



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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Masses for this coming week

February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48

Saturday, February 18

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Louis Pontillo *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

Sunday, February 19—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am James G. Buckley *by the Long Island Swimming Officials*; Charles Crispino *by the Fontana family*; Anita Gawronski *by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*; Robert Milano *by the Martino family*; Loretta Muenkel *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*; Joan Saverese *by Fred Dunlop*; Heinrich Spreizer *by the Biesiadecki family*
9:15am Salvatore DeLuca *by Vic & Ellen Cardinali*
10:45am Dorothy Sauchelli-Balin *by Marilyn Miller*
12:15pm Robert Aglialoro *by Tricia Norton, Scott & Katie Horton*

Monday, February 20

9am Daniel & Marie Barry *by Charles & Peggy Stepanek*

Tuesday, February 21—St. Peter Damian

9am Jack Reilly *by the Reilly family*

Wednesday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9am Robert Stuppi *by Christine & Kevin Donnelly*

Thursday, February 23—St. Polycarp

9am Edward W. Mitola Jr. *by Maryann & Morton Glantz*

Friday, February 24

9am Margaret Cussen *by James Cussen*

Saturday, February 25

9am Rose Germain *by Michelle Germain*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Ronald Schiavone *by his parents*

Sunday, February 26—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Mary Beth Weidig *by Don & Joan Perks*
9:15am Thomas Breen *by the Kreider family*; Charles Boston *by the Kreider family*; Bruno D'Maio *by Joseph & Anna Beltrani*; Loretta Muenkel *by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*; Eileen Stenhouse *by Pat, Erin & Brigid Feeley*
10:45am Joel Miller *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*
12:15pm Robert Aglialoro *by Lisa, Eddie, Evan & Erica Feliciano*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 49:14-15
Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes?

Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

Focus questions:

1. Relate an experience when you had to rely on trust.
2. Relate a time when you spent a lot of time worrying..
3. Relate a time when the words of this Gospel helped you through a difficult time.

Family and children's question:

Talk about the times when you worried and what helped you with your troubles.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Terry: Did anyone around here lose a roll of bills with a rubber band?

Jim: Yes, I did.

Terry: Well, I have found the rubber band.

Today's readings remind us that life without God is like a rubber band without the roll of bills.

When the readings say 'Be holy, for, the Lord God, am holy' or 'Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect' it seems to demand something impossible of us. Nobody can be perfect or holy as God is. We are sinners in our thoughts, words and deeds. How can we be pure and holy like God without any sin? It all depends on what we mean by being holy?

Holiness is not merely our effort to do something good or our exercise to refrain from something evil.

Holiness is basically allowing God to work in us. To be holy is to realize our real essence that we bear the image of God who created us with positive energy, holiness and blessing. To be holy or to act holy is to free ourselves from our selfish way of acting, and thus to bring our inner spiritual power to do what God wants to achieve in us.

For example, it is but human to strike back the one who struck us on the cheek. But as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, we can act from the inner God-given power not only to refrain from striking back but ready to show the other cheek. Likewise, it is but our selfish tendency to love those who love us and to hate those who hate us. But as children of God we have the power to do what God does. God shines the sun and showers the rain on both the good and the bad. Thus we can pray not only for our beloved ones but also for our enemies. We have Godly power in us even to love our enemies. Let us pray to realize the God-given inner power.

I am grateful to the Youth Group who made special Valentine's crafts for our parishioners who attend the daily 9 am Mass. This connection of love between the young and an older generation truly is a lovely gesture.

We are a week away from March. We begin the season of lent with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. This is our 50th (Golden Jubilee) lent for the parish family of St. Thomas More. Let us pray that this year's lent brings special blessings from God. We also have a great social event (St. Patrick's Day) specially arranged in celebration of our Golden Jubilee. Further information will be available in forthcoming bulletins. Let us pray that we may be spiritually blessed and a beloved community socially .

