



Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



*Hosanna*  
in the highest!

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 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

### **Saturday, April 8**

*(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*

### **Monday, April 10**

9am Jack Keenan & Gerry Cusack *by the family*

### **Tuesday, April 11**

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

### **Wednesday, April 12**

9am Mary N. Habyan *by the Murphy family*

7:30pm Lenten Cantata

### **Thursday, April 13--Holy Thursday**

9am Prayer Service

730pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### **Friday, April 14--Friday of the Passion of the Lord-- Good Friday**

9am Prayer Service

12:10pm Stations of the Cross

1:30pm Stations of the Cross for Youth

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm Tenebrae

### **Saturday, April 15--Holy Saturday**

9am Prayer Service

10am Blessing of Easter food

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

7:30pm Vigil Mass for Easter

### **Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00am Easter Remembrance /Flower Offering

9:15am Easter Remembrance/Flower Offering

10:45am Easter Remembrance/Flower Offering

12:15pm Easter Remembrance/Flower Offering

## ***Growing through the Sunday Scriptures***

April 16, 2017  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

### **Focus questions:**

1. Where do you see signs of Resurrection, dying and rising, new life?
2. Describe a time when you delivered a message of great news to others.
3. Easter is a time of joy. How do you celebrate the joy of Jesus rising from the dead?

### **Family and children's question:**

Talk about the religious meaning behind the way you celebrate Easter.

## **FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Wife: Scientists claim that the average person** speaks ten thousand words a day.

Husband: Yes, dear, but remember you are far above average.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. We begin Holy Week. Holy Week reminds us that we are far above average.

During Holy week, when we re-live liturgically the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection, we believe the same mystery will happen in our life. We are far-above-average persons merely to die and vanish.

We are created after God's image and called by God to rise with Jesus to live eternally with God.

**During Lent we 'gave up something'.** Now we join Jesus 'giving up' himself in His Death, to pass on to 'gaining' divine power of New Life along with Jesus in his Resurrection. The goal of Our Lenten 40 days with all its spiritual exercises is to bring us to this highlight of passing with Jesus from death to glorious Resurrection. Please check the Holy Week schedule in the bulletin. Try to participate in all the events. Come let us celebrate our 'Lenten giving up' in order to 'gain' the New Life of Resurrection at Easter.

**We thank Fr. Joseph Fitzgerald for those three days of the Lenten Mission.** He was a God-sent preacher to lead us to face our giants with armor and weapons of God. Let us wish him well and continue to pray for his ministry. We also thank Dan Ferrari who led us with music to meditate and uplift our hearts to the Eucharistic presence.

**Reconciliation Monday:** April 10<sup>th</sup> is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Church and in all the Catholic Churches of our Diocese of Rockville Centre. Individual Confession cleanses and illumines our hearts to enter into the mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

**Next Sunday is Easter Sunday.** We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from death. Like Christmas, Easter will be the occasion when the whole family of St. Thomas More will attend Mass. Every mass will be crowded. We will invite everyone with a smile. We will pray for them every day of this Holy Week that everyone who comes will be touched by the New Life of the Resurrection and that immeasurable love and mercy of the Crucified and Risen Lord will inspire a new way of living in all. May our warmth and friendliness welcome people to worship God with us in our Church more frequently.

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  
Bernadette  
Joseph Bittner  
Barbara Cappisillo  
Linda Sue Cappisillo  
John Colosi  
Caroline De Santis  
Preston De Rosa (2 years)  
Dominga Francisco  
Judy Granville  
Tony Hollins  
Theresa Huebner  
Kenneth  
Jean Marsala Kieffner  
Elaine Kleenstauber  
Phillip Lloyd  
Cindy Mango  
Jackie Marcello  
Terri Ilardi McKee  
Barbaralynn Moseman  
Elyse Schrage  
Teresa Shannon  
Richard Stout  
Chase Turano  
Andrew J. Valentine  
Andrew M. Valentine  
Joey Ziegler (2 years)



*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

Lillian B. Muscedere, Marietta Pelosi, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Alex Lombardi
Jessie Bernstein	Andrew Lombardi
Anthony Broncatello	Scott Lovelock
John Burk	Thomas Migliara
David Chester	Tim Morris
John Chester	John Nachtman
Nicholas Chester	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Theresa Chester	Thomas Nichols
Eddie Cullum	Adam Papaizai
Eric Cullum	Michael Poist
Christopher Day	Michael Polanski
Jason Doyle	Kyle Rathje
Timothy Fallon	William R. Rathje
Bryan Figueiredo	Antonia Marie Rivera
William Gregory	Ana Karen Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Donovan Sanchez
Philip Guidone	Justin Schneider
Sean Hendrickson	Christopher Sidor
John Karies	Ryan Smith
Michael Knipper	Michael White
Thomas LaFemina	



