




Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

September 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



... how often should  
**I forgive?**  
"Not **SEVEN** times,  
but, I tell you,  
**SEVENTY-  
SEVEN**  
times."  
**Matthew 18:21-22**

#### 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***

September 17, 2017  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Romans 14: 7-9  
Matthew 18: 21-35

### **Saturday, September 16**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Stephanie Herbert by *Clair Alliegro*

### **Sunday, September 17--Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Kenneth Brosnan by *Ronnie & Vinnie Benintendi*, Patricia Brown by *Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*, Don Friedman by *Millie Torres*, Robert Faris by *Pat & Peter Handal*, Frank M. Grieco by *Fran Wieland*, Caroline Gunther by *Ross & Marie Bracco*, Peter Harvey by *the Pineda family*, Casano A.S. Holmes by *Dad*, Doris Bye Nazzire by *Marissa Busch*, Anthony Picinich by *Mr. & Mrs. Steve Mattessich*

9:15am Judy Granville by *Michael & Florence Acquafredda*

10:45am Fred Busse by *Marilyn Miller*

12:15pm Stephanie Herbert by *Lou & Emilia Savarese*

### **Monday, September 18**

9am Dolores Cronin by *the Brosnan family*

### **Tuesday, September 19--St. Januarius**

9am Kenneth Brosnan by *Mae Devine & Dottie Lossani*

### **Wednesday, September 19--St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions**

9am Kenneth Brosnan by *Len Munzer*

### **Thursday, September 21--St. Matthew**

9am Anthony Rotolico by *Maria Rotolico*

### **Friday, September 22**

9am Kenneth Brosnan by *Jo Hauk*

### **Saturday, September 23--St. St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

9am Thanksgiving Mass for family & friends by  
*Sandra & John Kowalchuk*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Anthony G. Popp by *Marie Utter & Dottie Gillan*

### **Sunday, September 24--Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Anna Picinich by *Jerry & Willy Ferrara*

9:15am Valerie Finnegan by *John Finnegan*, James Foley by *Peter & Pat Handel*, Joe Giardino by *Laura Giardino*, Judy Granville by *the STM Golf Committee*, Maria Nigro by *Anthony Nigro*, Marilyn Starace by *The McNeill family*

10:45am Anthony Popp by *Lou & Emilia Savarese*

12:15pm Ross Placa by *Jim & Marie Marsala*

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

September 24, 2017  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 145:1-2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20C-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

### **Focus questions:**

1. Describe a time when you experienced being treated unjustly.
2. Relate a time when the generosity of God felt overwhelming.
3. Relate a time when you were merciful and others in your group reacted negatively.?

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

This week make an extra effort to treat people you meet with kindness.

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

Dear Friends,

**Father returned home after a tough day** at the office and found his two daughters, of about kindergarten age, acting up quite boisterously. He gave them a moderately severe scolding and sent them off to bed. The next morning he found a note stuck on his bedroom door: "Be good to your children and they will be good to you - God."

The way we treat others is the way God will treat us.

**Today's Gospel reading is the story of forgiveness.** God is ready to forgive. But we should cultivate a heart within ourselves to deserve and enjoy the forgiveness. If we hold a grudge towards others we will not have a place in our heart to receive God's forgiveness. If our heart is generous to forgive others it will be ever tuned to dwell in God's forgiveness.

**Mother Teresa used to say 'If we criticize and harbor anger towards others** we will not have time to love them." It is not that God's forgiveness depends on our act of forgiving others. It is not that God's forgiveness is the reward for the forgiveness that we rendered to others. Rather God's forgiveness will not be well received in the heart that holds anger. The heart that is vengeful will not be able tune itself to the wavelength of God's forgiveness. God is generous in forgiveness and the heart must be free and empty to cherish it. Let us tune our hearts to forgive others in order to receive God's abundant mercy of forgiveness for us.

**Beach Mass: We thank God for the wonderful weather** for the beach mass. About 250 people of various ages attended the mass and had a friendly family time at the picnic after the mass. A heartfelt thanks to Pam Tarry and Rochelle Rouse who organized the event. The parish greatly appreciates the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes and all the volunteers who brought everything we needed for the mass and the food thereafter. The children's choir and Lou Savarese, our DJ did a great job. A big thank-you to all who helped us.

