



# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor  
Rev. Harold Noviello, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon John S. Rapacki

## **Religious Education**

Patricia Chapin, Co-director  
Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director

## **Parish Outreach**

Staffed by volunteers

## **Music Ministry**

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

## **Youth Ministry**

Joe Gast, s.c., Youth Minister

## **OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE - EUCCHARIST**

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm  
Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through  
Saturday.

**BAPTISM**—As soon as your child is born, please call the Parish Office to make Baptism arrangements. Preparation session and welcoming Mass attendance are required.

**MARRIAGE**—As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to schedule an appointment with the Parish Office or one of the deacons.

**RECONCILIATION**—Celebrated in Church every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by previous appointment with Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**—Call the Church Office to request visitation of the sick.

**CONFIRMATION**—Those who have not been confirmed should call the Parish Office to receive further information.

**HOLY ORDERS**—Contact the Parish Office for more information about the priesthood or diaconate.



## *March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

### *Parish Mission Statement:*

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

### **Telephones:**

Rectory—	234-5551	FAX 234-6412
Religious Ed—	234-0397	FAX 234-1199
Outreach—	234-3149	FAX 234-1199

## Masses for this coming week

March 20, 2016

**Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

**Saturday--March 19**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm—Emma Finley & Jean Ammirati *by the Giacalone family*; Mary T. Dahlquist *by Chet & Lottie Kalenty*; Peter & Arlene Ilyichenko *by Jim DeSantis*; Angela & Silvio Loccisano *by Laurie & Michael Massmann*; Angela Loccisano *by the Poulin family*; Christopher Madigan *by the Barr family*; Edwin Morella *by the Pietroski family*; Lilliam Munzer *by Len Munzer*; Elaine Paulella *by the Gardner family*; Joe, Patty & Joseph Severino *by Rose Milazzo*; Dolores Spegman *by Howard Spegman*.

**Sunday—March 20—Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord**

8:00am—Lina Mori *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*

9:15am—Anthony Marvelli *by Alice & Charles Longwell*

10:45am—Christopher Sauchelli *by Robert & Madeline Sauchelli*

12:15pm—Jack Farino *by Frank Amalia Prisinzano*

**Monday—March 21**

9am—Ginny, Jim & Scott Schlesier *by Rose Milazzo*

**Tuesday—March 22**

9am—Joan F. Hartnett *by Dottie Lossani*

**Wednesday—March 23**

9am—Mickelson & Williams families *by Barbara Mickelson*

**Thursday—March 24—Holy Thursday**

9am—Prayer Service

11am—ChrisM Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral

7:30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday—March 25—Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

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

7pm—Stations of the Cross

**Saturday--March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9am—Prayer Service

12:10pm—Stations of the Cross

1:30pm—Stations of the Cross for Young People

3pm—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm—Tenebrae

## Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 27, 2016

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

**Focus Questions:**

1. Share a memory of a joyful Easter celebration.
2. Describe a time when you felt the absence of the Lord and then suddenly He was there.
3. Relate a time when you handled an unexpected and surprising change.

**Family and children’s question:**

Talk about some of the signs, symbols and customs of Easter in your home or in church and how they relate to the Resurrection.

Saturday—March 26—Holy Saturday

9am—Prayer Service

10am—Blessing of Easter Food

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

7:30pm—Vigil Mass

Sunday—March 27—Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am—*For the Easter Mass Remembrance and Easter  
Flower Donors*

