



Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

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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.



February 7, 2016 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mission Statement:
*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a
parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through
Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments
The Teachings of the Church, and
Our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.*

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Masses for this coming week

February 7, 2016
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-2A, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Saturday--February 6

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*; Mary T. Dahlquist *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*; Elaine Paoella *by the Citro family*

Sunday—February 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Maryann McCarthy *by Carmel Gartanutti & Louis Milazza*
9:15am—Kenneth Powers *by Donna & Tom Walsh & family*
10:45am—50th Anniversary Emilia & Lou Savarese *by the Savarese family*
12:15pm—Anna Mario *by Catherine Kiss*

Monday—February 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

9am—Gelsy Petrocelli (105th Birthday) *by Arlene Aspromgos; Mae Devine; Diane Leupold; Dottie Lossani & Marie Utter*

Tuesday—February 2

9am—Mary Lewandowski *by Aurelie Miller-Hendry & John Hendry*

Wednesday—February 10—Ash Wednesday

9am—Doris Marie D'Antonio *by Dennis Chase*
12:10pm—Prayer Service
4:30 pm—Prayer Service
7pm—Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

Thursday—February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

9am—Mary T. Dahlquist *by Lou & Ann Anatrella*

Friday—February 12

9am—Terri Hillebrand *by Bob Aberle*

Saturday--February 13

9am—Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Maria Salina *by Robert & Kevin*

Sunday—February 14—First Sunday of Lent

8am—Sal Alogna *by Tommy & Cookie*;
Eddie Brumhoelzl *by Fred Dunlop*; Ann Marmo *by Fred Dunlop*; Evelyn Scollon *by the Citro family*
9:15am—Rose & Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*
10:45am—Jeanne & Julius Sauchelli; Julia &

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10: 8-13
Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered him,

"It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*"

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him,

"I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and:

With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you were tempted to take an easier way.
2. What pulls you away from a more meaningful Lenten journey?
3. Tell of a time when a temptation showed you something about yourself or your relationship with God.

Family and children's question:

Talk about the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that you will be doing this Lent.

Louis Fiore by *Robert & Madeline Sauchelli*
12:15pm—Mary Jane Wilbert by *the Brosnan family*



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Adams; Lynn Alipert;
Anthony Augrigliaro;
Karen Berlet; Mackenzie Borchers;
Charles Boston; Msgr. Patrick Brown;
James D. Calandrella; Linda Sue Cappisillo;
D'Angelo Caruso; Marge Chester; Claire Cooper;
Dorothy Copeland; Bernice Cuomo; Fr. Robert Dahlke;
Jenn Dobbs; Florence and Anthony Donato;
Walter Drechsler Jr.; William Driscoll; Thomas Duffy;
Leona Esposito; Tony Fairfax; Fernando Francisco;
Kate Fuoto; Gerald Gilson; Diane Gonzalez;
Judy Granville; Richard Gutmann; Glenn Hollins;
Casano A.S. Holmes; Anthony Importuna; Irene Janis;
Laura Jennings; Steven Johnston; James Kavanagh;
Kenneth; Elaine Kleenstauber; Theresa Kuleis;
Richard Landi; Olivia Macchio; Cindy Mango;
Lorraine Mango-Follini; Jean Marsala-Kieffner;
Romolo Marcucci; Frankie Martinelli; Jean Mascia;
Terri Ilardi McKee; Kathleen Morrissey; Sue Morrissey;
Irene Mozder; Josephine Mula; Victoria Nelson;
Bernadette O'Brien; Maureen O'Donnell; Beatrice
Okorn; Jeanne Oliveri; Joe P; Sandra Paterson;
Ceffy & Peppi Perez; Joseph Peter; Randy Pistritto;
Ralph Rantz; Nicole Reid; Dolores Roberts;
Rosalie Rocchio; Madeleine Sauchelli; Daniel Skinnon;
Margaret Stahura; Kaz Stasiak; Richard Stout;
Carson Tianna; Chase Turano; Greg Williams;
Fran Zeppetella; Baby Joey Ziegler.

