



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent



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

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

Saturday, March 4--First Saturday *(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

8am 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 Bauco *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 (living) &
 Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux (living) *by*
Joseph & Anna Beltrani

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

Monday, March 6

9am Anthony Popp *by Len Munzer*

Tuesday, March 7--St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

9am Christopher & Mary Beth Weidig *by*
Marie Utter

Wednesday, March 8--St. John of God

9am Christopher Weidig *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Thursday, March 9--St. Frances of Rome

9am Judith Patchell. *by Kathleen O'Brien*

Friday, March 10

9am Judith Ellen Lentino *by her parents*

7pm Stations of the Cross - **Cross and**
Employment Struggles

Saturday, March 11

9am Rose Germain *by Michelle Germain*
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Sophie Pankus *by Al Pankus*

Sunday, March 12—Second Sunday of Lent

8am Louis Giuliano & Anthony Giuliano *by*
Francine Rosmini

9:15am Robert DiGiovanni *by Kathryn Schook*

10:45am Maria Lott *by Lou & Emilia Savarese;*

12:15pm Anthony Popp *by Ann Lamia & family;*
 James Dowd *by the LaFauci family.*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,

"Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

"Rise, and do not be afraid."

And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them,

"Do not tell the vision to anyone

until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you felt that God was speaking to you.
2. Relate a time when you saw someone you knew well in a new light.
3. How do you try to reflect God's love to the people you meet?

Children and Family question:

Describe a time when you wanted to share good news with others.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Judge: Guilty or not guilty?

Prisoner: Well, I thought I was guilty, but I've been talking to my lawyer and he's convinced me I'm not guilty.

Sin teaches us to escape the consequences of our actions but grace empowers us to engage in the blessings of our actions.

Readings of the First Week of Lent explain that sin is nothing but our own wishful choice to shrink in our identity whereas grace is to bloom fully well in our identity of God's blessings. The first reading describes how the first parents lost the blessings of owning the whole Garden of Eden at the choice of their desire to eat the fruit from one tree. Their temptation consisted in exaggerating the particular benefit of a specific moment at the cost of losing the original blessing which endures for the whole life.

In the Gospel the devil tries the same technique with Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power for the particular need of food at the end of his 40-day fast. The temptation is to gratify his hunger instantly by using his power to change stones into bread – instant gratification. Jesus, unlike the first parents, replies to the tempter 'One does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God'.

By this Jesus means that his identity is bigger than instant gratification. His hunger is not the moment of reducing himself to do whatever he wants just to appease himself. But precisely hunger is the moment to show his dependence on the word of God. In short Jesus instructs the tempter that bodily hunger reminds him of his hunger for God's word. He is fed by the word of God as much as his body is fed by bread. Tempter/temptation reduces us to a particular need of a specific moment. Grace generously expands us and empowers us to live fully well our whole identity.

Lent is the time when we vigorously engage ourselves to live more from the spirit and less from our bodily need. When we fast we learn to say 'no' to bodily cravings. When we give alms to the poor we cultivate within ourselves the power of the spirit to go out of our selfish nature and to grow in the spirit of love, sharing and generosity. When we pray we begin to see life and its value from the heart as God reveals to us, not as our convenient dry and habitual selfish thinking dictates to us.

The whole exercise of Lent is built upon these exercises of prayer, fast and almsgiving.

Prayer: please find a Lenten calendar in this bulletin which proposes a one-line prayer and an act for everyday so that you develop a habit of praying.

Fast: Every Friday try to abstain from taking meat. Choose a day in a week to fast from at least a meal or take a smaller meal than the regular one. Fast on Good Friday.

Almsgiving: Consider being a part of our parish Lenten project to help the Little Sisters of St. Francis, Nairobi, Kenya who run the St. Francis Hospital which has the capacity for 300 births per month, but in reality, more than 1000 women give birth there each month.

I wish you all a Blessed Lent to grow in spirit.