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
Deacon Robert D. Weisz
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anthony Augugliaro	Jacqueline
Bernadette	Joseph Jacklets
John & Michele (LoGrande)	Irene Janis
Bongiorno	Ira Karten
Peter Bongiorno	Patrick Keegan
Donna Borowski Billott	Kenneth
Janis Bini	Jean Marsala Kieffner
McKenzie Borchers	Elaine Kleinstauba
Cheryl Borden	Dr. C. Lalli
Charles Borghardt	Morgan Leary (age 8)
Brandon Boswell	Anne Leggio
Christina Cammarata	Wayne Leo
Barbara Cappisillo	Phillip Lloyd
Linda Sue Cappisillo	Nicolas Lorusso (17 months)
Coleen Cizon	Frank Mamburc
John Coen	Cindy Mango
Donald Crocker	Laura Mattioli
Bernice Cuomo	Terri Ilardi McKee
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)	Rose Messina
Anthony Donato	Marie Minutillo
Florence Donato	Leo Murphy, Sr.
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Robert Licandro
Sofia Drobinko	Victoria Nelson
Michael Faithfull	Caydee Arthur Nielsen
Fran Falkowski	Sally O'Connor
Claudia Fiore	Beatrice Okorn
Millie Fiore	Judy Pappas
Nadine Rose Follini	Rainey Pappas
Scott Gaertner	Joseph P
Jean & Gerald Gilson	Joseph Placa
Judy Granville	Ross Placa
John Hanna	Hilda Reese
Mr. & Mrs. Heinrich	Anna & Leland Reid
Richard Heller	Benita Roehm
Dylan Hollins	Mary Ruchalski
Laurie Holmes	Mary Ann Russo
Stephanie Horoski	Elyse Schrage
Patricia Hrycyk	Teresa Shannon
Anita Ilardi	Carolene & Bob Shernowitz
Barbara Importuna	Daniel Skinnon
Ann & Anthony Iovino	Charles A. Stepanek
Kidd Iovino	Baby Reese Sylvain (2 weeks)



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org
www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

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 Personal Prayer SpiritualOrientations.com

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

BJFRAT@optonline.net

*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, 2017.***

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

PARISH OUTREACH



No matter which groundhog you believe we are firmly immersed in the winter season! That usually indicates a time when we stay indoors more often whether because of inclement weather or aversion to the coldness of the outdoor temperature. However, our clients' needs still need to be met as far as basic supplies; food, toiletries toilet paper, shampoo, meat, etc. Christmas time brings out the best of our intentions, but the generosity needs to spread beyond the holiday time. We still need you to contribute whatever you can, when you can.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

We have been made aware of a family here in our Hauppauge community in need of help. The family has just lost their father who was the sole provider and caretaker. He leaves behind five boys who are trying to keep their family together and to stay in the home that they grew up in. A GoFundMe page has been created by a community resident to help the boys try to achieve this goal. Below is the link to the GoFundMe page. If you can, please go to the page and donate whatever is within your means. A little bit of help by many can achieve things we can't even imagine. Thank you and God Bless.

<https://www.gofundme.com/TheHolderFamily>

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Feb. 18/19)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Feb. 25/26)
Saturday		
5:00 pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
Sunday		
8:00am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred



AARP FREE TAX SERVICE

Have your income taxes done by professionals!

Call the following for an appointment:

Smithtown Senior Center
631-360-7616

Hauppauge Library
631-979-1600

You do not have to be a senior or an AARP member. Save yourself some money by using this service.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org



"Even in my suffering I was comforted because your promise gave me life."

Psalm 119:50

Freedom of Faith vs. Doctor Assisted Suicide Laws:

Vermont: Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys have filed suit in federal court against Vermont Board of Medical Practice, etc. on behalf of doctors who fear that state agencies are construing Vermont's assisted suicide law as requiring them, regardless of their conscience or oath to "do no harm", to counsel patients on doctor-prescribed death as an option. According to state agencies, only doctors may refer patients to others for assisted suicide counseling. However, these health care professionals contend it is unethical for them to counsel for, refer for, or in any way participate in suicide.