9:15am—*For the Easter Mass Remembrance and Easter  
Flower Donors*

10:45am—*For the Easter Mass Remembrance and  
Easter Flower Donors*

12:15pm—*For the Easter Mass Remembrance and  
Easter Flower Donors*



## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Adams; Andrew Agostinello;  
Lynn Alipert; Anthony Augrighiaro;  
Mary Bein; Louise Beltrani; Karen Berlet;  
Mackenzie Borchers; Peter Bongiorno;  
Charles Boston; Msgr. Patrick Brown; Cecilia Burke;  
Fred Busse; James D. Calandrella; Linda Sue Cappisillo;  
D'Angelo Caruso; Fay Chambart; Marge Chester;  
Claire Cooper; Dorothy Copeland; Joey Cullum;  
Bernice Cuomo; Fr. Robert Dahlke; Jenn Dobbs;  
Florence & 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;  
Laurie Holmes; Anthony Importuna; Irene Janis;  
Laura Jennings; Steven Johnston; James Kavanagh;  
Timorhy Keenan; Kenneth; Elaine Kleenstauber;  
Theresa Kuleis; Richard Landi; Morgan Leary (Age 7);  
Nancy Link; Christopher Lynch; Olivia Macchio;  
Cindy Mango; Lorraine Mango-Follini;  
Jean Marsala-Kieffner; James Marcucci;  
Romolo Marcucci; Frankie Martinelli; Jean Mascia;  
Terri Ilardi McKee; Ginny McNulty; Anna Milam;  
Sultan Mohiuddin, MD; Kathleen Morrissey;  
Sue Morrissey; Irene Mozder; Josephine Mula;  
Victoria Nelson; Bernadette O'Brien;  
Maureen O'Donnell; Beatrice Okorn; Jeanne Oliveri;  
Joe P; Arlene Palazzolo; Joseph Papagno;  
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; Helen Vlabel; 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**

Helen Rachel Schiaffino; Catherine Greene;  
our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen  
and women.

## **FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Patient: How can I live to be a hundred, doctor?**

Doctor: Give up cookies, cake, and ice cream. Stop eating  
red meat, potatoes, and bread. And no soft drinks.

Patient: And if I do that, I will live to be a hundred?

Doctor: May be not, but it will certainly seem like it.

**'Giving up something for Lent'** was one of the spiritual  
exercises we started on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Today, March 20<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday, the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Lent.

We tried our best to 'give up' something for the past 40

days, to begin HOLY WEEK today, to take the journey

with Jesus in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. **Our**

**'giving up' is a preparation to experience along with**

**Jesus** who 'gives up' himself sacramentally as food

(Eucharist) on Holy Thursday during his Last Supper,

then 'gives his life' for us on the Cross on Good Friday.

On Holy Saturday, he would be in the tomb to express

that He gave up everything in order to embrace all human

conditions from birth to death. Now nothing hinders him

from uniting with us. His Resurrection on Easter Sunday

is the confirmation that he 'gives up' being God and is

united totally to us humans, that we by 'giving up' all that

is binding us to human weakness, can 'gain' the Power

of New Life along with Jesus.

**Holy week is the time of 'giving up' along with Jesus**

in His Death, to pass on to 'gaining' divine power of New

Life along with Jesus in his Resurrection. The goal of Our

Lenten 40 days with all its spiritual exercises is to bring

us to this highlight of passing with Jesus from death to

glorious Resurrection. Please check the Holy Week

schedule in the bulletin. Try to participate in all the

events. In these Liturgical events we will remember

Jesus' last week on earth. By remembering this we will

celebrate God's love and life for us. By celebrating we

believe and experience within us God's offer of New

Resurrected Life in Jesus. I personally invite all of you to eagerly participate in all the Holy Week events. Come with your 'giving up' in order to 'gain' the New Life of Resurrection.

**Reconciliation Monday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 3pm to 9pm in our Church and in all the Catholic Churches of our Diocese of Rockville Centre. Individual Confession cleanses and illumines the hearts to enter into the mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

**Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Fitzsimmons who conducted a dynamic three-day mission in our Parish,** and to all who worked to make the mission a success. We are also grateful to those who joined us for all or part of the mission. It is our prayerful hope that his inspirational talks will help us to allow Jesus to work in our lives, most especially during Holy Week leading to Easter.

**Next Sunday is Easter Sunday.** We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from death. Like Christmas, Easter will be the occasion when the whole family of St. Thomas More will attend Mass. Every mass will be extremely crowded. We will invite all with a smile. We will pray for them every day of this Holy Week that everyone who comes will be touched by the New Life of the Resurrection. That immeasurable love and mercy of the Crucified and Risen Lord will inspire a new way of living in them. May our warmth and friendliness welcome them to worship God with us in our Church more frequently.

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

	<u>This Weekend</u> (March 19/20)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (March 27/28)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5:00 pm	Fr. Irinel	<b>No 5pm Mass</b>
7:30pm	Easter Vigil	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Harold
9:15am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Harold
10:45am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Irinel

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony



## PARISH OUTREACH

It's Palm Sunday!!!

