



Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*Hosanna  
in the  
Highest!*



#### Parish Mission Statement:

*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.*

#### Contact Numbers

**Rectory**  
234-5551

**Religious Ed**  
234-0397

**Outreach**  
234-3149

## ***Masses for this coming week***

March 25, 2018

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14: 1--15:47

**Saturday, March 24**

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Katherine Colbert *by Christine & Kevin Donnelly*

**Sunday, March 25--Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00am FDNY Memorial Members of Engine 332 and  
Ladder 175 *by Don Flore*

9:15am Joseph M. Rot *by Franco & Sylvia Bastone*

10:45am Mickelson & Williams family *by Barbara  
Mickelson*

12:15pm Antoinette Mele *by Matthew & Patti Surico*

**Monday, March 26**

9am Walter Hughes *by Marilyn Miller*

**Tuesday, March 27**

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

**Wednesday, March 28**

9am People of the Parish

7:30pm Cantata

**Thursday, March 29--Holy Thursday**

9am Prayer Service

11am Chrism Mass - St. Agnes Cathedral

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 30--Friday of the Passion of the Lord--  
Good Friday**

9am Prayer Service

12:15pm Stations of the Cross

1:30pm Stations of the Cross for Young People

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm Tenebrae

**Saturday, March 31--Holy Saturday**

9am Prayer Service

9:30am Blessing of Easter Food

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

7:30pm Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 1--Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of  
the Lord**

8:00am Easter Donors; Mass Remembrance & Flower  
Donors

9:15am Easter Donors; Mass Remembrance & Flower  
Donors

10:45am Easter Donors; Mass Remembrance & Flower  
Donors

12:15pm Easter Donors; Mass Remembrance & Flower  
Donors

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

April 1, 2018

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Psalm: 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

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

**Focus questions:**

1. What brings joy to your life?
2. How is the living Jesus present to you in your life?
3. What stone is blocking you from experiencing new life?

**Family and children's question:**

When have you brought good news to someone?

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Elsa Jannace, Paul Zeno, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women

**COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**The Men’s Forum**--Church of Saints Philip & James, St. James--Monday evening, **March 19, 2018**. Fr. Sean Magaldi, Assoc. Pastor, St. Patrick’s Church, Smithtown and Mr. Gerard Magaldi, Fr. Sean’s father and Permanent Diaconate Candidate. **Topic: “The Family and Vocations”.** **6:30 pm: Talk & Questions; 7:30 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations; 8:30 pm: Coffee and Cake.**

*(Second Notice)*

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** St. Mary’s Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on Wednesday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-9:00 pm. The group will run for 8 consecutive weeks through **June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory @ [\(631\) 581-4266, x-100](tel:6315814266). Please note the groups are open to people of all faith denominations. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to **February 21, 2018**.

**GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL On Behalf of Unborn Children-**

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Vigil on **MARCH 30, 2018, FROM 10:30AM TO NOON**, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (**2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow**; on the public sidewalk). Pro-life women, men and children are invited to take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital). Information: [631-243-1435](tel:6312431435); [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land..

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

**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)

SAVE THE DATE



It’s tea time again sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul-- **May 5, 2018 -- 12 - 4 pm.**

Take your hats out and be ready to spend an afternoon with family and friends.

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

Dear Friends,

**A man bought a small farm and was visited by his neighbor.** He asked him, "Can you tell me where the property line runs between these farms?" The man replied "Are you talking owning or mowing?"

If we ask God what is the love-line that runs between God and ourselves, God will show us the Cross on which Jesus hangs. Because God so loved us that he gave his only Son on the Cross as an expression of His divine unconditional love. Jesus was crucified for the good works he did. But he changed his punishment, the Cross, into redemptive blessings for us. Jesus used the instrument of punishment to offer God's love to us. This is the message of Holy Week.

**We begin Holy week with Palm Sunday.** Holy Week commemorates the events that happened to Jesus during the last week of His earthly life. Palm Sunday celebrates how people saw Jesus as their Messiah entering the city of Jerusalem. Holy Thursday is the Last Supper during which Jesus offered his presence in the form of Bread and Wine – the Eucharist. Good Friday, Jesus died on the Cross expressing God's incredible love for us. Holy Saturday evening we will celebrate the vigil of Jesus' Resurrection from death.