**We are waiting for permission from the diocese to begin the renovation work in October.** Having been guided by the Diocesan Department of Construction and Renovation, our building committee submitted all that is needed to the diocese.

**Renovation is not merely what we do or for what we strive.** It is primarily what God builds us to be. Renovating the sanctuary is only an occasion and opportunity to renew each of us and to grow together as a community of God. So let us live through this time in prayer and patience. There will be inconveniences during the next three months when we will close the main church. Please pray that all will go well and that we will soon get permission from the diocese and the cooperation of all the various workers to begin and finish the renovation work on time.

**Thank you for your generosity -- our Capital Finance Campaign has reached almost 80%** of the million dollar goal. I request those who are still praying about making a contribution, please make your donation to enable us to reach our goal.

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		Dr. C. Lalli
Karen Berlet		Luigi Lanzo
Bernadette		Anne Leggio
Janice Bini		Wayne Leo
Joseph Bittner		Phillip Lloyd
Jean Blaney		Patricia Loicano
Pat Booth		Nicolas LoRusso (2 years old)
Mary Brussell		Mike Masone
Anthony C. (5 yrs)		Laura Mattioli
Daniel Callihan		Cindy Mango
Christina Cammarata		Jackie Marcello
Barbara Cappisillo		Diane McCann
Linda Sue Cappisillo		Terri Ilardi McKee
Dona Caragol		Camille Mendolia
John Colosi		Sharon Mills
Thea Constantatos		Marie Minutillo
Donald Crocker		Rosie Miranda
Mary Cullin		Ralph Molinaro
Caroline De Santis		Dorothy L. Monaco
Amanda De Rosa		Barbaralynn Moseman
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)		Ellen Murphy
Florence & Anthony Donato		Leo Myly
Walt Drechsler Jr.		Betty Napoli
Elvira DuBritz		Caidee Nielsen (2 years old)
Duke		Victoria Nelson
Leona Esposito		Beatrice Okorn
Dominga Francisco		Fr. Peter O'Rourke
Elvira Du Britz		Joseph P.
Andrew Gallo		Dorothy Pagano
Connie Gennaro		Rainey Pappas
Ciro Ghiraldi		Mary Ann Peet
Gerald Gilson		Fern Peppe
Isabelle Grenier		Kim Rico
John Hanna		Mary Ruchalski (10 yrs. old)
Richard Happe		Robert Schernowitz
Olive Harrison (16 months)		Elyse Schrage
Jamie Hawkins		Teresa Shannon
Barbara Hickey		Daniel Skinnon
Jane Hoffman		Mary Spinosa
Laurie Holmes		Richard Stout
Theresa Huebner		Andrea Suess
Anita Ilardi		Chase Turano
Joseph Jacklets		Andrew J. Valentine
Regina Jeskie		Andrew M. Valentine
Suzy Johnson		Debbie Ward
Costa Katsapis		Joey Ziegler
Jean Marsala Kieffner		
Theresa Marvelli		
Elaine Kleenstauber		

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Daniel G. Skinnon, Michelle Pappas, James Haggerty, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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

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)

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

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Personal Prayer	<a href="http://SpiritualOrientations.com">SpiritualOrientations.com</a>

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## PARISH OUTREACH

Hurricane news and recovery efforts are all we hear lately...and our prayers are with all the people who have suffered devastating losses. Yet the selflessness of all the people who are traveling to Texas to offer help and to Florida who, at this printing, is still awaiting the effects of Irma, is inspiring. We tend to concentrate on the bad news, and the evil acts that people are capable of committing, but we constantly have to remind ourselves that the good still exists. People help people who need help...and that is the reason we have Outreach. Thankfully, we have places where people can live who have no means of financial support, but they do need food – and we can help with that. For many people, there does not have to be a natural disaster like a flood or a hurricane to uproot their lives, but something smaller like a serious illness or a job loss. These events can have devastating results – and if we can help, it seems as though it is our moral duty to do so. Please give what you can – and not just food, but other items like personal care products, soaps, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. Thank you.



