



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 12, 2017

Second 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 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

Saturday, March 11

(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 James Dowd *by the LaFauci family ;*
Anthony Popp *by Ann Lamia & family*

Monday, March 13

9am Michael Santantonio *by the Santantonio family*

Tuesday, March 14

9am Scott Valerio (50th Birthday) *by his mom*

Wednesday, March 15

9am Anthony Popp *by Ann & Lou Anatrella*

Thursday, March 16

9am Lillian Munzer *by Len Munzer*

Friday, March 17--St. Patrick

9am Mary Beth Weidig *by Connie Jenkins*
7pm Stations of the Cross -
Cross and Employment Struggles

Saturday, March 18--St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)
5pm Hilda Reese *by Arlene & John Aspromgos*

Sunday, March 19—Third Sunday of Lent

8am Harriet Cassidy & Jackie Cassidy *by Gerard & Joan Smith*
9:15am Robert Aglialoro *by Emilia & Lou Savarese*
10:45am Cecilia Halpin *by Judy & Ken Granville*
12:15pm David Sattanino Jr. *by Jessica Ferris*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 19, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

"I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Focus questions:

1. Jesus took time to speak to a Samaritan woman even though Jews and Samaritans did not engage with one another. Recall a time when you spoke to a person from a culture that your friends or neighbors wouldn't approve of.
2. What helps you feel refreshed.
3. Describe a time when Jesus offered you living water.

Family and children's question

Many people came to believe in Jesus because of what the Samaritan woman told them. Who are the people who help you come to know Jesus? How has what they said made a difference in your life?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Kim: "I've invented a computer that's almost human."

Jim: "You mean, it can think."

Kim: "No. But when it makes a mistake it can put the blame on another computer."

Putting the blame on others is a trick to escape from facing responsibility and an easy technique to excuse oneself from standing up for the truth.

Today's second reading invites us to come out of our excuses and escapisms. It encourages us to face our God-given inner truth not by our own strength of what we can or cannot do but what we can be according to God's design.

Today's Gospel story of the transfiguration portrays that we are all called to experience God's glory, as Peter, James and John experienced the glory of Jesus at his transfiguration. Like animals we, humans, grow and multiply. But unlike animals we, humans, uniquely possess the spiritual capacity to transform. We are not merely biological but more so spiritual beings bearing the image of God in us. This spiritual essence in us can transform us from ordinary animal level to great Godly level. We can be holy according to God's own design.

Lent is the time we remind ourselves of our spiritual potential to reach our real worth. Our praying, fasting and almsgiving during Lent are only the ways of awakening our inner worth to live and lead our life as persons bearing God's image.

This week we pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 17th at 7:00 pm for those who are impacted by unforeseen events like accidents, house fires, debt, separation, and family misunderstandings or other challenges in life. Please come and pray with us.

Please mark your calendar for our Parish Lenten Mission from March 26th to 29th. Fr. Joe Fitzgerald, who was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team Handball Squad at the Atlanta Olympic Games, is our preacher. He brings a wealth of spiritual wisdom and experience to all age groups to face life in its reality. Please do not miss this precious opportunity.

Lenten Project: Please consider being a part of our parish Lenten project to help the Little Sisters of St. Francis in Nairobi, Kenya, who run the St. Francis Hospital which has a capacity for 300 births per month, but in reality, more than 1000 women give birth there each month. More information is displayed in the Narthex. Their website will provide more information about the good works they do to spread the Gospel of compassion and new life.

