

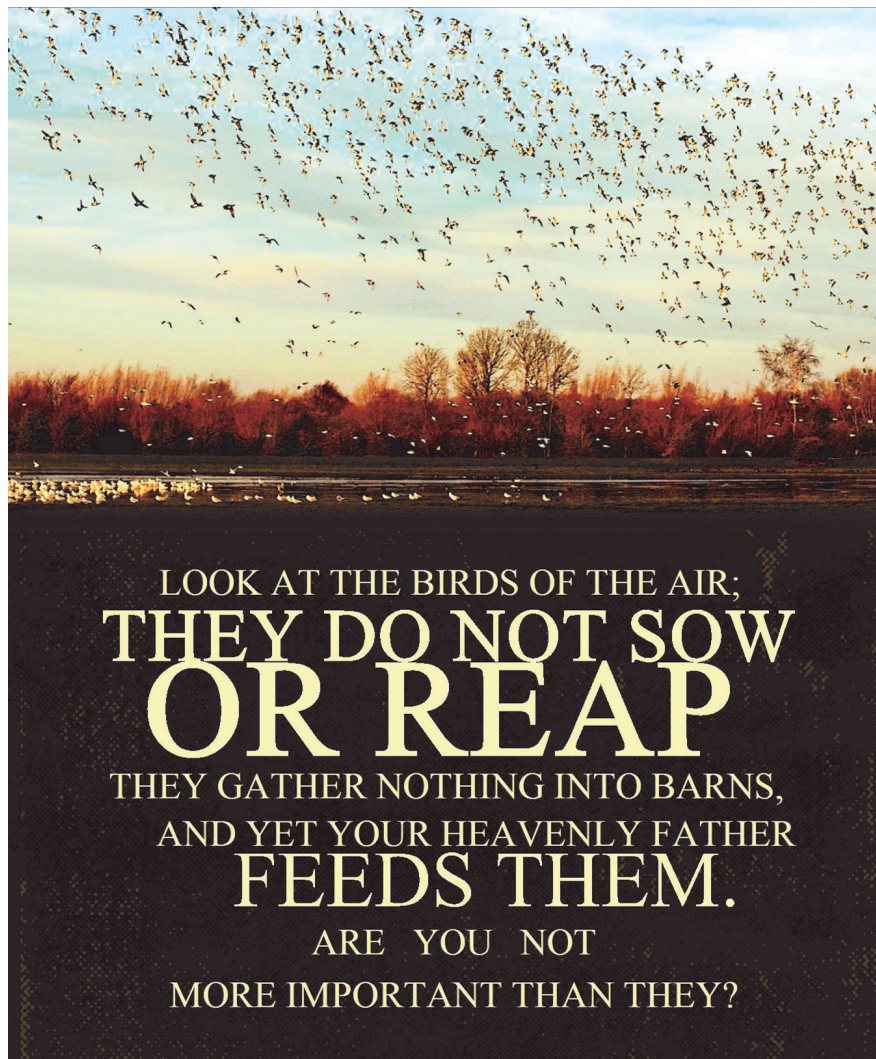


Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 26, 2017

Eighth 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 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

Saturday, February 25

(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*

Monday, February 27

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

Tuesday, February 28

9am Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

Wednesday, March 1--Ash Wednesday

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

Thursday, March 2

9am Ann Coyle. *by Judy Coyle*

Friday, March 3--St. Katherine Drexel--First Friday

9am John O.McDonald Sr. *by Ruthann McDonald*

Saturday, March 4--First Saturday

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Louis Pontillo *by John & Arlene Aspromgos*

Sunday, March 5—First Sunday of Lent

8am Regina & George McAllister *by John McAllister*

9:15am Robert Aglialoro *by Kathy & Vinny Norton*

10:45am Jenny Pullo Baucó *by Yolanda Schweers*;

Dominick Bove *by his family*; Phyllis Byrne *by Arleen & Ed Rogan*; Jean McCormick *by Marylou LaGrega*;

Loretta Muenkel *by Angela Mingione*; Anthony Simas *by Debra Michael Martino*; Dcn. Bob & Diane Weisz &

Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux *by Joseph & Anna Beltrani*

12:15pm Alfred F. Manzella *by Marilyn & Marianne Manzella*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply,

"It is written:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him,

"Again it is written,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him,

"All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!

It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you went on a long fast from something which helped you in your relationship with God.
2. Relate a time when you stayed true to what you believed in despite outside pressure.
3. Relate a time when you trusted without a guarantee that everything would turn out okay.

Family and children's question:

Describe a time when you felt all alone. Who came to reassure you?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Willy: I had a hunch today. I got up at seven, had seven dollars in my pocket, there were seven people at lunch and there were seven horses in the race. I picked the seventh to win.

