



# 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.



***PARISH LENTEN MISSION***  
***March 14–17, 2016***

***February 28, 2016***  
***Second Sunday of Lent***

## **Telephones:**

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Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199

## Masses for this coming week

**February 28, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**  
**Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11**  
**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Luke 13: 1-9**

### Saturday--February 27

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Conchi Saenz (living) by *Michele Keena*

### Sunday—February 28—Third Sunday of Lent

8am—Ralph M. Marcello by *Ralph C. Marcello*

9:15am—C. Albert Parente by *Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*

10:45am—Margaret Arrengo by *Linda & Ed Kirchmeier*; Jim Baker by *Marie & Ross Baker*; Marko Belanich by *Cornelia T. Hirner*; Amy Kowlasky by *Elizabeth Kane & Peggy Kane*; Alexander Santos by *Maria Aldaba*; Michael Savino by *daughter Anna Savino*; Dorothy Southard by *the Carlino family*; Anna Venezia by *Elizabeth Kane*; Joseph Yarrish by *John & Karen Burke*

12:15pm—Alex Chambart by *the Chambart & Anelli families*

### Monday—February 29

9am—A Special Intention by *Milagros & family*

### Tuesday—March 1

9am—Helma Graham by *Marie Utter & John & Maryann Egan*

### Wednesday—March 2

9am—Leon Maganza by *Mary & John Thompson*

### Thursday—March 3—St. Katherine Drexel

9am—A Special Intention by *Milagros & family*

### Friday—March 4—St. Casimir—First Friday

9am—A Special Intention by *Milagros & family*

7pm—Stations of the Cross

### Saturday--March 5—First Saturday

9am—A Special Intention by *Milagros & family*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Elaine Paoella by *the Drago family*

### Sunday—March 6—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8am—Joseph Cornacchioli Sr. by *Andrew & Chris Paino*

9:15am—Maureen Rousseau by *the Recce family*  
10:45am—Mary T. Dahlquist by *St. Thomas More Outreach*

12:15pm—Joseph Alarimo by *Mr. & Mrs. Michael Polidoro*; Eleanor Lalena by *Mr. & Mrs. Michael Polidoro*; Dustin Manwiller by *Mr. & Mrs. Michael Polidoro*; Alfred F. Manzella by *Marilyn Manzella & family*; Edwin Morella by *the Papile family*;

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

**March 6, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**  
**Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
**Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

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

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers

have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer

deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him.

He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

### Focus Questions:

1. Recall a time when someone forgave you from the heart. What was your reaction?
2. Describe a time when you experienced God's generosity.
3. How do you handle resentment in your life? What advice would you give to the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son?

### Family and children's question:

Talk about a time when you forgave someone without any reservations. Who in your life do you still need to forgive?

Matthew Postiglione by Ava Gruttadauria.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



James Adams; Lynn Alipert;  
Anthony Augrigliaro; Mary Bein;  
Louise Beltrani; Karen Berlet;  
Mackenzie Borchers; Peter Bongiorno;  
Charles Boston; Msgr. Patrick Brown; Fred Busse;  
James D. Calandrella; Linda Sue Cappisillo;  
D'Angelo Caruso; Marge Chester; Claire Cooper;  
Dorothy Copeland; Joey Cullum; Bernice Cuomo;  
Fr. Robert Dahlke; Jenn Dobbs; Florence and  
Anthony Donato; Walter Drechsler Jr.;  
William Driscoll; Thomas Duffy; Frank Dunn;  
Baby Clare Elezabert; Leona Esposito; Tony Fairfax;  
Josephine Farella; 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;  
Morgan Leary (Age 7); 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; Arlene Palazzolo;  
Sandra Paterson; Ceffy & Peppi Perez; Joseph Peter;  
Randy Pistritto; Ralph Rantz; Nicole Reid;  
Dolores Roberts; Rosalie Rocchio; Madeleine Sauchelli;  
Michale Selvaggio; Daniel Skinnon; Kerry Spears;  
Margaret Stahura; Kaz Stasiak; Richard Stout;  
Carson Tianna; Chase Turano; Debbie Ward;  
Greg Williams; Nicolas Wittreich; 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

John G. Reilly; Giuseppina DiBenedetto;  
Silvio Loccisano; James Crosby; Angela Loccisano;  
Lawrence Paone; our deceased loved ones and our  
deceased servicemen and women.

## FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

**Overheard at the beach: "Mummy, may I go for a swim?"**

"Certainly not, my dear, it is far too deep."

"But daddy is swimming."

"Yes, dear, but he's insured."

Nothing is guaranteed in life. In the name of insurance we try to get some kind of monetary support at the time of loss. Insurance can help us replace material loss. But for life as such, what kind of guarantee or insurance can we have?

