

#### **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.

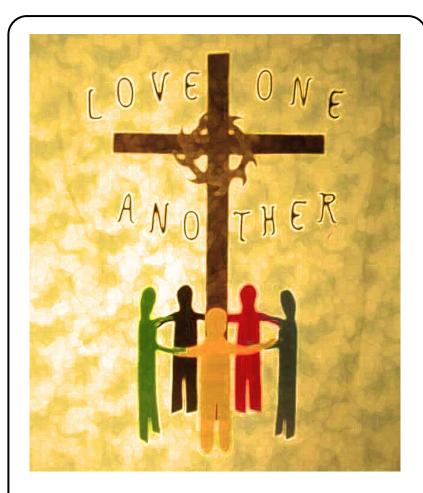
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Call the Church Office to request visitation of the sick.

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



# April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Revelation 21: 1-5A John 13:31-33A, 34-35

#### Saturday--April 23

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Silvio & Angela Loccisano by the LoRusso family

Sunday—April 24—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am—Jack Reilly by Fran & Tom Wieland

9:15am—Joan Hartnett by Fran Rosmini

10:45am—Vincent Beltrani by Friends at Young at Heart; Joan Boehm by Maryellen Sica; Loretta Buehrer by Marilyn & Joe Amodio; James A. Crispino by John, Sharon & Salvatore Campo; Josephine La Dolce by Patricia Surico; Carlos Santiago by Maryellen Sica; George Winter by the Eyring family 12:15pm—Joan Hartnett by Debbie Cinquemani &

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#### Monday—April 25—St. Mark

9am—Christopher Weidig by Judy & Ken Granville

Tuesday—April 26

9am—Casano Holmes by Dottie Lossani & Mae Devine

Wednesday—April 27

9am—Esther Diagostino by Brian O'Keefe

Thursday—April 28—St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

9am—Antonina Griffo (First Anniversary) by

Angela Mingione

Friday—April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

9am—Lillian Munzer by Len Munzer

Saturday--April 30—St. Pius V

9am—Bill Finley by Patti & Nick Giacalone

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Jack G. Reilly by Ralph C. Marcello

Sunday—May 1—Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am—Lisa Rosmini by Francine Rosmini

9:15am—Joan Hartnett by Vera Rymer

10:45am—Constance Anderson by Al & Eileen Weidig 12:15pm—Jack G. Reilly with love by your small faith sharing group.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anthony Augugliaro; Mary Bein; Charles Boston; Linda Sue Cappisillo; Michael Chiques; Donald Crocker;

# Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

#### **Focus Questions:**

- 1. Relate a time when you felt the peace that Christ brings.
- 2. Name a time when what love required of you was a challenge.
- 3. Describe a time when your heart was troubled.

#### Family and children's question:

Jesus speaks about God the Father and the Holy Spirit in this Gospel. We have a short but beautiful prayer expressing our belief in the Trinity called the Sign of the Cross. Each day this week try to begin and end each day making and praying the Sign of the Cross.

Joyce D'Donato; Walter Drechsler Jr; Thomas Duffy; Janet Fiedler; Virginia Flore; Nadine Follini; Fernando Francisco; Gerald Gilson; Judy Granville; Diane Heron; Laurie Holmes; Ann & Anthony Iovino; Morgan Leary (age 7); John Marquette; Kenneth; Edward McCormick; Cindy Mango; Lorraine Mango-Follini; Jean Marsala-Kieffner; Jim Moran; Irene Mozder; Terri Ilardi McKee; Victoria Nelson; Maureen O'Donnell; Beatrice Okorn; Joe P.; Joseph Peter; Robert Shernowitz; Daniel Skinnon; Richard Stout; Joseph Placa; Andrew J. Valentine; Andrew M. Valentine; Helen Vrabel; Greg Williams; Denise Zappia; 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 September 30 2016. Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Ed McCormick; John Lawrence Madden; Daniel A. Derby; our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Two men both grabbed for the check after eating lunch together. The man who got the check said, "Either you are losing your grip, or I don't know my own strength." When you are caught up in the mystery of love, you will begin to experience yourself in a new way. You will come to know the unknowns hidden in you and in the other whom you love. Love is the real power and new way of knowing oneself and the other.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches and gives us a new tool of knowing. Loving is knowing. Where there is no love there is no true knowledge. Every other way of knowing a person or establishing a fact is only a gathering of information. It is nothing more than a function of a memory disk in a computer. Only love can burn the facts and information into memory, passion, and commitment of the lover to the beloved.