Billy: So he came in the winner?

Willy: No, he came in seventh.

Life is not a number game to measure or calculate its outcome. It is not an idea nor a philosophy, neither a system nor a mechanism to regulate its running or functioning. It is a gift and mystery. As a gift freely given by God, it can offer more than we can imagine. As a mystery, it contains more than what we know about it.

Today's readings invite us to grasp life to be under God's care. If life does not happen the way we expect, we have to assure ourselves that God cares for us like a mother or even more than a mother. God promises that even if a mother should forget her child, the Lord would never forget us. God kindly reminds us how much more He cares for us by showing how he feeds the freely flying bird and clothes the colorfully blooming flowers even though they do not anxiously toil for it as we do in our lives.

Worry exists only in the mind which cannot see life as a gift or as a mystery from God but measures life by human standards of wealth, beauty, fame etc. Worry or anxiety ceases to exist in a person who surrenders one's life to God's providence and begins to live every moment of life as a God-given gift and a mystery which has more to offer as life then what we expect from it. Let us pray to God, as Jesus teaches us, for the heart of a bird to loosen the human bonds and for the attitude of a flower to bloom and embrace beauty in and around us.

This Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of grace. We reflect on the mystery of God sharing in our suffering. In Jesus God shared with us even in death. God shared with our suffering not just to console us but to radically change the moment of suffering into occasions of inner strength. He shared in our death in order to transform it into eternal life.

Our parish offers various spiritual exercises to grow in this spiritual realization during the 40 days of Lent. Every day we have Lenten morning prayers before the 9:00 am mass. Every Friday we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm for grace upon those undergoing various sufferings.

Lenten Mission by Fr. Joseph Fitzgerlad from March 26 to 29 both in the morning mass at 9 am and in the evening at 7 pm.

Lenten Project for this year is to help St. Francis Hospital, a private hospital run by the Little Sisters of St. Francis in the Kasarani neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya, for the women in Nairobi's largest slum who can't afford to go anywhere else, come and give birth. The hospital has a capacity for 300 births per month, but in reality, more than 1,000 women give birth there each month. The following website will give more information about this project.

<http://globalsistersreport.org/blog/q/ministry/q-sr-marv-joan-njeri-putting-impooverished-mothers-first-44726>

During the Golden Jubilee year of our Parish we invite the priests who served us in the past years. Msgr. Jim McNamara who served our parish will celebrate the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 4th. He will share with us his experience and pray with us. All parishioners are welcome.

among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

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	Kidd Iovino
Bernadette	Jacqueline
John & Michele (LoGrande)	Joseph Jacklets
Bongiorno	Irene Janis
Peter Bongiorno	Ira Karten
Donna Borowski Billott	Patrick Keegan
Janis Bini	Kenneth
McKenzie Borchers	Jean Marsala Kieffner
Cheryl Borden	Elaine Kleinstauba
Charles Borghardt	Dr. C. Lalli
Brandon Boswell	Morgan Leary (age 8)
Christina Cammarata	Anne Leggio
Barbara Cappisillo	Wayne Leo
Linda Sue Cappisillo	Phillip Lloyd
Coleen Cizon	Nicolas Lorusso (17 months)
John Coen	Frank Mamburc
Donald Crocker	Cindy Mango
Bernice Cuomo	Laura Mattioli
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)	Terri Ilardi McKee
Anthony Donato	Rose Messina
Florence Donato	Marie Minutillo
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Leo Murphy, Sr.
Sofia Drobinko	Robert Licandro
Michael Faithfull	Victoria Nelson
Fran Falkowski	Caydee Arthur Nielsen
Claudia Fiore	Sally O'Connor
Millie Fiore	Beatrice Okorn
Nadine Rose Follini	Judy Pappas
Dominga Francisco	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



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

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

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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

Anthony G. Popp, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

PARISH OUTREACH



What a strange winter this has been...balmy skies, 60 degree days juxtaposed to blizzard conditions, with 12 inch snow-falls! This coming week-end looks to be the same pattern (minus the snowstorm, but with cold days). What can we do but enjoy each day that is offered to us, with an appreciation for what it brings. They say "variety is the spice of life"...and it is certainly true of our weather, at any rate. If we apply that saying in a larger sense, it tells us that we should be happy that our days are not lined up in an endless pattern of sameness...that something as small as a change in weather can change our mood or even our attitude. We can celebrate the little things in our lives, even if we are confined to the house due to illness of a child or even our own health problems. The one thing we can all do is to reach out to others in order to celebrate our common humanity. If we can't go out physically, we can reach out to a friend by phone or face-time or Facebook; we can invite others in, or we can reach out to those who don't have the good fortune we have of having a car or a physically capable body. We can bring them food or friendship (both of which are necessary to life!). We can also donate what we can to Outreach!