### St Vincent de Paul Conference

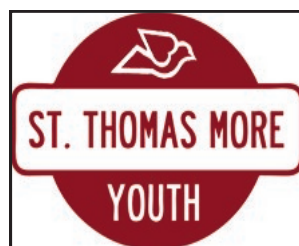
" A Thank You From A Neighbor In Need"

.....just wanted to thank you and everyone for all your help once again. I (and my daughter) would be homeless without you and hope one day to be in a position to give back.....

Sometimes working with our neighbors in need is a quick exchange of information and minimum use of resources; other times our assistance takes months of work and many resources (as in this situation)

This "Thank You" goes out to all of our parish for your support and generosity

### 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](http://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!

### St. Thomas More Monsignor Francis S. Midura Council 6062



#### VETERANS PHOTO BOARD

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting photos for the Veterans Board in Walden Hall. We will be putting up a new board as needed. The following items will be necessary.

- 3 x 5 photo (no exceptions)**
- Branch of Service**
- Years served**
- Rank or Rate (where possible)**

Please leave all information in an envelope with your name and phone number addressed to Jerry Ferrara, Grand Knight, and leave it at the rectory.

## **CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION**



Catholics for Freedom of Religion  
[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### **International Religious Freedom:**

Gov. Sam Brownback, KS, has been nominated as ambassador-at-large under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, designed as a "champion of conscience rights, helping government officials in the U.S. and abroad recognize the link between religious freedom and peace." "The position is necessary to maintain American leadership in assisting millions of individuals and minorities suffering religious persecution around the world."

"Three-quarters of the world's population live in countries with significant restrictions on religious freedom," said Rabbi David Saperstein, recent ambassador-at-large. As rates of religious persecution rose around the world, he pushed to get prisoners of conscience released, blasphemy laws repealed and the Islamic State's actions in Iraq and Syria classified as genocide. "There's a lot of work to be done, and country by country we do make improvements."

"Religious Freedom is the first freedom; the choice of what you do with your own soul. I am honored to serve such an important cause," said Gov. Brownback. (nytimes.com, 7/26/17; deseretnews.com, 7/30/17; nationalreview.com, 7/27/17)

***"There is no truth sure enough to justify persecution."***

John Milton, English Poet, Historian, Scholar

***"The wicked have laid a snare for me, but from Your precepts I have not strayed".***

Psalm 119:110

## **ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, October 3, 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 Circle of Women will meet on October 9, 2017. The book for discussion will be Defending Jacob by William Landay--Facilitator Jo Garvey.

## **Altar Servers Needed**



Do you attend Mass?

Have you ever thought about doing community service?

Do you feel a connection to be part of your church community?

Have you made your First Communion?

Are you an adult who served as a child and would like to be part of the mass again?

We are in need of altar servers to serve at least two times per month. Schedules can be arranged around your family/school commitments. Be part of the church community while fulfilling community service for school groups or Confirmation requirements.

Please email either Deacon Ed or Dorothy Castaldo at [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org) or you can contact the rectory at 631-234-5551 for more information on the next training session.

**Banns of Marriage** 

**III.** Adam Rogers & Kimberly Brown

**III.** Michael Zeitner/Elizabeth Zeitner

**III.** Robert Newman/Marissa Citro

**I & II.** Christopher DelColle/Jordan Mackenzie

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Children's Choir is looking to expand its membership. Children grow richer in spirit when they participate in community activities. They too are a part of the Body of Christ, and they will always remember singing in the choir.

We will be rehearsing from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Thursdays in the church and we will be singing at the 9:15 am Sunday Mass. We invite all children 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and above to join our group of choristers. Parents are most welcome to sing along with their children weekly if they would like to encourage their children to participate. Rehearsals will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jesus said "Let the little children come to Me." What better way than to come to Him with joyous song?

Please complete the form below and leave it on the organ:

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please call Emilia Savarese at 631-724-8820.