*We ask those who wish to have the sick listed in the bulletin to submit their names through the collection or drop the name(s) off at the Church Office. Please use the cut-out in the bulletin for your convenience. This listing will expire on **March 31, 2016**. Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Jack Farino; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

An elephant broke loose from the herd and charged across a little wooden structure that stretched across a ravine. The worn-out bridge shivered and groaned barely able to support the elephant's weight.

Once the elephant had gone safely to the other side, a flea that had lodged itself in the elephant's ear exclaimed in mighty satisfaction, "Boy, did we shake that bridge." The readings of this week explains that a fly can feel the strength of an elephant if it is touched by God's grace.

In the second reading Paul says, "I am the least of the Apostles But by the grace of God I am what I am." In spite of being the least of all apostles, Paul proudly acknowledges that he toiled harder than all of them because of God's grace working effectively in him.

In today's Gospel Peter toiled through the night in vain but at the word of Jesus he caught a great number of fish.

Life without the grace of God is merely toil and burden. When it is touched by God's grace, our every act becomes God's act. We may feel that we are tiny or insignificant but when we allow ourselves to be touched by the grace of God, we become God's expression and God's work.

The Year of Mercy invites us to open ourselves to be enveloped by God's mercy. May the hardness of our hearts be melted and made sensitive to God's mercy around and within us. May mercy overwhelm us; may it overflow from us as God's act bringing joy and peace to all.

This Wednesday, February 10th is Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of grace. We reflect on the mystery of God sharing in our suffering. In Jesus God shared with us even in death. God shared with our suffering not just to console us but to radically change the moment of suffering into occasions of inner strength. He shared in our death in order to transform it into eternal life.

Lent is a spiritual exercise for 40 days. Our parish offers various spiritual exercises to grow in God's grace.

Every day we have Lenten morning prayers before the 9:00 am mass.

Every Friday we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm for grace upon those undergoing various sufferings.

Pranayama (Breathing meditation) for four Tuesdays — Feb 16, Feb. 23, March 1 and March 8 at 9:45 am and 7:00 pm — a spiritual exercise to realize our inner energy to live more effectively and peacefully.

Lenten Mission by Fr. Fitzsimmons from March 13 to 17 both in the morning mass at 9 am and in the evening at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Project in this Year of Mercy is through the Catholic Relief Services to help the welfare and education of the refugee children in various refugee camps.

GOLDEN JUBILEE: How old are we? 50 years old or young? In December of 2017 our parish will complete 50 years of faith-walk with Jesus. In the scale of the Church History which is over 2 millennium years old, our 50 years is just a drop in the bucket. We are a very young community. But in our own personal scale we are a maturing faith-community of 50 years. God has helped us grow in faith in Jesus and to witness life to Gospel values. Our way of worshiping and serving each other reflects a sincere dedication to Gospel values.

Whatever we do is a reflection of what we have treasured as faith for the last 50 years. Let the Golden Jubilee be the celebration of our dedication to the Gospel and our faith in

God. Let it proclaim what we treasure, and project a new vigor for our next generation. Let us feel that we don't grow old but grow stronger. Our witness springs from Jesus and spreads the sweet aroma of His newness. Let us remember that we are the containers of Jesus, the wine; we never grow old, we only become vintage. Our faith never withers but only multiplies and become abundant.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016: Our Parish's assessment this year is \$68,500. Last year we made 78.55% of our Goal. When we reach our goal we will get a rebate of approximately \$13,000. Thus our generosity will help both others and our parish through the rebate.

I personally ask you to help meet the goal. Please consider making some contribution to the Appeal. The CMA office will be mailing letters to parishioners asking for your contribution. You can either send your donation directly to them in the name of our parish or use the cut out in the bulletin to make your donation. You can drop it in the collection plate in an envelope marked 'CMA' and we will process it for you. We thank you for your generous support.

