



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*"I am the resurrection
and the life.
He who believes
in me will live..."*



John 11:25, NIV

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 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

Saturday, April 15-
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

7:30pm Vigil Mass for Easter

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

8:00am Easter Mass Remembrance/Flower Offering
9:15am Easter Mass Remembrance/Flower Offering
10:45am Easter Mass Remembrance/Flower Offering
12:15pm Easter Mass Remembrance/Flower Offering

Monday, April 17

9am Frank Sesti *by the Sesti family*

Tuesday, April 18

9am Gina Catapano *by Jim & Anita Ilardi*

Wednesday, April 19

9am Marin Lamia *by Ann Lamia*

Thursday, April 20

9am Lillian Munzer *by Len Munzer*

Friday, April 21

9am Anthony Popp *by Ross & Marie Bracco*

Saturday, April 22

9am Chandrika Christie *by her mom, Assunta*
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Sean Donahue *by Christine & Kevin*
Donnelly

Sunday, April 23—Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00am Matthew Hayes *by Barbara Leo &*
Latasha Clanton

9:15am Joseph Raio *by Eileen Frank*
10:45am Maria Lott *by Gino & Joanne Leocadi,*
Marietta Pelosi *by Madison Marcello,* Marietta Pelosi *by*
Robert & Louisa Sanfratello, Anthony Popp *by Friends at*
Young at Heart, Lorraine Ricci *by John & Reggie Lane,*
Dorothy Sauchelli-Balin *by Gino & Joanne Leocadi,* Frank
Schneckenburger *by Donald Flore,* Haviklia Stamatiades *by*
the Porretto family, Joseph Werkmeister *by Marilyn & Joe*
Amodio

12:15pm Louis Pontillo *by Marie & Carmine Dilullo*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1st 3-9
John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you experienced Jesus' peace.
2. Relate a time when you witnessed to the good news of Easter.
3. Many people were taught to say, "My Lord and my God" when the priest holds the host and the cup during Mass. What prayer do you say?

Family and children's question:

Talk about a time when you were a doubting Thomas. Who helped you to believe?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Jesus is Risen! Halleluiah! Blessed Easter!

Employee: "Sir, I've been with you for 27 years, and I've never before asked for a raise."

Boss: "That's why you've been with me for 27 years."

Nothing stays the same in life; everything in and around us changes and grows old. Only one thing in the whole universe becomes NEW every day and remains ever young and alive. That is our SPIRIT, our inner reality. The Resurrection of Jesus is the feast and the promise that God wants us to become NEW every day, YOUNG and ALIVE forever.

As we read in the Gospel the women went to the tomb with spices to embalm the dead body of Jesus. They were surprised to see the empty tomb –the body of Jesus was missing. An angel told them that Jesus was risen – come back to life from death.

Like the women and the Apostles, we have journeyed with Jesus through His Passion and death, and now have come to celebrate the Easter. We too can meet the Risen Jesus, if we have faith. Let us join the women of the Gospel to hear the message that Jesus is risen. Like them, let us believe to see the Risen Jesus.

This is our Parish Golden Jubilee year. Easter is celebrated for the 50th time in the St. Thomas More Parish Community. In the Bible the celebration of a Jubilee year means to begin everything NEW. Debts are forgiven, mortgaged lands and homes are returned, relationships are renewed and New life begins in God's Mercy. The celebration of Easter for the fiftieth time invites us to rewrite our History in a New way. The grace of Easter promises that even death can be resurrected. Let us strive for something radically New. Let us pray that the Risen Jesus revive us, reinvigorate us and make us rise from that which suppresses us to a New life of joy and peace.

I personally thank all those who worked with heart and soul to make Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday a great spiritual and faith-filled experience of the mysteries of our faith.

Those who decorated the Church and altar, various ministers who served in the liturgies both on and behind the stage and those who helped with their time, talent and treasure all of you made the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord celebrative.

Thanks to the Choir. They elevated, as they always do, the liturgical ceremonies to a meaningful and joyful celebration.