**WE ARE ALSO TAKING A PARISH MUSIC SURVEY – Please complete the form and leave it on the organ:**

**MUSIC SURVEY 2017 – ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH**  
*Please print legibly*

**Does anyone in your family play an instrument?**

(check one)

Middle High

Specify

Name	School	School	College
Adult	instrument		

**Do you currently have an instrument?**

\_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

**Would you/he/she be willing to play for liturgy in an ensemble?**

**Check one:**  Weekly  Seasonally (Christmas, Easter)

Occasionally  Can't now; maybe later

**How may we contact you?**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***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.

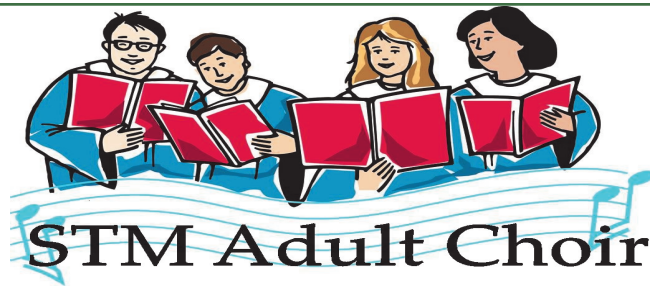
***CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS***—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

***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.



The choir is looking for new members to join our group. You do not have to know how to read music, just be able to sing in key. We need all voices in Bass, Tenor, Alto and Soprano.

We rehearse Thursdays, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and sing at the 10:45 Mass on Sunday morning. We are celebrating 50 glorious years of serving through song. Why not become part of our jubilee year and add your voice to the celebration?

We have taken a summer break and will return September 7th.

To join or for more information, please call Emilia at 631-724-8820.

Thank you and God Bless You!

## ***RCIA***

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?  
Were you baptized Catholic, or in another Christian church, and never received Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Confirmation?

The RCIA Team at St. Thomas More parish is here to answer any and all questions

RCIA begins in September.

If you are interested, call Ann Russo, [631-543-2740](tel:631-543-2740)

## **ATTENTION GOLFERS!**

### **IT IS BACK!**



The 5th Annual Msgr. Francis S. Midura Golf Outing will be held September 25, 2017 at the beautiful Rock Hill Golf Course in Manorville.  
A Registration Form can be found in this Bulletin.  
Any questions please call: Al Weidig [631-838-3293](tel:631-838-3293) or Joann Eyring [631-987-9901](tel:631-987-9901)

SEE YOU AT ROCK HILL.



## *50th Anniversary Journal*

It's not too late to be a part of the Parish 50th Anniversary Journal! We will continue to accept ads for a few more weeks. Please see samples, pricing and information at <http://www.stmli.org/content/journal>. Please email [stm50journal@stmli.org](mailto:stm50journal@stmli.org) with questions.

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the journal!

### **Attention: Ministry Leaders**

Frank Bayer will be available to take a group picture of our ministries for one last week-end as follows:

**September 23 after the 5:00 pm Mass**

**September 24 after all Masses**

We request you to assemble with your respective group at the altar immediately following Mass. Please call Theresa at the Rectory (631-234-5551) so that she can let the photographer know that your ministry will be participating in the photo.



The Mass Book for 2018 is now available for intentions. Mass stipends are \$20 for a Mass with a single intention and \$15 for a Mass of multiple intentions. The large hard cover memorial card is an extra \$5.



**ST. THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTES  
PRESENT**

**SP   KTACULAR BINGO**

**OCT.13, 2017 7:00-11:00 PM**

St. Thomas More Church, Kings Hwy,  
Hauppauge.

