



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

F O U R T H

Sunday in 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 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Saturday, March 25

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Diana Citro *by Patty & Joe Citro,*
 Aldo Corso *by Frank & Vivianne Latorre,* Thomas Fallona *by*
Maureen Fallona, Mary Hansen *by Raymond Endres,* Mickelson
 & Williams families *by Barbara Mickelson,*
 Rita Migliara *by the Cloke family;* Francine Randazzo-Hesse *by*
Robert & Louisa Sanfratello, Nicholas Ventrelli *by the Harten*
family.

Sunday, March 26—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Frank Reynolds *by Joe & BettyAnn*
Codispoti
 9:15am Salvatore DeLuca *by Jerry Pashkin*
 10:45am Dorothy Sauchelli-Balin *by Lou &*
Emilia Savarese
 12:15pm Mary Beth Weidig. *by Vivian &*
Michael Jacobs

Monday, March 27

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. *by*
Charles Potuzak Jr.

Tuesday, March 28

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. *by*
Charles Potuzak Jr.

Wednesday, March 29

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. *by*
Charles Potuzak Jr.

Thursday, March 30

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. *by*
Charles Potuzak Jr.

Friday, March 31

9am Anthony Popp *by BettyAnn & Joe Codispoti*
 7pm Stations of the Cross -
Cross and Those Who Struggle for Peace

Saturday, April 1—First Saturday

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. *by*
Charles Potuzak Jr.

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm -Anthony Popp *by Margaret Fippinger*

Sunday, April 2—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Marie Logothetis *by the Cercone family,*
 Biagio J. Mendolia *by the Mendolia family,* Anthony Monte
by Fred Dunlop, Anthony Popp *by Fran Wieland,*
 Howard Stempel *by Gary & Gina Poulin*
 9:15am Irene Aberle *by Bob Aberle*
 10:45am Christopher Sauchelli *by Mom & Dad*
Sauchelli
 12:15pm Ida Marcello. *by Ralph C. Marcello*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ,

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the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Focus questions:

1. Describe the most alive person you know. How do you feel about this person?
2. Describe a time when you went out of your way because of friendship.
3. Relate a time when a family member died. How did your family handle the loss?.

Children and Family question:

Lazarus, Mary and Martha were Jesus' good friends. Talk about your friends and what you can do to be a better friend?

RCIA Elect



*Jessica Guida with Norma Ferrer Steven Guida also with
and Bishop Andrzej Zblejszewski Norma Ferrer and the Bishop*

The elect attended St. Anne's parish in Brentwood on Sunday, March 12. The Bishop called them to the Rite of Continuing Conversion, and referring to that day's Gospel, he told them that they will reach the "mountain top" at the Easter Vigil, and that they must continue to try to remain there through daily prayer and perseverance.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

It is easy to wake up a person who is actually sleeping. But it is impossible to wake up a person who pretends to be sleeping. Likewise one must be willing to come out of the darkness in order to be in the light. On the other hand, if one chooses to be in the darkness, nothing can bring that person to light. We can bring the thirsty horse to water but cannot make it drink.

In today's Gospel story Jesus meets with the same difficulty. The man born blind wished to see, so Jesus could open his eyes. But Jesus could not open the inner eyes of others to see the truth that he is the Messiah, because they refused to see the truth in Jesus. Our eyes may see. But unless we become conscious of what is seen, all our seeing would remain meaningless and empty. We see only what we are conscious of. We don't see and believe. Rather we see only what we believe. Belief precedes the seeing. The heart that believes gives meaning to what the eyes see. The sense organs (eye, ears, mouth etc.) are merely the vehicles to the heart that integrates all our perceptions and gives meaning to them from our belief.

As the second reading instructs, let us arise from our sleep and let Christ (whom we believe) give us the light to see, and strengthen our feet to walk away from the fruitless works of darkness, so that we may live as children of light to produce every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth.

