



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 10, 2019

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

When they brought their
boats to the shore,
they left everything and
followed him.



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

February 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke: 5:1-11

Saturday, February 9

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Anita P. Ilardi *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, February 10--Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am James R. McEnroe *by Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Smith*

9:15am People of the Parish

10:45am Anita P. Ilardi & Terri Ann McKee

by James Faber

12:15pm Robert Prezioso *by the Pineda family*

Monday, February 11

9am Daniel Buynak *by The Eyring Family*

Tuesday, February 12

9am Terri Hillebrand *by Bob Aberle*

Wednesday, February 13

9am Vincent Vivolo *by Dennis Chase*

Thursday, February 14—Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

9am People of the Parish

Friday, February 15

9am People of the Parish

Saturday, February 16

9am People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Phil Benson *by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux;*

Benedetto DiGiorgi *by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bie & family;*

Joe Giardino *by Laura Giardino;* Anita Ilardi *by Laura*

Giardino; Anna LoCastro *by Ann Auspaker;* Frank Moretti

by Pat Karas; Jennifer Mullen *by Rosemary Sardelli*

Sunday, February 17--Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Brian Welsh *by Joe & Linda Lamberta*

9:15am Leo Ramos *by The family*

10:45am Anthony Pagano *by Peg O'Shea*

12:15pm Vincent Pavlic *by Maria Pavlic*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalm 1:1-2,3,4 and 6
1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Luke 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

Focus Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus said the rich, the well fed, those laughing and those who are well thought of should be pitied?
2. How deep is your trust in the Lord?
3. How thirsty are you for God?

Family and children's question:

How do you share what you have with others?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Adrian Rogers, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention tells about the man who made his sons work in the cornfields while their peers spent the afternoon at the swimming pool. Someone scolded the father saying, “Why do you make those boys work so hard? You don’t need all that corn.”

The wise father replied, “Sir, I’m not raising corn. I’m raising boys.” Both activities, working in cornfields and swimming are good and necessary as long as they help to raise the young in the right values of life.

Today’s readings invite us to see that our life would be more fulfilling as a response to God’s call than our own personal endeavors. In the first two readings God calls Prophet Isaiah and Paul to bring out God’s glory through their life. In the Gospel reading Peter complains to Jesus how useless their toil was through the night without a catch of any fish. But at the word of Jesus when they caught two boats full of fishes, Peter surrenders his life to follow and fulfill the mission of Jesus in his life.

Each one of us has our life’s personal plan and way of living it. When we say that God calls us to live, we try to see God’s plan in our everyday life and the power from God to live it. God’s call always enhances our own personal plans. We start with our own plans, like Peter in today’s Gospel. But through our prayers and meditations, we discover how God wants to walk with our plan in order to enhance it to God’s level, according to God’s will and power. Let us respond to God’s call to cherish the fullness of life and realize that God is walking with us in our life journey.

SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT: (Transcript of my homily on the weekend of February 2-3) Many have shared with me how much they suffer these days by the divisiveness portrayed and blown out of proportion by the media and politics. As long as politics and media have the aim of having more voters or viewers to their side, one party or channel will choose to stand against the other and have to convincingly argue their stand. The inevitable result is that you and I are forced to choose one or the other by the way we are influenced or convinced by them. It causes division.

Until we realize that we have to live from our inner spiritual realization of truth, we fall prey to the news or opinions we get from outside of us. Consequently, we will be suffering from the confusion and division thrown at us from outside. I felt it is necessary to approach this psychological and political split each of us suffers from spiritual point of view. So I took for an example the present spiritual struggle caused by the recent Reproductive Health Act. My aim is not to arrive at a decision of what to do or not to do, but to spiritually empower you in a way of life which will enlighten and empower you to live your life fully well. It is bit long. Its aim is not to make you choose any side. Its aim is for YOU and your spiritual power to live and let everyone live fully well. So please be patient and go through the whole article...

Pro Choice and Pro Life: All of us want to live and to live life in freedom, enslaved by no person or object. Life, if not lived in freedom, is not life. Freedom, if it does not promote life, has nothing for which to live. Freedom and life are not two different issues; to choose one at the cost of the other. They are one truth. Life is essence and freedom is its expression. Without the essence the expression has no basis to express. Without the expression the existence has no mode to live. Life and freedom cannot be divided. One cannot live at the cost of the other. Life without freedom is tyranny. Freedom without life is mortuary.

PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

Since January 22nd, intellectual, spiritual, moral, political and emotional conversations and arguments are going on among New Yorkers on the Reproductive Health Act allowing no restrictions on abortion. One side claims it protects women's freedom and the other side cries that it is "Death Star" to humanity. The contention of both sides is how the new law deals with the pregnant female and the child in her womb. For one side, the law has brought freedom for women and, for the other it has rung a death bell to the child. Instead of saving both the life (essence) and the freedom (expression of the essence) it throws the problem on the pregnant woman to choose to do what she wants. In other words the law says to women, the womb of your child is your problem and we give you permission to do what you want.

Is pregnancy or bringing forth a child, just women's problem that the policy makers go for an easy solution (law) for women to solve it for themselves? NOW is the time to self-examine if child-bearing is just a woman's concern or social responsibility. We know an adage, "It takes a village to raise a child." This means that we all have a share in the formation of the human being. It means that pregnancy happens in women but we all have a shared responsibility in bringing out and rearing that child. This social responsibility starts from the male who impregnated her and continues with the adequate supportive system from the society for the pregnant woman.

But the recent law singles out women and lays the burden on them to have the child or terminate it, and have made the man who caused the pregnancy and the society freed-onlookers as if they have nothing to do with it. In the name of freedom the law has laid more burdens on the women and has freed both the male who caused it, and the society who should support her. The law cannot be more male chauvinistic than this, making women the victim and the man who caused it and the society to go free as the victors.

