



Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
Rev. Harold Noviello, Associate Pastor
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.



August 30, 2015

Twenty-Second 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

Masses for this coming week

August 30, 2015
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saturday—August 29

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Joan Stuppi *by Christine & Kevin Donnelly*

Sunday—August 30—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Joseph Hauk *by Jo Hauk*

9:15am—Lucy De Luca *by Ellen & Vic Cardinali*

10:45am—Alfred Manzella *by Kathleen Rudy*

12:15pm—Jean Curran *by Diane & Michael Sheehan*

Monday—August 31

9am—Rev. Eugene Murphy *by Augie & Betty Vrondis*

Tuesday—September 1

9am—Christopher Weidig *by Don & Mary Friedman*

Wednesday—September 2

9am—Edward J. Thompson *by the Recce family*

Thursday—September 3—St. Gregory the Great

9am—Phoebe Regan *by Marie & Carmine DiLullo*

Friday—September 4—First Friday

9am—Ricky Haywood (sick) *by Kay Babits*

Saturday--September 5—Bl. Teresa of Calcutta; First Saturday

9am—Annette & Dominic Butindari *by loving family*
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Joseph P. Como *by Donna Basile; Robert Evans
by the Ahearn family; Mary Lou Feeley by the Hoffman
family; Peter Sanfratello by the De Carolis family & the
Mesuraca family; Helen Schneider by the Keely family;
Anthony Varlese & son by Veronica & George Pazolt &
sons*

Sunday—September 6—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—James Garland *by Scott Adrian & Colleen Baritz;
Mario Madonia by the Dunlop family*

9:15am—Edward Crean *by Augie & Betty Vrondis*

10:45am—Kenneth J. Stedman *by Maureen Kowalski*

12:15pm—Carlo & Carmela Panella *by Molly &
Frank Prisanzano*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

September 6, 2015
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you felt strengthened or healed by the touch of another.
2. Recall a time when you prayed but all you heard was silence. Where did you look to hear God's voice?
3. Tell of a time when listening to someone made a difference in their life.

Family and children's question:

Recall a time when you reached out to someone beyond your circle of friends.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mother Mary Angelica; Phil Bamonti;
Richard Bamonte; Rita Basile; Mary Bein;

Enza Bloise; Charles Boston; Donald Brassil;
Mary Lynn Brassil; Baby Luke Brodersen; Mary Buono;
Fred Busse; James Calandrella;
Linda Sue Cappisillo; Joseph Carraba;
Paul & Catherine Carlozzo; Elizabeth Casares;
Ann Castagliola; John Coen; Patricia Coleman;
Donald J. Cooper; Edith C. Cooper; Mary Jeannie Corea;
Norma Cottrell; Mrs. Edward Crollick; Patricia Culbert;
Anne D'Auria; Debra Devaney; Anthony &
Florence Donato; Palma & Dominic Di Vito;
Walter Drechsler Jr.; Thomas Duffy; John Dunn; Brian
Egan; John J. Foley; Mary Ann & Brian Foley; Lorraine
Mango Follini; Nadine Follini; Sergio Franco; Fernando
Francisco; Arlene Gaslow; Terance Gaslow; Baby Lila
Mae Greene; Nicholas Gorton; Josephine Hafner; Mary
Happe; Edward Harold; William Heidenreich; Diane
Heron; Myla Hillman; Francis Hopkins Jr.; Irene Janis;
Samantha Janowitz; Steven J. Johnston; Stephanie Kane;
James Kavanagh; Kenneth; Jean Marsala-Kieffner;
Elaine Kleinstauber; Ann Kochaluba; Lauren Kubernat;
Richard Landi; Morgan Leary; Wayne Leo; Angelo Levi;
Nancy Link; William Link Sr.; Lauren Lossani;
Olivia Macchio; Anna Mario; Frankie Martinelli;
Mary Ellen McCarthy; Catherine McGuire;
Connor McIntosh; Terri Ilardi McKee;
Edward M. McManus, Jr.; Steven Mercado;
Kathleen Morrissey; Sue Morrissey; Irene Mozdzer;
Ellen Murphy; Victoria Nelson; Katharine &
Wendel Nitz; Jean Noschese; Beatrice Okorn;
Fr. Peter O'Rourke; Karen Owen; Joe P; Thomas Pacileo;
John Pannone; Joseph Peter; Sherri Pawluk;
Joseph Placa; Ross Placa; Josephine Poggio;
Louis Pontillo; Joan Rathje; Jeanette Rivera; Joel Rivera;
Richard Ronning; Victoria A. Russo; Carlos Sanchez;
Dorothy Sauchelli Balin; Phyllis Savino;
Jennifer Savarese; Gail Scarito; Patricia Schlake;
Lawrence Shannon; Terry Shannon; Robert Smith;
Patricia Stankes; Richard Stout; Rabbi Paul Swerdlow;
Craig Teitler; Ida & Peter Trink; Daniel C. Trucano;
Chase Turano; Andrew J. Valentine;
Andrew M. Valentine; Rose & Rudolph Valentino;
Ronald Valerio; Gloria Verrelli; Helen Vlabel;
Al Weidig; Greg Williams; Carmela Zeppetella;
Susan Zulkofske