**The readings of the third week of Lent** invite us to see within us an indestructible God-given substance as a guarantee or insurance against all the losses we will incur in our earthly life.

**In the first reading, Moses is invited to see himself in the burning bush.** The fire could not burn it. In that fresh and un-burnt burning bush, God commissions Moses to deliver his people enslaved by Pharaoh, from whom he fled to save his life. Moses is asked by God to go into the same fire of Pharaoh whose wrath burnt him in the first place. But this time God is going to be with him so Moses will be kept fresh like the green-burning bush. The wrath of Pharaoh would be like a fire around him but it will not consume him. God would be his guarantee and insurance.

**The Gospel encourages us to see our life as a time to turn our unfruitful situations** into fruit-bearing ones. All that we might see or experience around us may seem discouraging and disturbing, painful and unpromising. But God the Gardner is ready to work with us, as he works with the unfruitful fig tree. If we can co-operate with God we will be able to bear fruit. Our barrenness will be turned into fruitfulness. We may look like being burnt with fire from outside but because God is working with us, we will be surprised like Moses, to see the bush, though on fire, not consumed. God is our fire-insurance.

**This week we pray the Stations of the Cross on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for those who are suffering from any type of addiction. Please come and pray with us.

**I will be offering 60 minute pranayama sessions**—Breathing Meditation on Tuesdays. Last Tuesday around 100 people attended and found it spiritually useful and beneficial. This Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> and the final morning session on March 8<sup>th</sup> will be in Kirwin Hall at 9:45 am immediately after the 9:00am mass. The evening one will be at 7:00pm in Kirwin Hall. The first 30 minutes of the session will be an explanation of the basics and the second half will be the spiritual exercise of the breathing meditation called Pranayama – integration of oneself through breathing (prana). Even if you missed the two classes of February you can still attend. Each session

is complete in itself. Welcome.

**Our yearly Lenten project is another opportunity to serve God through serving others.** This year we invite you to join Catholic Relief Service (CRS) in educating the refugee children in refugee camps in the war-torn zones of the Middle East and in our continent of America. Let us eagerly partake in this corporal act of mercy of almsgiving during this Year of Mercy. Please view some of the data and pictures in the Narthex, explaining the services provided by CRS to the refugees. Please consider this Lenten Project and show your monetary help by placing your donations in the house kept at the table. Also you are invited to write a note of love and care to the refugee children on the heart-signs and place them in the envelope attached to the sign board. They will be sent to the refugee children.

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

	<u>This Weekend</u> (February 27-28)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (March 5/6)
<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Harold
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Irinel
9:15am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Irinel	Fr. Antony
12:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Harold

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony

## PARISH OUTREACH

**ASH WEDNESDAY HAS PASSED...CAN EASTER BE FAR AWAY?**



Our annual food drive for both Easter Baskets and Easter food for our clients has officially begun!!!! With Easter coming early this year, (March 27<sup>th</sup>), we have to get our act together as a community, and start collecting the food (HAMS< HAMS< HAMS) as well as other items for Easter dinner – potatoes, vegetables, rolls, etc. We also need Easter baskets made up for the children of our clients, both boys and girls, from the very young to early teens. As always, we deeply appreciate any help our parishioners can provide!!!

## St Vincent de Paul Conference

A great big THANK YOU to the many people who attended and supported our 2nd annual St. Valentine's Family Dance. We all enjoyed delicious food, good music and our wonderful STM community spirit!

Your generosity will help us to 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:** Some of our conference members are sharpening their negotiating skills with landlords, other resources, and sometimes the person in need, so that a workable solution to the present problem, as well as the prevention of the same problem in the future, can be accomplished. The high cost of housing in LI continues to plague even those with a professional degree..

**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  
Jessie Bernstein  
Kyle Rathje  
William R. Rathje  
Timothy Fallon  
Tim Morris  
Thomas Migliara  
Bryan Figueiredo  
Andrew Lombardi  
Sean Hendrickson

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  
Alex Lombardi  
Christopher Sidor



If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like to have their name added to this list, please submit their names through the



collection basket or the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know.

## **RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

### **ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7pm.**

### **Catholics for Freedom of Religion**



#### **Iraqi Christians Denied Asylum:**

The U.S. denied asylum to dozens of Christians who escaped ISIS militants - even though they had family sponsors here. "This is extremely disturbing and wrong," said

Christian Freedom International. "I've never see anything like this ... (Christians) should be a priority over other asylum seekers." The U.S. admitted Muslims from Iraq over Christians at a ratio of 5-1, despite the fact that Christians are a heavily targeted "infidel" minority .