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	Elaine Kleinstauba
Bernadette	Dr. C. Lalli
John & Michele (LoGrande)	Morgan Leary (age 8)
Bongiorno	Anne Leggio
Peter Bongiorno	Wayne Leo
Janis Bini	Phillip Lloyd
Cheryl Borden	Nicolas Lorusso (17 months)
Charles Borghardt	Frank Mamburc
Brandon Boswell	Cindy Mango
Christina Cammarata	Laura Mattioli
Barbara Cappisillo	Terri Ilardi McKee
Linda Sue Cappisillo	Rose Messina
Coleen Cizon	Marie Minutillo
John Coen	Leo Murphy, Sr.
Donald Crocker	Robert Licandro
Bernice Cuomo	Victoria Nelson
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)	Caydee Arthur Nielsen
Anthony Donato	Dan J. O'Brien Sr.
Florence Donato	Sally O'Connor
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Beatrice Okorn
Sofia Drobinko	Judy Pappas
Michael Faithfull	Rainey Pappas
Fran Falkowski	Joseph P
Claudia Fiore	Joseph Placa
Millie Fiore	Ross Placa
Joann Flynn	Anna & Leland Reid
Nadine Rose Follini	Joel Rivera
Dominga Francisco	Benita Roehm
Scott Gaertner	Mary Ruchalski
Jean & Gerald Gilson	Mary Ann Russo
Judy Granville	Elyse Schrage
John Hanna	Marie Swartz
Olive Harrison (15 months)	Teresa Shannon
Mr. & Mrs. Heinrich	Carolene & Bob Shernowitz
Richard Heller	Daniel Skinnon
Dylan Hollins	Jackie Stellino
Laurie Holmes	Charles A. Stepanek
Stephanie Horoski	Baby Reese Sylvain (2 weeks)
Patricia Hrycyk	Jeannie Sullivan
Anita Ilardi	Marie Swartz
Barbara Importuna	Jane Troiano
Ann & Anthony Iovino	Chase Turano
Kidd Iovino	Andrew J. Valentine
Jacqueline	Andrew M. Valentine
Joseph Jacklets	Michael Vecchia
Irene Janis	Greg Williams
Ira Karten	Joey Ziegler (2 years old)
Patrick Keegan	
Kenneth	
Jean Marsala Kieffner	

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Alexander Anderwkavich, Cynthia Morgan, Hilda Reese, Donna Borowski Billott, McKenzie Borchers, Madeline Merkle, 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

Facebook

<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.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red...

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>

RCIA



Bishop Barres, in the name of God, chose Brad Fine of St. Thomas More to become a disciple of Jesus at the Rite of Enrollment.

Brad Fine
(with his sponsor, wife Pam Fine)

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org



"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

President Ronald Reagan

Religious Liberty Loses Case:

Washington State: Florist Barronelle Stutzman, age 72, sued by the state and the ACLU for declining to design and provide flowers for a same-sex wedding, lost her appeal at the state's Supreme Court in February. She had declined to serve a long-time customers' wedding because of her

Christian beliefs but instead recommended 3 florists who would gladly create the floral pieces.

"What the court decided was now the government has the power to separate me from my livelihood and faith," said Mrs. Stutzman. "They're trying to compel me to design something that goes totally against my personal conscience."

The Washington Supreme Court ruled she is also liable for fines and legal costs estimated at over \$2 million.

Mrs. Stutzman said, "It's not just my freedom, it's everybody's freedom, whether you're religious or not, that is at stake." (CNA/EWTNnews, 2/19/17; patheos.com, 2/19/17)

USCCB urge President to protect religious liberty:

Saying "religious freedom in America has suffered years of unprecedented erosion," the USCCB posted an online letter for citizens to send that urges Pres. Trump to sign a religious freedom executive order.

The letter, found at <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/49640/Respond>

says the president can "restore the federal governments respect for religious freedom of individuals and organizations" with a "government-wide initiative to respect religious freedom." (catholicreview.org, 2/17/17; todayscatholicnews.org, 2/7/17)

"Let us preserve freedom. Let us cherish freedom. Freedom of conscience, religious freedom, the freedom of each person ..." Pope Francis

Event: Saturday, March 18, 10am-2pm, with a light lunch served. St. Bernard's RC Church, Parish Center, 3100 Hempstead Tpke, Levittown, NY, "**Comfort My People – Dignity at the End of Life**", Presenters: Lisa Honkanen, MD, Doctor of Geriatrics, Msgr. James McDonald, current Pastor, St. Aidan's, **Come and be informed!**

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, April 4, 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

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**



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



Associate Pastor Fr. John Gabriele moderates a High School CCD workshop in December 1983.

PRAY FOR OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they complete their PreCana sessions in preparation for their upcoming weddings:

David Doxee & Paula Medarano
Adam Rogers & Kimberly Brown
Joseph Fontanetta & Kristina Daniels
Jason Oates & JoAnn DeGruccio
Robert Frank & Fang Lin

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)

Hauppauge Boy Scout Troop 343--Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser--Saturday, March 25, 2017-- St. Thomas More Church, Walden Hall. Seating starts at 6pm (following Mass). Cost: Adults \$10; Children under 12 \$5. Includes Pasta with sauce, meatballs/sausage, salad, Italian bread, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, tea and cake served by Troop 343's Boy Scouts. Raffles: Troop 343's Parents Auxiliary will hold a Chinese Auction, 50/50 and Prizes. For information and reservations please call 516-551-5938. Pre-registration is appreciated. Tickets also available at the door.

