

# 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 arrangements, 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.



## ***March 23, 2014 Third Sunday of Lent***

***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	

Masses for this coming week	Growing through the Sunday Scriptures
<p>March 23, 2014 Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 17: 3-7 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42</p>	<p>March 30, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</p>

**Saturday—March 22**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Edmund Gast by *Lou & Emilia Savarese*

**Sunday—March 23 —Third Sunday of Lent**

8am—Barbara Connolly by *the Eljamali family*;

Joseph Genovese by *the Cain family*; Nancy Simonian by

*Sylvia Graf*; Ann Papazissimos by *Marilyn & Joe Amodio*

9:15am—Catherine Nocerino by *Stevie & Lynn*

*Wirtenson*

10:45am—Mario Vinelli by *Patricia McDonough*

12:15pm—John Soldo by *the LaCasia family*

**Monday—March 24**

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

**Tuesday—March 25—The Annunciation of the  
Lord**

9am—Mickelson & Williams families by

*Barbara Mickelson*

**Wednesday— March 26**

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

**Thursday— March 27**

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

**Friday— March 28**

9am—Joseph Hewes by *Donna Mott*

12:10pm—For the People of St. Thomas More Parish

**Saturday—March 29**

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

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Dennis Healy by *Kevin & Christine Donnelly*

**Sunday—March 30 —Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8am—Monique Tartt by *Jean Paul Kergaravat*

9:15am—Leo Vannoni by *the Feron family*

10:45am—Christopher Sauchelli by *Mom & Dad  
Sauchelli*

12:15pm—Arthur Harrison, Jr.

*by Mr. & Mrs. E. Erikson*

**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;

**Growing through the  
Sunday Scriptures**

March 30, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

**Focus Questions:**

1. Jesus is the light of the world. Where do you see Christ's light?
2. What is your reaction when someone says that disasters or another person's misfortune was a punishment from God?
3. Relate an experience when you or someone else was healed. How did you thank God afterwards?

**Family and children's question**

Describe a time when you couldn't see. What helped you to see?

Jamie Castro-Mango; Maria Connolly;  
Claire Cooper; Veronica Corvasce; David;  
Thomas Diana; Tom Devine; Robert Diehl;  
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; Christopher Hardie; Joseph Hauk;  
William Heidenreich; Penny Henrich; Aaron Hilf; Ann  
& Anthony Iovino; Laura Jennings; Jim & Virginia;  
Claire Keating; Elaine Kleinstauber;  
Tadeusz Kostrzewa; Henry Kwiecinski;  
Lorraine Mango-Follini; Nicole Mango-Follini;  
Jean Marsala-Kieffner; Mark Martine; Cody McGill;  
Marge McGowan; Cathleen McQuade; Teri Miliano;  
Stella Minecci; Vicki Nelson; toddler Lila Nitsch;  
Sally O'Connor; Pat Owens; Leona Papareto;  
George Pazolt; Albert Pastore; Joseph Peter;  
Connie Polik; Fred Polick; Peggy Place; Bill Radcliffe;  
Cecilia Rantz; Connie Polik; Fred Polik; Marie Reddy;  
Joel Rivera; Sally Rolfe; Carlos Sanchez; Ben Savage;  
Denise Siele; Walter Seidel; Ray & Kathy;  
Aileen Soler; Jennifer Spears; Jan Stahura;  
Ted Stahura; Tom Stahura; Oscar Steadman;  
Richard Stout; Nancy Sturnialo; Chase Turano;  
Andrew J. Valentine; Andrew M. Valentine;  
Grace Von Ancken; 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**

Vito Baliunas; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## **FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**In his Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium' – The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis** says that to be “a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey....The first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word, perhaps by

reading a Bible verse or relating a story...” (Paragraphs 127-128)

### **What Pope Francis says today is a summary of what Jesus did to the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel .**

Jesus is thirsty and the woman is coming to fetch water. He starts the conversation by asking her for water. In His conversation Jesus leads her step by step from her day today, to her personal life; from knowing Him as a Jew to accepting Him as the Messiah; from her own personal belief in Him to her bearing witness to her whole village to believe in Him.

**Jesus started a simple conversation of asking for water for His thirst** and ends by becoming life giving water to her and her village. If we have the zeal and the Spirit of Jesus in us, whatever we start as a simple, regular conversation with others will grow towards experiencing Jesus in our midst. If we have Jesus in us, and begin to do things as Jesus would do in us, then whatever we do or say will become deeds and words of Jesus.

