



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

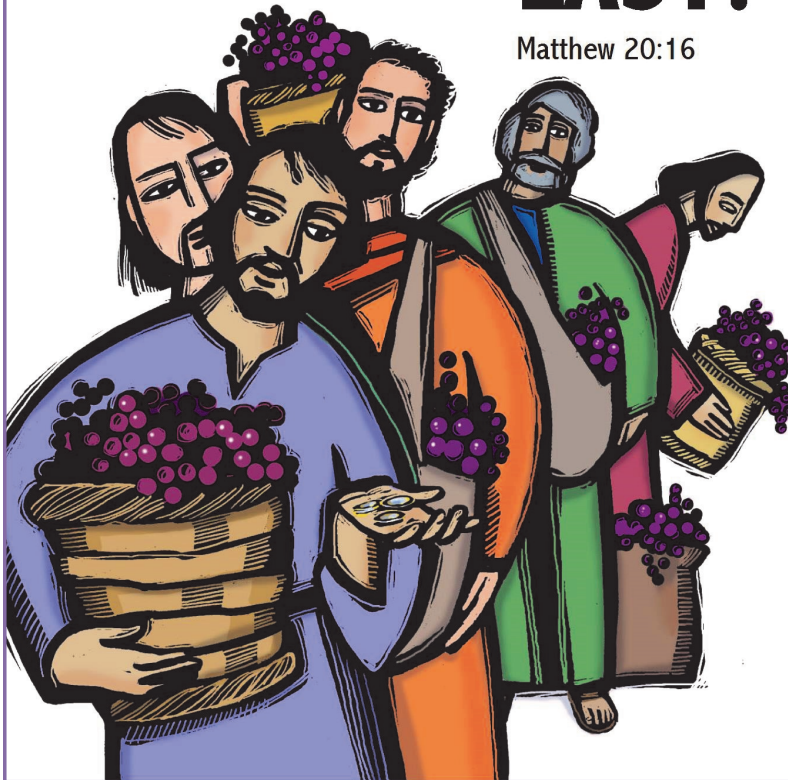
115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

September 24, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the **first**
will be **LAST.**

Matthew 20:16



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 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

Saturday, September 23

(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 Picnich 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*

Monday, September 25

9am Kenneth Brosnan by *Ruthann McDonald*

Tuesday, September 26--Sts. Cosmas and Damian

9am Don Friedman by *Michael & Vivian Jacobs*

Wednesday, September 27--St. Vincent de Paul

9am Don Friedman by *Ruthann McDonald*

Thursday, September 28--St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence

Ruiz and Companions

9am Louis Pontillo (1st Anniversary) by *Marie
Utter*

Friday, September 29--Sts. Michael, Gabriel and

Raphael

9am Don Friedman by *Lou & Ann Anatrella*

Saturday, September 30--St. Jerome

9am Richard Stopa by *Marilyn Miller*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Lydia Wieman by *Chris & Gert Hirsch*

Sunday, October 1--Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:00am Don Friedman by *Charles Potuzak*

9:15am A Special Intention by *Charles Potuzak*

10:45am Fred Busse by *Ralph & MaryAnn Rantz,*

Patricia & Philip Camera (Living - 60th Anniversary) by

Angela Mingione, Marie Capelli by *the Young At Heart,*

Fr. Robert Dahlke by *Ralph & MaryAnn Rantz,*

Carmen Fusco by *Marilyn & Joe Amodio,* Judy Granville by

Pat & Joe Marfoglio, Bernice Kluse by *the Eyring family,*

Joel Miller by *Ralph & MaryAnn Rantz,* Tyrone Ray Jr. by

Pat & Peter Handal

12:15pm Marie Wright by *Walter & Theresa Happe*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

October 1, 2017
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2: 1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to
the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his
mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the
same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?"
They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and
prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you
did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your
minds and believe him."

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you meant to do something good
for another but let the opportunity slip by.
2. Relate an experience when you were given a second
chance.
3. Who do you identify with more, the older or the younger
son?

Family and children's question:

Talk about a time when you were asked to help but found
an excuse not to.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world. Yiddish Proverb.

Today's Gospel speaks about one such mystery of life. People are hired to work at different times of the day. Some work the whole day, some three quarters of the day, some half a day and a few work for just an hour... yet at the end all are equally paid the day's wage. How to interpret the action of the employer who represents God? Is God, the employer unfair to the workers or generous to them?

According to human logic God seems to be unfair, not paying according to each one's work but equaling the full time workers with part-time workers. But in God's point of view God pays more than what one deserves. The story explains the mystery of life.

