



Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

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Staffed by volunteers

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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*

March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Telephones:

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
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Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday--March 5

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Elaine Paoletta *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; Matthew

Postiglione by Ava Gruttadauria.

Monday—March 7—St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

9am—John McDonald II *by Ruthann McDonald*

Tuesday—March 8—St. John of God

9am—Christopher Weidig *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Wednesday—March 9—St. Frances of Rome

9am—Sophie Paknus *by Al Pankus*

Thursday—March 10

9am—Judith Patchell *by Kathleen O'Brien*

Friday—March 11

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

7pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday--March 12

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

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—A Special Intention *by Milagros & family*

Sunday—March 13—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am—Louis & Anthony Giuliano *by Francine Rosmini*

9:15am—Steven Tursellino *by the Rodgersfamily*

10:45am—Robert Russo (10th Anniversary) *by
Lettie Russo*

12:15pm—Maureen Heuer (deceased) & family (living)
by George & Rosaleen Walters and James Rogan

PRAY FOR THE SICK



James Adams; Lynn Alipert;
Anthony Augrigliario; Mary Bein;
Louise Beltrani; Karen Berlet;

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them.

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.

They said to him,

“Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”

They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them,

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders.

So he was left alone with the woman before him.

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,

“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

She replied, “No one, sir.”

Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you experienced God’s mercy.
2. Twice in this Gospel Jesus is said to have written in the sand. What do you think Jesus wrote? What does that mean to you?
3. How deeply have you entered into Lent this year?

Family and children’s question:

Talk about a time when someone saved you from harm. How did you feel about the person after? How do you think the woman in the Gospel felt about Jesus after he saved her?

Mackenzie Borchers; Peter Bongiorno;
Charles Boston; Msgr. Patrick Brown;
Cecilia Burke; 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;
Frank Grieco; Richard Gutmann; Glenn Hollins;
Anthony Importuna; Irene Janis; Laura Jennings;
Steven Johnston; James Kavanagh; Kenneth;
Elaine Kleenstauber; Theresa Kuleis; Richard Landi;
Morgan Leary (Age 7); Nancy Link; Olivia Macchio;
Cindy Mango; Lorraine Mango-Follini;
Jean Marsala-Kieffner; James Marcucci;
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; Andrew J. Valentine;
Andrew M. Valentine; 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

Casano Holmes; John G. Reilly;
Giuseppina DiBenedetto; Silvio Loccisano;
James Crosby; our deceased loved ones and our
deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Husband: Where is yesterday's newspaper?

Wife: I wrapped the garbage in it.

Husband: Oh, I want to see it.

Wife: There wasn't much to see...just some orange

peels and coffee grounds.

This is the difference between the way God sees and the way we do. God sees for something new in us while we see nothing but garbage.

Today's Gospel reading is the famous story of 'The Prodigal Son'. Jesus narrates the story to explain to the Pharisees and the Scribes how his view of sinners is different from theirs. They, like the older son of the story, look at sinners as those gone astray, and not to be associated with the righteous like themselves. But for Jesus, sinners, like the younger son, are longing to come back to the embrace of the father's love and ready to celebrate the forgiving relationship.

Today's readings free us from the frozen view to the flowing view of life. It is our choice. We can either adamantly settle for our own whims and fancies about our life like the older son and thus stay out from life's celebration. Or we can free ourselves from our old way of life and, like the younger son, allow the flow of new life, and thus celebrate life enjoying the mercy and forgiveness of God the father.

As the first reading says, our life is a celebration of 'pass over' from that which enslaves us to that which frees and fills us with God's new life. The second reading describes us as a New Creation in Christ. God in Christ has not only empowered us with newness within us, but also made us as God's ambassadors for Christ in order to spread the newness around us. Let us not freeze, like the older son, in the old we have settled for. Let us free ourselves to the new we have within, like the younger son.

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 service of 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. These will be sent to the refugee children.

Facebook and Parish Website: Please visit our parish social media postings. We have three Facebook accounts 1) The Parish of Saint Thomas More; 2) St. Thomas More Religious Education; 3) Saint Thomas More Youth. Adding to these I have my own blog in our parish website: stmli.org. Please open our website, click on the pastor's page to read the reflection I post periodically.

Everyday we post something spiritually inspiring, some information about parish activities, and invitations to various events of our parish. Please visit these websites and hit the 'like' option. This will enable our parish activities and inspiration quotes to spread into your circle. This is your way of spreading the Word of God; this is the 'New Evangelization'. By hitting the 'like' you become an Ambassador for Christ in spreading his life-giving presence and message through his word. Thus you become a modern day Missionary of spreading God's Mercy in this Year of Mercy. Thank-you for your co-operation. We are the Church; we are all missionaries in the one great mission of Christ.

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

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

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



PARISH OUTREACH

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

We need hams!!!!!!!

Our annual food drive for both Easter Baskets and Easter food for our clients has officially begun!!!! With Easter coming early this year, (March 27th), 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!!!