The events of Holy Week show us how God chiseled the best sculpture in Jesus. In Jesus, God reveals to us how God can chisel the best out of each one of us if we too allow ourselves like Jesus did.

**Holy Week invites us to be like Jesus.** We too can become God's wonderful act of victory even over death. As St. Paul says, 'if we die with Jesus we will rise with Jesus'.

**I extend a personal welcome to each of you to celebrate the mysteries of Holy Week.** Let us journey with Jesus. We have something going on in our Church every day of Holy Week. **Please go through the Holy Week Schedule** and allow yourselves to be chiseled by God for the best of yourselves to come out as God's wonderful work of art.

**Reconciliation Monday:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Church and in all the Catholic Churches of our Diocese of Rockville Centre. Individual Confession cleanses and illumines our hearts to enter into the mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

**Lenten Cantata, 'Weeping Tree'. Our Choir has put a lot of effort and practice into this Spiritual Musical.** I have personally heard and enjoyed it. Please don't fail to come. It is on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. It would spiritually prepare us to enter the mystical meaning of the Holy three days-- Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday of Holy Week.

**Another moving way of entering into the somber mood of Good Friday is Tenebre,** which is an evening prayer celebrating the Redemptive death of Jesus with candles in the dark and listening to the scriptures. Please come on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**Our Parish Outreach is preparing the Easter Baskets and Easter Dinner** for the poor and needy of our Parish. Please support them to help 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**

#### **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**

Miki Alicastro  
 Barbara Bamonti  
 Manny Bartolotta  
 Karen Berlet  
 Bernadette  
 Janice Bini  
 Joseph Bittner  
 Jean Blaney  
 Pat Booth  
 Bear Bonner (3 years old)  
 Pamela Brosnan  
 Mary Brussell  
 Francisco Burgos  
 Anthony C. (5 yrs)  
 Daniel Callihan  
 Dona Caragol  
 Christina Cammarata  
 Barbara Cappisillo  
 Linda Sue Cappisillo  
 Kathy Capuano  
 Dona Caragol  
 Swami Chettiar  
 Patrick J. Coll  
 John Colosi  
 Thea Constantatos  
 Donald Crocker  
 Mary Cullin  
 Joey Cullum  
 Christopher Davanzo  
 Mike DeLeo  
 Caroline De Santis  
 Amanda De Rosa  
 Preston De Rosa (2 years old)  
 Florence & Anthony Donato  
 Walt Drechsler Jr.  
 Elvira DuBritz  
 Duke  
 Leona Esposito  
 Dominga Francisco  
 Andrew Gallo  
 Connie Gennaro  
 Ciro Ghiraldi  
 Gerald Gilson  
 Eleanor Gowell  
 Isabelle Grenier  
 John Hanna  
 Richard Happe  
 Bud Harrelson  
 Olive Harrison (16 months)  
 Patti Hauer  
 Jamie Hawkins  
 Jane Hoffman  
 Laurie Holmes  
 Theresa Huebner  
 Anita Ilardi  
 Anne & Judi Iovino  
 Joseph Jacklets  
 Regina Jeskie  
 Suzy Johnson