Jesus tells us today "This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." By loving we come to know the other and that love would take us to another deeper step in knowing. We would come to know the other as Jesus' disciples. Loving invites us to know the other person and connects us both as the disciples of Jesus. Thus true knowledge is loving the other as Jesus' disciples. Let us grow in true loving

knowledge of each other.

Electronic Giving - Soon you will get a letter from 'Faith Direct' encouraging you to participate in Electronic giving. Already numbers of parishioners give their weekly offerings electronically by way of credit cards and through banks. Faith Direct helps steady giving and support to our parish even when you are away from our parish for various reasons. Please consider 'Faith Direct'.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Please consider pledging to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Once we reach our goal, our parish gets back 20% of that goal. Our goal is \$68,500 and we are already halfway there. We would love your support, and every dollar counts. The appeal funds a large number of programs throughout the diocese, which is the sixth largest in the United States by population.

To learn more about CMA, please watch the short video presentations on the diocese's website and on our parish website.

Mercy Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to enter the Mercy Door: As part of the celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

The date of the pilgrimage is Saturday, September 24, 2016. Please contact pilgrimage coordinators, Willie and Jerry Ferrara at 631-806 4628 for more information on this wonderful event and to reserve a seat on the bus. Please join the pilgrimage.

Environment and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Antoinette
Frumusa, and Donna Fortmeyer along with their 8<sup>th</sup>
graders cleaned and beautified the area around the shrine
of St. Francis of Assisi. The Parish greatly appreciates
their environmental sense for nature, the aesthetic sense
of keeping the grounds beautiful and the spiritual sense of
creating a milieu of prayer. We gratefully welcome other

.OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS (Subject to last minute changes)

classes to enter into projects of this nature.

|                               | This Weekend (April 23/24)             | Next Weekend<br>(April 30/May 1)       |
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| Saturday<br>5:00 pm<br>Sunday | Fr. Harold                             | Fr. Antony                             |
| 8:00am<br>9:15am<br>10:45am   | Fr. Antony<br>Fr. Antony<br>Fr. Harold | Fr. Antony<br>Fr. Irinel<br>Fr. Harold |
| 12:15pm                       | Fr. Irinel                             | Fr. Harold                             |

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

### PARISH OUTREACH

It's almost time for the next holiday – Memorial Day ...and that means the unofficial beginning of summer...but wait-we're getting ahead of ourselves!

While you're waiting for the REAL spring to begin, how about remembering our clients, and their need for food no matter WHAT the season! Please drop off what you can, either in the bins at church or at Outreach across the street, where we are available from 10:00 – 2:00, Monday through Thursday. We need chicken parts, hamburgers, hot dogs, cereal, pasta, personal products, etc.

Thanks!

Thought for the Day: Forgive everyone everything. You will feel better...



Our heartfelt gratitude to Bridgehampton National Bank, Vets Highway, Hauppauge who again this year presented our Parish Outreach with a generous check. In the picture are the Manager, LuAnn Commisso (next to Fr. Antony) and Renee Woods, the Assistant Branch Manager (at the end on the right).

#### St Vincent de Paul Conference

A Blessed Easter season to all! As we all journey towards Pentecost, sometimes referred to as The Birthday of the Church, please pray for all those who journey with us, who may not be as fortunate as we are. A little prayer for our neighbors in need will go a long way!

**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: We continue to respond to our neighbors' calls for assistance. Very often that need is to lessen/eliminate a possible eviction, often the

result of outrageous rents people are forced to pay in order to find any housing on Long Island.

A special thank you to a parishioner who used the corporate donor process through their employer which resulted in a sizeable donation to our Conference. Might you have the same opportunity at your place of employment?

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 John Chester Carl F. Greiner Michael White Scott Lovelock Thomas LaFemina Justin Schneider William Gregory Christopher Day Jason Doyle Thomas Nichols John Karies Kaitlyn Nachtman John Nachtman Adam Papaizai Michael Poist Jessie Bernstein Michael Polanski Kyle Rathie **Ryan Smith** William R. Rathje Ethan Bernstein Timothy Fallon Philip Guidone Tim Morris Antonia Marie Rivera Thomas Migliara John Burk Bryan Figueiredo Alex Lombardi Andrew Lombardi Christopher Sidor Michael Knipper Sean Hendrickson

If you have a service member or know of someone who is 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, May 3, 2016 at 7pm.

