



# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

## **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.



*September 27, 2015*

## *Twenty-Sixth 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

September 27, 2015  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Numbers 11: 25-29  
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Saturday—September 26

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Ann Norris by *Theresa Lund & family*

### Sunday—September 27—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Stephen & Michael Smykowski by *Mr. & Mrs.  
Heim*

9:15am—John Marra by *Laura Giardino*

10:45am—Gary Hannon by *the Grippo family*

12:15pm—Alvaro Collarini by *Betty Kane*; Michael  
Divers by *Vincent P. Crudden & family*; Rose Nailie  
Germain by *Betty Kane*; Joseph Giardino by *Betty Kane*;  
Corinne L. Jagde by *the Lee family*; Salvatore Pisano by  
*Elizabeth & Peggy Kane*; Fina Randazzo by *Mr. & Mrs.  
Bounaparte*; Peter Sanfratello by *the De Caroli family &  
the Mesoraca family*; Thomas Warmuth by *the Warmuth  
family*; Christopher Weidig by *Elizabeth Kane*

### Monday—September 28—St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

9am—Leon Maganza by *Lottie & Chet Kalenty*

### Tuesday—September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

9am—Lillian Munzer by *Len Munzer*

### Wednesday—September 30—St. Jerome

9am—Pat Oravitz by *Al & Eileen Weidig*

### Thursday—October 1—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

9am—Thomas Cutinella by *the Barr family*

### Friday—October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels— First Friday

9am—Thomas Atkinson by *Elizabeth Atkinson*

### Saturday—October 3—First Saturday

9am—Joanne Campanelli by *Susan & Richard Longo*  
*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Robert Covino Sr. by *Geraldine Covino*

### Sunday—October 4—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Jane Waters by *Barbara & Joe Cassetta*

9:15am—Sally Rolfe by *the Loweth family*

10:45am—Leopold family (living members) by *the  
family*

12:15pm—Francisco Ramirez by *Marie Utter*

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

October 4, 2015  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.

But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.*

Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

### Focus Questions:

1. Describe a story about a married couple who inspired you to greater fidelity in your own relationship.
2. Describe a relationship that helped you feel closer to God.
3. One of the childlike qualities that children have is one of wonder and awe. What fills you with awe?

### Family and children's question:

Jesus embraces the little children in the Gospel. What are the ways that you show Jesus that you love him?

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Mother Mary Angelica; Phil Bamonti;  
Richard Bamonte; Rita Basile; Mary Bein;  
Louise Beltrani; 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; Josephine Farella; John J. Foley; Mary Ann &  
Brian Foley; Cindy Mango; Lorraine Mango Follini;  
Nadine Follini; Sergio Franco; Fernando Francisco;  
Arlene Gaslow; Terance Gaslow; Richard Landi;  
Baby Lila Mae Greene; Nicholas Gorton; Josephine  
Hafner; Mary Happe; Edward Harold; William  
Heidenreich; Diane Heron; Myla Hillman; Glenn Hollins;  
Francis Hopkins Jr.; Ann & Anthony Iovino; 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; Lauren Lossani; Olivia Macchio;  
Anna Mario; Jean Marsala-Kieffner; 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; Ceferina  
(Ceffy) & Eusebio (Pepy) Perez; Randy Pistritto;  
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;  
Michael Selvaggio; 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 Vrabel;  
Al Weidig; Greg Williams; Eileen Zappia;  
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

Frank P. Vaccaro; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

**Bud: All this talk about backseat driving is hogwash.** I have driven for fifteen years and I've never heard a word from back there.

Dud: What kind of car do you drive?

Bud: A hearse.

No one likes to drive with a backseat driver at the side. We wish to drive with our own decision and at our own risk. We want to be in charge of what happens to us. It is easier to live freely with our own tough decision than to live enslaved with the decision of others imposed upon us.