How quickly this day has arrived! Hopefully, everyone set their clocks ahead, leaping forward an hour, plus of course leaping into the New Year earlier!

This year has certainly seemed as though we are not traveling at the normal rate, but much faster! Easter will be here next Sunday, and we will be distributing both Easter baskets and food to our clients and their children this week. Thank you to all of our parishioners who dropped off Easter baskets and food for our clients; the expression on the children's faces when they see that the "Easter Bunny" has not forgotten them is wonderful...the parish religion classes have also done their share in donating beautiful baskets. How wonderful that they are being taught this valuable lesson in sharing God's bounty!

## 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

John Chester  
Michael White  
Thomas LaFemina



Timothy Fallon	Philip Guidone
Tim Morris	Antonia Marie Rivera
Thomas Migliara	John Burk
Bryan Figueiredo	Alex Lombardi
Andrew Lombardi	Christopher Sidor
Sean Hendrickson	Michael Knipper

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.***

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF UNBORN CHILDREN on MARCH 25, 2016, from 10:30AM to NOON, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Information: [631-243-1435](tel:631-243-1435); [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).



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

*"Today we are dismayed to see how in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world, many of our brothers and sisters are persecuted, tortured and killed for their faith in Jesus." Pope Francis*

#### **Genocide against Christians:**

As Christians in America prepare for Holy Week, pressure is mounting for the U.S. to declare Christians as genocide victims at the hands of Islamic State (ISIS). A genocide designation is important because it creates a legal - and moral - requirement for action that can involve granting refugee status to these victims and increasing humanitarian aid.

The Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity and had enjoyed a restricted but thriving culture. However, today "there's no evidence whatsoever of any Christian life left in the caliphate," said Nina Shea, director of Hudson Institute Center for Religious Freedom. "There's no active churches, liturgies or congregations."

"ISIS commits mass murder, beheadings, crucifixions,

rape, torture, enslavement, and the kidnapping of children, among other atrocities," stated Rep. Ed Royce (CA). ([pantheos.com](http://pantheos.com), 3/5/16; [dailysignal.com](http://dailysignal.com), 3/2/16) *In this Third World War, waged piecemeal, which we are now experiencing, a form of **genocide** is taking place, and it must end.*" Pope Francis

#### **Events:**

\* April 10, 2016, 1:00 PM, **KrisAnne Hall**, Nationally Renowned Constitutional Speaker, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 75 Parkside Drive, Point Lookout, NY 11569

\* April 20, 2016, 7:00 PM, **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 11934

### **HOLY LAND COLLECTION— MARCH 25, 2016**

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.



As part of the **Year of Divine Mercy**, we will start to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the Church, starting on April 6, 2016,



## PASCHAL CANDLE

*We thank the following parishioners for their donation towards the Paschal Candle*

Michael, Christine, Alexander & Ryan Genovese—  
*In Memory of: Fannie & Sidney Glatzer*

Al & Eileen Weidig—  
*In Memory of: Christopher Weidig*

## ***Congratulations***

We have been advised that the following students of our parish have achieved Honor Roll status for the second quarter of the 2015-2016 school year:

### **St. Anthony's High School:**

Alex Aliscio	Nicholas Jensen
Krista Aliscio	Madison Lulley
Victoria Byrnes	Morgan Lulley
Maggie Curley	Terrence Mooney
Patrick Curley	Nicole Palmer
Alexander Delgado	Nicole Pikulik
Emily Gallagher	William Waters
Michael Haggerty	

### **St. John the Baptist DHS:**

#### ***Summa Cum Laude Honors:***

Maria Avila-Franklin    Kaila Firzgerald  
Kaitlyn Frenger

#### ***Magna Cum Laude Honors:***

Kevin Fitzgerald        Kathryn-Rose Russotto  
Gavin Wojtas

### **Our Lady of Mercy Academy**

Jillian Borghardt — Principal's List

We are proud of the efforts of these students.

***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@holyfamilyschool.com](mailto:parents@holyfamilyschool.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.