I appreciate all the volunteers who served at the Outreach and Pantry. From your generosity three bags of food and gift cards were served to over 65 needy families. You contributed from your heart an overwhelming number of Easter Baskets for children, and plenty of hams. God bless you all. Thank you, the family of St. Thomas More for your hearty participation and support.

First Holy Communion of our young men and women will be celebrated on the weekend April 29th -30th at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, and at the 9:15 am and 12:15 pm Masses on Sunday. We appreciate everyone's understanding if their usual seat is not available at those Masses.

Please mark your calendar for the Volunteer appreciation party on Friday, May 1st at 6:30 pm. It is a dinner/dance evening for all our volunteers. The dinner is free; but please ensure your reservation with a deposit check of \$20 which will be returned to you when you show up for the dinner. I extend a cordial welcome to the appreciation party to all our volunteers.

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

EUCHARIST

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
 Donald Crocker
 Caroline De Santis
 Preston De Rosa (2 years old)
 Walt Drechsler Jr.
 Dominga Francisco
 Andrew Gallo
 Judy Granville
 Tony Hollins
 Theresa Huebner
 Joseph Jacklets
 Kenneth
 Jean Marsala Kieffner
 Wayne Leo
 Cindy Mango
 Terri Ilardi McKee
 Marie Minutillo
 Barbaralynn Moseman
 Joseph P.
 Mary Ann Peet
 Daniel Skinnon
 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

Anne Profige, Vincent R. Murino, Raymond Ryan Sr, Lydia Wieman, Lillian Muscedere, Marietta Pelosi, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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



If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like to have their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know.

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org
www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

Facebook

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

Instagram

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 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

It's Easter Sunday! So many thoughts are associated with this day...it is the Resurrection of Jesus, of course...but it's also the unofficial start of Spring, the beginning of our outdoor work in the garden, the longer length of days, the milder weather, the smiles on so many faces as we come out of the house after the long winter!



We here at Outreach fervently hope that your Easter Sunday is a day filled with the joys of family, the serenity of faith, and the hope of new beginnings. God Bless!

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



PASCHAL CANDLE

We thank the following parishioners for their donation towards the Paschal Candle:

Dottie & Phil Castaldo

In Memory of Christopher & Mary Beth Weidig

PhyllisAnn Ehrhardt

In Memory of the Ehrhardt & Spinello Families

Lela & Steve Gabrielli

In Memory of the Siracusano & Gabrielli families

Michael, Christine, Alexander & Ryan Genovese

In Memory of Fannie & Sidney Glatzer

Thomas R. & Margaret A. Prunty

In Memory of Joan Hartnett & Thomas E. Prunty

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday, April 16--Easter Sunday

We wish all our Parishioners and their families a Holy and Blessed Easter!

Monday, April 17

7pm--Alpha Program--Kitchen/Walden Hall

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

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

7:30pm--Choir Rehearsal--Church

Saturday, April 22

6:30pm--Faith & Light--Walden Hall

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

"For some time now, we have viewed with growing alarm the on-going erosion of religious liberty in our country." Archbishop William Lori

The truth about "Separation of Church and State"

Many Americans are surprised to learn that the words, "Separation of Church and State" do not appear in the First Amendment or anywhere else in the Constitution. This phrase is traced to a letter President Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1802 to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut in response to their concerns about their Religious Freedom.

Jefferson quoted the First Amendment:

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;..." "thus building a wall of separation between Church and State."

The metaphor of a "wall" was used to put restrictions only on the government and not on the people. At the very heart of Jefferson's assurance of a "wall of separation", is the notion that the government will not interfere with the peoples' rights to worship God as well as to practice their beliefs.

Sadly, today many choose to reverse the real meaning of Jefferson's words to place restrictions on people instead of on government. (usconstitution.net; wallbuilders.com; schoolprayerinamerica.info)

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost ... a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?"