(newsmax.com, 2/7/16, 10/2/15)

#### **Genocide Against Christians:**

In February, 2016, the European Parliament unanimously recognized the genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by ISIS - the Islamic State - against Christians and other religious minorities throughout the Middle East and Africa, in a formal resolution:

" ... whereas religious and other ethnic minorities have been killed, slaughtered, beaten, abducted and tortured; whereas they have been enslaved (in particular, women and girls subjected to forms of sexual violence) ..."

Finally, the European Parliament stresses the responsibility of the international community to take collective action in order to "provide protection and aid ... to all those targeted by the so called 'ISIS/ Daesh' ..."

(aclj.org, 2/6/16)

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

Pope Francis

## **E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

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Youth Ministry Website—www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

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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](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our church code is

**NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

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

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

#### **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

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

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

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

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

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

**USED EYE GLASSES** —The Volunteer Optometrist

Service to Humanity (VOSH) is a group of Ophthalmologists/Optomtrists who volunteer their time and professional skills each year for two weeks in Peru. They go to rural mountainous regions and provide optical treatment and/or eye surgery to the local villagers who live in abject poverty. The glasses donated are refurbished. After an eye exam, the villagers are given glasses closest to their prescription. If you have any old glasses lying around, please put them to good use by donating them to our church.

## **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.

## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of February 21, 2016      \$8,829.25

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**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 Lomond, 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!**

**St. Joseph Renewal Center—March programs—**  
**March 1:** 10am to 12noon—Gathering of Women. Offering \$15.

**March 2:** 1 to 2:30pm—Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia. Free will offering.

**March 2:** 7 to 8pm—Guided Meditation for Inner Healing. Offering \$15

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

**March 2:** 10am to 3pm—Mid-Lenten Day of Prayer "Journey with Compassion". Offering \$45 incl. lunch

**March 9—**11am to 1pm—Wellness Program "The practice of FASTING as a Spiritual Discipline". Offering \$25.

**March 12:** 8am to 9:30am—Men2Men Gathering. Offering \$20 includes breakfast.

**March 20:** 2 to 4pm—11th Step Prayer Support for 12 Steppers. A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness. Free will offering.

**Marian Healing Ministry—March 8** at 7pm—Rosary, Mass & Healing Service—St. Anastasia's Church, Douglaston, Little Neck. For info please call 718-631-4454.

**St. Frances de Chantal School—Widowed, Single, and Divorced, Catholics of Long Island—Meeting on March 22, at 8pm.** Meeting at 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. For info call Carol at 516-794-4933 or Barbara at 516-798-2858.

*(Second Notice)*

**The community of St. John of God School and Parish and Our Lady of Providence Regional Schools** is reaching out to all SJOG and OLPOP graduates, to become a member of the SJOG / OLOP Alumni Association. Please update your contact information. As a member you will receive an Alumni Newsletter that will take you "down memory lane", update you on current events and activities in the school and announce dates for Alumni events and reunions So please get us your information! Blessings, Rev. Christopher Nowalk SJOG Pastor and OLOP School Board Chair.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Information and Permission slips for our Teen Retreat Weekend are now available on the Youth website at [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org). The upcoming retreat, 'A Sign of the Times' will be held at the Don Bosco Youth Retreat Center from June 3 - 5, 2016. The retreat is open to all High School students looking for a fun experience while growing in their faith. \$25 non refundable deposits are due by Sunday, March 20 to guarantee a spot. If you are interested in sponsoring a teen or helping defray the retreat costs, please let Joe know.

Many thanks to everyone who braved the cold and attended our Youth Ministry St. Valentine's Day Breakfast Fundraiser! We will have another fundraiser breakfast in May.

Our Youth Ministry is always in need of additional support. If you have time to spend and are interesting in working with our wonderful teens, please reach out to Joe to discuss your possible involvement. What a great way to share your faith and help our young people grow in holiness!



## PRE-CANA

**Please pray for our engaged couples who have just completed Pre-Cana.**

*Left to Right:*

*Kerry Sinkevich  
Michael Morales  
Emily Winter  
Justin Monsees*



## 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.

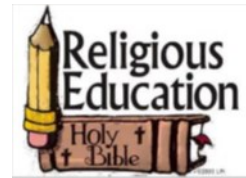
The following books will be discussed on:

**March 14**—Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope by Sharon Brown—

Facilitator—Caroline De Santis.

**April 11**—**Sisterland** by Curtis Sittenfeld—

Facilitator Barbara Fratamico



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](mailto:Pchapin@optonline.net) by February 11.



