



# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway  
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## **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 - EUCCHARIST**

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm  
Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through  
Saturday.

**BAPTISM**—As soon as your child is born, please call the Parish Office to make Baptism arrangements. Preparation session and welcoming Mass attendance are required.

**MARRIAGE**—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with the Parish Office or one of the deacons.

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

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**—Call the Church Office to request visitation of the 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 1, 2015  
Second 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

## Masses for this coming week

**March 1, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**  
**Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19**  
**Romans 8:31b-34**  
**Mark 9:2-10**

### Saturday—February 28

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

5pm—Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

### Sunday—March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

8am—John Wallace *by Joe & Linda Lamberta*

9:15am—Pat Oravitz *by the Recce family*

10:45am—Bridie Collins *by Susan & Sam Provisero*

12:15pm—Alex Chambart *by the Chambart family;*

Mary Daniels *by Eugene Brosnan;* Harry Michalski *by the Buynak family;* Violet Pacileo *by the Pacileo & Valerio family;* Francisco Ramirez *by Robert & Madeline Sauchelli*

### Monday—March 2

9am—Arlene Santagata *by Stephen & Mary Hampton*

### Tuesday—March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

9am—Anne J. Valentine *by Andrew J. Valentine*

### Wednesday—March 4—St. Casimir

9am—Jude Thomas Keena

### Thursday—March 5

9am—Dennis C. Chase *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

### Friday—March 6—First Friday

9am—Dave Saenz (Living) *by Michele Keena*

### Saturday—March 7—St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

9am—Cathleen J. Tallarico *by Andrew Paino*

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

5pm—Sophie Pankus *by Al Pankus*

### Sunday—March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

8am—Jacqueline Rousseau *by Deborah De Santis*

9:15am—Denise Joyce *by Donna & Gary Fortmeyer*

10:45am—Joseph Macaluso *by the Borowski family*

12:15pm—Joseph Ruiss *by Kenneth Satchwill*

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Rita Basile; Louise Beltrani; Pat Berghorn;

Ronnie Benintendi; William Boney;

Charles Boston; Parker Broderick;

Baby Luke Brodersen; Fred Busse;

Linda Sue Cappisillo; Rich Cascio;

Jamie Castro-Mango; Maria Connolly;

Claire Cooper; Deanna Cotsalas; Norma Cottrell;

Sue Cuzzaniti; Lucy DeLuca; Debra Deveney;



## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 8, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Exodus 17: 3-7**  
**Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8**  
**John 4: 5-42**

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

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Where or when are you most in touch with the presence of God?
2. What has helped you to know Jesus better?
3. Describe a time when you thirsted. Who helped you satisfy your thirst?

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

How do you show kindness to someone who is shunned by others?

Thomas Duffy; John & Maureen Dunn; Raphael Fedele;  
Barbara Foberg; Nadine Follini; Joseph Francica;  
Rose Fuls; Rose Nellie Germain; Tom Gernon;  
Jill Ghiraldi; newborn baby Lila Mae Greene;  
Debbie Harabedian; Gloria Harmel;  
Casano A.S. Holmes; Laurie Holmes; Kerri Ihm;  
Terri Ilardi; Ann Iovino & son Anthony; Irene Janis;  
Rita Johnson; Stephanie Kane; Kenneth;  
Samantha Janowitz; Elaine Kleinstauber; Richard Landi;  
Morgan Leary (age 6); Lauren Lossani;  
Jean Marsala-Kieffner; Lorraine Mango-Follini;  
Olivia Macchio; Thurman (Buddy) Marshall;  
Terrence Martin; Michael McElroy; Patricia McElroy (for  
strength); Kathleen Moccia; Victoria Nelson;  
Jean Noschese; Irene O'Leary; Joan O'Boyle;  
Maureen O'Donnell; Karen Owen; Thomas Pacileo;  
Joe P; Mary Ann Peet; Joseph Peter; Joseph Placa;  
Baby Ryan Rolston; Richard Ronning; Carlos Sanchez;  
Jennifer Savarese; Barbara Schiavello;  
Lawrence Shannon; Terry Shannon; Brenda Sichlina;  
Teresa Smith; Ted Stahura; Thomas Stahura;  
Patricia Stankes; Oscar Steadman; Craig Teitler;  
Chase Turano; Andrew J. Valentine;  
Andrew M. Valentine; Ellenjane Vinson; Jeanine Walsh;  
Greg Williams

*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 29, 2015.** Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.)*

## ***PRAY FOR THE DECEASED***

Joseph Giardino; Theresa (Terri) Hillebrand;  
Robert Walsleben; Thomas Devine; Linda Wieman; our  
deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and  
women.