Lenten Mission: March 27, 28 and 29. This Sunday Fr. Joe Fitzgerald will invite us to realize our strength coming from believing in God. The first three days of this week are going to be the Lenten Mission days to enlighten us as to what and whom to believe, to strengthen us with Godly power to overcome whatever we struggle with. Please make use of the spiritual time of the Lenten Mission. It will offer you light and strength to become a new YOU.

We are starting a New Spiritual Program called ALPHA to deepen our faith and to be strengthened by it. It starts on April 17 with the session called 'Come and See.' It is on a First come, First served basis. Only 100 seats available... please get your best seat to take off on April 17th

This Friday, March 31st is Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. We will pray for Peace for those families, communities and countries of the world that struggle with violence of any kind-- wars, acts of hate ...

Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross: On Friday, April 7th at 6:00 pm, we will have soup supper. If you wish to attend, please bring meatless soup to share with others. Soup Supper will be followed by Stations of the Cross in which we will pray for Hunger, Homelessness and Poverty.

Last Saturday, March 18th we had the St. Patrick's Day dinner at Walden Hall. It was a grand celebration in honor of our Parish Golden Jubilee. Over 200 people attended and had fun and family time with an Irish live band and dancing. On behalf of our parish and the steering committee, I extend a heartfelt thanks to all the Knights and Columbiettes who worked tirelessly in putting together this great event for our Parish family.

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	Jackie Marcello
Caroline De Santis	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
Joseph Jacklets	Andrew M. Valentine
Irene Janis	Michael Vecchia
Ira Karten	Greg Williams
Patrick Keegan	Joey Ziegler (2 years old)
Kenneth	
Jean Marsala Kieffner	

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Joan Sarah Mitchell, Marian Stack,
George F. Spruck Jr., 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/>

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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 one word we want you to remember....

HAMS * HAMS * HAMS

You may wonder why this word? It is because our Outreach clients need hams for their Easter dinner, so we are collecting as many as we can, along with the other items that we associate with Easter dinner: potatoes, vegetables (canned), rolls, desserts, cornbread, sweet potatoes, etc. Any items you can donate would be so greatly appreciated....

EASTER BASKETS* EASTER BASKETS *

You may wonder why we have inserted these two words Well, because our clients' children would like a visit from the Easter Bunny, but their parents cannot afford to have the Bunny arrive at their homes...so we are asking additionally for a donation of a basket filled with appropriate items for either a boy or a girl , and any age up to 16 years old. If you would have an age group in mind for your basket, that would make distribution much simpler!

And remember: A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion!

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>

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

"If lay people don't love their ... faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the (religious leaders) do will finally matter."

Archbishop Chaput, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Facts About Religious Rights in the Workplace:

Lack of awareness of religious liberty in the workplace has led to violations of the lawful rights of citizens who merely want to peacefully live out their religious beliefs as they earn a living. Attorneys at law firm, First Liberty, have compiled the following facts:

1. The Supreme Court recognized, in 2014, that all Americans, including **business owners, have freedom of conscience rights** to live and work according to their beliefs without the fear of government compelling them to violate their beliefs.
2. **Employers cannot discriminate on the basis of religion** and have an affirmative duty to accommodate an employee's religious practices in the workplace, unless this practice imposes undue hardship on the employer.
3. **Employers may run their businesses in accordance with their religious beliefs.** An employer does not discriminate on the basis of religion by affirming the faith of its owners in business objectives. However, the employer may not give the perception that employees' should acquiesce to these religious beliefs.
4. **Employers and employees may engage in religious speech in the workplace.** Both may not engage in uninvited proselytizing. As with spoken religious speech, employers can share their religious beliefs with their employees in print form such as pamphlets, books, and newsletters.
5. **Employers and employees may have prayer meetings and bible studies** in the workplace as long it is clear attendance is voluntary and not required.
6. **Employers may have employee training based on bible principles.** However, employees cannot be required to undergo religious training, services, activities, or engage in behavior that would violate their own sincerely-held religious beliefs.