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
Cheryl Borden	Jean Marsala Kieffner
Charles Borghardt	Elaine Kleinstauba
Brandon Boswell	Dr. C. Lalli
Christina Cammarata	Morgan Leary (age 8)
Barbara Cappisillo	Anne Leggio
Linda Sue Cappisillo	Wayne Leo
Coleen Cizon	Phillip Lloyd
John Coen	Nicolas Lorusso (17 months)
Donald Crocker	Frank Mamburc
Bernice Cuomo	Cindy Mango
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)	Laura Mattioli
Anthony Donato	Terri Ilardi McKee
Florence Donato	Rose Messina
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Marie Minutillo
Sofia Drobinko	Leo Murphy, Sr.
Michael Faithfull	Robert Licandro
Fran Falkowski	Victoria Nelson
Claudia Fiore	Caydee Arthur Nielsen
Millie Fiore	Dan J. O'Brien Sr.
Nadine Rose Follini	Sally O'Connor
Dominga Francisco	Beatrice Okorn
Scott Gaertner	Judy Pappas
Jean & Gerald Gilson	Rainey Pappas
Judy Granville	Joseph P
John Hanna	Joseph Placa
Olive Harrison (15 months)	Ross Placa
Mr. & Mrs. Heinrich	Hilda Reese
Richard Heller	Anna & Leland Reid
Dylan Hollins	Benita Roehm
Laurie Holmes	Mary Ruchalski
Stephanie Horoski	Mary Ann Russo
Patricia Hrycyk	Elyse Schrage
Anita Ilardi	Marie Swartz
Barbara Importuna	Teresa Shannon
Ann & Anthony Iovino	Carolene & Bob Shernowitz



*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

McKenzie Borchers, Madeline Merkle; Anthony G. Popp, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

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/>

Instagram

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- stm_yg

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 Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
 Personal Prayer SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at
BJFRAT@optonline.net



PARISH OUTREACH

There's nothing like planning for the future...and right now, the future is...Easter!!!! We are beginning our food collection drive as well as our Easter basket drive, because it's never too soon to start preparing for the holiday. As you know, we provide Easter dinner for our clients, so we are in need of "typical" items for a holiday food celebration. When you can, please contribute potatoes, canned vegetables, hams, sweet potatoes, packaged rolls, cake mixes, cornbread mix, gravy, etc. The gift baskets should be identified as being for either boys or girls, and identified by age as well. Baskets will be provided for children under the age of sixteen. Small toys, candy, packaged snacks are all appropriate for the baskets, as well as anything else your creativity can imagine, as long as it's appropriate!

A worldwide organization known as "Dress for Success" has opened a Boutique in Brookhaven, specifically for women who need help in either returning to the work force, or joining it for the first time. This group will provide advice in strategies to succeed in today's job market. Through six weekly sessions, women will identify their skills, compose cover letters, create a resume, participate in mock interviews, work with mentors, learn how to use social media to secure a job, and also obtain suitable clothes for interviews. For more information on this amazing organization, contact Diane at 631-451-6147 or email the organization at brookhaven@dressforsuccess.org.

And remember: a bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired...

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 Rogan, 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>



Some of the people who worked very hard to make the Sock Hop a success.



We regret that lack of space does not permit us to publish the pictures of all the helpers.



Thank you to all the workers for a wonderful job.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org



"The Constitution ... affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility towards any."
Supreme Court, 1984, in Lynch v Donnelly

Victories for Religious Freedom:

Georgia: The state agreed to pay \$225,000 to settle a lawsuit claiming it illegally discriminated against a lay pastor who was fired by the states' Department of Public Health (DPH) because of the content of his sermons.

In 2014, Dr. Eric Walsh, MD, accepted the job as district health director with the DPH but was soon dismissed after a DPH official asked him to submit copies of sermons he had previously preached as a lay minister with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"No one should be fired for simply expressing his religious beliefs," said First Liberty senior counsel.

"I am grateful this trial has finally ended," said Dr. Walsh. "It's been a long difficult journey, but it's worth it to have my name cleared and to ensure that all Georgia government employees know they have religious liberty." (wnd.com, 2/9/17; christianindex.org, 2/10/17)

Minnesota: Veterans Memorial Park, Belle Plaine: The city has agreed to bring back a memorial showing the silhouette of a soldier with rifle kneeling in front of a cross.