*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 **September 27, 2015**. Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Mary Oliver; Anna Castro; Annina Ruggiero; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The difference between an optimist and a pessimist is droll.

The optimist sees the doughnut; the pessimist the hole. **What do we see in other people, a doughnut or its hole?** When we say that no one is perfect, we admit that everyone has some kind of hole in their character. At the same time when we praise someone to be good, we acknowledge the doughnut in that person's character. It is our choice of seeing people's doughnut or its hole that either promote or demote life in them.

In today's Gospel Jesus helps his disciples to see doughnuts not the holes in the ancestral traditions observed in his time. The Pharisees used the same traditions as instruments to accuse others. Traditions are practices of former generations, and the belief is that in observing them, a better and more secured life is offered to the present generation. But mere mechanical observation of traditions will quite easily rob the meaning of life.

Jesus wants traditions to be followed only to enhance life. He wants our lips to say prayers to express our hearts. The external acts of our body have no value except what the heart wishes to express through them. Things that come out from within are what defile or bless life.

Our annual Msgr. Francis S. Midura Memorial Golf Outing will be on Thursday, September 17th at the Rock Hill Golf course in Manorville. Volunteers will help you with Registration and Sponsorship. After playing golf, there will be a silent auction of sports memorabilia during dinner similar to the one last year.

If you are not a golfer you can support this parish fund-raising event by buying raffles. Raffle tickets are sold in the Narthex. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. First prize is a \$1000 gift certificate for a Cruise, the Second prize is a Golf package at Shawnee Inn and the Third prize is an Apple I watch.

Our Golf committee is working hard for the success of this outing. Let us support them in 'sharing the spirit of Love' and in memory of our late beloved Pastor Msgr. Midura.

You are invited to St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic. Please remember to mark your calendar for **September 13th** at Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue. We will start with Mass at noon followed by a picnic with burgers, hot dogs, chips, and beverages. Please fill the Response Form in the bulletin and be a part of the parish

celebration at the beach.
To help us prepare enough food, please include a check for \$5 per person with your response. Your check will be returned to you at the picnic. Families with last names beginning with A-K please bring salad (no mayonnaise please) or a relish tray. Families with last names beginning with L-Z please bring dessert. Volunteers are needed. See the sign-up sheets in the Church Lobby or call Pam at 265 3060.

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

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Aug. 29/30)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Sept. 5/6)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5:00 pm	Fr. Alex	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Harold
9:15am	Fr. Irinel	Fr. Irinel
10:45am	Fr. Alex	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Harold	Fr. Harold

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

PARISH OUTREACH

End of Summer Thoughts....