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](http://www.stmli.org)

[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)

### Facebook

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

### Instagram

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

- stmreligious
- stm\_yg

### Email

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Personal Prayer: [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at  
[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## PARISH OUTREACH

There's only one week left before Easter! Our clients will be coming in this week for their Easter dinners – and we would like to thank all of you who have donated either food for those dinners or money to buy the ingredients for those dinners. We are truly grateful to those parishioners who have brought in Easter baskets for the children, too! As always, the people in our parish have always stepped up to the plate to help others whenever there is need. Whenever one might be tempted to bemoan the state of affairs in our surroundings, gnashing their teeth over insincerity or selfishness or duplicity, one only has to look at the unselfish acts of the St. Thomas More community to see that there is indeed good in the world. Remember that, and smile.



And remember...The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

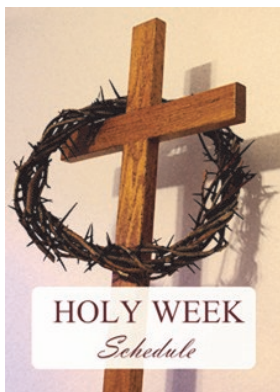
## St Vincent de Paul Conference

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

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



<b>Monday, April 10</b>	3 - 9 pm	Diocesan-wide Reconciliation
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	7:30 pm	Lenten Cantata
<b>Holy Thursday, April 13</b>	9 am 11 am 7:30 pm	Prayer Service Chrism Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday, April 14</b>	9 am 12:10 pm 1:30 pm 3 pm 7:30 pm	Prayer Service Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross for Youth Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Tenebrae
<b>Holy Saturday, April 15</b>	9 am 10 am 7:30 pm	Prayer Service Blessing of Easter Food--Walden Hall Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday
<b>Easter Sunday, April 16</b>	Masses at: 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am & 12:15 pm	

(No Mass at 5 pm on Holy Saturday, April 15).



## ***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](http://www.cffor.org)

*"Religion cannot be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life."*

Pope Francis, *Evangelic Gaudium*

**"Freedom of Religion" vs "Freedom of Worship" - What's the difference?**

"We in the U.S. actually have freedom of religion, not freedom of worship," said Sen. James Lankford. The terms, "freedom of religion" and "freedom of worship" are often used interchangeably, but there is a significant difference in meaning.

Freedom of worship "argues that faith should remain a private affair - relegated to personal activities or worship services," said policy analyst Sarah Torre. "Step outside the four walls of a home or house of worship and robust protection of religious freedom ends."

Freedom of religion is the more expansive term since it includes worship but also the right of believers to evangelize, change their religion, have schools and charitable institutions. "It's about the right to dress according to ones religious dictates, to preach openly, to evangelize, to engage in the public square," said a spokesman for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "Everyone knows that religious Jews keep kosher, religious Quakers don't go to war, and religious Muslim women wear headscarves - yet 'freedom of worship' would protect none of these acts of faith." (ncronline.org, 8/18/16; dailysignal.com, 4/30/15; on-faith.com)

*"Religious freedom is one of those unique rights that, to be fully enjoyed, other rights like association and speech must also be protected. **Words matter.**"*

Knox Thames, Director of U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

## 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

## Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for April 2 - 8, 2017

Sun..	April 2	\$50	#700	Christine Malone
Mon..	April 3	\$25	#655	Anne Dunne
Tues..	April 4	\$25	#360	Eileen Santangelo
Wed.	April 5	\$25	#689	Ralph Marcello
Thurs.	April 6	\$25	#321	Jack & Rosemary Mango
Fri..	April 7	\$25	#463	Bill & Maryann Peet
Sat.	April 8	\$25	#596	James P. McGuire



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://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)*

**DRVC--Office of Faith Formation--Catholic Teachers in Public Schools Communion Breakfast--**If you are a public school teacher or if a friend or family member is one, this morning is for you and for them. **Sunday, May 7, 2017--11 am Mass** (Seminary Chapel); **12 pm Brunch & Presentation** (Seminary Dining Room). Offering \$10. For more information visit website [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)

**Widowed, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island--**Non-Denomination Meeting held every 4th Wednesday at **St. Frances de Chantal School**, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Next meeting **April 26 @ 7:00 pm**. Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. For further information call Carol 516-794-4933 or Barbara 516-798-2858.