Thomas Jefferson

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, May 2, 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:

May 8--Lights Out by Ted Koppel--Facilitator: Joan Shea

June 12--All the Stars in Heaven by Adriana Trigiani--Facilitator Jean Noschese

Banns of Marriage



I & II. Chris Allermann & Robyn (Augustyn) Liebman

Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for April 2 - 8, 2017

Sun..	April 9	\$50	#693	Ken & Dolores Fensterer
Mon..	April 10	\$25	#790	Gail Audiino
Tues..	April 11	\$25	#779	Joan & Pat Shea
Wed.	April 12	\$25	#689	Kari D'Andria
Thurs.	April 13	\$25	#321	Timmy Vigneaux
Fri..	April 14	\$25	#463	Phyllis Sivor
Sat.	April 15	\$25	#596	Kevin & Jennifer Pearsall

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)

St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center--Support Group for Stroke survivors, caretakers, and family members--meet monthly at DeMatteis Center in Greenvale (101 Northern Blvd.). Call (516) 629-2013 for more information. There is no fee. It's free to join.

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School's Performing Arts Department--presents the modern rock opera "**Jesus Christ Superstar.**" This contemporary musical explores the story surrounding the last days of Jesus Christ. Told through the lens of Judas Iscariot, this play investigates the indelible biblical characters and is an important piece of theatre for young people of all faiths to experience. 28 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY--**April 27-29 @ 7:30 pm**. Tickets old at the door--**\$8 students/\$10 adults**.

(Second 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

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.

Telecare, your Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre hosts the Telecare 2017 Golf Classic, on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017. Telecare's Classic is played simultaneously on 2 prestigious North Shore courses. Proceeds from the event enable this important ministry of our diocese to continue to provide Catholic Liturgy and Programming to Long Island and beyond, through television, web streaming, and social media. Telecare especially provides a unique connection between our diocese and our homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility residents, and our military parishioners, both home and abroad. This year, Reverend Monsignor James Vlaun is pleased to announce Philip Westerman as event Chairman and Peter and Lisa Reali as event Honorees. Visit Telecare's website at www.telecaretv.org<<http://www.telecaretv.org>> or contact Dawn-Marie Feiler, Golf Classic Coordinator at [516-538-8704, ext. 118](tel:516-538-8704) or dmfeiler@telecaretv.org<<mailto:dmfeiler@telecaretv.org>> for golf, dinner, underwriting, raffle, and in-kind donation information.



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.



MASS FOR PRE-CANA COUPLES

L to R: Paula Medrano & David Doxsee; Adam Rogers & Kim Brown; Joe Fontanetta & Kristina Daniels; Courtney Jurgens & Chris Mahr; Jason Oates & JoAnn DeGruccio; Fang Liu & Bob Frank; Joanna Scaduto & Brian LaMarr

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of April 9, 2017-- \$12,096.50

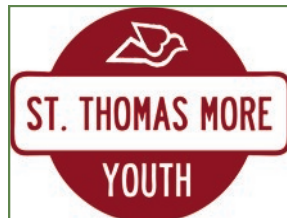
Envelope **users**: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2017

Our Parish Goal \$68,500.00
Pledges to date 36,570.00
Percentage of Goal 53.4%



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 15/16)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (April 22/23)
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Saturday

5 pm	No Mass at 5 pm	Fr. Antony
7:30 pm	Vigil: Fr. Antony	

Sunday

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

**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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**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2017**

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2016.

NAME(s) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: (Check one below)

\$150 ____

\$300 ____

\$500 ____

\$1,000 ____

\$1,500 ____

\$2,500 ____

\$5,000 ____

OTHER: ____ How much? _____

(Please indicate)

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I would like to pay the rest

monthly—10 payments

bi-monthly—4 payments

semi-annually—May & September

I prefer to use a credit card. Information will be sent to you so that you can contact the CMA office directly.

(Please return to the Church Office for further processing)

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.

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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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,

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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.

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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

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

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Golden Jubilee Celebration

Proposed Altar Renovations
Altar Front and Side Views

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All families will be called upon to make a sacrificial gift in the form of a pledge, payable over a three year period. Only with the financial commitment of all, will we be able to reach our goal of raising \$1.0 million. The church belongs to all of us; only by sacrifice throughout the community can we achieve our goals. Therefore, all contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. We realize that not everyone can make the same size gift; however, everyone can make some sacrifice.

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**Come Join our Celebration of the
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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

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Church and Date of Wedding