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

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	(February 6-7)	(February 13-14)
5:00 pm	Fr. Harold	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Harold
9:15am	Fr. Irinel	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Harold
12:15am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Irinel

PARISH OUTREACH

**AND THE COLD WEATHER HAS
BEGUN....**



Today's CONTRANYM is "BOUND". It has two opposite meaning; heading to a destination, or restrained from movement. On these cold winter days, we often feel a sense of frustration – we want to be bound for a destination, but the weather sometimes restricts our movements, whether it's icy roads or frigid temperatures that make going outside a disheartening experience. In those cases, we are bound from movement. We have been talking about being capable of the experiences we mentioned (going places)...but what about if we are bound (restrained) because of other reasons? What if there is no car available? What if we can't afford the gas for the car? What if we are disabled and can't get around? These are very real situations that face many of our clients here at Outreach. We try to help out by providing rides to doctors, and delivering food to our disabled clientele. In rare cases, we provide emergency gas cards to those in dire need. Especially in winter, though, all these situations are more depressing than at other times of the year, and we try especially hard to help those in need.

Thank you to the kind person who provided loads of brown paper bags that we recently requested.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Instead of the post-Christmas doldrums, we are busy responding to calls from our neighbors and preparing for our second annual Family St. Valentine Dance. Please support this fundraising event so we might continue to assist our neighbors in need.

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: Many calls are coming in for rent assistance. You all know how high rents are on Long Island and one serious illness, accident, or loss of job, can set up a downward spiral toward eviction. Sometimes we can help, sometimes not, but we attempt to find and use as many resources as possible to offer aid.

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. Visit us on Facebook and 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.

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

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



Thomas Migliara John Burk
Michael Fensterer Bryan Figueiredo
Alex Lombardi Andrew Lombardi
Christopher Sidor Sean Hendrickson

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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7pm.

LOVE THEM BOTH - Pro-life vigil:
Saturday, February 13th; 9:30AM to 10:30AM.
Planned Parenthood - West Islip: 180 Sunrise Hwy.
(So Service Rd, between Rt 231 & Udall).

In honor of St. Valentine's Day, pro-lifers are invited to stand in peaceful vigil on the sidewalk outside the

abortionist's office to show that unborn babies need love too. Rain or shine. Signs provided. Sponsored by LI Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435 / info@prolifeLI.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—February 7

12:15pm—L.I Confirmation Rite of Acceptance—Church

12:15pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry Meeting—Walden/Kirwin Halls

Monday—February 8

2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room

Wednesday—February 10—Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at the Mass at 9 am & 7pm and at the Prayer Service at 12:10 pm & 4:30 pm.

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Churh/Kirwin Hall

Thursday—February 18

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church



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:

February 8—Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers—Facilitator—Ann Belluardo

March 14—Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope by Sharon Brown—Facilitator—Caroline De Santis.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of January 31, 2016

\$9,093.50

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Discrimination Against Churches:



Responding to a disgruntled neighbor complaint, town officials in Jefferson Parish, LA, issued a criminal summons against the pastor of Vintage Church, claiming their services were "too loud." The town imposed a noise level restriction of 60dB - the noise equivalent of a dishwasher, clothes dryer, or 1-1 conversation. While there are limits on church sounds, other noises like power tools, demolition sounds and construction sounds are not restricted. Liberty Institute attorneys say the government's demand violates The Louisiana Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, which states: "Government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion ..." (libertyinstitute.org, 12/10/15; dailycaller.com, 12/15/15)

A similar incident occurred in 2015 in Gilbert, AZ, where the city had different ordinances for politics, business and church signs. Regulations for church signs were significantly stricter and smaller than for political or business signs. In June, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the AZ church, saying its free speech and religious liberty were violated by the local government ordinance unfairly discriminating against the church. (alliancedefendingfreedom.org; dailycaller.com, 6/18/15)

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness into light, and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet, and sweet into bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

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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—
JFRAT@optonline.net

Youth Ministry Corner—If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister.