**Court St. Joseph # 975--Holiday Tea Party--Sunday, April 30th at 1:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church**, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma in Carew Hall. Cost is \$20 per person. Please call for tickets - Maryann at 631-981-1669 or 631-585-1892.

*(Second Notice)*

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.listateveteranshome.org)

### **Message from Fr. Joe Fitzgerald and Dan Ferrari**

*Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,*

*It was truly a pleasure to spend this mission with you, journeying together in faith seeking the face of our Lord Jesus. We are so very grateful to you for having us and grateful to God for your powerful, joyful witness of faith! You inspired us with your enthusiasm and uplifted us with your hospitality! We wish you a very blessed remainder of Lent and an extremely jubilant celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter. Please keep us in your prayers, that God may continue to use us and our ministries for His greater glory.*

*Please keep in touch with us through the links below and please keep praying for vocations! Thank you again for having us and we hope to see you again soon!*

*Peace in Christ,*

*Fr. Joe Fitzgerald and Dan Ferrari*

*Longislandpriest.com*

*Twitter: @RVCVocations*

*Facebook: Diocese of Rockville Centre Vocations*

*danferrarimusic.com*

*iTunes: Dan Ferrari Unrepeatable*

*Facebook: Dan Ferrari Music*



We were honored to have Fr. Ralph Sommers celebrate Mass at St. Thomas More last Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 10:45 am as part of our Golden Jubilee.

*Pictured above: Fr. Ralph addressing our congregation.*

We are very thankful to Mary Fitzgerald who was recognized on Sunday, April 2, 2017 for her 40 years of service with RCIA, and also to her husband John for his support to Mary.

*Pictured above L to R: Fr. Antony, John & Mary and Fr. Ralph.*

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of April 2, 2017-- \$9,440.75

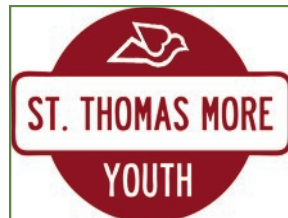
Envelope **users**: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2017

**Our Parish Goal** \$68,500.00  
**Pledges to date** \$34,470.00  
**Percentage of Goal** 50.3%



## 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.stthomasmoryouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoryouth.org) and look under FORMS.

We are always in need of additional adults who would like to serve our young people with love, faith and joy. Please reach out to Joe if you would be interested in joining our Youth Ministry team!

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

This Weekend  
(April 8/9)

Next Weekend  
(April 15/16)  
Easter

**Saturday**  
5:00 pm

Fr. Antony

**No 5pm Mass**  
7:30 pm Vigil Mass -Fr. Antony

**Sunday**  
8:00am  
9:15am  
10:45am  
12:15pm

Msgr. Boccafola  
Fr. Antony  
Fr. Antony  
Fr. Fred

Fr. Hendry  
Msgr. Boccafola  
Fr. Antony  
Fr. Antony

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**Sunday, April 9--Palm Sunday**

Distribution of Palms at all Masses.

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

**Monday, April 10**

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

3-9 pm--Reconciliation--Church

**Wednesday, April 12**

2pm--CFFR Meeting--Walden Hall

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

7:30--Lenten Cantata--Church

7:30--Columbiettes Meeting--Walden Hall

**Thursday, April 13--Holy Thursday**

7:30pm--Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 14--Good Friday-- Collection for the Holy Land**

12:10pm--Stations of the Cross

1:30pm--Stations of the Cross for Youth

3pm--Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm--Tenebrae

**Saturday, April 15--Holy Saturday**

10am--Blessing of Easter Food--Walden Hall

7:30pm--Easter Vigil Mass



**Coming Soon: A New Choir CD for Sale!**

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

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

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

Matt Surico was instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte on Saturday, April 1st, at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception along with five other acolytes in our diocese's Diaconate Ordination Class of 2018 by Auxiliary Bishop Nelson J. Perez



*Matt Surico (Second from Left)*

**Faith and Light Meeting - CHANGE OF DATE FOR APRIL ONLY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND** at 7:00 pm.  
St. Thomas More Church  
115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788

(Faith and Light is an international faith sharing organization for people with developmental challenges, along with their families and other caregivers).