Richard Kaler  
 Costa Katsapis  
 Gabriella Grace Kerr (16 months)  
 Jean Marsala Kieffner  
 Albert Kunz  
 Theresa Marvelli  
 Elaine Kleenstauber  
 Dr. C. Lalli  
 Luigi Lanzo  
 Morgan Leary (age 8)  
 Anne Leggio  
 Wayne Leo  
 Nancy Link  
 Phillip Lloyd  
 Patricia Loicano  
 Nicolas LoRusso (2 years old)  
 W. Mike Masone  
 Laura Mattioli  
 Cindy Mango  
 Rosemary Mango  
 Phyllis Markowitz  
 Diane McCann  
 Terri Ilardi McKee  
 Camille Mendolia  
 Sharon Mills  
 Marie Minutillo  
 Rosie Miranda  
 Dorothy L. Monaco  
 Barbaralynn Moseman  
 Ellen & Leo Murphy  
 Betty Napoli  
 Caidee Nielsen (2 years old)  
 James Nielsen (16 years old)  
 Victoria Nelson  
 Jean Noschese  
 Fr. Harold Noviello  
 Patricia OConnell  
 Sarah O'Connor  
 Beatrice Okorn  
 Joseph P.  
 Dorothy Pagano  
 Rainey Pappas  
 Mary Ann Peet  
 Celeste Pena  
 Fern Peppe  
 Susan Power  
 Lauren Quarltere  
 Cecelia Rantz  
 Diane Rantz  
 Robert K. Rathje  
 Kim Rico  
 Venjamin Rivera  
 Mary Ruchalski (10 yrs. old)  
 Robert Schernowitz  
 Elyse Schrage  
 Teresa Shannon  
 Kim Shernowitz  
 Daniel Skinnon  
 George Soto

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** (Continued)

Mary Spinosa  
 Dorothes Stempel  
 Charles & Peggy Stepanek  
 Richard Stout  
 Andrea Suess  
 Jeanine Tagliferrri  
 Deborah & Harold Thaw  
 Richard Tulipan  
 Chase Turano  
 Andrew J. Valentine  
 Andrew M. Valentine  
 Richard Tulipan  
 Valerie M. Valentino

Mike Walsh  
 Debbie Ward  
 Rosalind Warmuth  
 Gregory Yule  
 Joey Ziegler

*(This listing will expire on March 25, 2018. Please re-submit names of those people you wish to put on the Sick List.)*



**The Diocese of Rockville Centre Honoring Couples married Fifty Years or More**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018  
 2:30 p.m.**

**Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa**

Please contact the Rectory (631-234-5551) for Registration form, which must be received by the \ Diocese by **April 13, 2018**.



**Holy Thursday--March 29, 2018**

9:00 am Prayer Service  
 11:00 am Chrism Mass--St. Agnes Cathedral  
 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday--March 30, 2018**

9:00 am Prayer Service  
 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross  
 1:30 pm Stations of the Cross for Young People  
 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday--March 31, 2018**

9:00 am Prayer Service  
 9:30 am Blessing of Easter Food  
 7:30 pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday--April 1, 2018**

Masses at 8:00 am; 9:15 am; 10:45 am & at 12:15 pm.

**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	Andrew Lynch
Theresa Chester	William Maley
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Eric Cullum	Tim Morris
Christopher Day	John Nachtman
Timothy Fallon	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Bryan Figueiredo	Thomas Nichols
Karin Fitzgerald	Adam Papaizai
Nicholas W. Flanary	Michael Poist
J.T. Foltz	Michael Polanski
Mike Foltz	Kyle Rathje
William Gregory	Antonia Marie Rivera
Carl F. Greiner	Ana Karen Sanchez
Philip Guidone	Donovan Sanchez
John Michael Haffner	Justin Schneider
Sean Hendrickson	Christopher Sidor
John Karies	Ryan Smith
	Michael White

**OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

	<u>This Weekend</u> (March 24-25 )	<u>Easter Sunday</u> (March 31-April 1 )
<u>Saturday</u> 5 pm	Fr. Antony Vigil Mass 7:30 pm	<b>No 5 pm Mass</b> Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u> 8 am	Msgr. Boccafola	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony

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.



AARP is offering free tax preparation services by IRS certified tax volunteers at the Hauppauge, Central Islip, Connetquot, and Kings Park Libraries, and the Smithtown Senior Center, **beginning February 1st and ending April 17th**. You do not have to be a member of AARP or a senior citizen to use this service, it is open to anyone. Call the Library or Senior Center for available times and days. Some sites require an appointment and some sites are first come first served. The Hauppauge Library requires an appointment, that can be made by phone, and is available on Monday starting at 9:30 AM and Saturday starting at 12 noon.