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

Dear Friends,

**Customer: I've come back to buy that television I was looking at yesterday.**

Salesman: That's good. May I ask what was the one compelling reason that made you want this set?

Customer: My wife.

**The readings of the Second Week of Lent ask us the same question**, "What does compel us to do anything we do?" In the first reading Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son Isaac. How could he dare that? Reading the whole story of Abraham we find that his faith in God was his compelling strength to go that far. His faith was that God who miraculously in his 100<sup>th</sup> year made him the father of Isaac would never disappoint him

even when he was put by God to the hardest test of sacrificing Isaac, his son. His faith in God gave Isaac back to him alive.

**Today's Gospel story couples Jesus' glorious moment of transfiguration** to his ignominious moment of dying on the cross. How could the glorious Jesus accept to live through the shameful and painful moments on the cross? What was his compelling strength? His conscious realization that the Father who sent him would never abandon him but would raise him from death as victor over invincible death.

**The second reading invites all of us to have the same unshakable faith in God.** Faith is the basic and compelling force of life. Without faith no one will be able to live for the next moment. It is the faith that we have in each of us, in our family and friends, that makes life manageable. Ultimately it is the faith in God that fills us with the hopeful living force to live through any sufferings. If God is for us who can be against us? With faith we can walk through death and rise with Jesus. Faith in Jesus means we can win even death.

**Persecuted Christians of Middle East:** I felt it important to share with the parish excerpts from Bishop Murphy's letter to our brother priests. "The atrocities being inflicted on the populations of several countries in the Middle East and North Africa continue to mount. The growth of terrorism seems on the rise and Islamic terrorist groups, principally ISIS and Al Qaeda, continue to justify their brutal and barbaric actions by appeal to the Quran and to Islamic law. With no prejudice toward the peaceful Muslim communities on Long Island and around the world, we all, Christian, Muslim and all men and women of good will, must be one in condemning these atrocities and standing as one in defense of religious minorities throughout the world and especially in the countries of Middle East and North Africa.

**As a local Church we continue to help the refugees of all faiths in Iraq, Syria and Jordan.** Catholic Near East Welfare Association, where I am one of the five Bishop Board Members, continues to serve refugees in welcome centers, schools and hospitals. Our Diocese cooperates with the Holy See in sending money directly to Papal Representatives in those countries, sending whatever funds I can find to support the care they receive through their churches as well as through CRS. Thanks to the Holy See, we were able a few years ago to work with the Nuncio in Syria who gained the release of the body of a local woman journalist, Marie Colvin, who was killed by snipers while on assignment.

I want to thank all of you who have supported these and other efforts to aid the suffering. However we need also to let the President and the elected officials of our government in Washington know that greater effort and more committed action must be exercised by our leaders in concert with the international community to bring an end to this violence and hatred and to restore hope and tranquility to peoples and nations in the Middle East. True peace is ultimately a gift from God for which we will pray every day. But God expects us, our nation's leaders, along with all peace-loving peoples and nations, to be instruments of peace by rectifying injustice, strengthening bonds of friendship and guaranteeing that all peoples can live in peace and harmony. May Mary Help of Christians watch over and protect all her children in the Middle East and North Africa."



**During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday** at 7:00 pm in the church for a particular intention. This Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm we will pray for those who are impacted by unforeseen events such as the snow and freezing weather, accidents, house fires and other unexpected challenges.

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

	This Weekend (Feb. 28/March 1)	Next Weekend (March 7/8)
<u>Saturday</u> 5:00	Fr. Dahlke	Fr. Cornelius
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Irinel	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Dahlke
12:15pm	Fr. Cornelius	Fr. Irinel

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

### PARISH OUTREACH

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



And the Lenten Season Has Begun....