St Vincent de Paul Conference

St. Vincent de Paul/St. Thomas More Conference wants to thank everyone who supported our VALENTINE SOCK HOP. We were so moved by all of the donations and the desserts baked by one of our favorite people (who wishes to remain anonymous), but needs to be thanked again and again for all that she does.

Our Parish Community, living out SHARING THE SPIRIT OF LOVE, is one of the reasons this dance was such a success. Again, thank you for all that you have done to help us, help our neighbors in need.

As we continue to celebrate our 50TH ANNIVERSARY as a parish may our experiences bring us closer together as a Christian Community.

P.S. The winner of our 2016 AUTOGRAPHED GIANTS FOOTBALL was Ed Rogen, a member of our parish. If you see him at the 12:15 Mass, stop and congratulate him.

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. 25/26)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (March 4/5)
Saturday		
5:00 pm	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Jim McNamara
Sunday		
8:00am	Msgr. Boccafola	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony



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.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org



"I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life." Deuteronomy 30:19

Assisted Suicide and Physicians' Conscience Rights:

Opponents of Physician-Assisted-Suicide (PAS) contend that doctors have a moral responsibility to keep patients alive as reflected in the Hippocratic Oath. They argue there may be a "slippery slope" from euthanasia to murder and that PAS will unfairly target the poor and disabled and create incentives for insurance companies to terminate lives in order to save money. (euthanasia.procon.org, 12/19/16)

This "slippery slope" argument is addressed by Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, writing about ethics in the Atlantic Monthly, in which he affirms that there is a lesson to be learned from the Netherlands and Belgium, where there is widespread breach of legal safeguards leading to a sizable incidence of non-voluntary euthanasia. He fears the eventual outcome of PAS laws could be euthanasia of the demented, the mentally ill, the old, and others. (heritage.org, 3/24/15; cmda.org, 7/18/16)

A Warning from Canada:

The "Medical Assistance in Dying" report, February, 2016, recommended that all Canadian doctors have a legal **duty** either to provide assisted suicide or provide an "effective referral" to someone who will provide it. Recommendation 10 of the report recognizes there may be a direct conflict of rights and interests between a patient seeking suicide and a doctor with ethical and moral standards opposed to providing this option. However, Recommendation 10 subordinates the values, rights and ethical interests of the doctor to the wishes of the patient.

Many physicians in Canada warn of this "slippery slope" to the kind of social and medical ethics that corrupts and erodes the core virtues essential for survival of a free society. It would be wise to pay attention to what is happening in Canada, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Switzerland, since already six American states (CA, OR, WA, MT, NM, and VT) have recently legalized physician assisted suicide. The New York State legislature is now considering a so-called "medical aid in dying" bill. (cnsnews.com, 3/18/16; stat news.com, 1/19/17; latimes.com, 5/16/16)

"Do not abandon wisdom, and she will protect you; love her and she will keep you safe. Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do."

Proverbs 4:6-7

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



Our parish's first Permanent Deacons, Harry Schwan and Fred Jackman, ordained June 9, 1979.

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)

Women's Spa Night Fundraiser--2 Friday nights available--March 3rd or 10th, 2017--7 - 10 pm. Wine, snacks & more; **\$60 per person**. Join us for an evening of refreshment, relaxation and nourishment for your body, mind and spirit.

Must pre-register--Limited Capacity. You will receive 3 relaxing spa services: 2 Group Therapies (Yoga, MELT, Nutrition, Meditation) Plus Choose 1 Individual Treatment (Reflexology, Massage, Facial, Deluxe Manicure).

St. Ursula Center, 186 Middle Rd., Blue Point, NY 11715. Tel: 631-363-2422; info@tildonkursuline.org. All proceeds will benefit the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk.

5th Annual Women's Conference--The Voice of Catholic Women--Linda Carter, Ellwn W. Rieger, Doris Tecuanhuey-Alvarez. **Saturday, April 8, 2017**. Registration at 9 am. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington. Join us for Morning Prayer in the Chapel; Presentations, Conversations, a Festive Luncheon - ending our time together at 2 pm. **Offering \$25**. For more information visit website: www.drvc.org. Register now!

10-Day Pilgrimage to Italy (Sicily, Sorrento & Amalfi) with Fr. Mickey Bancroft-- Sept. 23 - Oct. 1, 2017--From NY \$3,790 per person. Tour Code PW-9286. For a detailed brochure call 516-605-1551 or email peter@petersway.com

(Second 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.



