls us to live a unity of life. He calls to moral coherence and integrity ..." , said Fr. Robert Barron

For more information please visit: www.usccb.org ; and catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org

CONGRATULATIONS !

We have been advised that the following young parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish have achieved an Honor Roll average during the first trimester of the current academic year.

Kellenberg Memorial High School:

Brandon Popp

Chaminade High School:

Sophomore	Nicholas G. Benito
Senior	Trevor Adams
	Michael G. Black
	Keith G. Christianson

CALENDAR CLUB 2014

**Here are the winners: Feb. 1 to 8, 2014
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Feb. 1—Sat. \$25 # 64—Carla Burgos
Feb. 2—Sun. **\$50** #414—Ann Russo
Feb. 3—Mon. \$25 #558—Pat & Frank Staluppi
Feb. 4—Tues. \$25 #175—Tom & Cathy McDermott
Feb. 5—Wed. \$25 #197—Marie & Jim Marsala
Feb. 6—Thurs. \$25 #209—Jane & Bill Waters
Feb. 7—Fri.. \$25 # 81—Donna & Jim Chelel
Feb. 8—Sat. . \$25 #156—Margaret Goutink

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 7—8 pm.

PRO LIFE

Come join us, be faithful to your faith; prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood abortion center, defend the defenseless, every Wednesday & Saturday 7:30 am till 11:00 am rain or shine, at 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown. Supporters from all denominations are welcome. The unborn need your support and help. For additional information, please contact Mary Ann & Al Rubenbauer at 864-1759.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

John Sandolo, Jr, St. Thomas More Hauppauge & Samantha Bocard, St. Thomas More Hauppauge

MINISTRY MATTERS **STEWARDSHIP AT ST THOMAS** **MORE**

The Pastoral Council is a ministry in which representatives from the parish community are able to assist the pastor and be in a position to bring the concerns of the people both to the Pastor and the Council.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The origins of the Pastoral Council at our parish are somewhat different than the normal “birthing” of a ministry: Several years ago, while Msgr. Walden was still a pastor here, the Diocese requested that all of its parishes include a Pastoral Council that would help the Pastor in addressing various issues of his choosing. Before leaving our parish, Msgr. Walden compiled a list of 9-10 prospective members, which Msgr. Midura used to form the Council when he became our pastor, and after member changes during Msgr. Midura’s years with us, was then inherited by Fr. Asir.

The Council now has a three-year term limit, with three members leaving and three new members joining each year, and with meetings usually every month.

The Council is not some sort of decision-making “super-ministry” – its purpose, simply, is to assist the Pastor in the performance of his pastoral duties. Probably all of us believe, however, that one of our most useful attributes is our relationships with other parishioners, who might feel more inclined to communicate their requests, questions and concerns to us rather than directly to the Pastor who, as Pastor of a very active single-priest parish, may not always be as accessible as he would like.

So we’re not here to recruit Council members, but rather to ask that you let us help address your parish concerns by your reaching out to us, either via the email address listed in the weekly bulletin (currently BJFRAT@optonline.net) or, better yet, by talking in person to any of the parishioners serving on the Council.

Current council members are Steve Bard, Steve Gabrielli, John White, Barbara Fratamico, Joe Fratamico, Fran Wieland, Len Munzer, Deacon John Rapacki.



K of C KORNER

Throughout February, the Knights will be collecting **gently used** winter coats that will be forwarded to local agencies that help to clothe the homeless. All sizes, men's, women's and children's will be accepted. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and make room for new coats received at Christmas. The Knights will be conducting a recruitment drive in March. If you haven't thought about membership, please consider joining our Order. It is a great way to express your Catholicism and enjoy the company of some of our community's best men!

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 2:30pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 234-5805 or Joan at 234-1739.



The book reading schedule for the next meetings are:

Feb. 10, 2014—Book Selection—Please bring a book title you would like to do.

March 10, 2014—**Proof of Heaven** by *Eben Alexander*
Facilitator: Barbara Fratamico

THINKING ABOUT ??

BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

- ◆ Do you feel His tug to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist?
- ◆ Have you felt the desire to learn more about becoming a Catholic. If any of these apply to you, consider our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. For information contact :Ann Russo, e-mail: redaa@aol.com or by phone at 543-2740 or Arlene Zuzzolo, e-mail: johnandao@gmail.com or by phone at 543-6499, or

the Church Office at 234-5551.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—February 9

L.II Confirmation Bake Sale (Free the Children)
10:45am—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

Monday—February 10

2pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room
7pm—No Youth Ministry—Core Team Meeting—
Walden Hall/Meeting Room

Tuesday—February 11

7pm—6th Gr. Valentine Night—Walden Hall

Thursday—February 13

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church
7:30pm—Columbiettes—Walden Hall
730pm—Choir—Church

Friday—February 14

1pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall

Saturday—February 15

Blessing of all Married Couples at each Mass
5pm—Small Church Communities Pizza & Movie
Night—Walden Hall

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

St. Frances de Chantal Church—1309 Wantagh Ave.,
Wantagh—Widowed, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long
Island—Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 8pm. Please bring proof
of single status to join. Refreshments after meeting. For
information call Carol 516-794-4933 or Eileen 516-661-4353.

**Catholic Homeschool Conference—*The Immaculate Heart of
Mary Long Island Homeschool & Parent Conference***—Cure of
Arts Church, 2323 Merrick Ave., Merrick—Friday, March 21,
2014 (12noon to 8pm). Free admission. For info.
call 540-622-5543 or visit www.ihmconference.org

(Second Notice)

**St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center—Heart Health Day--
"Keeping your Heart Healthy"**—Feb. 8, 2014—10am to 1pm.
Free: Lectures & Diet/Nutrition Information (Lectures begin at
10am). Free: Glucose, Cholesterol & Blood Pressure Screenings.
Free: Giveaways & Light Refreshments served. For info and to
register, call (631) 870-3444.

Marian Healing Ministry—Feb. 11, 2014, 7pm Rosary, Mass
& Healing Service at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14, 245th St.,
Douglaston, Little Neck, NY. For info call 718-631-4454.

The Beginning Experience weekend for Divorced/Widowed/
Separated—Feb. 28 to March 2, 2014—Montfort Spiritual
Center, Bay Shore. The program helps grieving single-again
persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new
beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. For info
& reservations, call Jean (631) 903-0973 or email:
BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com

**Adriatic Pilgrimages —"In The Footsteps of Jesus In The
Land Of The Bible"**—Pilgrimage to Jordan and The Holy
Land—Oct. 26 to Nov. 4, 2014—\$2,450. For more info contact

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK
— Adding a name Request —**

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person(s) who is (are) ill:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY'S DATE:

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

**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)

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CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- Altar Server
- Usher
- RCIA
- Lector
- Consolation Minister
- Rosary Altar Society
- Caring for Altar Plants
- Adult Lending Library
- Hospitality
- Greeter
- Liturgy with Children
- Eucharistic Minister
- Landscaping/Planting
- Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

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

Cablevision - Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits.

Caterpillar Dealer—Holtsville & Bronx. Service Mgrs., Supervisors, Electric Power Generator Techs, Diesel/Heavy Equipment Techs. Attractive benefit package.

Christmas Tree Shop—All year customer serv. overnight associates & many depts. Also new Riverhead store.

Dayton F. Brown—Technical Services Division, Bohemia, NY & Shelton CT. Extensive benefit package.

Driver—Driver—Mon to Fri—to make deliveries in NY & L.I.—Van & Gas supplied.

Exelis—ITT— North Amityville—1. Program Director—#9957BR—Electron warfare—direct programs, negotiate contracts, manage staff—experience—US citizenship. (2) IT Specialist #8932BR—Troubleshoot & test components/devices— BS in IT or engineering. 1 yr. experience. Competitive salary—Benefits.

Geico Insurance—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

Housekeepers - FT/PT positions for small offices and homes.

Hyundai Millenium—Grand Opening—all positions—trainable, committed, communication skills—paid training, excellent health benefits, bonus and advancement.

Lexus of Massapequa—New management. Exper. A plus, but will train. Great salary & benefit pkg.

L.I. Agency—FT/PT to work with autism population—HS or GEC—valid NYS drivers license— good benefits.

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

P.C. Richards— Appliance Service Technicians to diagnose & repair full line appliances—will train, good driving record— Customer service skills—excellent benefits—van, mobile phone, uniforms supplied.

School Bus/Van Drivers—Huntington Coach-free training. Full Benefit Pkg \$21.07 Bus; \$18.30 Van.

St. Catherine of Siena—

1. Nursing Home—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.

Target—Huntington—new store— Team members—Competitive salary, discounts, flexible hours.

Town of Smithtown—Sub PT teachers & teacher assistants. Smithtown & Kings Park School Districts.

Uncle Giuseppe's— Store Mgrs. Dept. Mgrs., Team members—all depts. Good Benefit Pkg.

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.