**Today's Gospel reading invites us to live from the strength of our own conviction.** It explains the strength of our inner conviction in terms of cutting off a hand, foot or plucking out one's eye. At its plain hearing, the words of Jesus sound cruel and barbaric. But the real meaning lies in how our conviction can impel us to fulfill the words of God. The power of God's word, which we are convinced to believe, is such that it will give us the strength and will to rather lose a hand or eye in fulfilling the will of God than to save a hand or eye by sinning against the will of God.

**The plain message is that we have strength supplied by God in ourselves** which is bigger than any sin we can commit. If only we believe in that power within us, we will be more daring to avoid sin even at the cost of losing a hand, foot or eye. Let us pray for the strength that comes from believing and being convinced in God's word and will.

**Pope Francis in our midst from Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.** Pope Francis was spreading the joy and the blessing of the Gospel in our land. His visit included all spheres of human life - he was in the White House, Congress and the UN; canonized Junipero Serra; was with the Bishops and the worshipping congregations in the Cathedrals of Washington D.C, New York City and Philadelphia; celebrated the family festival in Philadelphia and prayed with multi-religious leaders at the 9/11 memorial; visited with children in an East Harlem School and also visited a correctional facility. In six days he covered almost all walks of life. Let us pray that his message and blessing

may bring a revival of the Holy Spirit in each of us effecting a new life and new vigor of living our catholic faith. Let us thank God for the Holy Father’s pilgrimage amidst us promising God’s mercy and saving grace.

**Last Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> God graciously blessed** us with a pleasant day and beautiful weather to hold our Parish Golf Outing. We could not have asked for a better day. The golf outing was a great success on all counts - good food, good game, lots of prizes, good and friendly company. I wholeheartedly thank the Golf Committee who put their heart and soul, hard work and personal time since April after Easter. God bless each one you and your family.

**Last Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> our Columbiettes** had a food drive in front of Shop Rite, Hauppauge. They collected truck loads of food for our Parish Outreach. We thank them for their loving service for the poor in our parish. I would also like to thank the Jansen family, the owners of ShopRite for their kind cooperation.

**We need more Cantors to lead us in song at the masses.** I hear many of you singing so sweetly from the pews. All that you need is a little time to practice and boldness to lead the congregation from the pulpit. Please consider this note as my kind invitation to you and respond by calling the Rectory at 234-5551 or Emilia at 724-8820.

**We have reached 71% of the our parish goal in the Catholic Ministries Appeal.** We need just \$20,000 to reach the goal. I kindly request you to be a part of the appeal if you have not yet participated in it. Your help, small or big, means a lot in continuing the charitable work in and around our diocese. Also when we reach our goal we will get a rebate of \$13,000 for our parish. Please consider making a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA form is found in this bulletin.

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

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Sept. 26/27)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Oct. 3/4)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5:00 pm	Fr. Harold	Fr. Harold
<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Irinel
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Harold

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

## PARISH OUTREACH

Fall Thoughts....



We haven’t mentioned “contranymy” in a while...those are the words that can mean opposite things.as in “buckle” – to connect (as a seat belt) or to break or collapse (as in a road). The word “finished” is interesting...it can mean completed, or ended or destroyed! Our work here at Outreach is never “finished”, because there seems to be a never-ending supply of clients who are in need....but if there were not organizations such as ours, their families could be “destroyed”...

We are till in need of “small” meats: chicken cutlets, pork chops, hamburgers...and rolls, if you can. Your generosity is always awe-inspiring; we are so grateful for what you contribute, but the need is always here.

### 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.

**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.

One of our neighbors, a single mom, was in a serious car accident and unable to work for several months. She had no income and fell behind with her bills. We were able to help her with some of her immediate needs. Now Project Uplift of the Bethpage office of SVdP is working with her to assure that she is able to meet her financial responsibilities until she is solidly on her feet.

**Rosaries from the Holy Land:** October is the month dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Each Saturday we will be reciting a decade of the Rosary before each Mass. A parishioner has donated blessed rosaries from Jerusalem. They will be available to all following each Mass. A free will offering will allow our SVdP Conference to continue our works of charity.