**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.

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Names

Address

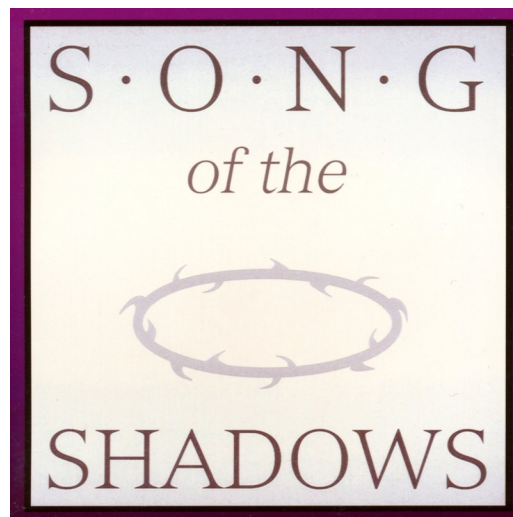
Telephone

Church and Date of Wedding



## **Lenten Cantata**

Come join the  
St. Thomas More Choir on  
**Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM**  
as they present:



Shall we walk together for a while in the shadow of the Cross? It will not be an easy sojourn, but we will not walk alone. As we confront the “dark night of the soul,” we can always find comfort in this: That wherever there are shadows, there is also light.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

*EASTER 2017*

*The Power of the Risen Christ and Dramatic Missionary Growth*

*in the Church of Rockville Centre*

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Easter with our families and our parish families, we ask the Risen Lord for a true resurrection of our belief that *dramatic missionary growth* of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre can and will happen.

The courageous Cardinal Van Thuan, who witnessed powerfully to his Catholic faith while locked for years in a Vietnam prison, described the logic of Christ's resurrection in our lives in this way: "Jesus cast fire on the earth and He desires the earth to be set ablaze with its brilliant light. You must be the bright flame kindled by apostolic zeal; from your bright light other torches must be kindled until the whole world is a vast sea of living flame".

Together, let's each one of us be instruments of the Risen Lord who start that "vast sea of living flame" here in the Church of Rockville Centre, a vast sea of living flame that spreads throughout the Church in the Northeast, around the country to the whole world.

Consider Katie, a Senior at an Oyster Bay area public high school. She was recently accepted to Notre Dame University in South Bend and will most likely major in Finance. Notre Dame connects incoming students by Social Media so that they can interact and get to know each other a bit before they ever set foot on campus. Through a series of online conversations, Katie eloquently witnessed in a natural way to the cosmic power of the Catholic Mass streaming through every dimension of her life and was able to convince in a gentle and effective way an incoming freshman from Wyoming to come back to Mass.

When Katie told me this story, I was so deeply moved that this winning and charismatic young woman had heard Pope Francis' call to be a missionary disciple and was setting an example for both her peers and every generation of Catholics of how to reach out in faith and in the spirit of the Divine Mercy to others. She was also living the power of Christ's resurrection by being the instrument of spiritual resurrection in a young man's life. I can imagine Katie and her classmate from Wyoming saying a prayer and lighting a candle together – being part of the "vast sea of living flame" at Notre Dame's mystic Grotto at the center of campus sometime in August when they both arrive on campus.

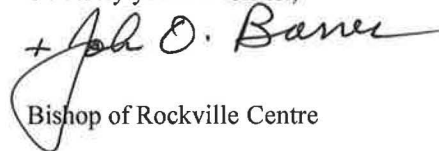
The story of Katie and her Notre Dame classmate is a moving and inspiring challenge to each one of us to ask people to come home to their Catholic faith and to invite others to consider the Splendor of Truth and Mercy of our Catholic faith.

This Easter, you and I rediscover the power of Christ's Resurrection in a new and fresh way. A renewed love and confidence in the power of the Risen Christ refreshes and strengthens our marriages, our family relationships and every friendship we experience in the course of our lives. A rediscovery of the power of Christ's resurrection helps our families become part of the "vast sea of living flame" that transforms the world and history.

This Easter 2017 we pray together that the light of the Divine Mercy that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Lord may touch the wounds of our families and the wounds of poor families, immigrant and refugee families separated by long distances and upheaval, families living in the midst of war, oppression and persecution, and families struggling with drug abuse and the opioid crisis.

Know that as your Shepherd and a Successor of the Apostles what an honor it is to be the servant of each one of your families as together we embrace the Holy Spirit's call to *dramatic missionary growth* in the Church of Rockville Centre.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Bishop of Rockville Centre