Our clients will be picking up their food and Easter Baskets on March 21, 22, and 23, so time is of the essence! Please make an Easter basket for a child of our clients, and bring it to Outreach asap.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Spring is almost here and we are all looking forward to warmer temperatures and flowers popping up in our

gardens. However, the needs of some of our neighbors continue to hold them in despair. Please remember to help us so we can help them.

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, April 5, 2016 at 7pm.



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Justice Scalia death affects Supreme Court key cases:
The death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia could be a major setback for religious freedom this year.

The Little Sisters of the poor and other religious non-profits such as charities, schools and hospitals, are seeking an exemption from the government Affordable Care Act's mandate that employers include contraception, sterilization and abortion drugs in their health insurance plans. The court will hear their case on March 23. "If this appeal is lost, government becomes head of every religious denomination in the country by its assumed authority to determine what is, in fact, a sin," said Thomas More Law Center.

Now, with Justice Scalia's death, the most likely outcome is a 4-4 tie that would leave the so-called "contraception mandate" in place for these non-profits, subjecting them to crippling IRS fines. (christianheadlines.com, 2/16/16)

Let us pray for Little Sisters of the Poor, that they can avoid bankrupting fines.

Event: April 20, 2016, 7:00PM. Thomas Renker, Counsel for Diocese of Rockville Centre and Barbara Samuells, President, Catholics for Freedom of Religion, St. John the Evangelist, 25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY

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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
USED EYE GLASSES —The Volunteer Optometrist Service to Humanity (VOSH) is a group of Ophthalmologists/Optometrists 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 (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.



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 March 6, 13 & 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.

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!

Christ the King Church—2 Indian Head Road—Commack—Lenten Concert: Father, Forgive Them. Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Free will donation. Featuring works by Antonin Dvorak, Twila Paris, Gabriel Fauré, Ola Gjelio, Larry Shackley and Lowell Mason. For more information please call 631-864-1623 or email jsmaldino@ctkrcc.org

St. John's University—La Festa di San Giuseppe—Monday, March 14, 2016—7 pm Reception & Entertainment, Marillac Terrace, Queens Campus. RSVP by Thursday, March 10. No children under 12 years. ICC Members \$20; Nonmembers \$25. Make checks payable to St. John's University. For more information, please contact the ICC at 718-990-5892 or italianculturalcenter@stjohns.edu

4th Annual Women's Conference—The Voice of Catholic Women—Reflecting on the Message of Pope Francis—Carol Dunning, Esq., Dr. Joanne Heaney-Hunter, Elizabeth M. Keihm—**Saturday, March 19, 2016.** Registration at **9 am** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington. **Offering: \$25.00.** For more information visit ww.drvc-faith.org

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries presents **Living Stations of the Cross:** Join us in this powerful prayer service as teens bring the journey of Christ's Passion alive, enabling us to reflect on Christ's suffering and death. Service concludes with Eucharistic Adoration. Passion Sunday, **March 20, 3pm;** outdoors, rain or shine, please dress for the weather. CYFM 781 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 424-3609. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: CYFMGarrison.

(Second Notice)

St. Joseph Renewal Center—March programs—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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Information and Permission slips for our Teen Retreat Weekend are now available on the Youth website at 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!

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.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of February 28, 2016 \$8,107.25

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1 pm in Walden Hall.

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 12th and March 19th from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. We will sing at the First Communion Mass on April 9th and 16th at 5:00 pm, and April 10th and 17th 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—March 6—2nd Collection—Catholic Relief Services at all Masses
7pm—Youth Ministry Core Retreat Day—Walden/
Kirwin Halls

Tuesday—March 8
9:45am—Pranayama (Meditation)—Kirwin Hall
7pm—Pranayama (Meditation)—Church

Wednesday—March 9
2pm—Catholics for Freedom of Religion—Meeting Rm.
6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Church/Kirwin Hall

Thursday—March 10
5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church
7pm—Columiettes—Meeting Room
7:30pm—Choir—Church

Friday—March 11
1pm—Young At Heart —Walden Hall
7pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 12
12:30pm—Children's Choir—Church
5pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for February 21-27, 2016

Sun.	Feb. 21	\$50	—#602 Patricia Buzzanca
Mon.	Feb. 22	\$25	#152 Helen Barbarito & Peter Stoufer
Tues.	Feb. 23	\$25	#227 Joan & Gerard Smith
Wed.	Feb. 24	\$25	#932 Mary Ann & Ed O'Gara
Thurs.	Feb. 25	\$25	#578 Ann Russo
Fri.	Feb. 26	\$25	#624 Harold & Theresa Lund
Sat.	Feb. 27	\$25	—#372 Bob & Mary Burke



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.



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

**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**

Our Parish Goal	\$68,500.00
Pledges to date	\$19,399
Percentage of Goal	28.18%



**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.