**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](mailto: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 the 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.

**Cancellation of the Family Movie Night.** The feature film "Homeward Bound" scheduled for September 26, 2015 has been cancelled.

## 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   | John Burk            |
| Michael Fensterer | 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, October 6, 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.

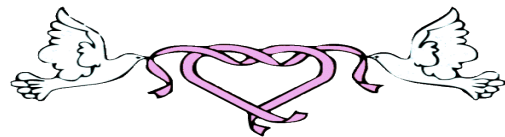
## NEW WEBSITE—ST. THOMAS MORE

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.



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.

## Catholics for Freedom of Religion



*"Today also, conscience is confused with personal opinion, subjective feelings, and self-will."*

Blessed John Henry Newman

### Whom do we obey, God or government?

Pope Francis has repeatedly said that marriage must be a union of one man and one woman... Understanding this can help us as we welcome, respect, and care for gay people, on the one hand, and oppose same-sex marriage on the other hand. (irishcatholic.ie; cruxnow.com, 6/29/15)

"Certainly every citizen of this land, regardless of their sexual orientation, deserves to be respected in their person and civic life. But enshrining same-sex marriage in our constitutional system of governance has dangers that may become fully evident over time," said Cardinal Sean O'Mally, Boston.

A Washington State florist was sued under a state law that denies religious liberty to businesses when it comes to participating in same-sex marriages. Barronelle Stutzman is being sued both professionally and personally - meaning that her retirement savings and personal assets are at risk - when she turned down a longtime customer who asked her to produce a flower arrangement for his "wedding" to another man. She instead recommended other area florists.

"Government is supposed to protect freedom, not intimidate citizens into acting contrary to their faith and conscience," said her ADF Legal Counsel Jeremy Tedesco. (LifeSiteNews.com, 6/3/15)

*There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.*" Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Mark your Calendar:

\* Saturday, October 10, 2015, 11AM-2PM, Nassau Community College Center for Catholic Studies, Garden City, NY. Presentation: "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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

*(Not totally inclusive)*

### Sunday—September 27

7pm—Youth Ministry Meeting—Walden/Kirwin Halls

### Monday—September 28

7pm—Core Team Meeting—Walden Hall

### Tuesday—September 29

7pm—Finance Council—Rectory

### Thursday—October 1

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church

### Saturday—October 3

9am—Choir Communion Mass—Church

2pm—Baptism—Church

7pm—Young At Heart Café Night—Walden/Kirwin Halls

## St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

*"Caring for Those who Cared for Us"*

The response to last week's Special Collection for St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility at our Parish was outstanding.

On behalf of all the retired priests in our Church community, **thank you** for all of your support and for helping to care for those who have cared for us.

## St. Michael's High School, East New York— Class of 1966 Reunion

Graduates of St. Michael's High School Class of 1966 are organizing a 50th Anniversary Reunion for June 2016. A planning committee is compiling a list of graduates and needs up-to-date contact information. If you are a graduate or know a graduate from the class 1966, please send your contact information to S. Pat Koehler, OP - pkoehler@aol.com or 450 Round Hill Rd., Roslyn Heights, NY 11577.

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**St. Patrick's Pro-Life Breakfast—Sunday, Oct. 4 after the 9am Mass in Canning Hall in St. Patrick's school building, Smithtown.** Speaker: Patricia Shea, Director of Momma's House. Tickets \$10 adults; \$5 for ages 18 & under. \$30 maximum per family. For info contact Johanna Cervellino at 631-979-7017.

**7-Week Bible Study Course—Gospel of St. Matthew--** Presented by Msgr. Joseph Curley—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Center Hall—33 Crown Acres Road, Centereach. Starting on **Tues., Oct. 6—** morning 9:30 to 11:30 or evening 7:30 to 9:30. Handicap accessible. All invited. Please bring a Bible. For info or questions call 631-585-8760.