"The government shouldn't be telling health care professionals that they must violate their medical ethics in order to practice medicine," said ADF Senior Counsel. "These doctors and health workers deeply believe that suffering patients need understanding and sound medical treatment, not encouragement to kill themselves. The state has no authority to order them to act contrary to that sincere and time-honored conviction." (adff.org, 7/21/16)

California: The insurance company for terminally ill Stephanie Parker, wife and mother of four, denied her a different chemotherapy drug after California's End of Life Option Act was passed in 2016. She was told that while chemotherapy was denied, suicide pills were covered under her plan. "As soon as this law was passed ... patients fighting for a longer life end up getting denied treatment, because this (suicide) will always be the cheapest option," she said.

(washingtontimes.com, 10/20/16)

Hippocratic Oath: *"I will use treatment to help the sick according to my ability and judgment, but never with a view to injury and wrong-doing. Neither will I administer poison to anybody when asked to do so, nor will I suggest such a course."*

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7pm.

We 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 2:30 pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631.234.5805 or Joan at 631.234.1739.

The following book will be discussed on:

March 13- The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion--
 Facilitator: Ann Belluardo

April 10 - A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner--
 Facilitator: Barbara Fratamico

ICELAND HERE WE COME!

Thank you for your overwhelming interest in the trip to Iceland on October 17-23, 2017. There will be an information night on Tuesday, March 14th in Kirwin Hall at 7 pm,



You will be invited to sign up at that time if you have not already done so. Space is limited; so if you would like to sign up before March 14th I am accepting applications and deposits at this time on a first come first serve basis. Thank you again and I will see you on March 14th.

Peace, Pat

Parish History Project

Work continues on the video documentary of our parish's history for the Golden Jubilee. We thank those that have contributed personal memories and pictures so far.

We could still use more! We really would love photos, prayer cards, flyers, etc., from the years 1967-1989. Photos of sacraments are very welcome!

And we especially would love to speak with you if you would like to share your memories on camera about those early years, whatever your role in the parish was, even if you simply have a fond memory of a particular member of the clergy. This is a video documentary, so the more people we have that can add their slice of history, the better the video will be.

If you can help us out, please contact us at a special address we've set up: history@stmli.org, or if you run into me, please feel free to speak about it directly. Thank you!

Matt Surico
History Project Coordinator



Parish Christmas Pageant, 1976.
Photo courtesy of Michele (DiChristina) Knopf, who is playing Mary, lower left.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy!

Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is NY227. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

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

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

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Retreat Center--26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore. March Programs--Anyone interested in any of these programs, please call 631-647-8683.

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia--**March 1st: 1 - 2:30 pm.** Free will offering. Program held 1st Wednesday of the month until June.

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing--**March 1st: 7 - 8 pm.** Program held 1st Wednesday of the month until June. Offering \$15 per person (\$25 for individual session by appointment).

Integrating Spirituality into Everyday Life for Men & Women--Attachments & Relationship Styles "Why do you do the things you do?"--**March 4th 12:30 to 2:30 pm.** Program offered the 1st Saturday of the month until May. Offering \$25 per session.

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer "Lent: a Call to Humility"--**March 1st: 10am--3pm.** Offering \$45 p.p. includes lunch

Lenten Prayer on Fridays- "From Brokenness to Community"--**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7: 10:30 am to 12 noon.** Offering \$15 per session p.p. (\$90 for the series).

A Gathering of Spiritual Women--**March 7th--10am to 12noon.** Program offered the 1st Tuesday of every month until June. Offering \$15 per session p.p.

Men 2 Men Gathering--**March 11th--8 to 9:30am**--Program offered the 2nd Saturday of every month until August. Offering \$20 incl. breakfast per person.

Mid-Lenten Day of Prayer "Our Passionate God" --**March 22nd--10 am to 3 pm.** Offering \$45 incl. lunch p.p.