Labor Day is almost here... where did the summer go? We have our school supplies stacked and ready to go, our clients will be picking them up this week, and then it's going to be Fall... so try to get your summer activities in, and enjoy the rest of these warm days. When your routine gets back to "normal", please remember those who are not able to get away for a respite, and for whom every day is a struggle to get food on the table. For those of you who donated for our school supply give-away, thank you so very much for your generosity. For those of you who contribute faithfully to Outreach, please know that we are so grateful for your contributions. We appreciate all that you do.

From our email: "Holding a banana peel over a bruise (for 10-30 minutes) will remove its color!"

St Vincent de Paul Conference

HOW WE WORK: The St Thomas More SVdP

Conference works closely with Outreach. When the need goes beyond what they can do, they call us. Or, now that we have our direct telephone number (648-2760), we can be called directly by a neighbor in need.

Then, members of our conference arrange to meet with the caller in their home to better evaluate the situation. Paperwork must be completed to assist in the evaluation. Our goal is to assist where we can.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING: Summer is half over and our calls continue. Some of our neighbors have needed assistance with rent arrears and gas money.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Please use, and or give our telephone number to any neighbor who you think could use our help (648-2760). Also, please e-mail us at svdp.stm@aol.com with any questions or ideas that you think may be helpful. Please do not forget to "Like Us" on facebook. Please pray for our conference that we may continue to "walk in the footsteps of Jesus."

DONATIONS can be made as follows:

Checks: SVdP St. Thomas More Conference

Cash: place in an envelope that notes SVdP.on front, and 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 need in our community. If interested, just call or e-mail us.

Family Movie Night

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul—
Saturday, September 26, 2015
at 6pm.

Featured Movie:

"HOMEWARD BOUND"

For general audiences-All are welcome.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

David Chester
Carl F. Greiner
Scott Lovelock
Justin Schneider
Christopher Day
Thomas Nichols
Kaitlyn Nachtman
Adam Papaizai
Jesse Bernstein
Kyle Rathje
William R. Rathje
Timothy Fallon
Tim Morris
Thomas Migliara
Michael Fensterer

John Chester
Michael White
Thomas LaFemina
William Gregory
Jason Doyle
John Karies
John Nachtman,
Michael Poist
Michael Polanski
Ryan Smith
Ethan Bernstein
Philip Guidone
Antonia Marie Rivera
John Burk
Bryan Figueiredo



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, September 1, 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

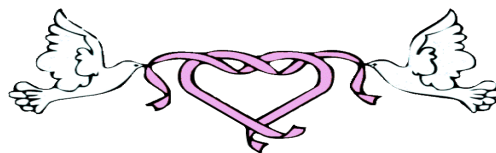
Did you know that St. Thomas More has a website? We've had one in various forms since 1996, but we have found that many parishioners don't always make use of it. Recently the STM Pastoral Council has been discussing social media and the Internet at length. Like most communities, we have a growing population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



This fall, couples who have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, October 4, 2015** at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on **Sunday, November 8, 2015** at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by **September 18th** for the October 4th liturgy and by **October 23rd** for the November 8th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Dates for the spring celebrations will be communicated at a later time. If you have any questions you may call 1-516-678-5800, extension 207.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

(Third Notices)

Matthew J. Batista of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and
Melissa Sajewicz of St. Thomas More

Michael Jennosa of St. Thomas More and
Vanessa Batista of St. Thomas More

A Special Thanks to the St. Thomas More Faith Community

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and support we experienced during our recent hospitalization. The outpouring of prayers for each of us, the visits made by our brothers and sisters in Christ, and the cards and letters wishing us a speedy recovery truly follow the example and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. Again, many thank to all of you; we are both blessed to have you in our lives.
God Bless you all.

Marie Utter

Al Weidig



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"Religious freedom ... has to do with immunity from coercion in civil society." Vatican II - Declaration on Religious Liberty

Some school districts continue to resist any accommodation of student religious expression often resulting in many years of legal battles.