**DOOR PRIZES**

**Chinese Auction**

**RAFFLES**

**COFFEE, TEA &  
CAKES**

**CONTRIBUTION: \$10 per person**

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of September 10, 2017 \$8,164.00

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

as of September 6, 2017

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$68,500.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$50,917.08</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>74.3%</b>



## Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for Sept. 10- 16, 2017

Sun..	Sept. 10	\$50	796	Charles & Alice Longwell
Mon.	Sept. 11	\$25	416	Yolanda Schweers
Tues.	Sept. 12	\$25	308	Maureen Fallona
Wed.	Sept. 13	\$25	783	Barbara Schriefer
Thurs.	Sept.. 14	\$25	6	Walter Brennan
Fri.	Sept. 15	\$25	979	Mary Anne Walker
Sat.	Sept. 16	\$25	561	Laurie & Kevin Holtje

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
(Sept. 16/17)	(Sept. 24/25)

### Saturday

5 pm	Fr. Henry	Fr. Antony
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### Sunday

8 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Henry
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15 pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

### Sunday--September 17--Hospitality Sunday

6pm--Youth Ministry--Kick-Off BBQ--Outdoors/KH/Kit.

### Monday--September 18

6:30 pm--Alpha Reunion--Kit./WH/Meeting Rm.

### Tuesday--September 19

7pm--Fr. Antony's Bible Study--Church

### Wednesday--September 20

5pm--K of C Soc. Mtg--Walden Hall

5:30pm--Wed. Reh: Zeitner/Zeitner--Church

### Thursday--September 21

2pm--STM Blood Drive--Kirwin Hall/Walden Hall

4pm--Wedding: Zeitner/Zeitner--Church

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

6pm--Wed. Reh: Rogers/Brown--Church

7:30pm--Choir--Church

### Friday--September 22

1pm--Young At Heart--Walden Hall/Kit.

4pm--Wedding : Rogers/Brown--Church

### Saturday--September 23

2:30pm--Wed. Reh: Newman/Citro--Church

6pm--Harvest Dance (SVdP)--Kirwin/Walden/Kitchen

## YOUNG AT HEART



The next meeting will be on **Friday, September 22, 2017**  
at **1:00 pm** in Walden Hall.



## St. Thomas More Parish History Documentary Movie



**If you missed our showings of the movie,  
you can still order a copy of the DVD!**

Simply fill out the information below and place it in an envelope with a check made out to *St. Thomas More Parish* in the amount of \$10. The envelope can be dropped off to the Rectory Office. The DVD will be available in about 2-3 weeks. Please contact Matt Surico at [history@stmli.org](mailto:history@stmli.org) with any questions.

Yes, I'd like to reserve a copy of the Parish History DVD!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 p.m. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Dates for the spring celebrations will be communicated at a later time.

Please call the Rectory office at 631-234-5551 to register. **Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by October 9th for the October 22nd liturgy and by November 6th for the November 19th liturgy.**

If you have any questions you may call 516 678-5800, extension 207.

## ***COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*(First Notice)*

**St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Retreat Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore--October Programs--**  
**A Gathering of Spiritual Women--10:30 am to 12 noon.** This program is offered the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning October 10 until June 12, 2018. Offering \$20 per session p.p. Facilitators: Beth Barker, Judy Coste, Joan Vessio.  
**Women's Book Discussion--Wednesdays 12:30 - 2:00 pm.** October 11, October 25, November 8, February 28, March 14 & March 21. Offering: \$15 per session. Facilitator: Valerie Dunne.

*(Second Notice)*

**In Concert--Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm--St. James RC Church--429 Route 25A, East Setauket, NY--** Grammy Award Winner and Contemporary Christian Music Pioneer... **John Michael Talbot.** Tickets are \$30 and \$50.. On Sale at the Rectory Office 631-941-4141 and **On-line** at [www.johnmichaeltalbot.com](http://www.johnmichaeltalbot.com) *An evening of spiritual blessings for all who attend.*

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church--Lake Ronkonkoma--Yard Sale Bonanza & Car Show--Grandma's attic & Grandpa's Garage Sale--Saturday, September 23rd--10 am to 3 pm.** Trophies for Winning Cars. For car registration and information please call Gerry 631-585-9291. Rain or shine.



Reverend Father  
 PETER O'ROURKE, C.P.

In Prayerful Remembrance of

Reverend Father  
 PETER O'ROURKE, C.P.