*It is once again a time of sacrifice, a time of reflection, a time to get our priorities in order... a time to think about what is important in life. Is it "things"? Or is it our common humanity with others in our neighborhoods, others less fortunate? We would opt for the latter. With that in mind, we would ask you to donate what you are able to do, specifically meat products ( something easily cooked in a microwave, for example), cereals, pastas, vegetables, coffee, bread products, size 6 diapers (other than Huggies), personal care products, shampoos, detergents, etc. It is a time for reaching out to others. May our Outreach clients be your recipients. God Bless you.*

*A shining example of what can be done to help our clients was achieved by the teachers and students of the Bretton Woods School, supervised by Principal George Gagliardi, who held a canned food drive under the banner "Respect for All". The results were wildly successful, with many cartons of food donated to our pantry!! Thank you to all the students, their parents, and the teachers who supervised them. What shining examples you set for our students, our clients, and the community.*

### St Vincent de Paul 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 neighbor in need 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 we have been doing:** We have been busy assisting our neighbors who are behind in their rent; helping with car insurance payments so people could continue to work; providing furniture and clothing vouchers, and heating assistance for others. Yes, we have been busy and helpful because of your generosity. Please check our Lenten Project bulletin board in the narthex.

**What you can do:** Support the conference. *All* of 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 to assist those in our community.

For more information, please call 234-3249. You can also contact the Parish SVdP Conference by emailing them at SVdP.STM@aol.com and you can follow them by liking them on FACEBOOK at "SVdP Conference of St. Thomas More".

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| David Chester     | John Chester         |
| Carl F. Greiner   | Michael White        |
| Scott Lovelock    | Thomas LaFemina      |
| Justin Schneider  | William Gregory      |
| Christopher Day   | Jason Doyle          |
| Thomas Nichols    | John Karies          |
| Kaitlyn Nachtman  | John Nachtman,       |
| Adam Papaizai     | Michael Poist        |
| Jesse Bernstein   | Michael Polanski     |
| Kyle Rathje       | Ryan Smith           |
| William R. Rathje | Ethan Bernstein      |
| Timothy Fallon    | Philip Guidone       |
| Tim Morris        | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Thomas Migliara   |                      |



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.

## **RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7pm.**

### **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.

### **NEW WEBSITE—ST. THOMAS MORE**

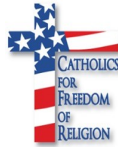
Did you know that St. Thomas More has a website? We've had one in various forms since 1996, but we have found that many parishioners don't always make use of it. Recently the STM Pastoral Council has been discussing social media and the Internet at length. Like most communities, we have a growing population 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 re-launched 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.

## **Catholics for Freedom of Religion**



"There are more Christian martyrs today than in the early days of Christianity." Pope Francis

"Jesus Help Me"

These were the last words of 21 beheaded Egyptian Coptic Christians who had traveled to nearby Libya to work. ISIS titled the video-taped executions, "A Message Signed With Blood to the Nation of the Cross." The killers threatened, "And we will conquer Rome, by Allah's permission, the promise of our Prophet." ([www.nypost.com](http://www.nypost.com), 2/16/15)

Pope Francis expressed, "profound sadness" and proclaimed the murdered men martyrs, saying they had been killed for their faith. They died "only because they confessed Christ," and their "testimony cries out to be heard." ([nypost.com](http://nypost.com), 2/16/15)

Cardinal Dolan wrote, "They were beheaded for nothing less than their religious convictions. It moves me to prayers. It moves me to tears...as a Christian, but also as an American, who recognizes Freedom of Religion as our first and most cherished liberty.

"No denying it: There is an orchestrated phobia of Christianity throughout the world today, a coordinated effort on behalf of fanatics to see that the religion which stands for friendship, peace, the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of life, is stamped out. "These are not sporadic attacks. This is part of ... an ideology that sees Christianity, Judaism, and any religion of peace, as the enemy." ([www.nypost.com/2015/2/17/op-ed](http://www.nypost.com/2015/2/17/op-ed))

Please Pray:

*Lord, the plight of our brothers and sisters is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. We ask you Lord, to spare their lives and to grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Amen*

## **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.

Owing to inclement weather, the meeting on Feb. 9, 2015 was cancelled. This meeting has been rescheduled for March 9th.

**March 9, 2015**—Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson—Facilitator—Ann Belluardo

**April 13, 2015**—Book selection for the year. Please bring a book that you would like to share with the group.

**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.

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

**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You may contact the school at [parents@holyfamilyregional.com](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)



We are pleased to be offering a Lenten program for Kindergarteners and for those who will be attending Kindergarten next year. The six sessions will take place during the 9:15 mass on February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Children will be escorted by the teachers to the classroom in Walden Hall after the homily and parents will pick them up after mass. The program is free, but we ask that you register your child by calling the Religious Education office (234-0397) or by emailing Pat Chapin at [Pchapin@optonline.net](mailto:Pchapin@optonline.net) by February 19.



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

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** March 28 from 6-10pm in Walden Hall. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, wine, soda and coffee—\$15 per person, \$45 for a family of four. A limited number of tickets will be sold, so hurry and get your tickets.

**SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of February 22, 2015      \$6,283.00

Save  
the  
Date!

3rd Annual  
Msgr. Francis S. Midura Memorial  
Golf Tour  
Thursday, September 17, 2015  
10:30 am, Tee-Off  
(Details to be announced)

### Synod of Bishop Lineamenta document

We have been requested to share the following communication from Mr. Sean Dolan, Director of Communications of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops was held in October 2014 with the theme: “The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.” This Extraordinary Synod will be followed by the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, **October 4-25, 2015** with the theme: “The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.” The final document of the Extraordinary Synod, the *Relatio Synodi*, is the preparatory document or “Lineamenta” of the XIV Ordinary General Assembly. As is customary in the synod process, His Eminence, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops invites consultation on this topic to help with its preparation.

Contained within this Preparatory Document which was issued by the Holy See to begin this process is a series of questions. This document can be found at [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/synod/documents/rc\\_synod\\_doc\\_20141209\\_lineamenta-xiv-assembly\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141209_lineamenta-xiv-assembly_en.html). It is also available by clicking on the “Synod of Bishops” icon on the index page of our diocesan website – [drcv.org](http://drcv.org). Bishop Murphy is welcoming responses to these questions from the faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and you are invited to read the entire document before responding. .

If you, our parishioners wish to respond to any or all of the questions, please be mindful of the following guidelines:

1. Only E-mail responses sent to [synodofbishops@drcv.org](mailto:synodofbishops@drcv.org) <mailto:[synodofbishops@drcv.org](mailto:synodofbishops@drcv.org)> will be accepted.
2. Only E-mail responses that include the respondent’s name and parish will be accepted.
3. Responses will be accepted in the languages the Lineamenta is available in from the Vatican – that is: English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Portuguese.
4. Thank you in advance for not sending faxes, mailed, printed or handwritten documents. They will not be accepted.

5. The questions to address upon reflection are those found in the Preparatory Document and may be found on the Vatican website: [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/synod/documents/rc\\_synod\\_doc\\_20141209\\_lineamenta-xiv-assembly\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141209_lineamenta-xiv-assembly_en.html)

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/synod/documents/rc\\_synod\\_doc\\_20141209\\_lineamenta-xiv-assembly\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141209_lineamenta-xiv-assembly_en.html)

6. When responding, specific reference must be given to the question number. So, for instance, if one is responding to question 3 in the Preparatory Document, that fact should be clearly indicated in the response.

7. All responses must be received by **March 13, 2015**.

For any questions, please contact:

Sean P. Dolan

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Web: [www.drcv.org](http://www.drcv.org) <<http://www.drcv.org>>

### *RCIA*

There are 4 people going through the RCIA program this year who will be coming into full communion with the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil. We ask you, as the community of St Thomas More, to please pray for Manuel Cancel, James Peck, Dina Caperna, and Christian Cancel especially during Lent. An easel with their pictures and cards with their names will be in the Narthex. Please take a card as a reminder to pray for them and welcome them as they journey towards becoming new Catholic Christians. Thank you.



Christian Cancel & Dina Caperna, two of our catechumens with Bishop Murphy after the Rite of Election at St. Joseph’s on Sunday, February 22, 2015.



## YOUNG AT HEART

On March 13th the Young At Heart will have its annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in Walden Hall.

### Congratulations!

We have been advised that the following students made the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter at St. Anthony's High School. Keep up your good work!

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| Alex Aliscio       | Emily Gallagher  |
| Krista Aliscio     | Tyler Grippo     |
| Brett Boller       | Michael Haggerty |
| Victoria Byrnes    | Madison Lulley   |
| Victoria Cipri     | Morgan Lulley    |
| Maggie Curley      | Terrence Mooney  |
| Kayla DeCristofaro | Nicole Pikulik   |
| Alexander Delgado  | Rebecca Safranek |
| Nicole Falcone     | William Waters   |
| Victoria Faulisi   | Joseph Zappulla  |



### Our Lenten Journey.... Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Come and join the family of St. Thomas More on Friday, March 27, 2015 for a Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross. The focus of Prayer will be Cross and

Hunger, Homelessness and Poverty -- we pray for those who hunger for food, love and meaning in their life.

If you would like to contribute a soup please call the Rectory at 234-5551.