* Pocono Mountain S.D., PA: A 5th grade student was barred from distributing invitations to a Christmas party at her church. After years in lower courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals found in the student's favor and ruled elementary students have free-speech rights protected by the First Amendment. (adfmmedia.org, 12/6/13; edweek.org, 3/12/13)

* Baldwinsville S.D., NY: A poster created by a Kindergartener for an assignment about saving the earth was rejected for showing Jesus along with various pictures depicting recycling and the words, "The only way to save the world". The teacher covered the picture of Jesus. When the parents objected to their child's poster being censored, a 10-year legal battle ensued and was finally sent to the U.S. Supreme Court. (wnd.com, 3/13/10)

In both of these cases, the school districts spent years in court and spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars - apparently because of an overwrought fear that the school might be seen as "endorsing" religion. (firstamendmentcenter.org)

As the Alliance Defending Freedom letter to PA schools explains, "The Supreme Court has made it clear that students do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." "The Supreme Court has definitely held that religious expression - whether spoken, written, or symbolic - is protected by the First Amendment." (adfmmedia.org/News, 12/6/13)

"... our grandchildren will pay the full price if we allow our freedom to be relinquished." Barbara Samuells, president Catholics For Freedom of Religion

Mark your Calendar:

* Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30PM, St. Patrick Church, 280 E Main St., Smithtown, NY 11787, in the church. Thomas Renker, General Counsel of Diocese of Rockville Centre, will speak on threats we are facing to our religious freedoms. Come and learn more about how our religious freedoms are being undermined and how you can help to preserve them.

Thursday, Sept. 17, "**Constitution Day**" is to be observed in all public schools which are mandated to provide educational programming on the history of the U.S. Constitution adopted on September 17, 1787.

* Saturday, Oct. 10, 11AM-2PM, Nassau Community College "Center for Catholic Studies", Garden City, NY, will present "Religion and the Civil War: Focus on the Catholic Church"; keynote speaker: Brother Syriac, Chaminade H.S. faculty; free admission & lunch - must register for parking pass: 516-572-7472



ANNUAL GOLF RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$10 each—3 for \$20—on Sale After All Masses!

1st Prize: \$1000 Gift Certificate for a cruise of your choice

2nd Prize: \$500 Golf Package at Shawnee Inn on the Delaware

3rd Prize: Sport Model Apple 1 Watch - Valued at \$350

Drawing to be held at September 17 Golf Outing

GOLFERS!!!! Now is the time to register for the 3rd Annual Msgr. Francis S. Midura Golf Outing. Foursomes are filling up fast and the Outing will be limited to 35 foursomes. Last year, over 130 golfers had a great time at Rock Hill Golf Course .

If you plan on attending and have not registered, now is the time to fill out the form in the insert of the Bulletin. We will accommodate singles through foursomes. If you have questions, please call Al Weidig at [631-838-3293](tel:631-838-3293) or JoAnne Eyring at [631-582-1224](tel:631-582-1224).



WANTED—CANTORS

Singers who would like to lead our parish in song at Mass.

Please see Emilia or call her at 724-8820 for information.



SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of August 23, 2015

\$7776.50

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Marian Healing Ministry—Tuesday, Sept 1 at 7pm—Rosary, Mass and Healing Service at St. Anastasia's Church, Douglaston, Little Neck, NY. For information please call 718-631-4454.

Faith and Light Meeting—Friday, Sept. 11 at 7pm. St. Thomas More Church*, 115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY. *New location. (Faith & Light is an international faith-sharing organization for developmentally challenged people, their families and care-givers).

Molloy College—Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course—for eighth graders planning to attend any of the ten Catholic high schools on Long Island. Students will review the math, reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar skills that will be tested on the exam, and will learn test-taking strategies to help them work faster and more confidently to maximize their scores. Classes begin Sept. 12 at the Rockville Centre Campus and Sept. 13 at the Suffolk Center in East Farmingdale, and will be completed in time for the October 31 exam. Contact Molloy's Continuing Education Office at 516-323-3550 or enroll online: www.molloy.edu/ce/chsee

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lake Ronkonkoma—Yard Sale Bonanza & Car Show—Saturday, Sept. 19—10am to 3pm. Rain or Shine. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream. Trophies for Winning cars. For car registration & information, call Gerry at 631-585-9291.