Born July 24, 1932  
 Professed August 1, 1957  
 Ordained May 1, 1964  
 Died August 23, 2017

God, loving Father of us all, we thank You for calling Peter to the Passionist family and counting him among Your priests. You graced him with many talents and blessed him with many gifts. These he used so well in the service of Your crucified Son whom he loved so dearly. He touched many hearts and directed many souls to praise and give You glory. We pray that You reward him with an abundance of eternal life won by the sufferings and death of Jesus which he shared with loving devotion. Grant that we all will join him and live with You forever.

Amen.

**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 2017.

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

**AHRC (Advantage Care Health Center)** Teachers Aides/Assistants--Special Ed- Mon-Fri 3-6 pm. Direct Support Professionals. Family Nurse Practitioner--Comprehensive Benefit Package.

**Bethpage Federal Credit Union**--PT Tellers, Outside Mortgage Loan Financial Consultant--Digital Banking--Good Benefits.

**Cablevision** - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory— Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive— 4 days,

12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

**Catholic Health Services of LI** 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.

2) **Superintendent Helper Male** Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

**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

**Newsday**--Security Officer/EMT--security & safety of employees-2-3 years exp. as security or law enforcement. P/T Collator position-ability to lift 30-50 lbs. Must be available for all shifts. HS Diploma.

**Newsday Media Group**--Account executives for sales. Excellent benefits including matching 401K

**Newspaper Delivery**—Excellent 2nd income—early AM hours—car & valid NYS license.

**New York Community Bank**--Auditors, Financial Service System Engineer, Locksmith & Maintenance Mechanics--Excellent Benefits.

**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.

**7-Eleven**--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

**Suffolk Bus Drivers**--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

#### **St. Catherine of Siena**—

1. **Nursing Home**—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;

2. **Hospital**—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists

3. **Physical Therapy Aides**—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.

4. **Nurse Manager**—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

**Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes**--Town of Smithtown & Kings Park. High School Diploma, 2 yrs. Exp. - before & after school.

See “Civil Service Notice” posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information about any of the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, etc. positions are in the child’s home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides, etc. It is the responsibility of the employer to check all references prior to hiring.

\*\*\*\*We have a list of names of those willing to baby-sit in their homes.

\*\*\*\*We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.

# St. Thomas More Beach Mass & Picnic – Sunday, September 10, 2017

## Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue



Thank you to all our helpers, some of whom are pictured here. We regret that lack of space does not permit us to print all their pictures.





# St. Thomas More R.C. Church

## Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign

### *“Grateful for Our Past – Planning for Our Future”*

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## \$197,550 Needed to Reach Our Goal!

Look how far we have come! Just a few short months ago, we began our Capital Campaign to raise the funds needed to renovate our Church and repave our Parking lot. As of Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> the campaign office reported one-time gifts and pledges of \$802,450 with over \$370,000 in cash down payments from 276 parish families. Now we propose a challenge to those families who have not yet participated – help us reach our goal of \$1.0 million by the end of the year.

### Follow-up Efforts Begin!

Throughout October & November, follow-up activities including mailings and phone calls will begin to those families who have not had an opportunity to make their gift. If you have not made your gift, please help us move closer to reaching our goal of \$1.0 million by making your one-time gift or pledge in the coming weeks. **Please review the suggested gift plans below and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift today!**

#### Suggested Pledge Plans

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	6 Semi-Ann. Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	48 Monthly Payments
\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$ 750.00	\$375.00	\$125.00	\$94.00
\$4,000.00	\$400.00	\$ 600.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
\$3,000.00	\$300.00	\$ 450.00	\$225.00	\$ 75.00	\$56.00
\$2,500.00	\$250.00	\$ 375.00	\$188.00	\$ 63.00	\$47.00
\$2,000.00	\$200.00	\$ 300.00	\$150.00	\$ 50.00	\$38.00
\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$ 225.00	\$113.00	\$ 38.00	\$28.00
\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	\$19.00

**Pledges & One-time Gifts are welcomed very much appreciated!**

**As you make your gift . . . Please remember**

- \* Pledges should be made over a period of three or four years.
- \* Pledge payments are in addition to your weekly offertory.
- \* Payment reminders will be mailed according to the selected payment plan.
- \* **Make checks payable to: St. Thomas More Capital Campaign**

