



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fifth



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

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

Saturday, April 1

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Anthony Popp by *Margaret Fippinger*

Sunday, April 2—Fifth 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*

Monday, April 3

9am Ross Placa by *Len Munzer*

Tuesday, April 4--St. Isidore

9am Lisa Codispoti by *Joe & Betty Ann
Codispoti*

Wednesday, April 5--St. Vincent Ferrer

9am Msgr. Robert Kirwin

Thursday, April 6

9am William Joseph McNally by *Betty Ann &
Joe Codispoti*

Friday, April 7--St. John Baptist de la Salle--First

9am Mary Beth Weidig by *Stephen & Sandra
Boyarsky*

7pm Stations of the Cross -
Cross & Hunger, Homelessness & Poverty

Saturday, April 8

9am Msgr. Robert Kirwin

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Pietro Loscialpo by *the Loscialpo family*

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00am Michael McAllister by *John McAllister*
9:15am Mary Bencivenga by *James Hartnett*,
Anthony Popp by *Margaret Fippinger*, Jean Spadafora by
Michael & Debra Martino & family, Theresa Verdirame by
the Ackerman and Carrano families
10:45am Dorothy Sauchelli-Balin by *Marie Utter*
12:15pm Dominic Bove. by *his family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Please refer to the Passion narrative in your Bible in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

Focus questions:

1. Jesus entered Jerusalem in glory and his life ended on the Cross. Describe a time when everything seemed to be going well for you and then something bad happened. What good came out of the situation?
2. Describe what prayers and actions you do during Holy Week.
3. Relate a time when, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, you prayed for a different outcome.

Family and children's question:

Jesus faced mocking and bullying by the Roman. Talk about a time when you saw a friend being bullied or made fun of and you stood up for your friend.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Mr. Jones phoned the doctor for an appointment. The girl at the desk said she could give him an appointment in two months.

“In two weeks I could be dead!” wailed Jones.

“Well, in that case,” answered the girl, “you can always cancel the appointment.”

Doctors can help relieve certain ailments, repair or reset some parts, rejuvenate various functions and thus attempt to extend one's life span. Is there any treatment to escape impending death that can happen to us at any time?

Today's readings take our life span to eternity. Death happens to those who measure their lives through the scale of the body. When the body grows weary and cannot hold life any more, it stops to function and gives up life. We call the incapability of the body to hold life as death. But for those who believe in God, life can rise from the grave (First Reading). If Christ is in us, although the body is dead because of sin,.. the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies. (Second Reading)

Today's Gospel through the story of Lazarus demonstrates coming out of the grave. It narrates how Jesus is the resurrection and the life and whoever believes in Him, even if they die, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Him will never die.

Next Sunday we will begin Holy Week, a time to relive the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus through this gospel the Sunday before Palm Sunday we are invited to reflect and empower ourselves with the highest promise of God, that we can live with God beyond our bodily death. Our body tells how weak and terminal we are. But our spirit which believes in God invites us to participate in eternal life through the Risen Jesus.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We begin Holy week. Please check the schedule in next week's bulletin for the Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and Easter Sunday. Holy Week is a spiritually and very empowering time. We will live through the passion, death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that we may get all our 'old' ways of life buried in and with Him and rise with Him to a 'New' resurrected way of life. Let us make efforts to set time to be with the Lord during these Holy days of the year.

We are starting a New Spiritual Program named ALPHA to deepen our faith and to be strengthened by it. It starts on April 17 with the session called 'Come and See.' The program 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 April 7th is Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross. We begin with soup supper at 6:00 pm. 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.

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

Joseph Bittner
 Barbara Cappisillo
 Linda Sue Cappisillo
 Caroline De Santis
 Preston De Rosa (2 years old)
 Dominga Francisco
 Judy Granville
 Tony Hollins
 Kenneth
 Jean Marsala Kieffner
 Cindy Mango
 Terri Ilardi McKee
 Barbaralynn Moseman
 Teresa Shannon
 Chase Turano
 Andrew J. Valentine
 Andrew M. Valentine



*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 **September 30, 2017**.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Marietta Pelosi, 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

Facebook

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

Instagram

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

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- stm_yg

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 Joe Gast: joe.gast@stmli.org
 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: When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I....