St. Joseph Renewal Center—1725 Brentwood Rd, Bldg. #4, Brentwood—September 2015 Programs: Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia—Sept. 2—1 to 2:30pm. Free will offering.

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing—Sept. 2—7 to 8pm. Offering \$15 (\$25 for individual session by appointment).

Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of FOCUSING—Sept. 2—7:30 to 9:30pm. Offering \$15.

Men 2 Men Gathering—Sept. 12—8 to 9:30am. Offering \$20 includes breakfast.

11th Step Prayer Support for 12 Steppers. A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness—Sept. 20—2 to 4pm. Free Will Offering.

Wellness Program—Wednesdays—11am to 1pm—Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Feb. 3 & March 9. Offering \$25 per session.

Autumn Book Discussion Group for MEN—Thursdays-7:30 to 9:30pm—Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8 & 15. Offering \$50 for all 4 evenings.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—January 7—16, 2016. Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members: Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ & Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM. For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at 631-654-0199 or e-mail growland@sjcyn.edu

(Second Notice)

Bereavement Support Groups—Port Jefferson—Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are open at no charge to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:
Spousal/Partner Loss Group-Sept. 16-Nov. 11; 3-3:30pm
Spousal/Partner Loss Group-Sept. 15-Nov. 11; 5:30-7pm
Adult Child who has lost a Parent Group-Sept. 15-Nov. 10—5:30-7pm
Groups meet at Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson. Registration required—call Diane McNamara 631-642-4200.



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 Circle of Women will not meet during July and August. The next meeting will be on:

September 14—The Sandcastle Girls
by Chris Bohjalian—Facilitator—Marilyn Miller

NEW RECTORY HOURS

As of August 31, 2015 the Rectory hours will be open

Monday—Saturday 9am—4pm.

We will no longer be open in the evenings.

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 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 to schedule a tour of this parish's regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

Fr. Peter O'Rourke



Fr. Peter O'Rourke who suffered a stroke in the Philippines is back in New York. He wishes to thank all of you for your prayers and good wishes and requests that you continue to pray for him.

The Long Island State Veterans Home kindly requests that people who wish to visit Fr. Peter do so between 2:00-4:00 pm in the family lounge (not in his room).

E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

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Youth Ministry Website—

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

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Mary Ellen Carroll - Mecarroll@optonline.net

Outreach - Stmoutreach@optonline.net

Joe Gast - gast.joe@gmail.com

Deacon John Rapacki— deaconjohn@stmli.org

Altar Servers Ministry- altarservers@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.

EWTN

Global Catholic TV Network

EWTN News covers the most important issues that concern you and your family. Also, receive the latest news from the Vatican and the Holy Father.

EWTN News Nightly: 6pm, Mon. through Fri

The World Over Live: 8—9pm, Thursday

(World Over Encore: 7pm Sun.; 10pm Mon.)

EWTN—Long Island Television Carriers

Cablevision: Ch 135/Ch 1097 (Spanish)

Direct TV: Ch 370

Dish Network: Ch 261

Verizon: Ch 285/Ch 1741 (Spanish)

See EWTN's list of television channels in your area: **Enter** www.ewtn.com **Select** Television/Channel Finder

The Parish Blood Drive will be held on **September 15, 2015 from 2:30 to 8:30 PM**. The Long Island Blood Services is in need of blood. If you are able to give please come down to Walden Hall. If you are not sure if you can donate, please call Ed Rogan at 366-1085.