Today's story of Jesus describes life from God's point of view. Life is not the reward or pay back for what we put in. Life is God's generous gift. For those who want to experience life as God's generous gift, there is always to appreciatively enjoy life more than what they toil for. But for those who approach life calculatingly, it has nothing more to offer than the wage for their toil. We don't have the power to make life "fair"

But we do have the power to make life joyful. Let us look at life and utter the beautiful line even in its unfair situation, "But, I love life." Let us avoid comparing ourselves with others and forget the blessings of life saying, "I love life, but...."

October begins a new era our Golden Jubilee: We will close the main church for the planned renovation. We got permission from the diocese to go ahead. All the necessary steps are taken to begin the work on time. During the construction we will use Kirwin Hall for the weekday celebration of mass. We will open the Walden Hall for the Sunday celebrations. All usual celebrations, like Baptisms, Holy Hours, Rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplets, Funerals etc. will take place without fail. Needless to say, there will be some inconvenience during this time. But as a loving community, united by the love of Christ, we will undergo this time as an opportunity of building and renewing ourselves to enter the new renewed Church.

Our Finance Campaign is at its last phase. We are short of just \$190, 000 to reach the one million dollar goal. Just as in a running race, the runner summons up all his strength at the last leg to finish the race, so also at this point, whatever amount small or large you give will put us over the goal faster. People have given from \$100 to \$ 40,000. Our campaign has been conducted on the basis of equal sacrifice, not equal giving. So I kindly request those who are still considering giving, to please make a donation.

Heartfelt thanks to the Columbiettes who had a food drive recently and collected over 7200 pounds of food for the parish pantry. Thank you, ladies. You tap the generous hearts of people to feed the hungry mouths of the poor.

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

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

Patricia M. Sheehan, Daniel G. Skinnon, Michelle Pappas, 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

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

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SpiritualOrientations.com

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

BJFRAT@optonline.net

PARISH OUTREACH

It's never too early to think about our clothing drive that takes place the last weekend of October. As the humidity falls, and the days become crisper, we resolve to tackle our closets and remove whatever items have become superfluous. What better time than now, to donate those clothes to our St. Vincent DePaul truck? We have student helpers, to help carry those heavy bags (and to earn community service), so no need to worry about getting them to the truck.



We have been introduced to many new clients lately, because the need still exists, even in middle class Hauppauge, for help with food and basic need products. Our clients are not only people who are out of work: they include people who have two incomes yet still can't afford all their bills; we have people who have been struck with a catastrophic illness; we have people who have had to shelter relatives because they had nowhere else to go; The list is diverse, but the important word is NEED. You can help fill that need.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

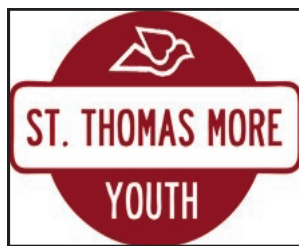
" A Thank You From A Neighbor In Need"

.....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.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!

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

Senators Attack Judicial Nominee's Catholic Faith:

Despite the Constitution forbidding a religious litmus test, Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Sen. Dick Durbin attacked University of Notre Dame law professor Amy Barret, nominee for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, and a Catholic, accusing, "The dogma lives loudly within you," and "Do you consider yourself an orthodox Catholic?" These attacks followed Prof. Barret already stating, "It is never appropriate for a judge to apply their personal convictions whether it derive from faith or personal conviction."

"The Amy Barret hearing reveals a new disturbing trend: Anti-Christian sentiments which were only once whispered behind closed doors are now being proclaimed from the rooftops by the most powerful people in society," said research fellow, Ryan Anderson.

"At a time in which the nation is badly frayed, disoriented and confused, U.S. senators abused their high office to berate, slander, and demean a woman of exceptional legal wisdom simply because they suspected that aspects of her Catholic faith would make her an unjust judge," said a Catholic University of America professor. Fr. James Martin, S.J., said that Feinstein's comments were a "Throwback to an era when Catholics were seen as unthinking tools of the Pope. You can be a good Catholic citizen in our country. Ask JFK."

(dailywire.com,9/7/17; lifesitenews.com, 9/8/17; citizens.org, 9/8/17)

"I will die in my bed, my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square."

A warning from Cardinal Francis George, 2014

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.



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.



*Banns of
Marriage*

III. 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 2nd 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 7th.

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 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.

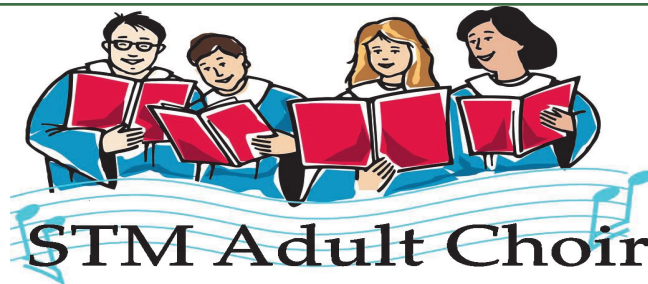
CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

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.