A Freedom From Religion group had demanded the city remove the cross last month. Many supporters of vets responded by setting up their own crosses.

Amid the controversy, Alliance Defending Freedom proposed setting up a "limited public forum" inside the park where the original cross could stand. The newly approved plan "ensures that there is no endorsement of religion by the city because memorials that will be put up represent the citizens that put them up," said ADF.

Cheers erupted in City Hall after the council gave the OK. (startribune.com, 2/7/17; minnesota.cbslocal.com, 2/7/17)

"Let us not become weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

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

YOUNG AT HEART

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON



On March 10th we are having our annual St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage luncheon at 1:00 pm. If you still want to come, please call Marie at 631-234-4102.

The cost is only \$10.00 per person - the club pays \$5.00 for all paid members

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



Newly ordained priest Fr. Jim McNamara (L.) and Transitional Deacon John Gilmartin (R.) at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new St. Thomas More Parish Center on July 25, 1971. Now-Msgr. McNamara spent time in our parish as a seminarian in 1970-71 and celebrated his first Mass at St. Thomas More on May 30, 1971.

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)

Journeying Together in Times of Pain and Loss--2017 Bereavement Conference--Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kerriane Page, Chief Medical Officer for Hospice, Palliative Care, & Home Care Services and Senior Vice President of Clinical Effectiveness for Catholic Health Services of Long Island. Bereavement Conference is for the bereaved and those ministering to them. Workshops will include topics on Grief as a Family, Men and Grief, Bereavement Group Facilitation, Grieving Teenagers, Finding God in Times of Grief, Helping Parents Cope with Loss of a Child and more. The Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish in Babylon from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM.**

To register for the Conference online visit www.drvc-faith.org

St. Frances de Chantal School--Meeting of Widowed, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island-- Non-Denomination--All are welcome. **Wed., March 22 at 7:30 pm.** Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. For info. Call Carol 516-794-4933 or Barbara 516-798-2858.

(Second 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 COLLECTION - MARCH 5, 2017

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

The 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.

BISHOP'S OFFICE/CHANCERY INFORMATION

On February 14, 2017, Newsday reported that Mr. Efraim Villafane was indicted on charges of sex crimes committed against a teenage female. Mr. Villafane had served as a Music Minister in Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, Patchogue, and Saint John the Evangelist parish, Center Moriches. When the allegations were first made, Mr. Villafane was removed from employment immediately. The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People of the Diocese of Rockville Centre cooperated fully with law enforcement through its investigation.

In accordance with the Church's continuing commitment to child protection, we encourage any person who has been subject to abuse by any clergy member, or Church employee or volunteer, to contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People at its special phone line for reporting allegations of abuse: [516-594-9063](tel:516-594-9063).



**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

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This Weekend
(March 4/5)

Next Weekend
March 11/12)

Saturday

5:00 pm Msgr. Jim McNamara Msgr. Boccafola

Sunday

8:00am	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Irinel
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony

AARP FREE TAX SERVICE



Have your income taxes done by Professionals!

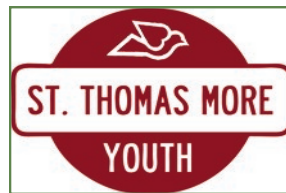
Call the following for an appointment:

Smithtown Senior Center
631-360-7616

Hauppauge Library
631-979-1600

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

**Youth Ministry
Corner**



Faith and Light Meeting

In March the Faith and Light community will be taking part in the **St. Patrick's dinner** on March 18th at St. Thomas More church in Hauppauge, right after the 5:00 pm Mass. The cost is \$15 per person. Please mail your name and payment to

Marcia Gaudet,
58 Timber Ridge Dr., Holtsville, NY 11742.

Please make checks out to Marcia Gaudet.

She will buy the tickets.

Questions?

Contact Marcia Gaudet at:

jgaudet@optonline.net

631-439-9724 **home**

631-834-4318 **mobile**



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.stthomasmoryouth.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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday, March 5--2nd Collection Church in Need.

10:30am--RCIA - Religious Education Center

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

1pm--Core Team Retreat Day--Walden/Kirwin Halls/Kit.