(firstliberty.org, 1/27/16)

"We will not allow Caesar to re-define our faith or banish us, our Church, or other faiths, from the public square, to the shadows of our cities, or walled gardens of our inner selves."

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:

April 10 - [A Fall of Marigolds](#) by Susan Meissner--

Facilitator: Barbara Fratamico

May 8--[Lights Out](#) by Ted Koppel--Facilitator: Joan Shea

PRAY FOR OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they complete their Pre Cana 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 Liu
 Chris Mahr & Courtney Jurgens

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.

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)

19th Annual Celebrate Life Fundraiser--Pasta Dinner & Chinese Auction--Sunday, April 2, 2017--1-5 pm --Our Lady of Grace Church--Fr. Patrick Shanahan Hall, 666 Albin Ave., West Babylon, NY. \$15 p.p. includes dinner, beer, wine/soda. Guest Speaker: Msgr. James Vaughn of Telecare. Please make checks payable to: The Life Center of Long Island and mail to Carmine Soldano, 179 West 17th Street, Deer Park, NY 11729.

The Institute for the Study of Religion at St. Joseph's College will be sponsoring two talks by Catholic moral theologian, James Alison. Both presentations will be on our **Long Island campus** (155 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue) on **Thursday, April 6th**. Alison's talk "Beyond Us and Them: Can We Learn to Discuss Issues in a Polarized World?" will take place in the Pless Center for Performing Arts at **1 pm**. His evening presentation, "What Have We Learned about Scapegoating? From Romulus to Jesus", will be given in the McGann Conference Center at **7:30 pm**. Both sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Dr. Paul Ginnetty, Institute Director at 631-689-6564 or at pginnetty@sjcny.edu

Complimentary Workshop "Estate Planning and Your Financial Health. Protect your assets and plan for the future". The Arbors at Hauppauge--Thursday, April 6 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Buffet dinner will be served. Presented by Craig A. Andreoli, Esq. For more information or to make reservations please call 631-686-6500.

Catholic Cruise Western Caribbean--7-night tropical Caribbean Cruise with Fr. John Harper. November 19-26, 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Prices begin at \$2358 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of \$350 p.p. will reserve your cabin. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

The Marianist Family Retreat Center--417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ--A Unique Week-long Summer Family Retreat. Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 29 through end of August. Cost for the week: \$215 pp ages 8+; \$140 ages 2-7; under 2 free. Join together with several other families to form a Christ-centered community for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities. Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours Daily) with ocean swimming (beach is only 1/2 block from our house) is part of all family retreats. To sign up or for more information call 609-884-3829 or visit us at www.capemaymarianists.org.

(Second Notice)

Are you interested in transferring to **Holy Trinity Diocesan High School**? Sign up for "Transfer Night" to learn how! **Wednesday, March 29th at 7 pm.** Call 516-433-2900 x 151 for more information.

5th Annual Women's Conference--The Voice of Catholic Women--Saturday, April 8, 2017--9 am to 2 pm. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY. We look forward to hearing everyone's story! Join us for morning prayer in the chapel, presentations, conversations and a festive luncheon.

Diocese of Rockville Centre--Office of Faith Formation--Engaging Children with Autism--This workshop will be an introduction to the experience of how our children interpret their world and how we can bring the faith to them.

St. John Nepomucene Church, 1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia, NY. Instructor: Kathy Russell-Sica, MS-Ed--Tuesdays, April 25, May 2, 9 & 16--10 am to 11:30 am. Cost \$40 per person. For questions contact Kathy at ksica@drvc.org; tel. 516-506-2260. Register online www.drvc-faith.org

In an effort to assist those going through a difficult time, **The DRVC- Office of Faith Formation** is offering a **Divorced and Separated Support Group**. Deacon Lou Anetrella of Christ the King, Commack will be hosting a confidential supportive environment setting to all who attend. The Group will meet at **Christ the King, Bishop McGann Room, on Fridays April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 7 pm. There will be an information session on Wednesday, March 29 at 7 pm.**