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**The Grand Opening of the new Hauppauge Public Library is scheduled for April 28**

You've been asking, and now it can be told: The Grand Opening of the new Hauppauge Public Library location is scheduled for **Saturday April 28 beginning at 11 a.m.** Located at 1373 Veterans Highway, the new space is about 50% larger than the current location, enabling the Library to further enrich our community with expanded educational and cultural programs and services. Whether you're a regular or occasional Library customer, or even someone who thinks libraries don't add any value to their lives, come on down to the Opening to see what a 21<sup>st</sup>-Century library can really do for you!

**SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL**

**Websites**

- www.stmli.org
- www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

**Facebook**

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

**Instagram**

- STTHOMASMORECHURCH
- stmreligiousd
- stm\_yg

**Email**

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- Joe Gast: [joe.gast@stmli.org](mailto:joe.gast@stmli.org)
- Altar Servers Ministry: [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)
- Personal Prayer: [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)
- To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at [BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## The Season of Lent has begun and with that begins our Lenten Project

This year's theme is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Who are our neighbors? The person living next door or down the street? The man or woman sitting next to you at Church today, the child playing in the school gym? The Neighbors for our Lenten Project are the hungry, the cold, the homeless, the anxious, the desperate parents without resources to celebrate a holiday with their family.....

Your donation to this year's Lenten Project will make a difference right here in Hauppauge!

Each week the little wooden house will be displayed next to the bulletin board in the narthex waiting for donations in cash, or check. Please be generous!

Thank you for helping your neighbor!



**Neighbors helping  
Neighbors**

### PARISH OUTREACH



We have begun the neighbor-to-neighbor Lenten project, in which you can donate to the little wooden house in the Narthex. Your donations, whether cash or check, will be used to help our neighbors with more than food; it will help to alleviate other problems as well. This is a joint project with St. Vincent de Paul.

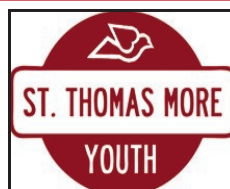
It seems as though we are always asking for something in this column; however, the feeling that you get from making lives easier, from knowing that you helped make another person's burden more bearable, will in turn make your life happier!

Know that you are doing God's work.

Thank you, thank you, thank you so much for the beautiful Easter baskets that you have donated – the children of our clients will be so happy to receive them!

And did you know...only one satellite has ever been destroyed by a meteor: the European Space Agency's Olympus in 1993... in case you were wondering...

### 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  
Mgr. Francis S. Midura Council 6062**

Please order your Spring flowers now - the order form may be found in this bulletin.

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

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

### Freedom of Conscience & Religion Rights Ignored:

Washington State: A bill containing no religious or moral exemptions, requiring the state's insurers who cover maternity care to also cover elective abortions and contraception, was passed by the state legislature and awaits the governor's signature. The bill also requires that as of 2019, health plans must provide free sterilizations, contraceptive drugs and devices.

~The Washington State Catholic Conference, along with pro-life groups and churches, strongly oppose the bill because it would promote abortions while violating constitutionally-protected conscience rights of individuals, churches, businesses and others. "We strongly believe that even those who do not share our unconditional commitment to the dignity of every person from the moment of conception, have every reason to support our right to exercise our conscience in accord with the teachings of our faith," a Bishop's letter states.

### Little Sisters of the Poor Freedom of Conscience & Religion Still Threatened:

In October, 2017, the government issued a new rule admitting that it violated the law when it tried to force religious ministries like the Little Sisters to violate their faith and include abortions and contraception in their health insurance plans. The rule fulfills the 2016 Supreme Court ruling and the President's 2017 Executive Order, but the Little Sisters still need permanent court protection to finally end their years-long lawsuit and go back to serving the elderly poor. ~The case has been on hold ever since the Supreme Court unanimously overturned the lower court rulings against the Little Sisters, ordered the government not to impose \$70 million in fines, and ordered the lower courts to allow time for the federal government to "accommodate the petitioners' religious beliefs."

(littlesistersofthepoor.com; townhall.com, 3/5/18; dailysunnews.com, 3/7/18)

***"The conscientious scruples of all men should be treated with great delicacy and tenderness: and it is my wish and desire that the laws may be extensively accommodated to them ..."***

George Washington

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 Monday, April 9, 2018  
The book for discussion on will be Love and Other Consolation Prizes by Jamie Ford--  
Facilitator: Maria Rotolico.