# Catholics for Freedom of Religion

**Defending Conscience Rights -** Here's what actually happens:

- \* Washington State pharmacist, Greg Storman, and his family have received **numerous threats** and their business dropped 30% in sales forcing pay cuts and reduced staff. The state began requiring pharmacies to dispense abortion inducing drugs and made it illegal for pharmacists to exercise their conscience rights or to refer customers to another pharmacy. Storman, a devout Catholic, said, "In good conscience, we could not sell these drugs. We promote life and true health, not death or anything that goes against our religious beliefs." His legal battle against Washington State continues to this day. Alliance Defending Freedom law firm is hoping the Supreme Court will hear the case. (pathos.com, 4/5/16)
- \* Oregon bakers, Aaron & Melissa Klein, were ordered to pay \$135,000 in damages for declining to participate in a same-sex wedding by turning down a request to make a wedding cake. Aaron said, "...(my wife) has a God-given talent to create a work of art ...And to use that in a manner that would be in the face of what the Bible says it should be. I just couldn't in good conscience agree to do it." The Kleins have been forced to close their business. "The boycotting, the harassment, ... We were facing in excess of \$150,000 in damages for this, just for simply standing by our First Amendment rights." (christianpost.com, 10/2/14; washingtontimes.com, 8/21/15)

I expect to die in bed, my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square. His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the Church has done so often in human history. "Cardinal Francis George, Chicago

#### **Events:**

\* Sat., May 7, 2016, 5-6:30 PM, Congressman Lee Zeldin, Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville, NY 11949

As part of the **Year of Divine Mercy**, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every **Wednesday**, 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:

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

**June 13**—Book Selection—Please bring a book that you would like to present to the group.

### Sportsmanship Award

St. Thomas More's Fifth Grade Gold Team was honored at Kellenberg High School by being voted as the team showing the Best Sportsmanship in our division in the Catholic Youth Organization. Our team was awarded for Fair Play, Respect for Opponents, and Polite Behavior for competing in a sport.



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#### H.Y. O. Women's Softball:

Registration is now open for our summer league for Hauppauge School District residents age 30 and over. Come out and join the fun! You'll see many St. Thomas More parishioners out on the field! Go to hyosoftball.com for more information and registration form or contact Carol Remondino at (631)938-6496, email: Carol.Remondino@yahoo.com. Deadline for registration is **June 5, 2016**.

### 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: <a href="mailto:stmli.org">stmli.org</a> (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.

### **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(First Notice)

St. Catherine of Sienna Medical Center—Annual Golf Classic—Monday, May 16, 2016—Huntington Country Club. Proceeds from this event will benefit Women's Health Services at the hospital. For more information, please call Public Affairs at 631-862-3780.

(Second Notice)

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #94—Annual Chinese Auction—22 Grove Place, Babylon—Friday, April 29, 2016. Doors open at 6 pm. \$10 donation includes 1 sheet, cake & coffee. Extra tickets sold. Food & refreshment available for purchase. One of the raffles is a 49" TV. For tickets contact Jayne Harman at 766-8685 or Roberta Palumbo at 245-6833.

The Hauppauge High School PTSA—Military Bridge—Friday, May 6, 2016 at the High School Commons.

Doors open at 6 pm. Game begins promptly at 7 pm. \$10 per person. There will be Basket Raffles, 50/50 and complimentary refreshments. Proceeds fund scholarships for Hauppauge High School Graduating Seniors. Send your name (or all names in your group) with payment before **May 1st** to: Hauppauge PTSA,

45 Eagle Lane, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

Shrine of St. Anne's Columbiettes Annual Chinese

Auction, 96 Second Ave., Brentwood, NY —Friday, May 6, 2016. Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 Admission includes 25 tickets, one cup of coffee & cake. For information contact Viviana Garamy 231-1859 or Jean Dorrian at 273-4863.

Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.— Urban Seniors Job Program—Serving Nassau &Suffolk Counties—For eligible low-income seniors, age 55 and older. You will be placed in a 20 -hour per week paid community service training assignment to gain experience while expanding your job skills. For program eligibility and for info on documentation required, please write to USIP, 600 Albany Ave., Suite 6A, Amityville, NY 11701, or call Frank (631) 484-4294, Mary (864) 621-9815. or Roger (631) 745-2495.

Fatima/Lourdes/Nevers/Paris—Catholic Pilgrimage—September 12-22, 2016 with Fr. Alessandro da Luz, Spiritual Director/Holy Redeemer. 2 Nights Fatima/1 Night Spain/2 Nights Lourdes/1 Night Nevers/2 Nights Paris. Daily Mass.

