

#### **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 -***EUCHARIST*

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.

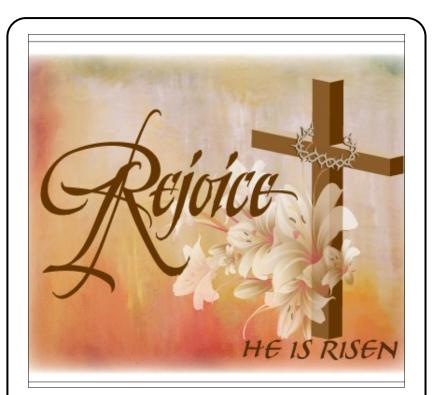
*SACRAMENT OF THE SICK*—Call the Church Office to request visitation of the sick.

*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.

# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221



# *March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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 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

Saturday--March 26 (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 7:30pm—Vigil Mass Sunday—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 Monday—March 28 9am—Joan Hartnett by the Gilmartin family **Tuesday—March 29** 9am—Michael Santantonio by the Santantonio family Wednesday—March 30 9am—Hercules Linton by Charles Potuzak Thursday—March 31 9am—Joan Harnety by Charles Potuzak Friday—April 1—First Friday 9am-Marie Kinney by Fran Rosmini Saturday--April 2—First Saturday 9am-Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm—John F. Joy Sr. by the Paino family Sunday—April 3—Sunday of Divine Mercy 8:00am—Reddy Ballo by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux; James F. Bonfandio by JoAnn Evring: Lisa Codispoti by the Codispoti family; Edith Cooper by Stacy Crilly; Joseph Cornacchioli by the Citro family; Steve Densler by Steve Dunlop; Casano Holmes by the Holmes family; Frank Maddaloni by Frank & Vivianne Latorre; Ruth Jean Monory by Joe & Linda Lamberta & Mary Collen; John Reilly by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro 9:15am—Joan Hartnett by the Recce family 10:45am—Lucy DeLuca by Jerry & June Pashkin 12:15pm—Joan Hartnett by Pat & Frank Lewis

### Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 3, 2016 Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

#### **Focus Questions:**

1. Jesus offers his disciples peace, even though they ran away or denied knowing him. Relate a time when

someone overlooked what you did and offered you a sense of peace.

2. When in your faith life have you been a doubting Thomas? What helped you to believe?

3. Describe a time in your life when it was difficult to feel the presence of Jesus.

#### Family and children's question:

How do you show people that you believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God?

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

### James Adams; Andrew Agostinello; Lynn Alipert; Anthony Augrigliaro;

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 Vrabel; Debbie Ward; Greg Williams; Nicolas Wittreich; Fran Zeppetella; Baby Joev 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

Our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

# FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Greek philosopher, Diogenes was standing at a street corner, laughing like a man out of his mind. "What are you laughing about?" a passerby asked. "You see that stone in the middle of the street? Since I got here this morning, ten people have stumbled on it and cursed it. But not one of them took the trouble to remove it so others would not stumble."

Death is human destiny and not one of us can pass it by without stumbling on it.

Jesus is Risen! Halleluiah!! Blessed Easter!!! In today's Gospel the women went to the tomb of Jesus. To their surprise they found that the stumbling stone of death had been removed. They learnt from two angels (persons in dazzling garments) that death could not have any power over Jesus. Jesus is RISEN. He crossed over death. He lived through death.

Today we celebrate Easter, the feast of Jesus' victory over death. Easter is also the celebration of what Jesus can do in us. As Paul reminds us, if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall be united with him in the resurrection. May this Easter celebration introduce the Risen Jesus to us. May the Risen Jesus enliven our moment of life. Perhaps we may be going through a tough time now-- troubled relationship with friends or loved ones, disappointments and despair around us. But the message of Easter is that there is hope. Jesus, in whom we believe, has won the invincible death. He will never let us down and our hope will never go in vain. Jesus is Risen.