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 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 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.

ATTENTION ALL EMs

On Friday, September 29 at 7:00pm and on Saturday, September 30 after the 9:00am Mass, we will have a meeting to discuss the new configuration of the temporary church being used during the renovation. You are asked to attend *either* session.

We will also update any info that may have changed for you since last September, i.e. an address, phone, email address, mass preference, etc. We will attempt to answer any questions you may have about the MSP program we are using for scheduling.

Also, if you have a pyx at home that you are no longer using, please donate it or return one you may have borrowed as we only have a few left in the Sacristy.

Please note: It is important that **all** ministers take the VIRTUS training. If you have not yet taken it please refer to the bulletin for details on how you can enroll.

We thank you for your continued dedication to this important ministry.

Laura Vigneaux and Patty Citro

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of September 17, 2017 \$7,399.75

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

as of September 6, 2017

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



Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for Sept. 17- 23, 2017

Sun..	Sept. 17	\$50	679	Joanne Tate
Mon.	Sept. 18	\$25	736	Ed & Arleen Rogan
Tues.	Sept. 19	\$25	708	Alexis LoVerde
Wed.	Sept. 20	\$25	800	Diane & Terry Coumou
Thurs.	Sept.. 21	\$25	886	Suzanne Schedivy
Fri.	Sept. 22	\$25	693	Ken & Dolores Fensterer
Sat.	Sept. 23	\$25	168	Virginia Lane

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Sept. 24/25)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Sept. 30//Oct. 1)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Henry	Fr. Henry
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred
12:15 pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday--September 24--2nd Collection--St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility *

12:15pm--Presentation of albs to Altar Servers--Church
2pm--Wedding--Newman/Citro--Church
7pm--HS Youth Ministry--Walden Hall

Monday--September 25

10:30am Golf Outing/Rock Hill Golf Course

Tuesday--September 26

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

Wednesday--September 27

7pm--Virtus Training--Walden Hall

Thursday--September 28

5:30pm--Children's Choir--Church
6pm--Wed. Reh: Del Colle/Jordan--Church
7:30pm--Choir--Church

Friday--September 29

3:30pm--Wedding : Del Colle/Jordan--Church

ST. PIUS X ENRICHED LIVING FACILITY FUND

"CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US"

The special collection for retired priests, living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility, will take place this weekend, September 23/24. Our priests, at retirement, often have given forty years or more to the mission of our Church and bringing people closer to Christ. The St. Pius X residence enables these dedicated men who need extra care and attention to live in a facility that provides them with that special care, while still enabling them to serve as active fully engaged members of the community.

The Catholic Church of Long Island is blessed and privileged to be able to care for our senior priests - men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and our community.

We welcome your support of this important endeavor.

For more information or to donate online go to www.drvc.org/stpiusx or call 516-379-5210 ext. 229 for more information

YOUNG AT HEART

The Chinese luncheon of the Young at Heart will be on Friday, October 13, 2017.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Widowed, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island--Non-Denomination--All are welcome--Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 pm. The meeting is held every fourth Wednesday at St. Frances de Chantal School in Wantagh. Bring proof of Single Status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. For further information, call Carol 516-794-4933 or Barbara at 516-798-2858.

Volunteer (s) Needed: Catholic Charities in Amityville is seeking volunteer drivers to assist our Meals on Wheels Program. Areas of driving include Commack, Dix Hills and East Northport on Thursday & Friday. Volunteers drive own car or agency vehicle. Time is flexible as meals are frozen. If you are interested and available for this volunteer opportunity, please contact: Marry Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer & Intern Coordinator 516-733-7044. Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated.

America Needs Fatima's annual Nationwide PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY will be held this year on **Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 12:00 Noon** in front of St. Patrick's Church, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown (near the road). Please join us (and bring a lawn chair). If you have any questions, or need to discuss the same, please contact Carol Gabriellini at 631-981-7337.

(Second 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.



BEREAVEMENT
support group

The loss of a loved one can be a life changing event. It is a difficult time. We offer a Bereavement Program for anyone who thinks they may need support at this time. We are a peer ministry, not professional counselors, but we have been trained by the diocese to present these sessions. We discuss the stages of grief and coping skills that may help you. If you are interested in joining please call the number below. When we have enough people to form a group, we will set a date.

Thank you.