Air from JFK. Breakfast & Dinner Daily. For a flyer or info call Cathie or Mike Milano 631-569-2620.



Come join the Deacons of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for a Jubilee of Mercy Holy Hour

Thursday April 28, 2016 at 7PM at St Rosalie in Hampton Bays

Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 7PM at St Edward the Confessor in Syosset

Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 7PM at St Matthew in Dix Hills

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of April 17, 2016 \$9,391.00

**Envelope users**: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution. Also, it is not necessary to staple your envelope or to seal it with scotch tape.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES

Jeanine Denaro & Richard Delgado

Michelle Montpetit & Stephen Kmieciak

Laurie Scognamillo & Nicholas Schroeder

Allison Castaldo & Andrew Arpino

Mackenzie Jordan & Christopher DelColle

## YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 1 pm in Walden Hall.

I am running a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 5, 2016. \$37, getting back \$35. All are welcome. For more



information, please call Elaine 631-766-5201

## **CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for April 10–16, 2016

| Sun.   | April 10 | <b>\$50</b> #303 | Diana & Ron Castellano |
|--------|----------|------------------|------------------------|
| Mon.   | April 11 | \$25 #598        | Joanne Hekel           |
| Tues.  | April 12 | \$25 #566        | The Genovese Family    |
| Wed.   | April 13 | \$25 #1000       | Catia Napolitano       |
| Thurs. | April 14 | \$25 #976        | Andy & Kathy Turano    |
| Fri.   | April 15 | \$25 #512        | Nora & Jimmy Kirdahy   |
| Sat.   | April 16 | \$25 #152        | Helen Barbarito& Peter |
|        | -        |                  | Stouffer               |



## SAVE THE DATE

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA 4th ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING Monday, September 12, 2016

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 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.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—April 24

1pm—UNICO—Walden Hall

7pm—Youth Ministry Meeting—Walden/Kirwin Halls

Monday—April 25

7pm—Feast Weekend Committee—Kirwin Hall

Tuesday—April 26

7pm—Pastoral Council—Rectory

Wednesday—April 20

3pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet—Church

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

Thursday—April 21

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Choir—Church

Friday—April 29

6pm—Wedding Rehearsal—Church

Saturday—April 23

7pm—Columbiettes Night at the Races—KH/WH



### St. Thomas More Monsignor Francis S. Midura Council 6062

Looking for new Knights— You can help your church, your community. Call Grand Knight Stephen Loccisano 631-357-4122



The Monsignor Francis S. Midura Council 6062 conducted their Forty Cans for Lent food drive during Lent. Five hundred pounds of canned goods were collected by the Knights to go toward the St. Thomas More Parish Outreach.



St. Thomas More Msgr. Midura Council #6062 donates \$1,000.00 to Parish Outreach from the proceeds of the 2015 Spaghetti Dinner.



Stephen Loccisano, Grand Knight of St. Thomas More Msgr. Midura Council #6062 donates \$1,115.00 to St. Thomas More Church from the proceeds of the 2015 Spaghetti Dinner.



Any women interested in joining the St. Thomas More Msgr. Francis S. Midura Council 6062 Columbiettes would be welcome. We meet once a month on the second Thursday of each month from September to May, at 7:30 pm. We have two fund raisers a year to help the needy. One in April which is "Night at the Races" and the other in October which is our Supermarket Bingo. With the profits from these functions we support our church and the needy families

If you wish to join contact Willy Ferrara, President at 631-806-4628

in our parish.

# PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

| N | ame | of | person | $(\mathbf{S})$ | ) who | is | (are | ) il | l |
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|---|-----|----|--------|----------------|-------|----|------|------|---|

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 \$68,500.00 Pledges to date \$34,900.00 Percentage of Goal 50.95%



# REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST

| NAME(s):  |
|---|
| ADDRESS:  |
| PHONE:  |
| E-MAIL:   |
| ( ) I/we would like to register in the parish.  |
| <ul> <li>( ) Please send contribution envelopes.</li> <li>( ) I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.</li> </ul> |
| ( ) 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:  |
| THORE.  |
| Amount of the pledge: (Check one below) \$150 \$300 \$500 \$1,000 \$1,500 \$2,500 \$5,000 OTHER: How much?  |
| Amount of the pledge: (Check one below) \$150 \$300 \$500 \$1,000 \$1,500 \$2,500 \$5,000   |
| Amount of the pledge: (Check one below) \$150 \$300 \$500 \$1,000 \$1,500 \$2,500 \$5,000 OTHER: How much? (Please indicate)  |