The book for discussion on May 14, 2018 will be The Thorn Birds by Colleen McCullough--  
Facilitator: Marie Bracco

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

*(Not totally inclusive)*

### Sunday--March 25

6:30pm--Choir Rehearsal--Church

7pm--Youth Ministry--Kitchen/Walden Hall

### Tuesday--March 27

7pm--St/ Vincent de Paul--Meeting Room

### Wednesday--March 28

7:30pm--Cantata "The Weeping Tree"--Church

### Thursday--March 29

9am--Prayer Service

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

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

### Friday--March 30--Second Collection--Holy Land

9am--Prayer Service

12:15pm--Stations of the Cross--Church

1:30pm--Stations for Young People--Church

3pm--Liturgy of the Lord's Passion--Church

7:30pm--Tenebrae

### Saturday--March 31

9am--Prayer Service

9:30am--Blessing of Easter food

7:30pm--Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday--Church



## **SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of March 18, 2018 \$7,87500

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

### **St. Thomas More Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign** *“Grateful for our Past - Planning for our Future”*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 954,290</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$ 595,041</b>
<b>% of Cash Received</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b># of Gifts</b>	<b>454</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Thank you for your Support!**

**On behalf of Father Antony and the entire Campaign committee we wish to thank all Parishioners who have made a gift to the Campaign. Thanks to the generous support from many families the campaign has been a great Success. We deeply appreciate your generous Response!**

**Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!**

**Pledge reminders are mailed on the 15th of each month. If you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White at 16-607-3635.**

**We also kindly invite those parishioners who are still considering making donations to please contribute whatever you wish to help us reach our goal soon.**

## **Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

*Here are the winners for March 18 - 24, 2018*

Sun.	3/18/18	#732	\$50	John & Marie Reddy
Mon.	3/19/18	#753	\$25	Elizabeth Hansen
Tues.	3/20/18	#674	\$25	Jaime Fox
Wed.	3/21/18	#667	\$25	John Fontana
Thurs.	3/22/18	#28	\$25	William & Dolores Rudden
Fri.	3/23/18	#647	\$25	Harold & Theresa Lund
Sat.	3/24/18	#381	\$25	STM Youth Group--Gift of the Holdorf Family



**II. Robert Delcolle and Lisa Marie Cordeiro  
I. Daniel R. Tisser and Danielle A. Alfano**

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2018**

as of March 13, 2018

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$70,100.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>32.8%</b>



**St. Agnes Cathedral  
Elementary School  
is celebrating 100 years  
May 19, 2018!**

We are looking for alumni, former teachers, parents and grandparents. Please use the link below so we can share information regarding the events that are planned.

[stagnes-school.org/alumni/alumnilistsign.up](http://stagnes-school.org/alumni/alumnilistsign.up)

**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:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister    | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library   | <input type="checkbox"/> 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)*

**2017 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/We would like a record of our 2017 contributions to St. Thomas More.

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2018**

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2018.

NAME(S) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I/We would like to pay the rest in \_\_\_\_\_ installments.

*Please return to the Rectory 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., \$13.00 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--Owner is a member of St. Thomas More**--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

**ShopRite Supermarket**--Various positions open; apply on-line or go to ShopRite in Hauppauge.

**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.

**Uncle Giuseppe**--Melville locations, deli, bakery, produce & more openings. Insurance, discount, salaries--also openings in other locations.

**United Cerebral**-- Positions open in Residential, Children's Adult Day Programs throughout Suffolk--Valid NYS Drivers License--HS diploma or GEC. Excellent Benefits and salaries.