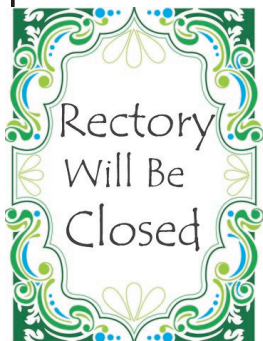
(Second Notice)

Faith on Tap--Are you a young adult – married, single – looking for a faith community – a place where you can learn more about your faith? If so, please join us for our next Faith on Tap on **February 28, 2017** at Lily Flanagan's Pub, 345 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon, NY. We are honored to have Tom Upshur, the co-founder of the Pro Bikers for Life talk to us about his journey "Riding for the Unborn". Hear about how these strong men of faith protect the rights of the unborn throughout the country. **The talk begins at 7:30** – in the upstairs room at Lily Flanagan's Questions? Contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org or [516-678-5800, ext. 615](tel:516-678-5800).

Kellenberg Memorial Alumni Communion Breakfast--All Kellenberg Memorial High School alumni and their families are invited to celebrate Mass on **Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 9:00 AM**, which will be immediately followed by breakfast. The speaker at the communion breakfast will be Fr. Philip Eichner, S.M., who is celebrating his 50th year of school administration. You will be able to indicate whom you would like to sit with on the registration form. You may also request to sit with one of your old teachers! We will do our best to accommodate your request. Registration is \$12 per person. Children ten years of age and under are \$6. If you have any questions, please contact Alumni Director Mr. Thomas Huggard at [516-292-0200 x375](tel:516-292-0200) or alumni@kellenberg.org. Please visit www.kellenberg.org/alumni to register online.

Lenten Day of Prayer--A Quiet Lent: Listening to St. Joseph--Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743. **Sunday, March 29, 2017--9:30 am to 3:30 pm** presented by Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, Executive Director, Vincentian Center for Church & Society, St. John's University. Conferences, Lunch, Confession, Mass--\$30 per guest (RVSP by March 10, 2017). For reservations: bmalone@icseminary.edu - 631-423-0483 x 102.

Bereavement Support Group--St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on **Wednesday, March 22 from 7 to 9 pm**. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory at 631-581-4266 x 100. Please note the groups are open to people of all faith denominations. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to Dec. 21, 2016.



Monday, Feb. 20,
2017
for Presidents Day



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

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, please complete the following membership card and either drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the rectory.
For information please contact the Grand Knight Jerry Ferrara at 631-806-3830.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

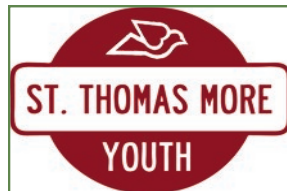
**THE MAN WHO STANDS WITH US
NEVER STANDS ALONE.**

I wish to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.
 I desire some information regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus.
 I am a former member interested in rejoining the Knights of Columbus.

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State or Province: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Parish: _____
E-Mail: _____
Best time to contact: _____

FORM 921A - 10/04

**Youth Ministry
Corner**



Our Registration Forms are already online for download and can be dropped off in the Parish Office or brought to Youth Ministry. Please access www.stthomasmoreyouth.org and look under FORMS.

We are always in need of additional adults who would like to serve our young people with love, faith and joy. Please reach out to Joe if you would be interested in joining our Youth Ministry team!

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of February 12, 2017-- \$5,945.10

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- **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.

WOW! WAY TO GO!



We are pleased to announce that the St. Thomas More 8th Grade Girls CYO basketball team has won the 2016/2017 8th Grade C Division Championship. The girls had a fantastic season, going 16-0, culminating with a 39-20 win in the Championship Game against St. Bernard's of Levittown on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

The St. Thomas team consisted of Stefania Abruscato, Lindsey Boller, Brianna Bullard, Jamie Devine, Alysha Inkeles, Lauren Heberer, Victoria Heintz, Nichole Petrocelli, Samantha Santaninno, Skyler Santaninno and Taylor Tompkin. The team was coached by Brian Devine, Ed Bullard and Mark Inkeles.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Thursday, February 23

5:30pm--Children's Choir-Rehearsal-Church

7:30pm--Adult Choir- Rehearsal--Church

Friday, February 24

1pm--Young at Heart--Walden Hall

6:30pm--Faith & Light--Walden Hall

Sunday, February 26

9am-1:30 pm--Mardi Gras Breakfast--Kit/WH/KH

7pm--Youth Ministry--Parent Retreat Day--Kit/WH/KH

Easter Cantata

On April 12th, 7:30 pm (Wednesday of Holy Week) the STM Choir will present a Cantata called "Song of the Shadows". To make this presentation come to life, we need your help. We are looking for people to play (silently) the following characters:

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Mary with Baby Jesus | Disciples: |
| Mary with Jesus - 12 yr. old boy | Andrew |
| Mary at the Crucifixion | Bartholomew |
| Mary Magdalene | James |
| Veronica | James the Lesser |
| Joseph of Arimathea | John |
| Pontius Pilate | Judas |
| Court helper | Matthew |
| 3 Centurions | Peter |
| Candle Carrier | Philip |
| Wardrobe helper | Simon |
| Lighting helper | Thaddeus |
| | Thomas |

If you would consider being part of this musical endeavor please call Emilia @ 631-724-8820.

Thank you and God bless!

Emilia Savarese

Congratulations !

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for Feb 5 - 11, 2017.

Sun..	Feb. 5	\$25	#900	Bill & Lori Rudden
Mon..	Feb. 6	\$25	#928	Mary Ann Como
Tues..	Feb. 7	\$25	#110	Walter Brennan
Wed.	Feb. 8	\$25	#565	Norma McParlane
Thurs.	Feb 9	\$25	#199	M/M. H. Hansen
Fri..	Feb.10	\$25	#766	John Egan
Sat.	Feb.11	\$25	# 67	Ellen & William Lentino



Faith and Light Meeting

Friday, February 24th, 7:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Church
 115 Kings Highway,
 Hauppauge, NY 11788

(Faith and Light is an international faith-sharing Organization for people with developmental challenges, their families and care-givers.)



Diocese of Rockville Centre
 Office of Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation
Facilitator Training II

Location: **St. Elizabeth**
 175 Wolf Hill Rd, Melville,
 NY 11747

Instructor: **Ellen Zafonte**

Dates: **Wednesdays,**
March 8, 15, 29 & April 5, 2017
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Cost: **\$40.00 per person**

Register Online

www.drvc-faith.org

If you have any questions contact Ellen Zafonte at

516-678-5800 ext. 506

HANDICAPPED ENCOUNTER CHRIST--

Volunteers are needed! Are you looking to get involved with an amazing Ministry? Handicapped Encounter Christ (H.E.C) needs volunteers for our 33rd Annual Retreat.

Retreat is held on Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Camp Alvernia, Centerport, NY. H.E.C. Retreats provide an environment where persons (18+) with disabilities/handicaps along with volunteers step away from their usual routines to enjoy a prayerful gathering of songs, talks, meditations, fellowship, Eucharist, meals and to a greater and closer encounter with Jesus. This shared experience creates lasting friendships and a new outlook.

Many roles need to be filled. Please come to our first meeting on Monday, February 13, to find out what H.E.C. is all about and learn how you can help!

Meetings are held at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn, NY.

Meetings: Monday, February 13, Tuesday, March 14 and Tuesday, April 11.

Please send email to Longislandhec@gmail.com or call Chris Greiner at 516-51-6044 for more information, to volunteer or to request an application for some who is disabled and might be interested in attending.

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 1 pm in Walden Hall.



Pizza will be served at this meeting and we will also celebrate YAH February birthdays.

**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:

2016 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/We would like a record of our 2016 contributions to St. Thomas More.

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

**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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CALENDAR CLUB 2017

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2017.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE:()

One Number for \$25

OR

FIVE Numbers for \$100

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I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket).

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.

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.

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.

Geico Insurance—Sales reps, mgt. trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven directly

Newspaper Delivery—Excellent 2nd income—early AM hours—car & valid NYS license.

Panera--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drivers. & Van Drivers. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

Suffolk Bus Drivers--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

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.

Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes--Town of Smithtown & Kings Park. High School Diploma, 2 yrs. Exp. - before & after school.

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.

Youth Group teens worked on some DO-IT-YOURSELF service projects as their St. Valentine's evening, including homemade treat bags for the needy and heart prayer-rocks. The night's theme was "Love one another as I have loved you."



Youth Group - St. Valentine's Day Project