**Montfort Spiritual Center—26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY—Reflections on Sacred Scripture—4** Tuesday afternoons—Oct. 6— Joyful Mysteries; Oct. 13— Sorrowful Mysteries; Oct. 20— Glorious Mysteries; Oct. 27—Mysteries of Light.

Each Tuesday 1pm—Reconciliation (Chapel)  
1:30pm The Holy Rosary (Conference Room)  
2:15pm Celebration of the Eucharist and Homily (Chapel)  
3pm Closing Blessing.

Leader of Prayer—Fr. James Manning, S.M.M.

Free Will Offering.

**St. Joseph Renewal Center—October programs:**

Gathering of Women—October 6-

10am to 12noon. Offering \$15.

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia—October 7-  
2 to 2:30pm. Free Will Offering

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing—October 7-  
7 to 8pm. Offering \$15. (\$25 for Individual session by appointment).

Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of  
FOCUSING—October 7

7:30 to 9:30pm. Offering \$15

Men 2 Men Gathering— Oct. 10

8 to 9:30am. Offering \$20 includes breakfast.

11th Step Prayer Support for 12 Steppers. A Journey to  
Spiritual Wholeness—Oct. 18

2 to 4 pm. 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.

**Boys' Day-by-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat. Fri. Oct. 9 to Mon. Oct. 12** for boys (15 & older). DDA's 40 year history and the thousands of teen participants speak to the popularity and success of this program. A fantastic opportunity to find out more about yourself and your connection to something greater, deepen your relationship with God and develop a better understanding of our Faith all while having fun with peers from NY, NJ,

CT, PA & MA. This retreat is led BY teens FOR teens with presentations, discussions, music, drama, and prayer; Adult Team, Spiritual Directors & CYFM Community help facilitate and support. Cost \$140 pp for materials, meals & lodging. Early Bird Fee is \$125 (must be received 9 days before retreat). All paperwork & non-refundable \$70 deposit must be returned by Registration Deadline, Tues. Oct. 6, 2015. For info and application contact CYFM or visit website: [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) and click on "events". Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY . (845) 424-3609.

**Our Lady of Fatima Day—Tues., Oct. 13, 2015—** Shrine of Our Lady of the Island—Manorville, NY (Exit 70 L.I.E.). 10am—Outdoor Rosary Walk; 11:30am—Mass; 12:30pm—Lunch Break; 1:30pm—Conference; 3:00pm—Holy Hour. For info. call 631-325-0661.

*(Second Notice)*

**The Life Center of Long Island—Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser—Thursday, October 1 from 6pm to 11pm at the Rivera, Massapequa.** Tickets for students are \$75, adults \$125. Please contact Cindy at 516-798-8746 for ticket information.

**St. James Parish, East Setauket—Bereavement Support Group—**free 8 week peer support group for adults struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration required for this group which will begin on **Saturday, Oct. 3**. For additional information and to register, please call 941-4141, ext. 341. *Please note that in order to participate in this group, the loss must have occurred prior to July 1, 2015.*

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church—Lake Ronkonkoma Autumn High Tea—Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1:45pm.**

Scones, Tea sandwiches, sweets. Small basket raffle, 50/50. Bring your own cup. Wear a Hat. Prize: Most elegant and most original. Tickets \$15 in advance only. Reservations and questions—Gerry 631-585-9291

**USING FAITH DIRECT?** - It's quick and easy!  
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**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)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CALENDAR CLUB 2015**

**Here are the winners: Sept. 20—26, 2015**

Sun. Sept. 20—# 68—\$50—Peter & Barbara Cappisillo  
Mon. Sept. 21—#130—\$25—Joe & Barbara Fratamico  
Tues. Sept. 22—#727—\$25—Theresa Shannon  
Wed. Sept. 23—#347—\$25—Ralph C. Marcello  
Thurs. Sept. 24—#699—\$25—Elizabeth Hansen  
Fri. Sept. 25—#797—\$25—Vincent & Donna Gerardi  
Sat. Sept. 26—#954—\$25—Auggie & Betty Vrondis

**E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

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



**ST. THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTES  
PRESENTS  
SUPERMARKET BINGO & CHINESE  
AUCTION  
OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH  
115 KINGS HWY, HAUPPAUGE  
CONTRIBUTIONS \$10.00 PER PERSON  
COFFEE, TEA AND CAKES  
DOOR PRIZES  
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SUNDAYS**



## **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.

## **YOUNG AT HEART**

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, October 12, 2015 at 1pm.