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 Spring Flower Sale 2018

<i>Please indicate quantity next to each color</i>				
<b>Wave Petunia</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$13				
<input type="text"/> Dark Blue	<input type="text"/> Lavender	<input type="text"/> Magenta (Purple)		
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____				
<b>New Guinea Impatiens</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$13				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> White	<input type="text"/> Lavender	<input type="text"/> Salmon	
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____				
<b>Ivy Geraniums</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$13				
<input type="text"/> Dark Red	<input type="text"/> Deep Rose	<input type="text"/> Lavender		
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____				
<b>Scaevola (Blue Only)</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$13				
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____				
<b>New Guinea Impatiens</b> - 6" pots - \$7				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> White	<input type="text"/> Pink	<input type="text"/> Lavender	
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$7 each = \$ _____				
<b>Geraniums</b> - 6" pots - \$7 per pot				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> White	<input type="text"/> Blue Violet	<input type="text"/> Pink	<input type="text"/> Coral
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$7 each = \$ _____				
<b>Begonia (Mixed Only)</b> - 48 Plant Flats - \$13 per flat				
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____				
<b>Dahlia (Mixed Only)</b> - 48 Plant Flats - \$13 per flat				
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____				

**All Orders Will be Ready for Pick Up on the Weekend of May 12 & 13 Before and After All Masses**

**Turn page over to complete order form**

**More on Back**

**St. Thomas More Spring Flower Sale 2018**

<b>Marigolds - 48 Plant Flats - \$13 per flat</b>		
_____ Large Yellow	_____ Large Orange	_____ Dwarf Mixed
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$13 each = \$ _____		
<b>Vegetables - 6 plants per pack - \$5</b>		
_____ Large Tomato	_____ Plum Tomato	_____ Cherry Tomato
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$5 each = \$ _____		

**GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please place Order Form in envelope marked "**Flowers**" and return to Church Office  
or place in collection with Payment **by April 22, 2018***

# It's TEA TIME Again!

“Tea for Two... Three, Four, or More.”

12pm - 4pm Saturday, May 5, 2018

At St. Thomas More Church

TEA?  
ALWAYS.



50/50  
Door Prizes  
& Raffles!

## Get out your hats!

Come spend an afternoon  
with friends and family.

- A Variety of Teas / Finger Sandwiches / Desserts
- Bring your own Tea Cup
- Dress for the social event of the season
- Hats encouraged!

\$20 per person

\* Children 12 & under 1/2 price (\$10)

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





**DOOR PRIZES**

St. THOMAS MORE  
COLUMBIETTES  
PRESENTS

# **SATURDAY NIGHT at the RACES**

**APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH  
115 KINGS HWY, HAUPPAUGE

CONTRIBUTIONS \$20.00 PER PERSON

\*\*\*\*\*SUPER HERO, SALADS, DESSERTS,  
Soda, Wine AND Coffee/Tea\*\*\*\*\*

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT :

**WILLY FERRARA 631- 806-4628**

**PRIZES!!!!!!! PRIZES!!!!!!! PRIZES!!!!!!!**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA**  
**6th Annual Golf Outing**