Help save a life by donating blood.
Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CALENDAR CLUB 2015

Here are the winners: August 23—29, 2015

Sun. Aug. 23—#952—\$50—Bill & Mary Ann Peet
Mon. Aug. 24—#323—\$25—Joe & Barbara Fratamico
Tues. Aug. 25—#178—\$25—Maureen Fallona
Wed. Aug. 26—#871—\$25—Dave & Sharon Mills
Thurs. Aug. 27—#599—\$25—Jo Anne Thomas
Fri. Aug. 28—#592—\$25—Tony & Connie Gennaro
Sat. Aug. 29—#961—\$25—Peter & Barbara Capisillo

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Monday—August 31

7:30pm—Core Team Meeting—Walden/Kirwin Halls

Tuesday—September 1

7pm—Adoration—Church

Wednesday—September 2

4:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden/Kirwin Halls

Thursday—September 3

7:30pm—Choir—Church

Sunday—September 6

2pm—Baptisms—Church

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 1pm.

SAVE THE DATE!

All Ministry Leaders – please plan to attend a Ministry Renewal on **Saturday, September 26** in Walden Hall following 9 AM Mass.

Refreshments will be served.
More information will follow -

JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM AT ST. THOMAS MORE



Sunday, September 20th is our first Hospitality Sunday of the season. Besides these Hospitality Sundays there are other

events during the year where we provide refreshments and encourage fellowship. We are most grateful for our faithful bakers who always respond to our request with “just all me anytime.” WE THANK YOU ALL! We always welcome new members. If you would like to get involved with parish activities, baking a cake is a great way to get started. Call Letty Russo (265-6151) or Mary Lou Braun (751-2915) to join our team. We are in need of some more active Hospitality Volunteers to occasionally make phone calls, make coffee, decorate, serve and help with set up and clean up. We invite you to a Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, September 12th at 9:45 am in Walden Hall. We will have breakfast together, discuss coming events, make new friends and share in the satisfaction of helping our parish. COME JOIN US!



St. Thomas More Monsignor Francis S. Midura Council 6062

The Knights of Columbus held their annual Picnic/Barbecue last Wednesday evening on the lawn outside the church. It was well attended by the Knights and their families. There was plenty of food beverages, and desserts —the pleasant weather was an added bonus. Thank-you to all who worked so hard to make the evening enjoyable. Thanks to the Kane sisters whose “hamburger cookies” were not only original but also colorful and sweet, and those desserts “for adults only” certainly made the grown-ups happy!

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults decide if life as a Catholic Christian is for them. For those not baptized or baptized in another Christian church, or baptized Catholics who have never received First Communion or Confirmation, and are interested in the process, please call the rectory at 234-5551. Have you or anyone you know had that little persistent feeling that you want to be a practicing member of the St. Thomas More Community? God might be inviting you to inquire about the Catholic Church through the RCIA process. Please call the rectory at 234-5551 for more information.

**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**

Our Parish Goal	\$69,300.00
Pledges to date	\$48,355.00
Percentage of Goal	69.78%



**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

Animal Groomers—Experience FT/PT Groomers—Smithtown area.

Cablevision - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory— Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive— 4 days, 12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

Collators—P/T--4 hrs. starting at 10:30PM. \$10.95 per hr. Must be able to work all year and lift 50 lbs. 18 yrs. or older-HS diploma or equivalent.

Counter Servers—(1) Busy Commack Bagel Store. Flexible Hrs. FT/PT. (2) **Counter/Kitchen**—Busy Hauppauge Deli Breakfast & Lunch—will train.

Customer Service Reps—FT/PT for Newsday center—fast paced —high volume. Assoc. or Bach. degree or military exp. Good computer skills

John Esposito Memorial— PT monument sales. Phone skills, computer—retirees welcome.

Excelis—North Amityville & Bohemia-Computer, Command Control-many depts., Hiring in Engineering. Software Assemblers,etc.

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—light housekeeping—own transportation

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.

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

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.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drvrs. & Van Drvrs. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

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.

Telephonics—Hiring-Engineers, Program Mg. Info. Technology Supply chain. Finance & Business Admin. In Aerospace, defensive work. Huntington & Farmingdale. Excellent benefits.

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.