Our

5th grade boys won on Saturday 17-13 over Notre Dame to reach Nassau/Suffolk CYO's "Final Four". Unfortunately, our amazing ride ended on March 19th with a semi-final loss to Holy Family, but we are incredibly proud of our boys and all that they accomplished this year. As we conclude another basketball season, many thanks to everyone at St. Thomas More for supporting our kids and our program.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2017

Our Parish Goal \$68,500.00
Pledges to date 22,710.00
Percentage of Goal 33.2%



SUPPORT COLLECTION

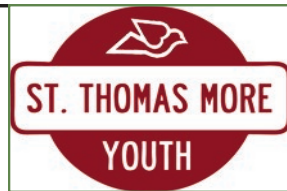
Collection of March 19, 2017-- \$7,917.00

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 1 pm in Walden Hall.

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!

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This Weekend
(March 25/26)

Next Weekend
(April 1/2)

Saturday

5:00 pm

Fr. Joe

Msgr. Boccafola

Sunday

8:00am

Msgr. Boccafola

Fr. Antony

9:15am

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

10:45am

Fr. Joe

Fr. Ralph

12:15pm

Fr. Fred

Fr. Antony

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE*(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday, March 26--2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services**

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

7pm--Youth Ministry--Walden/Kirwin Halls/Kit.

Monday, March 27

9 am--Parish Lenten Mission

7pm--Parish Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 28

9 am--Parish Lenten Mission

7pm--Parish Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 29

9 am--Parish Lenten Mission

7pm--Parish Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 30

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

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

Friday, March 31

1pm--Young At Heart--Walden Hall

7pm--Stations of the Cross--Church

7:45pm--Finance Council--Rectory

Saturday, April 1

12:30 pm--Wedding--Church

2pm--Baptism--Church

***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.



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:

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

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

Thank you and God bless!

Emilia Savarese

Congratulations! ***CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS***

Here are the winners for March 12 - 18, 2017

Sun..	Mar. 12	\$50	#952	Lou & Diane DeBenedittis
Mon..	Mar. 13	\$25	#268	Yolanda Schweers
Tues..	Mar. 14	\$25	#707	Carol & Bill Link
Wed.	Mar. 15	\$25	#979	Mary Anne Walker
Thurs.	Mar. 16	\$255	#185	Fr. Antony
Fri..	Mar. 17	\$25	#220	Donna Basile
Sat.	Mar. 18	\$25	#153	Don & Joan Mancuso

**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:

**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

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT ST. THOMAS MORE --
PART OF OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION





DOOR PRIZES

St. THOMAS MORE
COLUMBIETTES
PRESENTS

SATURDAY NIGHT at the RACES

MAY 20, 2017

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
115 KINGS HWY, HAUPPAUGE

CONTRIBUTIONS \$15.00 PER PERSON

*****SUPER HERO, SALADS, DESSERTS,
Soda, Beer, Wine AND Coffee/Tea*****

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT :

WILLY FERRARA 631 806-4628

OR

MARIE UTTER 631 234-4102



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.



**Come Join our Celebration of the
Sacrament of Matrimony
at the Mass for Married Couples on June 11**

We have been a growing parish since 1967, and we have celebrated many sacraments. As part of this year's Golden Jubilee we are planning a Mass for ***all Married Couples in our parish***, and especially those who have been married here. It will be held on:

Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 12:15pm.

Light refreshments will follow the Mass. Your families are welcome as well.

If you know a couple who was married at STM, please advise them about the Mass and provide us with their information ASAP so we can invite them as well. Couples have moved away, but we would love to include as many of them as possible.

Please fill out and detach the form below and drop it in the basket or send it to the rectory so we can plan ahead. We need your responses by May 21, 2017. Thank you.

Names

Address

Telephone

Church and Date of Wedding