**\$165 per Golfer**

**Includes: Breakfast and Buffet Dinner  
with 2 Hour Open Bar**  
**\*Practice Facilities \*Golf and Cart**

**Rock Hill Country Club, Manorville**

**Monday, September 10, 2018**

**10:30a.m. SHOTGUN START**

**Registration 8:30a.m.**

**For Information Contact:**

**Tom Prunty 631-682-4177**

**Joann Eyring 631-582-1224**

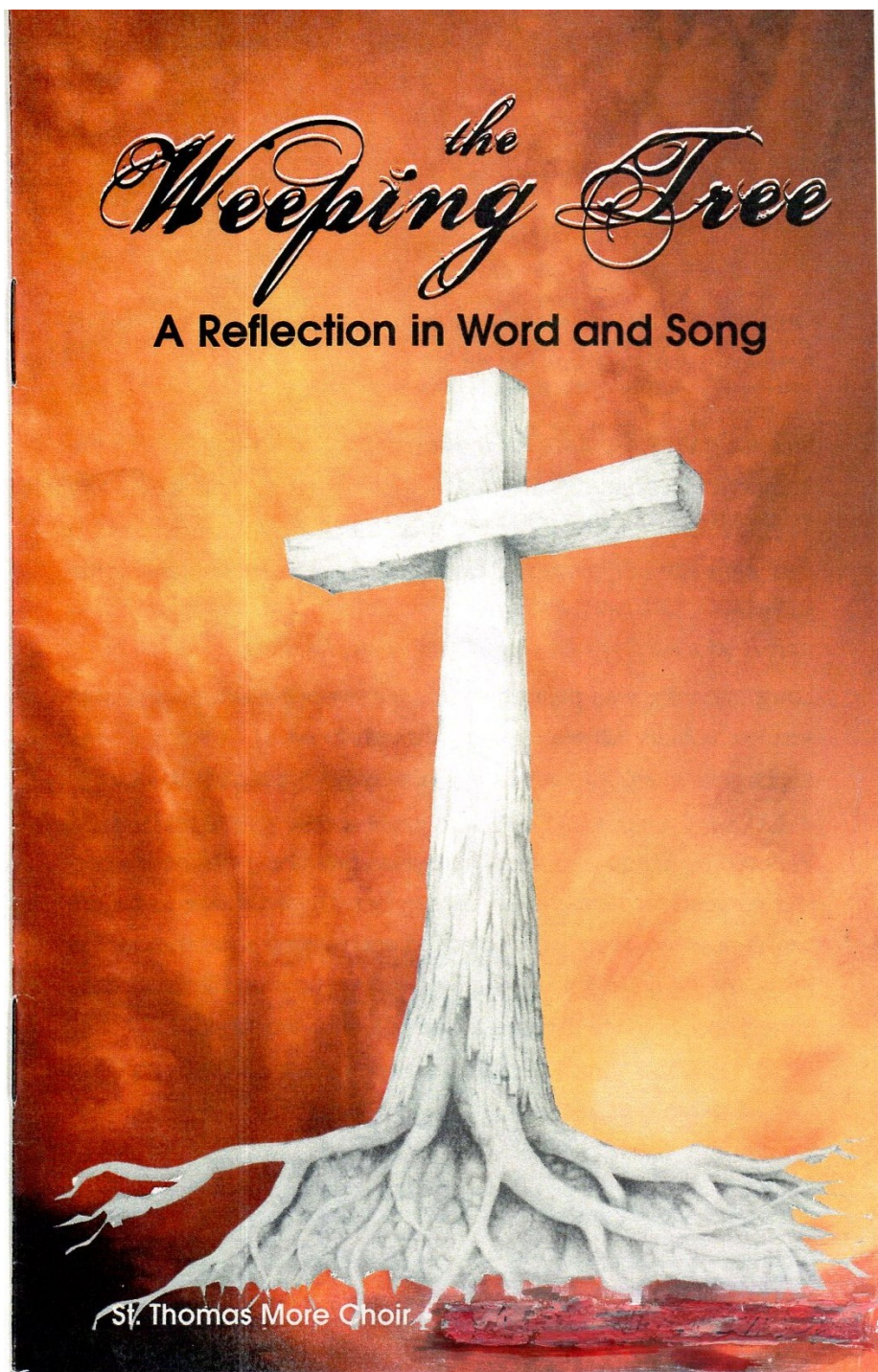
**Al Weidig 631-838-3293**



# The Choir Announces...

That on Wednesday, March 28th, at 7:30pm, they will present "The Weeping Tree". A Cantata highlighting the symbols of Christ's passion and death.

You can bring with you "leaves" of prayer or petition which will be brought to the foot of the Cross that night. The leaves can be gotten in the Narthex.



It is a spiritual evening leading into the Triduum of Easter— Come!





ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH  
and  
St. Vincent de Paul



EASTER April 1, 2018

FILLED CANDY BASKETS NEEDED  
FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!



CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

BASKETS ARE NEEDED BY THE WEEK OF March 19th

IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

We are also in need of other food items for  
Easter Dinner

HAMS, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, FRUIT, DESSERTS

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.



# Lighten Up

Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**  
**CHURCHES OPEN FOR CONFESSION**  
**MARCH 26, 3-9 PM**

Archdiocese of New York  
[archny.org](http://archny.org)

Diocese of Brooklyn  
[dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org)

Diocese of Rockville Centre  
[drvc.org](http://drvc.org)