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Several parishioners have questioned how members of our conference can make home visits, and/or do what we do to help our neighbors in need. Well, the following prayer found in the book, "Rediscover Jesus," by Matthew Kelly, answers that query for one of our conference members:

"I am the son/daughter of a great king. He is my father and my God.
The world may praise me or criticize me. It matters not. He is with me, always at my side, guiding and protecting me. I do not fear because I am his."

Now a question for you. Have you ever thought of joining our conference?
Just call [631 648 2760](tel:6316482760) for information

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE AT A CATHOLIC CHURCH NEAR
YOU

APRIL 10, 3 - 9 PM

Archdiocese of New York
www.archny.org

Diocese of Brooklyn
www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
www.drvc.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Level 4 Lenten Project- "Catch Jesus on Film"

Children were encouraged to find the presence of Jesus in their daily life. Using their imaginations the children created a poster of photos and clippings describing how they see Jesus in people, animals, nature, and love. Their posters are displayed in Kirwin hall for your enjoyment until Holy Week. We hope you will come and see their creativity.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

"Let the Torch of Faith we proudly carry continue to light the Torch of Lady Liberty."

Bishop John O. Barres, Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre, NY

Religious Freedom Under Attack:

Warnings from Bishop John O. Barres, 2013, Allentown, PA:

"Threats to religious liberty, zealous efforts to hermetically seal off the witness of Christians in the public square, radical atheism at fever pitch, hedonism and a pornographic culture, the dictatorship of relativism and the continuing scandal of abortion - it can all be quite daunting and jarring."

"Religious liberty belongs to us. It wasn't provided to us by government; it was given to us by God. No government agency has any right to restrict it much less take it from us. And when we respectfully tell our government that we will not agree to confine our religious convictions and keep them out of public view, we are acting in the very best traditions of both our Christian faith and our shared American history."

Warnings from Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito:

"The U.S. is entering a period when its commitment to religious liberty is being tested," warned Justice Alito in a speech sponsored by a Catholic lawyers association in March.

"A wind is picking up that is hostile to those with traditional moral values." Organizations seeking to change traditional beliefs will "vilify those who disagree and treat them as bigots."

"We are likely to see pitched battles in courts and Congress, in state legislatures and town halls. But the most important fight is for the hearts and minds of our fellow Americans. It is up to all of us to evangelize our fellow Americans about the issue of religious freedom."

(chicagotribune.com, 3/15/17; washingtonpost.com, 3/15/17)

God our Father, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You alone are the true source of our rights. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Amen

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

Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners to share their stories and their photos, we have accumulated a good amount of material for our documentary video. Yes, we are happy to take more items! We are now accepting photos from any period of time in our parish history.

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



*Fr. Ralph Sommer as
Master of Ceremonies for the
Feast Weekend Talent Show
in June 1992.*



*Fr. Ralph presides over
Easter Vigil,
Saturday, April 2, 1994.*

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)

Faith on Tap--All young adults are invited to the next Faith on Tap--an opportunity for fellowship...inspiring speakers...and honest answers. **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 7:30 pm**--Al Barbarino, Guest Speaker--"Texting God" - How do we call on God? Doors open at 7 pm--come early get something to eat- meet new friends, re-connect with old friends. For questions, please contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org or 516-678-5800 ext. 615.

In celebration of **Holy Trinity's 50th Anniversary**, we will be honoring our past Principals, Sisters and three legacy families at this year's Principal's Gala on **April 12th**. If you would like to find out about sponsorship, eJournal ads or purchasing tickets, please call the Advancement Office at [516 433-7361](tel:5164337361) or visit our website at Holytrinityhs.org.