**The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday at 7:00 pm for a specific intention.** This Friday March 28 we pray for those who are battling and suffering from any type of addiction.

**Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross:** On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> we will pray the Stations for those who hunger for food, love and meaning for life. In order to set the mood for this theme, at 6:00 pm we will start with only soup as our evening meal so as to be united with those who suffer hunger. Then at 7:00 pm we will turn our experience of hunger into praying the Stations for those who hunger. All are welcome. If you are able to attend, please fill the form in the bulletin and bring a meatless soup to share with others.

### **Lenten Project – St. Michael's Cathedral Church , Coimbatore , India – The Church of my Ordination.**

This year I request the parish to help my home diocese in Coimbatore, India. Last September when I spent my vacation with my mom in India, I had the opportunity to visit the Cathedral parish where I was ordained a priest and served as an associate for two years. The township issued an order to pull down the cathedral church built by French missionaries 150 years ago as it was not safe in which to worship anymore . The masses and services were celebrated in a tent, which held 300 worshipers and the rest of the congregation stood outside the tent throughout the entire mass.

The parishioners along with their pastor and bishop have requested our help to build the new Church. You can view some pictures in the narthex of the present tent-church and people at work. The Catholics in India are just 1.5% of the population. The parishioners of this Cathedral church need close to 3 million dollars to build the Cathedral both for their parish and for the bigger



congregations during diocesan celebrations. Being few in number and financially not strong enough to meet the cost, they extend their hands to us for help.

I felt that as my home diocese is generous to share me, their priest, with us for our spiritual needs here, we can share with them a little of what we can afford as a sign of our generosity towards them. Please consider this Lenten Project. I recommend you my people to help them, who continue to be my people since 1982.

**We need volunteers to organize events for our Parish Feast** - The Feast of St. Thomas More is on the weekend of June 21-22. If you are willing to volunteer, please know that your commitment is for this event only. If you are interested in helping us, please call the rectory. We need you and your service to help celebrate this family feast.

**Thank-you to Matt Surico who has helped design our Parish Website** which will be available from this weekend onwards. Please refer to the blurb about the website in this bulletin.

**Our Parish Outreach is preparing Easter Baskets and Easter Dinner** for the poor and needy of our Parish. Please support them to help the poor.

**Please mark your calendar for April 6, 7, and 8, the dates of our Parish Lenten Mission** which will be given by Rev. Kevin Cronin. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for details.

**Catholic Relief Services:** Next Sunday, March 30, 2014 we will have a Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.

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

<u>This Weekend</u> (March 22/23 )	<u>Next Weekend</u> (March 29/30 )
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Saturday

5:00pm	Fr. John Rufus	Fr. Antony
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Sunday

8:00am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Dahlke
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Racos
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Racos	Fr. John Rufus

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

## YOUNG AT HEART

Our next meeting—Friday, March 28, 2014 at 1:00 pm—Walden Hall

## 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.*

**Easter is not that far away! Therefore, we need to start thinking about traditional Easter items; the food that we donate for the food baskets we make up, and of course, the Easter baskets for the children of our clients! We need hams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, fruit, desserts, and anything else you might include in an Easter dinner... additionally, we are starting our collection of Easter baskets, so if you want to start bringing them in, we will be accepting them with open arms!**

### Companion Needed Three Days/Week!

**A companion is needed for a Senior Lady, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10:30 – 2:30. You will need to serve lunch, play cards, chat, etc. Call 348-7533. This is not a voluntary position! You will be compensated for your time!**

### A Family in Need

**There is a family in our parish who desperately needs diapers, size 6, for a little girl afflicted with cerebral palsy. No Huggies brand, as she is allergic to it. Please bring the diapers directly to Outreach, Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 – 2:00.**

**To those people who have already donated, God bless you for your generosity!!!**

## 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:

The Supreme Court will hear two important cases on **March 25** about the HHS Mandate and the plaintiffs for religious freedom. The government argues that religious owners of family owned businesses must divorce their faith from their business. The Beckett Fund religious liberty law group responds that the government cannot "force families to abandon their faith just to earn a living".