**Young At Heart Chinese Buffet:** We are having a Chinese Buffet Luncheon in Ronkonkoma on October 9th from 1 to 3:30pm. Cost is only \$10 pp. All STM parishioners, friends and relatives are invited. Call Bob 686-5272 for further information.



## **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.*

## **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES**

**You are invited to explore the benefits of a  
Catholic High School Education**

Please feel free to visit our schools during the time and dates listed below.

### **SEPTEMBER 2015:**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>SCHOOL:</b>
Saturday 26	11:00 am –1:30 pm	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
	1:00 pm—3:30 pm	St. Dominic H.S.
Sunday 27	12:00 pm—2:30 pm	Holy Trinity Dioc. H.S.

### **OCTOBER 2015:**

Saturday 3	11:00 am—2:00 pm	Sacred Heart Academy
	10:00 am—1:00 pm	Kellenberg Memorial H.S.
	2:00 pm—4:00 pm	Chaminade H.S.
Sunday 4	10:00 am—1:00 pm	St. Anthony's H.S.
Sunday 18	10:30 am—2:00 pm	St. John the Baptist Dioc. H.S.
	2:00 pm—4:30 pm	St. Mary's H.S.
Saturday 24	9:00 am—12:00 pm	McGann-Mercy Dioc. H.S.

## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of September 19, 2015 \$7,763.00



### 2016 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2016 is now available for intentions. Mass stipends are \$20 for a Mass with single intention and \$15 for a Mass of multiple intentions.

The large hard cover memorial card is an extra \$5.

### 27th Annual Mass For Deceased Children

All who have experienced the loss of a child are invited to St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre on **Saturday, October 17, 2015** for Mass at 12:30 p.m., with refreshments to follow in the Parish Center. Come early to inscribe your child’s name in the “Book of Families”.

For information please contact: Deacon Darrell Buono, Office of Faith Formation at [516-678-5800 ext. 200](tel:516-678-5800) or e-mail [dbuono@drvc.org](mailto:dbuono@drvc.org)



### 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 following books will be discussed on:

**October 12—The Husband’s Secret** by Liane Moriarty—Facilitator—Nina Busse

**November 9—Funny in Farsi** by Firoozeh Dumas—Facilitator—Aurelie Miller Hendry

### CONGRATULATIONS

We have been advised by St. Anthony’s High School that the following students of our parish have received Honor Roll Certificates for the 2014-2015 school year.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Alex Aliscio      | Krista Aliscio       |
| Victoria Cipri    | Maggie Curley        |
| Kayle DeCrisofaro | Alexander Delgado    |
| Nicole Falcone    | Victoria Faulisi     |
| Emily Gallagher   | Tyler Grippo         |
| Michael Haggerty  | Nicholas Jensen      |
| Madison Lulley    | Morgan Lulley        |
| Terrence Mooney   | Nicole Palmer        |
| Nicole Pikulik    | Rebecca Safranek     |
| William Waters    | Christopher Wendland |
| Joseph Zappulla   |                      |

### 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](http://www.ewtn.com) **Select** Television/Channel Finder

**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>\$49,390.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>71.27%</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

**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.

**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

**Holiday Workers:** UPS, Kohl's and ToysRUS—hiring for the holidays.

**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.

**Teaching Assistants**—Smithtown & Huntington. FT/PT—HS/GED required. Exp. with children with disabilities.

**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.