Laura

631-234-6719

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 R.C. Church

Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign

“Grateful for Our Past – Planning for Our Future”

\$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 12th 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**

Liturgical Ministry Training

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

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

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

DO NOT USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.

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

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

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau: EM "A" Session and Lectors

October 14, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

In Suffolk: EM "A" Session and Lectors

October 21, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

November 4, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

October 28, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

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

Session "A" - Wednesday, October 4, 2017; 7:00—10 PM

Session "B" - Wednesday, October 18, 2017; 7:00—10 PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person

Lectors: \$20 per person

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR TRAINING ONLY

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

I wish to register for Lector Training

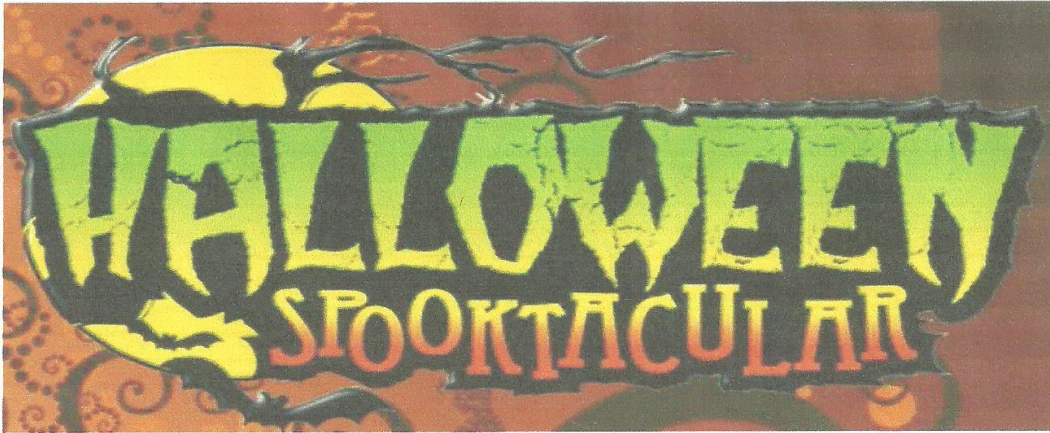
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre (Saturday, October 14, 2017)

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays (Saturday, October 21, 2017)

St. Elizabeth, Melville (Wednesday, October 4, 2017)

Name Phone

Parish Town



COLUMBIETTES OF ST. THOMAS MORE/MSGR MIDURA COUNCIL #6062

PROUDLY PRESENTS SPOOKTACULAR BINGO!!!!



FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM.

MANY GHOULISH AND OUT OF THIS WORLD PRIZES!!!!

\$10 PER PERSON. SODA, WATER, COFFEE AND DESSERTS INCLUDED.

SCARY ISN'T IT. BOOOOOOOOOOOOO

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2017

9AM – 1 PM

**TRUCK WILL BE PARKED IN FRONT OF
PARISH OUTREACH GARAGE
119 KINGS HIGHWAY, Hauppauge**

**Clean, gently used clothing
can only be accepted on
Sunday October 29th,
DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE**



High School Youth Ministry begins!

We are off to a great start!

Our annual Barbecue was held on 9/17, along with teen-run games, fun, activities, and prayer.

This year, we will focus on God's amazing surprises for us and the miracles that happen all around us.

It's not too late to join the fun!

We meet most Sundays!

Check out

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

for information.



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 R.C. Church

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

50th Anniversary Journal Advertising Form

Advertiser: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone/FAX _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Total Cost: _____

Special Instructions: _____

Signature: _____

We wish to advertise in the 50th 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 **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.

 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: 1st PRIZE -- 55" LG LED UHD TV
& LG SOUND BAR**

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

4th Prize Mallet style Putter (or equivalent value golf gift)

5th 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

VIRTUS TRAINING

Thank you for volunteering for the many ministries here at Saint Thomas More Parish. Your service to this community is a treasure.

All volunteers must complete **VIRTUS TRAINING** in order to continue in ministry. If you have not already attended training, **Pat Chapin** will be conducting the next session here at Saint Thomas More.

Mark your calendar

Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm – 9 pm

In the Parish Center

Please pre-register at the Religious Education office at 631-234-0397. All catechists need to complete this training to be a Catechist or Leader. For your convenience here is a list of parishes in our vicinity also offering the Virtus Training; kindly call to register.

Saint James Setauket

631-941-4141

Tuesday, September 5 @ 10 am

Thursday, September 7 @ 7 pm

Saint Elizabeth Seton Ronkonkoma

631-737-4388

Wednesday, September 20 @ 7 pm

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Centereach

631-585-3601

Tuesday, September 26 @ 7 pm