Run for Catholic Education!--Please join us on **March 25th** for the Run for Tomorrow's hope 5K and Fun Run--Hosted by St. Joseph School, Garden City at 8:30 am. Mass at 7:30 am with special blessing for runners. **Flat, fast, traffic-free course, professionally timed and USATF certified.** Age category awards. Post race festival. Fun for seasoned runners and first timers. Walkers and strollers welcome. For info. or to register go to: www.sjspta.com/run.html

Parish Outreach--St. Anthony of Padua Church--Basement of Trinity Regional School--1025 Fifth Avenue, East Northport--**General Bereavement Group--**starts Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Meets weekly for 6 sessions. For registration call Gertrude Frein, RN, MS: 631-757-2103 or Bernadette Parker RN, PhD: 631-499-4462.

St. Anthony's High School Theatre Company presents "*The Wizard of Oz*"--**Thursday, March 30, 2017 @ 7 pm, Friday, March 31, 2017 @ 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 1, 2017 @ 2 pm* and 8 pm.** Tickets \$10 at the door. * \$5 age 12 and under 2 pm show only. Questions should be sent to: Lcordina@stanthonys.org

St. James Parish, Setauket--Bereavement Support Group --free 7-week peer support group for adults struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration required for this group, which will begin on **Saturday, April 1, 2017. at 2:30 pm.** For additional information and to register, please call 631-941-4141, ext. 341. Please note that in order to participate in this group, the loss must have occurred prior to January 1, 2017.

(Second 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.**

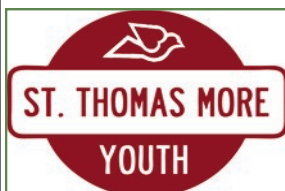
To register for the Conference online visit www.drvc-faith.org

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)



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!

This Weekend
(March 11/12)

Next Weekend
(March 18/19)

Saturday

5:00 pm

Msgr. Boccafola

Fr. Antony

Sunday

8:00am

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

9:15am

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

10:45am

Fr. Irinel

Msgr. Boccafola

12:15pm

Fr. Antony

Fr. Fred

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday, March 12

10:30am--RCIA - Religious Education Center

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

7pm--Core Team Retreat Day--Walden/Kirwin Halls/Kit.

Monday, March 13

2:30pm--Circle of Women--Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 14

7pm--P. Chapin Presentation Iceland Trip--Walden Hall

Wednesday, March 15

1pm--RCIA--Meeting Room

5:30pm--Soc. Mtg--Knights of Columbus--Walden Hall

Thursday, March 16

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

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

Saturday, March 18

12:15pm--Baptisms--Church

6pm--St. Patrick's Day Dinner--Walden/Kirwin/Kitchen



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



New Choir CD Now On 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 are available for purchase after Masses 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 26 - March 4, 2017

Sun..	Feb.26	\$50	#821	Jack & Caroline DeSantis
Mon..	Feb.27	\$25	#687	Wendy Chase
Tues..	Feb.28	\$25	#825	PhyllisAnn Ehrhardt
Wed.	Mar. 1	\$25	#410	Jean Noschese
Thurs.	Mar. 2	\$25	#924	Mrs. Adele Bullis
Fri..	Mar. 3	\$25	#644	Al Pankus
Sat.	Mar. 4	\$25	#953	Ken & Dolores Fensterer

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of March 5, 2017-- \$6,924.00

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

**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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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.



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.**



PLEASE JOIN US

FACING YOUR GIANTS

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 27-29
7:00 P.M.



LED BY FR. JOE FITZGERALD

- † LOST THE PASSION IN YOUR FAITH, YOUR CAREER, YOUR MARRIAGE, AND YOUR LIFE?
- † HAVE SINS OF SELFISHNESS, IMPURITY, GREED, OR PRIDE CHIPPED AWAY AT THE FOUNDATION OF WHO YOU ARE AND WERE CREATED TO BE?
- † HAS THE NOISE AND DISTRACTION OF OUR SOCIETY AND WORLD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HEAR GOD SPEAKING TO YOU?
- † HAS GOD FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU?

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO HELP YOU GAIN A STRATEGY TO FACE THE GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE

COME PRAY AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

NIGHTLY THEMES:

MONDAY

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

TUESDAY

PUT ON YOUR ARMOR (WITH HEALING SERVICE AND ANOINTING)

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON



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 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”