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 the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be in Walden Hall on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 1pm.



Free Pizza and Bingo—At our February 12th meeting we will be serving free pizza to all paid members. If you did not sign up at our January 22nd meeting, please call Elaine at 265-0470. Please bring your favorite drink!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

In honor of Black History Month—The Brooklyn Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns & The Rockville Centre Office of Multicultural Diversity invites you to a **Revival** with Rev. Freddy Washington, CSSp, Pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist, Harlem, NY. **Fri., Feb. 12, 2016, 7:30pm, St. Brigid Church, Westbury; Sat. Feb. 13, 2016, 7:30pm, St. Joseph Church, Sutphin Blvd. Jamaica, NY.** Theme: “An Instigator of Peace: **McGann-Mercy Principal's Dinner**—Saturday, February 27th at 6:00 P.M. at Giorgio's Baiting Hollow—Honoring: Sister Elaine Hanson, RSM and the Sisters of Mercy and the late Richard Spanburgh '60 and the Class of 1960, our first graduating class. Call Liz McBurnie at extension 403 for more information

A Special St. Patrick's Celebration With Andy Cooney & Phil Coulter In Concert—Dominican Village, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Saint Dominic in Amityville,, will host a benefit concert in the NYCB Theatre in Westbury on **Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 3 PM.** CELTIC CROSSINGS in Concert will feature “Irish America’s favorite son” Andy Cooney and Ireland’s legendary songwriter and performer Phil Coulter, accompanied by the Irish Pops Ensemble, Hibernian Festival Singers and special guest Geraldine Branagan. Proceeds of this event will benefit Dominican Village, a not-for-profit, non-sectarian Independent and Assisted Living Retirement Community in Amityville, NY.

Tickets for this joyful, magical “Celtic Spirit” concert can be purchased directly through Dominican Village or TicketMaster.com Tickets now on sale \$69.50 or \$54.50. For more information please call Dominican Village at (631) 842-6618.

Pat Chapin in On the Road Again! Discover Scotland on October 3-10, 2016. Visit the regal city of Edinburgh. Tour the Orkney Islands, cruise on Loch Lomand, the largest lake in the United Kingdom. Enjoy a stunning drive to the Isle of Skye. Per person rate is \$3,699; single room is \$4,149. Price includes 14 meals, transportation to and from the airport and a professional tour guide upon arrival in Scotland. For more information contact **Pat at 631-672-4402. Reserve your spot today; space is limited!**

Fatima/Lourdes/Nevers/Paris—Catholic Pilgrimage—September 12 - 22, 2016, Fr. Alessandro da Luz, Spiritual Director/Our Holy Redeemer—2 Nights Fatima/1 Night Spain/ 2 Nights Lourdes/1 Night Nevers/ 2 Nights Paris/ Daily Mass.Air from JFK / Breakfast & Dinner

Daily. For a flyer or more information call Cathie or Mike Milano [631-569-2620](tel:631-569-2620)

(Second Notice)

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries 5th Annual College and Young Adult Retreat Friday, February 5th 7pm through Sunday, February 7th 3pm. Explore ways of cultivating mercy. Reignite the flames of your faith. Get away from the world of noise and distraction. In the beautiful, peaceful Hudson Valley. Cost of \$115 includes lodging, food and materials. Application and non-refundable \$60 deposit due by February 2nd. Call (845) 424-3609 or download application at www.cyfm.org.

Girls Day-By-Day Agape (DDA) Retreat Friday February 12th through Monday February 15th. For and by High School teens 15 + years old. \$140 per person includes materials, meals and lodging. Teens talk about their own lives, triumphs and struggles in Christ. Amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing and growing and feeling the love of Christ. Call (845) 424-3609 or www.cyfm.org by February 3rd to register.

The Life Center of Long Island is in desperate need of the following items: Children and baby clothes, baby items such as car seats, strollers, diaper bags, etc. Items can be dropped off at 1767 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park. Please call (631) 243-2373 for more information.