Tuesday, March 7

7pm--Adoration--Church

Wednesday, March 8

2pm--CFFR Meeting--Walden Hall

6:30pm--Baptism Prep--Church/Kirwin Hall

7:30pm--Columbiettes Meeting--Walden Hall

Thursday, March 9

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

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

Friday, March 10

1pm--Young At Heart--Corned Beef Luncheon/WH.



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

Coming Soon: A New Choir CD for Sale!



The St. Thomas More Choir has recorded a Lenten cantata that they have performed here previously called "Upon This Rock: The Passion, The Question, The Call". Using Peter as the sole narrator and the dramatic focal point, "Upon This Rock" depicts the events of Holy Week while revealing Peter's personal perspective on the significance of each. Jesus' appearances to His disciples during those confusing and discouraging post-resurrection days are also included, as the plans for building God's church and spreading the Gospel are beautifully and dramatically portrayed with a contemporary style.

This CD would make an excellent companion for spiritual meditation during Lent as well as a keepsake of the choir in our 50th Jubilee Year.

CDs will be available for purchase after Masses starting March 11-12 for the cost of \$10. All proceeds will be placed into the parish's general project fund

**Congratulations !
CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

Here are the winners for Feb 19 - 25, 2017.

Sun..	Feb.19	\$50	#721	Dorothy Lossani
Mon..	Feb.20	\$25	#519	Brother Leonard Carlino
Tues..	Feb.21	\$25	#129	William Stepanek
Wed.	Feb.22	\$25	#853	Marti & John White
Thurs.	Feb 23	\$25	#591	John & Josephine Stile
Fri..	Feb.24	\$25	#16	John & Arlene Zuzzolo
Sat.	Feb.25	\$25	#112	Teresa Shannon

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of February 25, 2017-- \$7,512.25

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.

**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.

Dick's Sporting Goods--New Stores--Bay Shore Mall & Sunrise Mall, Massapequa--FT/PT--Many positions. Good Benefits.

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

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.

Lenten Activity Calendar 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe this message. We wear Ashes today to believe, experience and live the goodness of God in us and around us.</p>	<p>2 </p> <p>What benefit is it to anyone to win the whole world and forfeit or lose his very self? There is nothing equal to your worth in the whole universe. Be the best of you to someone.</p>	<p>3 Stations 7pm</p> <p>O God you seek the truth from the inside out. Put a fresh wind in my sails. Lenten Friday I abstain from meat to encourage myself to say "No" to old and "Yes" to a new course of life in me.</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Jesus said to them in reply, "It is not those that are well who need the doctor, but the sick". By helping others I help myself spiritually grow in the power of love and compassion.</p>
<p>5 Sunday Worship</p> <p>Then the devil left Jesus and angels appeared and looked after him. When we don't prefer to be angels we allow our devils to work. Choose to be an angel to someone.</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>Jesus tells whenever you did this to the least of my people you did it to me. God is not costly and difficult. You can experience God in your little acts of love. Carry out a small act of love.</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>Today we recall the prayer of Jesus "Our Father". Pray "Our Father" a few times. While praying ask God to bless someone. We are all the children in God's family.</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>Soak me in your laundry, Lord; I'll come out clean. Make a fresh start in me. Do something you've been putting off or trying to avoid.</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>Ask, It will be given to you; Search, you will find; knock, the door will be opened to you. Be direct with God. Prayer is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game. Like a child ask the Father.</p>	<p>10 Stations 7pm</p> <p>Go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering to God. Instead of texting, make personal voice contact with people today.</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>This is what God does. He gives his best - the sun to warm and the rain to nourish - to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. Greet someone good voluntarily.</p>
<p>12 Sunday Worship</p> <p>God says, "I shall bless those who bless you." Say to God, "I am waiting for you; you are my help and shield." Be a blessing; buy someone's coffee.</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>Do not judge, you'll not be judged; do not condemn, you'll not be condemned; forgive, you will be forgiven. Call a friend who needs encouragement.</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Do you want to stand out? Then step down. If you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty. Carry a list of things you are thankful for & look at it when you feel like complaining.</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. Say, 'God bless you' in your heart to whomever you meet.</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>One who trusts in God is like a tree planted near streams. It never stops bearing fruit. Be generous in being gracious to others. Don't use sarcasm or curse today.</p>	<p>17 Stations 7pm</p> <p>Jesus says, "God's kingdom will be taken back from you and handed over to a people who will live out a kingdom life." Write a prayer to God explaining habits, behaviors and sins you want to die to.</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Jesus says, "You're with me all the time and everything that is mine is yours but this is a wonderful time. Let us celebrate." Spend at least 30 minutes with someone under 5 or over 70.</p>