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

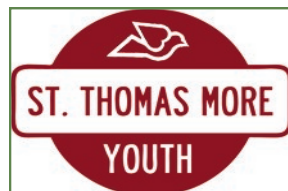
Knights of Columbus membership Drive

March 4th & 5th

Would you like to help your community?

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good Catholic gentlemen to do just that. For more information please contact. Paul Merget 631 291-0030 or Ernie Lafontaine 631 543 3410

***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 19, 2017-- \$6,644.75

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 28

10am--Faith Sharing Group--Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 1--Ash Wednesday

9am & 7pm--Mass with Distribution of Ashes

12:30pm & 7pm--Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes.

Thursday, March 2

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

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

Saturday, March 4

12:30pm--Baptism--Church



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 |

Congratulations

The following young parishioners who attend St. Anthony's High School have received Honor Roll certificates for the 2nd Quarter 2016-2017 school year. Well done!

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Krista Aliscio | Madison Lulley |
| Keira Baiz | Morgan Lulley |
| Patrick Curley | Frank Massa |
| Maggie Curley | Brandon Mooney |
| Alexander Delgado | Coleen Mooney |
| Emily Gungel | Terence Mooney |
| Luke Gungel | Nicole Palmer |
| Lauren Haggerty | Danielle Pikulik |
| Michael Haggerty | William Waters |
| Alessia Iovane | |

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 12 - 18, 2017.

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|--------|--------|------|------|----------------------|
| Sun.. | Feb. 5 | \$50 | #945 | Emma & Bob Yezek |
| Mon.. | Feb. 6 | \$25 | #580 | Barbara Schriefer |
| Tues.. | Feb. 7 | \$25 | #785 | Tyler Calhoun |
| Wed. | Feb. 8 | \$25 | #448 | Teresa Kane |
| Thurs. | Feb 9 | \$25 | #92 | Lefebvre family |
| Fri.. | Feb.10 | \$25 | #197 | Ann Belluardo |
| Sat. | Feb.11 | \$25 | #566 | James & Anita Ilardi |

Second Collection - March 5, 2017

On March 5, 2017 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

The Church in Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VALENTINE SOCK HOP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2017



**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.

****Centereach, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, **Hauppauge, St. Thomas More Church,
**Lake Ronkonkoma, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, **Nesconset, The Parish of the Holy Cross,
**Ronkonkoma, St. Joseph Catholic Church, **Setauket, St. James R.C. Church,
Smithtown, St. Patrick Catholic Church, **St. James, Saints Philip and James Parish

*Parishioners are invited to join with members
of other parishes in Rockville Centre Deanery 14
to attend a*

***Deanery Mass
With
Bishop John O. Barres***



***Tuesday,
March 7th, 2017
12:10 p.m.***

***St. Patrick's Church
280 E Main St, Smithtown***





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2017

Dear Friends:

Lent 2017 is a time for us to pray for *dramatic missionary growth* in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Part of that dramatic missionary growth is stimulated by our willingness to invite our inactive Catholic friends back to Mass.

I put it this way in my Installation Mass homily on January 31: *I appeal on this day of my Installation as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre to every inactive Catholic in the Diocese to come back to the power of the Word of God, the power of the Sacrament of Penance, and the power of the Catholic Mass.*

I am so very sorry if you have been hurt or disappointed by the Church in any way and we stand here today to support you, to love you and to listen to you.

In turn, I am asking every active Catholic of every age in the Diocese of Rockville Centre between January 31st and Ash Wednesday (which is March 1, 2017) to invite one inactive Catholic friend or family to come with you to Mass and to gently, humbly, compassionately, non-judgmentally witness to the beauty of your intimacy with Christ and your love for the mission of the Catholic Church and how it has enriched and inspired your life.

The power of these gentle and compassionate invitations is enormous. They always plant a seed of grace. And now's the time to make these invitations. Let's all do it together and realize that it is the kindest thing any of us could do for anyone.

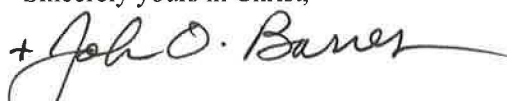
For those who have made those invitations since January 31st, thank you! For those of us who need an extension, let's give ourselves till Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 to make that compassionate invitation to our friends. And let's open ourselves to making these invitations more frequently and consistently.

When we die, we will all look lovingly into the merciful eyes of Jesus and review our life with him. The people whom we have helped to invite back to Mass and their Catholic faith will be standing around us with radiant smiles. And we want a big crowd!

We connect our Lenten 2017 prayer, fasting and almsgiving together to this intention and to our constant intention to pray for our brothers and sisters who are poor, hungry, suffering from war, violence or persecution in our world.

You and your families are all daily in my prayers and Masses. Thank you for your witness of "holiness and mission" to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Bishop of Rockville Centre