The government appeared to somewhat recant their position last week when the religious liberty advocates announced a lawsuit on behalf of a Muslim public school official forced to choose between his faith and his job. The government issued a statement through EEOC Philadelphia District Office director, Spencer Lewis Jr. who said, "No employee should be forced to violate his religious beliefs in order to earn a living". (The Hill, 3/14/14; [philly.com](http://philly.com), 3/5/14)

Congratulations to Catholics For Freedom of Religion and founders Barbara Samuells & Eileen Wolfe who on **March 19** were honored by the NY Bishops with the J. Alan Davitt Award for Exemplary Service. CFFR is a grassroots movement of lay Catholics working for religious liberty in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as other states.

## CALENDAR CLUB 2014

Here are the winners: **March 16 to 22, 2014**  
CONGRATULATIONS!

March 16— Sun. \$50 #685—Aven Knutzen  
March 17—Mon. \$25 #981—Margaret Goutink  
March 18—Tues. \$25 #550—Carol & Bill Link  
March 19—Wed. \$25 #493—Andy & Cathy Turano  
March 20—Thurs. \$25 # 829—Lou & Diane DeBenedittis  
March 21—Fri. \$25 #323—Ann Russell  
March 22—Sat.. \$25 #181—Carol and Bill Link

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, April 1, 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.



## K of C KORNER

A big thanks to Jared, manager of the Hauppauge Waldbaum's, that will once again support a pre-Easter Food Drive with the K of C. Date & time will be announced shortly. Please look for us, especially PGK Steve Paduano !!!

Blood Drive: May 22, 2014 — 3pm—8:30pm.

## St Vincent de Paul Conference St Thomas More SVdP Conference

**What we do:** The St Thomas More SVdP Conference helps relieve some of the burden put on Outreach. When the demand on Outreach goes beyond food and daily necessities, Outreach calls us. We contact the client and arrange to meet with them in their home. We help by paying bills, networking, finding jobs & temporary housing, providing clothes and necessary furniture.

**What you can do:** Support the conference. *All* of all your donations are used to help those in our community...your donations stay right here!

Although we have a close relationship with Outreach and we work hand in hand, our funds are separate from Outreach and require your support.

**Donations** can be made as follows:

Checks: SVdP St Thomas More Conference

Cash: an envelope that says SVdP. Leave at the rectory

**Become a Vincentian.** The only requirement is to have a desire to help. Together, as a conference, we offer the many skills and resources that enable us to assist those in our community.

**For more information, please call 234-3149**

## MINISTRY MATTERS

AT

### ST THOMAS MORE

*This week's article speaks for itself – a wonderful opportunity to pray in a special way while at the same time sharing your thoughts and perceptions with friends and fellow parishioners – read on.....*

#### SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

It is over 20 years ago since St Thomas More Parish introduced small Faith Communities to our parish. They were initially called “small churches” or “small Christian communities.” Groups of up to 12 people who meet in one another’s homes, read the next Sunday’s scriptures, and talk about how these readings relate to them and their lives. Refreshments usually are included. In addition, one or two representatives from each group meet quarterly to serve as a connection to the larger church.

As “factory” parishioners (members from the beginning of the parish) – my husband Ross and I attended Mass on Sunday and had been involved in spiritual and parish activities. Yet, once Mass was over, we felt we had fulfilled our “obligation” and it was perfectly okay for us to remain sitting in the pews, go home and live our lives. One day I got a call from Marilyn Miller who was involved in the initial process of beginning faith sharing groups or Small Church Communities (SCC) She was so enthusiastic – describing how we could increase our spirituality and connection to the weekly Gospel. Even more so, it was a way of belonging to a group striving to follow our parish mission without getting lost in the “crowd.” The idea sounded great to us and we happily joined.

I cannot say enough about how much belonging to this small community has changed my life. We are now a group of seven who meet a few times a month. Other groups meet more or less frequently. We spend our evenings sharing our own personal responses to and questions about our faith. Each of the members of our group has added immensely to my growth as a person, each in his or her own way. I see each of them as a brother or sister in Christ.

If you want an opportunity to grow in your faith, belong to a group of committed prayerful people, and increase your personal spiritual growth, call me and I’ll be happy to share my experience with you as well as tell you how to join a “Small Faith Sharing Group.”

Respectfully submitted by Marie Bracco – 631.265.1681  
[rabracc@optonline.net](mailto:rabracc@optonline.net).