**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**2017 FALL PLANT SALE**

Hardy Garden Mums 9" pot \$6.00 each

Red \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
White \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Purple \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Montauk Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Pansy \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Ornamental Cabbage \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 (Purple)  
Ornamental Kale \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 (Purple)  
Total Ordered \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**All orders have to be in by SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

Orders will be ready for pick up on September 30 & October 1.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

Check No \_\_\_\_\_ Please make all checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**

# St. Thomas More Church



## Blood Drive

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**2:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge**  
**Church Auditorium**



**Your donation will help to **save up to THREE** lives.**  
**Our community hospitals need your help.**  
**Please share this lifesaving gift!**

## **THANK YOU FOR CARING!**

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission).
- Eat well (low fat) & drink plenty of fluids
- No tattoos for the past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org).

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:  
Ed Rogan (631)366-1085



# St. Thomas More R. C. Church

115 KINGS HIGHWAY • HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK 11788-4204  
(631) 234-5551 • FAX: (631) 234-6412

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal Advertising Form

Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**We wish to advertise in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal supporting St. Thomas More Parish.**


- Ad Size:**     Family Booster, \$25     Memorial Booster, \$25     Quarter Page, \$75  
 Half Page, \$150     Full Page, \$275     One-line Family Acknowledgement, \$15  
 Family Photo Ad, \$40 (**Family photos to be taken at parish after each Mass on weekends: 7/29 & 7/30, 8/5 & 8/6 and 8/12 & 8/13; Please RSVP for the day and time by calling the Rectory at 631-234-5551 and ask for or leave a message for Theresa**)


### ADVERTISING

- Exact ad is attached (*please scale to size*)     \*PDF file of ad is emailed     Ad wording is below

*\*Please email PDF file to [stm50journal@stmli.org](mailto:stm50journal@stmli.org)    **ALL ADS ARE DUE BY JULY 31, 2017***

**AD TEXT** (*please print CLEARLY – type and placement determined by Journal Committee*)

 For examples of ads, please see samples at the church website, [www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org).

 To adhere to copyright law, please use personal photos for ads, or professional photos with permission from the photographer/copyright holder.

**Ads should be returned to the Parish Office.**

Please make checks payable to:  
*St. Thomas More R.C. Church*

Please contact the Parish Office at  
631-234-5551 for credit cards.

**Msgr. FRANCIS S. MIDURA FIFTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**

**Celebrating 25 Years of STM Golf & 50 Years as a Parish of Faith**

**Monday September 25, 2017**

**ROCK HILL GOLF COURSE**

**(Shotgun Start 10:30AM) \$160 Per Golfer. ~ \$600 Per Foursome.**

**Includes: *Breakfast ,Beverages on the CourseDinner Buffet & Open Bar.***

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT***

**Names of Golfer(s) : \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contact Person or Individual Golfer \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) I need to be assigned to a Foursome**

**Address : \_\_\_\_\_**

**2017 RAFFLE PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE -- 55" LG LED UHD TV  
& LG SOUND BAR**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Apple iPad 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Ladies Dress Watch  
(donated by Bunty Jewelry Store-Commack)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize Mallet style Putter (or equivalent value golf gift)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize FITBIT Blaze Smart watch**

**Return Entire Form to: St. Thomas More RC Church -Attn. Golf Outing**

**115 King's Highway, Hauppauge N.Y. 11788**



Join us for the



# Harvest Dance & Church Auction!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,  
The Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

6pm - 10pm Saturday, September 23, 2017

St. Thomas More Church immediately following 5pm Mass

**YEE HAW!**

- \* BID ON FUN ITEMS
- \* COUNTRY LINE DANCING INSTRUCTOR
- \* DJ - DANCE REQUESTS TAKEN
- \* 50/50 - DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLES

\$20 per person

\* Children 12 & under (\$10)

Your admission includes:

- Country Style Food Buffet
- Chili Dogs, Chicken, & More
- Wine, Soda, & Water
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts



**Celebrate 50 Years of St. Thomas More**  
**1967-2017**

Tickets available in the Narthex after each Mass  
For more information please call:  
Jo Garvey 631-265-2753