**LENTEN PROJECT 2016****CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES WORKING TO PREVENT A LOST GENERATION**

The donations collected for this year's Lenten project will go to help Catholic Relief Services in their outreach to the children of Syrian refugees. CRS provides more than 53,546 Syrian Refugee children with education classes, school materials, counseling, recreational activities, and safe spaces to learn and play.

Since the conflict began in Syria five years ago, 7.5 million children are in need of humanitarian aid, 2.5 million children are no longer in school. According to UNICEF, for Syrian children, "what is at stake isn't politics. It's their future. Having already lost their homes, schools and communities, their chance of building a future may also soon be lost."

Catholic Relief Services is working, along with Caritas, on the ground in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Greece helping children and their families with food, clothing, housing and education. Pope Francis' first pastoral visit outside of Rome was to the tiny island of Lampedusa, where many refugees landed after making the perilous sea voyage from North Africa. Two years later, he is still urging the Church and the world not to turn their backs on the suffering of those people fleeing conflict and death.

Pope Francis has declared this year to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25 "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me."

Donations can be placed in the Lenten Project House in the narthex or can be collected in the CRS Rice Bowls and brought back to Church at the end of Lent.

We are also encouraging all parishioners to fill in a heart (found in an envelope on the narthex bulletin board) with words of hope and encouragement for the refugee children. These notes will be forwarded by CRS to the refugee camps and connect the people of St. Thomas More to those children. Directions, and samples, are also displayed on the bulletin board.

***RCIA***

We are in the RCIA Process with four people journeying to the Easter Sacraments. They rely upon your example and prayers as they strive to become disciples of Christ. We ask the community of St. Thomas More to pray for Michael Smith, Michael Milone, Alison Radonis, and Michael Zeitner that during Lent the spirit will guide them in their search to grow closer to Christ.

***Rite of Election***

This is a group picture taken at the Rite of Continuing Conversion with Bishop Perez last Sunday. This is only one-fourth of the people seeking to join the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. One of our people, Michael Milone, was ill and could not make it to the rite.

Below is a picture of Alison Radonis and Michael Zeitner who are seeking to join the church and the community of St. Thomas More.





## CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CHOIR



Calling the youth of our Parish-- Grades 3 through High School-- to be a part of the Communion Choir. It is not a long commitment and it would add so much to the Masses celebrating the First Communion of our children Also,

it would give our youth the chance to see if they would like to be a part of our family liturgy choir to sing at the weekly 9:15 am Mass.

Our rehearsals will be Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. We will sing at the First Communion Mass on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, and April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm.

This is an opportunity to serve in a special way the St. Thomas More community. I hope you will consider being a part of this beautiful season. To join or for information, please call **Emilia at 724-8820.**

Thank you and God Bless.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

### Sunday—February 28

7pm—Youth Ministry—Walden/Kirwin Halls

### Tuesday—March 1

9:45am—Pranayama (Meditation)—Kirwin Hall

7pm—Adoration—Church

7pm—Pranayama (Meditation)—Church

### Wednesday—March 2

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

### Thursday—March 3

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church

### Friday—March 4

1pm—Young At Heart St. Patrick's Party—Walden Hall

7pm—Stations of the Cross

### Saturday—March 5

5pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

7pm—Faith & Light—Walden Hall

## CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

### Congratulations!

Here are the winners for February 14-20, 2016

Sun.	Feb. 14	\$50	—#393 Elene Napolitano
Mon.	Feb. 15	\$25	#466 Bro. L. Carlino, SDB
Tues.	Feb. 16	\$25	#862 Thomas & Clara Datre
Wed.	Feb. 17	\$25	#725 John Egan
Thurs.	Feb. 18	\$25	#303 Diana & Ron Castellano
Fri.	Feb. 19	\$25	#287 Pat & Matt O'Connell
Sat.	Feb. 20	\$25	—#131 Patricia Giacalone



The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**Golden Wedding Liturgy**  
Honoring Couples Married Fifty  
Years or More

**Sunday, April 10—St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville**

**Sunday, April 24—Maria Regina in Seaford**

**Both liturgies will begin at 2:20pm. Couples may register for ONE liturgy.**

Registration for the April 10 liturgy must be received by the Diocese by March 25.

## YOUNG AT HEART

St. Thomas More Young At Heart is having our annual St. Patrick's luncheon in Walden Hall on

**March 4, 2016 at 1 pm.** The cost is \$10.00 pp for paid members and \$15.00 for a guest. There will be special entertainment by Tom Santoriello with his guitar and harmonica.

Please call Marie at 234-4102 to reserve your place on this fun day. Refreshments will be served as usual.



**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 2016**

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$68,500.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,220.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>1.78%</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 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.

**P.C. Richard & Son**—All stores, including new Super Store, Bellmore. No exp. Needed. Excellent benefits.

**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.