## **E-MAIL & ADDRESSES**

Rectory –[rectory@stmli.org](mailto:rectory@stmli.org)

Youth Ministry Website—[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)

Pat Chapin - [Pchapin@optonline.net](mailto:Pchapin@optonline.net)

Mary Ellen Carroll - [Mecarroll@optonline.net](mailto:Mecarroll@optonline.net)

Outreach - [Stmoutreach@optonline.net](mailto:Stmoutreach@optonline.net)

Joe Gast - [gast.joe@gmail.com](mailto:gast.joe@gmail.com)

Deacon John Rapacki— [deaconjohn@stmli.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmli.org)

Altar Servers Ministry- [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)

Personal Prayer - [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico—

[JFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:JFRAT@optonline.net)

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

## **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 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!**

**St. Lawrence the Martyr Church** (corner of Main street & Handsome Ave), Sayville will conduct a series **Catholics Returning Home** on six consecutive Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Church beginning April 4th. Sessions are for Catholics who have left the active practice of their faith and who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For details, call Maria Davidson at 631-589-3160.

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish Outreach—General Bereavement Group**—meets weekly for 6 sessions. Starts **April 5th through May 10, 2016 at 2:30 pm.** Held at Basement of Trinity Regional School, 1025 Fifth Ave., East Northport. For registration, call Gertrude Frein at 631-757-2103 or Bernadette Parker at 631-499-4462.

**Walk The Path of Literacy**—A Walkathon to benefit the Opening Word Program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville. **Saturday, April 23, 2016-- 1 to 3pm Rain or Shine.** Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville.—People of all ages. Children too. Clowns, face painting, etc.

**Pilgrimage to Ireland**—June 21-29, 2016. Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members: Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ & Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM. For a detailed brochure call Sr. Grace at 631-654-0199 or email [growland@sjcny.edu](mailto:growland@sjcny.edu).

*Second Notice)*

**Chinese Auction/Pasta Dinner—Sunday, April 10— 1 to 5 pm—To Benefit The Life Center of LI.** Hosted by Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th District—Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon. Admission: \$13 or 2 for \$25. Includes Pasta Dinner/Beer, Wine, Soda. Auction tickets sold separately. Tickets available at the Door. GREAT PRIZES! Call 516-798-9100 for info & tickets. [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)

## 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!

## ***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.

## ***YOUNG AT HEART***

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 1 pm in Walden Hall.

## 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.

## ***SUPPORT COLLECTION***

Collection of March 13, 2016 \$7,482.25



## 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 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—March 20—Palm Sunday—Distribution of palms at all Masses**

8am—RCIA—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry —Walden/Kirwin Halls

**Monday—March 21**

3-9pm—Reconciliation —Church

**Wednesday—March 23**

7:30pm—Cantata—Church

**Thursday—March 24—Holy Thursday**

9am—Prayer Service

7:30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday—March 25—Good Friday—2nd Collection for the Holy Land**

9am—Prayer Service

12:10pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

1:30pm—Stations of the Cross for Young People

3pm—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—Church

7:30pm—Tenebrae—Church

**Saturday—March 26—Holy Saturday**

9am—Prayer Service—Church

10am—Blessing of Easter Food—Walden Hall

7pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

7:30pm—Easter Vigil Mass

9pm—Hospitality—Walden Hall

## CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

### Congratulations!

Here are the winners for March 6– 12, 2016

Sun.	Mar. 6	\$50	#1002	Louis Savarese
Mon.	Mar. 7	\$25	#	518 Lela & Steve Gabrielli
Tues.	Mar. 8	\$25	#	385 Marie Utter
Wed.	Mar. 9	\$25	#	868 Charles & Alice Longwell
Thurs.	Mar. 10	\$25	#	646 Louis Savarese
Fri.	Mar. 11	\$25	#	555 Mary Ellen Skrzypek
Sat.	Mar. 12	\$25	#	365 Pat & Frank Lewis



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:

**April 11—Sisterland** by Curtis Sittenfeld—  
Facilitator Barbara Fratamico

**May 9—The Magician's Lie** by Greer Macallister  
Facilitator—Jo Garvey

**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>\$27,070</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>39.52%</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.

**Harris Technology**—No. Amityville. Program Scheduler Mech. Eng; Finance Analyst; Electrical Eng.—Excellent Benefits—Growth Potential.

#### 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

**Jerome Stevens**—Pharmaceutical Pkg. Mechanic—Exp. Min. 5 yrs. in FDA Regulated pharm. Starting salary \$75,000.

**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.