Thank you

Sister Diane Kirwin, OP of the Dominican Sisters is very grateful to the parishioners of St. Thomas More who have so generously donated their used cell phones over the past years. The money raised from these phones is used to support their mission in Puerto Rico.

She looks forward to your continued support.
God Bless you.

Sister Diane would gladly accept any other electronic gadgets for which you may no longer have any use.



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 am mass on February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13 and 20. Children will be escorted by the teachers to the classroom in Walden Hall before 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 by February 11.



Faith and Light Meeting

Friday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.
St Thomas More Walden Hall
115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

For more information call: Marcia and Jack Gaudet at 631-439-9724
(Faith and Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental disabilities.)

WANTED—CANTORS

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

Children's Choir

It's the perfect time to consider becoming a part of the

Children's Choir.

We sing at the 9:15 Family Mass on Sundays.

Rehearsals are Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 PM.

Adult Choir

All voice parts are welcome.

We sing at the 10:45 Mass on Sundays.

We rehearse every Thursday 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Call Emilia @ 724-8820

To join or for more information

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for the month of January 2016.

Fri. Jan. 1—#237—\$50—Mr. & Mrs. John Hendry—
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sat. Jan. 2—#468—\$25—James McGuire

Sun. Jan. 3—#587—\$50—Evelyn & Bob McMahon
Mon. Jan. 4—#903—\$25—Matthew Balsara
Tues. Jan. 5—#189—\$25—William & Jamie Stahura
Wed. Jan. 6—#890—\$25—Lewis Bernard
Thurs. Jan. 7—#326—\$25—Marilyn & Joe Amodio
Fri. Jan. 8—#178—\$25—Kathy DeSantis
Sat. Jan. 9—#214—\$25—Howard Spelman

Sun. Jan. 10—#680—\$50—John & Marie Reddy
Mon. Jan. 11—#723—\$25—Donna Basile
Tues. Jan. 12—#278—\$25—Jim & Marie Marsala
Wed. Jan. 13—#394—\$25—MaryAnn & Ralph Rantz
Thurs. Jan. 14—#165—\$25—Mary E. Conway
Fri. Jan. 15—#560—\$25—M/M Robert Sauchelli
Sat. Jan. 16—#650—\$25—Diane Coumou

Sun. Jan. 17—#425—\$50—Francine Rosmini
Mon. Jan. 18—#430—\$25—Patricia Giacalone
Tues. Jan. 19—#670—\$25—Michael Welch
Wed. Jan. 20—#356—\$25—Peter & Mary Romano
Thurs. Jan. 21—#711—\$25—Madeline Drobinko
Fri. Jan. 22—#102—\$25—Bill & Mary Ann Peet
Sat. Jan. 23—#481—\$25—Joan & David Marro

Sun. Jan. 24—#587—\$50—Kathy De Santis
Mon. Jan. 25—#637—\$25—Cheryl & Joseph Como
Tues. Jan. 26—#351—\$25—Rick & Janet Mallen
Wed. Jan. 27—#971—\$25—Barbara Schriefer
Thurs. Jan. 28—#690—\$25—Rick & Janet Mallen
Fri. Jan. 29—#493—\$25—Thomas & Clara Datre
Sat. Jan. 30—#770—\$25—William Waters

Sun. Jan. 31—#534—\$50—Walter Brennan

**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	\$54,435.00
Percentage of Goal	78.55%



**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 2016**

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2016.

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

Best Market-Commack-now hiring \$10 per hr. Health benefits—401 K—discount.

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.

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

Darby—Inside Sales Managers—Competitive salary—bonus—commissions. Excellent Benefits.

Geico Insurance—Sales reps, mgt trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven directly

Housekeepers - FT—light housekeeping—own transportation

Lowe's—PT—season—February—May—all stores

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.

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

Uncle Giuseppe's—now hiring in all departments and locations.

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.