Soup Supper	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross	7:00pm - 7:30pm

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

No. of Persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(First Notice)*

**Faith and Light Meeting**—Friday, **March 6**, 2015, 7pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset. (Faith and Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges, their families and caregivers).

**Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center—Special Retreat Workshop**—Tuesday, **March 10**, 2015 from 9:30am to 4pm. Presenter: Paul Alexander. Cost \$50 (lunch included), To register, please call 516-627-9255, or email [olgcenter@gmail.com](mailto:olgcenter@gmail.com)

**Office of Faith Formation—DRVC—Myers-Briggs Workshop**—Presenter Suzanne Richards. Myers Briggs is a proven method for helping people enhance personal growth, clarify career direction and develop leadership skills. Christ the King Parish, Commack. Sat. **April 18 and 25**—9am to 4pm. \$75 per person (2-day workshop). (Attendance required for both dates). Pre-Registration required. Phone 516-678-5800; [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org) *(Second Notice)*

**Renewal Ministries**—Ralph Martin, president of *Renewal Ministries*, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization, will speak on **Sunday, March 8**, 2015 at the Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston. The theme of Mr. Martin's presentation is "Application of Scripture to Family Life." His talk will begin at 3:30pm followed by Vespers at 5:00pm. Reservations/registration not required.

**Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary**—Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will be the presenter at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, on Sunday, **March 22**, 2015 from 9:30am to 3pm. The theme is "*Walking with God*". Program includes conferences, lunch, opportunity for confession and Mass. Donation \$30. Reservations required: 631-423-0483x102 or [malone@icseminary.edu](mailto:malone@icseminary.edu). Sponsored by Friends of the Seminary.

**Women's Spa Night Fundraisers** Join us for an evening of refreshment, relaxation and nourishment for your body, mind and spirit. Friday, **March 6 & 13**, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, \$50 per person. All proceeds will support the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk. Must pre-register, for more information call [631-363-2422](tel:631-363-2422) (ext. 2060) or e-mail [info@tildonkursuline.org](mailto:info@tildonkursuline.org)



### **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:

### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2015**

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$69,300.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$17,210.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>24.83%</b>



### **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 2015**

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2015.

NAME(s)ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: *(Check one below)*

\$150 \_\_\_\_\_

\$300 \_\_\_\_\_

\$500 \_\_\_\_\_

\$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$1,500 \_\_\_\_\_

\$2,500 \_\_\_\_\_

\$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate)

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I would like to pay the rest

monthly—10 payments

bi-monthly—4 payments

semi-annually—May & September

I prefer to use a credit card. Information will be sent to you so that you can contact the CMA office directly.

*(Please return to the Church Office for further processing)*

## 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

**Bethpage Credit Union**—Outside mortgage Loan Officers, Mortgage Sales Mgrs, Branch Mgrs., Head Tellers; P/T Tellers at various locations.

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

**CVD Equipment Corp**—Hiring for 1st & 2nd Shifts—Engineers, Supervisors, Mgrs., Wirers & many more. Competitive salaries. 401K, Medical, Dental, vacations.

**Darley Dental Supply**—Now Hiring 1) Inside Sales Account Mgr., 2) Sales Mgr. Special Markets/Government Business; 3) Dental Equipment Coordinator; 4) Customer Relations; 5) Product Specialist—Oral Surgery/Periodontics

**Diligent Credit Solutions**—Sales Trainees, Account Executives; Sales Consultants—they will train right candidate.

**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.

**Long Island Federal Credit Union—Stony Brook**—Financial Service Assoc.; FT/PT tellers; Home Lending Officer.

**Hauppauge**—FT/PT Tellers & Member Ser. Specialist. **Massapequa & Sayville**— FT/PT Tellers.

**J.S. Pharmaceuticals Inc.**—Now hiring all depts. 4 day work week. 401K Profit Sharing, medical, paid vacation.

**Newsday**—Senior Accountant—Assist in month end process—prepare & review balance sheets, inventory, etc.

Collators. \$10.73 per hr. Afternoon & evening shifts—must be able to work thru calendar year. HS diploma— 18 yrs. or older  
—Accountant—Senior—assist journal entries, prepare & review accruals, inventory procedures, etc. 2 yr. experience, CPA preferred.

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

Customer service skills—excellent benefits—van, mobile phone, uniforms supplied.

**South Nassau Hospital**—Licensed Professionals— RNs, Therapists, OP, and many other departments.

#### **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.

**Town of Smithtown:** PT certified teachers, teachers assistant & sub. before or after school programs Smithtown & Kings Park school districts.

**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.