****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***





ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH
and
St. Vincent de Paul



EASTER April 16, 2017



FILLED CANDY BASKETS NEEDED
FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!

CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

BASKETS ARE NEEDED BY THE WEEK OF April 3rd

IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

We are also in need of other food items for
Easter Dinner

HAMS, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, FRUIT, DESSERTS

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.





ST. Thomas More

Msgr. Francis S Midura

Council 6062

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 18. 2017

Following the 5 PM Mass

All are invited with their families to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner as part of the 50th Jubilee Year. The cost will be \$15.00 per person, \$45.00 for a family of 4.

Fare for the evening will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes and carrots along with my homemade Irish Soda Bread, Beer and Soda. Provisions will also be made for Irish Coffee.

Tickets will be available after all masses in the Narthex.

March 15 is the deadline for reservations. Any Questions feel free to contact me.

Ed Rogan, PGK

Email: eroganjr@verizon.net

631-366-1085



**Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.**

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO 2017 SPRING TRACK



GIRLS AND BOYS
GRADES K-8
\$70.00*



***NEW RUNNERS:** \$15 Team Shirt **FAMILY DISCOUNT:** 3rd CHILD FREE

\$ 9 matching shorts (optional)

*Fundraising Option available : Registration fee of \$50 plus sell 1 BOX OF CANDY (52 items)

FOR INFO CONTACT JERRY 585-4048

SEASON STARTS March 18, 2017

Mail Registration Form with Payment

I agree as parent/guardian to provide all transportation to and from all games and practices. I hereby authorize my child's participation in St. Joseph's CYO sports program, and I know of no physical disabilities or illnesses which would interfere or prevent his/her participation. I do hereby waive, release, indemnify and agree to hold harmless or responsible, the St. Joseph's CYO, its sponsor, staff and participation, for any claim arising out of injury to my child, weather the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent of St. Joseph's CYO liability for this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

FUNDRAISING OPTION

Coaches needed for all sports. I WANT TO COACH/ASSIST

Name _____ BOY _____ GIRL _____ D.O.B. _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Other Phone _____ School _____ Grade _____

Email _____

If At All Possible, Check or Money Orders. Make Checks Payable To:

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO P.O. BOX 2755, LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779

No Registration Refunds - \$40.00 Bank Service Fee For Returned Checks.

St. Thomas More Church **50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign**

Capital Campaign Set to Begin **The Challenge Awaits Us**

St. Thomas More is preparing to embark on a capital campaign to raise \$1.0 million in pledges to be payable over the next three to four years. Our Church building is in need a variety of improvements and enhancements and our parking lot needs to be repaved. We have completed a comprehensive feasibility study seeking your input and suggestions and have received approval from the Diocese of Rockville Centre to proceed.

Over the past year our parish leaders with the assistance of an architect have been meeting regularly to determine the exact scope of the work to be accomplished and have submitted final renderings and repair plans.

Your Support is a Vote of Confidence!

The challenge we face as a parish family is obvious; the need is clear. Now is the time for St. Thomas More to move forward with this capital campaign that will address unsafe conditions and update and enhance our worship space. We are meeting this new challenge of updating and repairing much like those families fifty years ago who met the challenge by supporting the founding of our parish. By our response to this new challenge, we become an important part of that heritage and lay the foundation on which the future will be built at St. Thomas More.

St. Paul's Quote:

“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you will always have enough of everything and even a surplus for God’s works.”

“Grateful for our Past – Planning for our Future”