(Please return to the Church Office for further processing)

#### Angel of Hope: A Walk to Remember

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Angela's House will be hosting an *Angel of Hope: A Walk to Remember*. This event will take place at Eisenhower Park, where the Angel of Hope statue has stood since 2008. During the past eight years a candle light vigil has been held on the first Saturday of December, which gives hope to over 300 individuals that attend this spiritual gathering. Due to the positive response, this walk is created as an additional event for people to come together.

The Angel was brought to Long Island by Bob Policastro the founder of Angela's House. It comes from a best-selling book and television movie called *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans, who inspired this statue. In the story, an elderly woman mourns the death of her little daughter by making regular trips to the child's grave, which is marked with an angel statue (Angel of Hope). The statue evokes a profound and miraculous connection between mother and child and helps convey valuable lessons about the true meaning of life to others. This simple, non-religious but spiritual story has brought hope to thousands of parents who have endured the death of a child.

As spring begins, Mother's Day is celebrated by most families, but sadly there are many who walk with the pain of losing a child. They always have a space in their heart where that love is still carried. Our hope is to allow the Angel of Hope to be a reminder that the love shared with their child was a blessing and can always be cherished and remembered. All who knew the child, but especially their parents, need to feel hope that they will survive and move on, and that these children will never be forgotten.

Registration for the event will begin promptly at 9:30am at the Kite Field, located next to the statue, which is located in the Veterans Memorial section of Eisenhower Park. (Parking field 6 is the ideal location to park.) The ceremony, which will begin by 10:15am, will include a 20 minute non-religious, non-denominational, Spiritual Ceremony which has been written to be reflective, focusing on the love that is missed and will always be carried by the loved ones of these children. Led by Executive Director, Bob Policastro, we will also be joined by our guest speaker, David Roberts, who lost his daughter in 2003 from Cancer. David speaks nationally at conferences, writes blogs reflecting his life experiences for the Huffington Post, Open to Hope and various other online periodicals and websites. In addition, Patty Furino, a grief counsellor

will lead a quiet reflection, and a simple prayer to inspire peace.

To conclude the ceremony choirs from around Long Island have been invited. Members of the New Apostolic Church and the Willow Interfaith Women's Choir will lead the attendees and participants in singing "Clouds," a beautiful song written by Zach Sobiech. He touched so many lives with this song, and continues to do so despite losing his battle to cancer a few years ago. (You can view this song by searching for it on YouTube .

Upon its completion, the attendees will then follow a path around Salisbury Lake, hopefully inspired to look up at the clouds, knowing their child has been remembered and cherished. The walk, which is less than a mile long, will conclude at the statue. We hope to invoke the feeling of faith and hope and make this event an inspiring day for all who participate. We truly believe this type of event will help families dealing with the loss of a child during Mother's Day weekend.

For additional information, please contact Johanna Rotta at 631-796-2723 or via email at <a href="mailto:jrotta@angelashouse.org">jrotta@angelashouse.org</a>.

#### For additional information, please visit:

Website: Angel of Hope: <a href="https://www.angelashouse.org/angel-of-hope/">www.angelashouse.org/angel-of-hope/</a>

Angela's House: www.Angelas House.org

## Congratulations

to the following students of our parish who achieved an Honor Roll average during the second trimester of this school year:

Kellenberg Memorial High School

**Brandon Popp** 

**Chaminade High School** 

Freshman:

William F. Dean

Sophomore:

Colin P. Capece

Kyle R. Russo

## 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

Aon-Multiple positions available-Cust. Serv, claims specialist, staff accountant & many more. Excellent benefits.

The Arbors-Cooks, servers, dishwashers, reception, housekeeping, maint. & more. Benefits.

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

Bethpage Fed. Cred. Union-PT Tellers, Mortgage loan off, market analyst. Top salary & Benefits.

<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.

Catholic Health Services of LI 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.

2) Superintendent Helper Male Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr—15 hrs.

Cosmetology Instructor—Bilingual. Current license, HS dipl. 2 yrs. Exp. Evening & Sat. schedule. Hauppauge Beauty School.

<u>Darby</u>—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.

<u>Harris Technology</u>—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

**<u>Housekeepers</u>** - 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.

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- 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.