**I personally thank all** those who worked with heart and soul to make Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, a great spiritual and faith-filled experience of the mysteries of our faith. *Thank you to those who decorated the Church and altar*.

the various ministers who served both on and behind the stage in the liturgies and those who helped with their time, talent and treasure ..... all of you made the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord celebrative.

*Thanks to the Choir*. They elevated the liturgical ceremonies to be meaningful and joyful celebrations as they always do.

*I appreciate all the volunteers* who served at the Outreach and Pantry. From your generosity they served gift cards and three bags of food each to over 65 needy families. You contributed from your heart an overwhelming number of Easter Baskets for children, and enough hams. God bless you all. Thank you the family of St. Thomas More for your hearty participation and support. **Next week is Divine Mercy Sunday.** This is the Year of Divine Mercy. Next Sunday invites us to confide our lives and commit our living moments into Divine Mercy. To continue in the power of God's Mercy, Fr. Harold invites us all to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00pm in our Church. It is a beautiful spiritual moment of praying meditatively the highest gesture of God's Mercy, the death of Jesus, the Son of God. It will last not more than 15 minutes. All are welcome.

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

We post something spiritually inspiring, some information about parish activities, and invitations to various events of our parish. Please visit them 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 '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. Please open and hit 'like'. 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)

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	This Weekend	Next Weekend
	(March 27/28)	(April 2/3)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5:00 pm	No 5pm Mass	Fr. Harold
(Easter Vigil)	_	
7:30 pm	Fr. Antony	— <b>-</b>
Sunday		
8:00am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Harold	Fr. Irinel
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Irinel	Fr. Harold
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With love and prayers, Fr. Antony

### PARISH OUTREACH



### Easter Sunday!!!

Outreach was overflowing this past week with the most beautiful Easter baskets we have ever received; the generosity of both regular parishioners and our hard-working religious education teachers has been remarkable! Basket after basket of thoughtfully designed baskets appeared at our doorstep, many accompanied by food donations and hams. We would like to thank everyone profusely for this joyful outpouring of love and compassion; many people left gifts and did not want to leave their names, some just dropped off items hurriedly and left. Therefore, we would just like everyone who donated anything to know that they are loved for their kind deeds. Have a Blessed Easter!.

### 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 John Chester Michael White Thomas LaFemina William Gregory



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

### Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Attacks on Religion in America Doubled: An annual survey on Religious Liberty documents that in 2015 there were 1,285 attacks in America more than double the 600 attacks in 2012. The instances cited include attacks on religion in schools, in the military, in the public arena, and in houses of worship.

"Many simply refuse to believe that religious hostility is occurring right here in America," said J. Butterfield, First Liberty Counsel and Harvard Law graduate. "... evidence is that hostility is growing rapidly."

"The first step to recovery from a problem is to stop denying a problem exists," said Center for Religious and Civil Society. "(this) report documents countless examples of using the power of government to target people of faith for hostility and exclusion because of their beliefs."

As more and more Americans become aware of the growing attacks on religious liberty and what their rights are, they can stand and turn back the tides of secularism and hostility that have so eroded our religious liberty rights, our First Freedom. (first liberty.org, 2/26/16)

*Mission Statement:* "Catholics for Freedom of Religion provides resources to assist laity to educate and advocate on a non-partisan basis for First Amendment Freedom of Religion ..." Please see: cffor.org

#### **Events:**

\* April 9,2016, 1:00 PM, **Holy Hour of Adoration for Little Sisters of Poor,** St. Bernard Church, 3100 Hempstead Typk., Levittown; 2:00 PM, talk by Pastor Ralph Sommers

\* April 10, 2016, 1:00 PM, **KrisAnne Hall**, Nationally Renowned Constitutional Speaker, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Event held in 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, Event held in Parish Auditorium, 25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY 11934



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



# CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 234-5805 or Joan at 234-1739.

The following books will be discussed on:

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

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

# SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of March 20, 2016 \$10,667.25

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#### PASCHAL CANDLE

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

Lela & Steve Gabrielli— In Memory of: Siracusano & Gabrielli families

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

Thomas R. & Margaret A. Prunty— In Memory of: Thomas E. Prunty and Joan Hartnett

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
Krista Aliscio
Victoria Byrnes
Maggie Curley
Patrick Curley
Alexander Delgado
Emily Gallagher
Michael Haggerty

Nicholas Jensen Madison Lulley Morgan Lulley Terrence Mooney Nicole Palmer Nicole Pikulik William Waters

#### 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 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.

#### MAÎNTENANCE 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 par-

ents@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. 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: <u>stmli.org</u> (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 <u>stmli.org</u> and bookmark it for future use.

# E-MAIL & ADDRESSES

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

### COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### (First Notice)

St. Joseph Renewal Center-1725 Brentwood Rd., Bldg. 4, Brentwood. Programs for April-Gathering of Women—April 5—10 am to 12 noon Offering: \$15 Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia—April 6; 1 to 2:30 pm. Free will offering. Guided Meditation for Inner Healing—April 6; 7 to 8 pm. Offering \$15 (\$25 for Individual session by appointment) Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of FOCUSING—April 6; 7 to 9 pm. Offering \$15 Men 2 Men Gathering—April 9; 8 am to 9:30 am. Offering \$20 includes breakfast Wellness Retreat "Tools for Alignment"—April 15-17; Offering \$190 for the weekend. Includes all meals and accommodations. 11th Step Prayer Support for 12 Steppers. "A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness"-April 17; 2 to 4 pm. Free will offering. Men's Spirituality Retreat (A Man Matters Retreat) "The Vision of the Dry Bones"—April 29—May 1. Offering \$215 incl. all means & accommodations. Second Notice) 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.

### 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 27—Easter Sunday

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

Thursday—March 31 7:30pm—Choir—Church Saturday—April 2 12noon—Baptisms—Church

# **Religious Education News**

First Communion is one of the three sacraments of initiation in our Catholic faith. The process for preparing our young people here at Saint Thomas More for First Communion is a two year journey. The week of March  $28^{th} - 31$ st they will be attending a retreat which will prepare their hearts in a special way to fully participate with this worshiping community. Kindly pray for them during this final step in their preparation.

**Beginning the weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup> through the weekend of April 16th** our youngsters will be celebrating their First Communion at the 5 pm mass and the 12:15 mass. Please extend a warm welcome to them and their families as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time.

# CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

### **Congratulations!**

Here are the winners for March 13-19, 2016

Sun.	Mar. 13	\$50 # 82	Joseph Skrzypek
Mon.	Mar. 14	\$25 #575	Lynn & Ken Goodwin
Tues.	Mar. 15	\$25 #201	Pat & Joan Shea
Wed.	Mar. 16	\$25 #606	Zachary Weiner
Thurs.	Mar. 17	\$25 #940	Warren & Carole Holtje
Fri.	Mar. 18	\$25 #682	M/M Anthony Gianelli
Sat.	Mar. 19	\$25 #264	Charles & Alice Longwell



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

Sunday, April 24—Maria Regina in Seaford

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

Registration for the April 24 liturgy must be received by the Diocese by April 8, 2016.

There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.

After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.

You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

# YOUNG AT HEART

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

### 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	() Hospitality
() Usher	() Greeter
() RCIA	() Liturgy with Children
() Lector	() Eucharistic Minister
() Consolation Minister	() Landscaping/Planting
() Rosary Altar Society	() Pre-Cana
() Caring for Altar Plants	( ) FOCCUS
()Adult Lending Library	() Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2016

Our Parish Goal Pledges to date *Percentage of Goal*  \$68,500.00 \$30,510 44.54%



# 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)

### 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.

<u>Cablevision</u> - 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.

<u>Customer Service Reps</u>—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.

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—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.

Lowes—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. <u>Nursing Home</u>—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.