## CONGRATULATIONS !

*The following students of our parish have achieved honor roll status:*

#### Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Jillian Borghardt      Grade 10    Principal’s List

#### St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Kaitlyn Frenger      Grade 9    Summa Cum Laude

Kaila Fitzgerald      Grade 10    Summa Cum Laude

Maria Avila-Franklin    Grade 9    Magna Cum Laude

Kathryn-Rose Russotto    Grade 10    Magna Cum Laude

Mary Monsees      Grade 12    Magna Cum Laude

Gavin Wojtas      Grade 9    Cum Laude

*We are proud of your achievement and wish you continued success.*

## 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:

**April 14, 2014—The Secret Daughter**

by *Shilpi Gowda*—Facilitator: Joan Shea

**May 12, 2014—Someone: novel** by Alice McDermott—

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## 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—March 23**

3pm—Boy Scouts 45th Anniversary-Walden Hall

### **Monday—March 24**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall/Meeting Room

### **Tuesday—March 25**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

9:30am—Justice & Peace—The Joy of the Gospel—Church

### **Wednesday—March 19**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Practice 1st Degree—Walden Hall

### **Thursday—March 27**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7pm—Justice & Peace—The Joy of the Gospel—Meeting Room

7pm—RCIA —Breaking Open the Creed—Rel.Ed.Center

7:30pm—Choir—Church

### **Friday—March 28**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

12:10pm—Lenten Friday Mass—Church

1pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

### **Saturday—March 29**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

5pm—RCIA—Church & Meeting Room

6pm—Boy Scouts Movie Night—Walden Hall

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**Hauppauge Public Library—Free Tax Preparation—every Monday from 9:30am to 1pm through April 14, 2014**

offered by trained AARP volunteers. If interested, please call the Hauppauge Library and make an appointment.. Everyone is welcome, not only senior citizens.

**Christ the King, Commack—Lenten Concert: Behold the Lamb, Behold the Sacrifice—Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30pm.**

Free will offering. For info. please call 864-1623 or email jsmaldino@ctkrcc.org

**Holy Family Regional School—Clothing Drive—Drop off Bishop McGann Room, 2 Indian Head Rd., Commack—Saturday, April 12th —9am to 12noon.** Please donate clean, usable clothing/ All types of accessories, shoes, stuffed animals, toys, games, dolls & household items also welcomed.

*(Second Notice)*

**St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center and Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence—Free Community Narcan Training—March 19, 2014—6-7:30 pm—Lower Level Recreation Room—St. Catherine Nursing & Rehab. Center, 52 Route 25A, Smithtown. For info/registration please call 870-3444. Space is limited.**

**Bereavement Conference—March 22—Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale/** Keynote address: *The Human Process of Grief: A Journey of Healing, a Journey of Faith* given by Bishop Nelson Perez. For info visit <http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement> or call (516) 334-7990, ext. 119 or 120.

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

## **CHOIR NEWS!**

Mark your calendars for:

**April 16th, Wednesday at 7:30pm.**

The St. Thomas More Choir presents a new cantata “Upon this Rock”.

It is based on Peter's boldness and passion. His imperfections and how he found hope as Christ forgave and restored him after his failings. We hope this cantata will inspire you to experience the story with Peter and embrace the message of “Upon this Rock”.



This evening is a great way to enter into the days leading to Easter. Come listen! Come be inspired to put your faith in the rock, the Solid Rock—Jesus!



**Journey to London/Paris  
SCHEDULED FOR  
OCTOBER 23-30 2014**

*(Walk in the footsteps of  
Saint Thomas More while in  
London and visit the sites of*

*medieval catholic architecture and art in Paris*

*at*

*Notre Dame and the Louvre Museum)*



Call PAT CHAPIN

For registration forms and brochure  
631-234-0397



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### **CUB SCOUT PACK 589 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

Cub Scout Pack 589, sponsored by St. Thomas More Church, will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, April 6, 2014 after the 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 am Masses.

Cost is \$5 per person, \$4 for Senior Citizens, \$15 for a family of four.

Please come after mass to support the Cub Scouts.

Proceeds will be used to fund summer activities for Pack 589's boys.



## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of      **March 16, 2014**      **\$7,030.00**

**USING FAITH DIRECT?** - It's quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

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

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

### **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

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

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

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

**A WEB SITE THAT PAYS ST. THOMAS FOR US-AGE** Want to know how you can support St. Thomas More? By entering the search engine known as *Goodsearch.com* By doing any shopping on the various web sites listed a certain portion of the sale will be credited to St. Thomas More. It does not involve any additional cost to the purchaser nor is there any attached surcharge to the sale order involved. Here is how it works: ENTER: [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) Where it states: "Who do you Good Search for?" "Enter your charity here" ENTER: St. Thomas More. And then verify by selecting "St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY" Once it is verified as our parish, you will be asked to register as a supporter. Then select the SHOPPING tab



and choose whatever category you want, from travel to food to entertainment. If you use it, let us know if you have any problems with it. Thanks for shopping online and thanks for The donation that we will receive on your behalf.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**ST. THOMAS MORE FEAST WEEKEND  
JUNE 21—22, 2014**

If you are able to help with the dinner on Saturday night or the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning, please call the Rectory, 234-5551. Thank-you

**H.Y.O. Women's Softball:**

Registration is now open for our summer league for Hauppauge School District residents age 30 and over. Come out and join the fun! You'll see many St. Thomas More parishioners out on the field! Go to [hyosoftball.com](http://hyosoftball.com) for more information and registration form or contact

Carol Remondino at (631)938-6496,  
email: [Carol.Remondino@yahoo.com](mailto:Carol.Remondino@yahoo.com).  
Deadline for registration is May 25, 2014.



**Golden Wedding Liturgy**



**This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, May 4 at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford and on Sunday, May 18 at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm.**

*Couples may register for ONE liturgy.*

Registrations forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 16th for the May 4th liturgy and by April 30th for the May 18th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, ext. 207.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**Sunday—March 23**

3pm—Boy Scouts 45th Anniversary—Walden Hall

**Monday—March 24**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden Hall/Meeting Room

**Tuesday—March 18**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

9:45am—Justice & Peace—The Joy of the Gospel

**Wednesday—March 26**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus Practice First Degree—Walden Hall

**Thursday—March 27**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7pm—Justice & Peace—Joy of the Gospel

7:30pm—Choir—Church

**Friday—March 28**

8:40am—Morning Prayers—Church

12:10pm—Lenten Friday Mass

1pm—Young At Heart—Walden Hall

7pm—Stations of the Cross

**Saturday—March 29**

12:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

5pm—RCIA—Church/Meeting Room

6pm—Boy Scouts Movie Night—Walden Hall

## **NEW WEBSITE—ST. THOMAS MORE**

Did you know that St. Thomas More has a website? We've had one in various forms since 1996, but we have found that many parishioners don't always make use of it. Recently the STM Pastoral Council has been discussing social media and the Internet at length. Like most communities, we have a growing population of persons who use several types of electronic media to stay in touch with information and keep their lives organized. In order to more effectively communicate parish information, we will be making more use of Facebook and Twitter. We have also relaunched our website with a brand new design.

We even have a much easier to remember web address now: [stmli.org](http://stmli.org) (that stands for "St. Thomas More, Long Island").

The website can be viewed not only on your computer, but on a smartphone or tablet as well. You will be able to link to our parish Facebook page and get connected to the Facebook and Twitter accounts of our Religious Education program and our Youth Program.

We will have contributed articles and postings from several areas of the parish, including some of our ministries, and will have a calendar of events covering both regular events as well as the special ones that take place during seasons such as Lent and Advent. There will be several other features added to site in the coming weeks. For now, make sure you check out the new site by going to [stmli.org](http://stmli.org) and bookmark it for future use.

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

I/We will attend the Soup Supper on Friday,  
April 11, 2014 at 6pm.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I shall bring (meatless) soup to share:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(type of soup)*

*(Please return to Church Office or drop in collection basket)*

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### E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

Rectory –rectory@stmli.org  
Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org  
Pat Chapin - Pchapin@optonline.net  
Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net  
Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net  
Joe Gast - gast.joe@gmail.com  
Fr. Dahlke - RWDahlke@Jesuits.net  
Deacon John Rapacki– deaconjohn@stmli.org  
Personal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com  
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:  
Barbara & Joe Fratamico—BJFRAT@optonline.net  
Youth Ministry Corner—If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister at [gast.joe@gmail.com](mailto:gast.joe@gmail.com) or check out the Young Ministry website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org).

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

**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th. You may contact the school at [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of this parish’s regional school, or visit the School website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://www.holyfamilyregional.com).

### 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)*

### 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:

### 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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### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2014



Our Parish Goal      \$68,200  
Pledges to date        30,980

*Percentage of Goal = 45.4%*

## 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.

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

**Drivers for Charters**—and Field Trips. PT—2 or 3 days a week a.m. or p.m. Top dollar salaries.

**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.