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a **GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF UNBORN CHILDREN** on **APRIL 14, 2017, FROM 10:30AM TO NOON**, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Information: [631-243-1435](tel:6312431435); info@prolifeLI.org

Benefits & Resources Fair for Veterans & Seniors--Saturday, April 29, 2017--9 am to 1 pm--Long Island State Veterans Home, 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, Multi-Purpose Room. Experts will be on hand to answer questions related to VA Benefits, Insurance & Managed Care, Medicaid, Affordable Housing, Home Care, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, Elder Law/Legal Counseling, Mental Health, Banking, Funeral Arrangements, Burial Benefits ... and more. Representatives from Northport VA Eligibility & Enrollment will be on site. Free health, dental and vision screenings including free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks will be performed by Stony Brook Medicine Schools of Nursing, Social Welfare & Dental Medicine. **The event is free and open to the public.** For more information, please call 444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org

(Second 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.



Thank you, Fr. Joe Fitzgerald.

We felt that God spoke to us through your dynamic and spiritual preaching during our Lenten Mission. Please pray for us as we continue on our Lenten journey.



CONGRATULATIONS

Matt Surico was recently ordained an Acolyte. We pray for him that God may bless him abundantly as he continues on his spiritual journey towards becoming a Deacon next year.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of March 26, 2017-- \$7,517.00

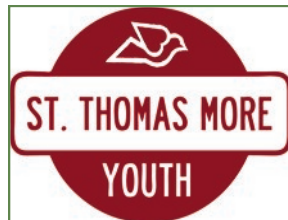
Envelope **users**: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2017

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



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)

<u>This Weekend</u> (April 1/2)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (April 8/9)
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Saturday 5:00 pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
Sunday 8:00am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Ralph	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE*(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday, April 2**

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

2pm--Baptisms--Church

6:30pm--Choir Rehearsal--Church

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

Monday, April 3

10 am--Youth Ministry--Walden/Kirwin Halls/Mtg.Rm

Tuesday, April 4

7pm--Adoration--Church

Wednesday, April 5

5:30pm--Business Mtg--Knights of Columbus--WH

Thursday, April 6

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

6:30pm--Alpha Meeting--Walden Hall

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

Friday, April 7

1pm--Young At Heart--Walden Hall

7pm--Stations of the Cross--Church

Saturday, April 8

8:45am--RCIA--Rel. Ed. Center

***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



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

Mary with Jesus - 12 yr. old boy

Mary at the Crucifixion

Mary Magdalene

Veronica

Joseph of Arimathea

Pontius Pilate

Court helper

3 Centurions

Candle Carrier

Wardrobe helper

Lighting helper

Disciples:

Andrew

Bartholomew

James

James the Lesser

John

Judas

Matthew

Peter

Philip

Simon

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 19 - 25, 2017

Sun..	Mar.19	\$50	#777	The Holdorf family
Mon..	Mar. 20	\$25	#312	Ellie Stout
Tues..	Mar. 21	\$25	#130	Joan & James Murphy
Wed.	Mar. 22	\$25	#406	Ann Gavigan
Thurs.	Mar. 23	\$25	#397	Debbie & Jeff Parrett
Fri..	Mar. 24	\$25	#645	Judy Coyle
Sat.	Mar. 25	\$25	#418	Pat & Matt OConnell

**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.



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



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



Liturgical Ministry Training

***** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION IN NASSAU AND SUFFOLK*****

1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session "B" **in addition** to Session "A". **SESSION "A" MUST BE ATTENDED PRIOR TO SESSION "B"**.

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor must send a letter to Bishop Barres ***at least 5 days in advance*** requesting the training for each person attending.

DO NOT USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.

This letter must mention the date and place of the training session the person(s) will attend.

2. TRAINING FOR LECTORS: PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau: EM "A" Session and Lectors

April 22, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

In Suffolk: EM "A" Session and Lectors

May 6, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 20, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 13, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville

Session "A" - Wednesday, April 26, 2017; 7:00—10 PM

Session "B" - Wednesday, May 10, 2017; 7:00—10 PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person

Lectors: \$20 per person

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR TRAINING ONLY

Mail this registration to the Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023,
e-mail to worship@drvc.org, or fax to 516-764-3316.

I wish to register for Lector Training

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre (Saturday, April 22, 2017)

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays (Saturday, May 6, 2017)

St. Elizabeth, Melville (Wednesday, April 26, 2017)

Name Phone

Parish Town