Is it because we don't have proper education and knowledge on sex, the human dignity of a person or human respect and responsibility to each other? Pregnant women are not the problem; but leaving them to solve it as if it is just their problem is the real problem. Why have we come to this level of life to stipulate to women that they can kill their unique privilege of their womanhood- cooperating with God in creating a human child? Next to God the woman alone has the power and privilege in creating a human life. What kind of supportive system has our society failed to have that we, humans comfortably legalize killing our own? And put the blame on women to live with the guilt of terminating a living child of her womb? I have personally heard in the confessions several stories of the inconsolable sorrow and incurable guilt of ever-crying mothers who aborted children. The law that permitted her, the person who impregnated her and the careless society... have abandoned her to suffer her choice alone. How can a law, in the name of freedom for women, cause her to live alone in her sorrow and life-long guilt? Politically this is an easy and irresponsible solution, in the name of freedom, abandoning women in their most vulnerable time laying more burdens on them. None of the species in the universe kill their own, except us, humans, and lay the blame on women's choice.

Why are women pushed to a place in their life where abortion seems to them to be their best or only choice? Many of the potential explanations for this are the extremely high cost of living, a lack of affordable housing, and scarce availability of parental support, medical care and child care. These deserve attention from policymakers and could be points of agreement between pro-life and pro-choice activists. When a law doesn't provide a supportive system to women to exercise her full womanhood, and legalizes killing the life of her own womb in the name of women's freedom it is treating women as just a human-productive-machine."

We are no better than our foregone generations, whom we still accuse of having treated women as the weaker sex, secondary citizens and vulnerable humans. We, in the name of woman's freedom-to-choose, made her to be merciless to the child of her womb by letting her stand alone without any support from society. Abortion is our human problem. This law narrows it to be women's problem and male chauvinistically frees all in society and the man who caused it from their responsibility. Until we wake up to our social responsibility in all spheres of raising the child, we will be simply dividing ourselves in the name of pro-life and pro-choice and will be blaming each other. Politics will use our division for their victory, leaving victims among us. Now in this political process, women have become victims - again one more blow to womanhood and her unique privilege. It is not women's emancipation but abandonment of women and injustice to her womanhood.

First stop blaming each other. Both of us want to live and live in freedom. Life and freedom have to exist together. One cannot live without the other. So both pro-life and pro-choice have to wake up for the truth that life is not an individual woman's problem. But it is a great blessing that a woman alone can bring it in a human form for humanity to flourish. Thus we have to work for the social supportive system respecting the dignity of a female person, especially in the most vulnerable time of her pregnancy when she commits her whole self to continue human life on earth. Until this happens the governing politicians will divide us in the name of pro-life and pro-choice and the endless blaming game will be going on.

I would like to end with what Mother Teresa said in her acceptance speech when she was awarded the Nobel Prize.

She speaks in her own simple words of the dignity of the woman and the social responsibility of supporting her to stop abortion.

“And I feel one thing I want to share with you all, the greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other? today millions of unborn children are being killed. And we say nothing. In the newspapers you read numbers of this one and that one being killed, this being destroyed, but nobody speaks of the millions of little ones who have been conceived to the same life as you and I, to the life of God, and we say nothing, we allow it. To me the nations who have legalized abortion, they are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the little one, they are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die because they don’t want to feed one more child, to educate one more child, the child must die”

And here I ask you, in the name of these little ones, for it was that unborn child that recognized the presence of Jesus when Mary came to visit Elizabeth, her cousin. As we read in the gospel, the moment Mary came into the house, the little one in the womb of his mother, lifted with joy, recognizing the Prince of Peace. And so today, let us here make a strong resolution, we are going to save every little child, every unborn child, give them a chance to be born. And what we are doing, we are fighting abortion by adoption, and the good God has blessed the work so beautifully that we have saved thousands of children, and thousands of children have found a home where they are loved, they are wanted, they are cared. We have brought so much joy in the homes that there was not a child, and so today, I ask His Majesties here before you all who come from different countries, let us all pray that we have the courage to stand by the unborn child, and give the child an opportunity to love and to be loved, and I think with God’s grace we will be able to bring peace in the world”. (Please google and read the rest of her speech ...very inspiring.)

It is not time to condemn each other but to work towards real freedom for women to exercise their full womanhood in all its potential. Let us not abandon her and her privilege to bear a child as her problem to be solved by law. Let us realize that it is a human problem. Let us not leave her alone in the most vulnerable time. Let us promote a social supportive system in which she will be able to stand for her rights and privilege without being pushed to terminate. Let us stand up for her dignity. Let us not belittle her dignity in the name of ‘women freedom’ and ‘social carelessness’.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Please pray for these couples as they complete their Pre-Cana sessions in preparation for their upcoming weddings:

Edward Witkowski & Kathleen Fricke
Adarn Mastrocola & Emily Root
William Lye & Laura Foti
Robert Caponigro & Marissa Vacari
Marc Occhiuto & Danielle Mohr

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jaclyn Aloï	Ellen Murphy
Jean Barz	Joan Nachtman
George Bein	Jean Noschese
Bernadette	Patricia OConnell
Pam Bertin	Beatrice Okorn
Mary Bien	Justin Olsen (3 years old)
George Bien	Arlene P
Janice Bini	Piper Palmiera (5 years old)
Jean Blaney	Al Pankus
Peter Bongiorno	Barbara P
Lisa Bravo	Joseph P
Pamela Brosnan	Robert Pawluk
Donna Caragol	Joan Perks
Kathy Calandrella	Frank Procaccini
Barbara Cappisillo	Diane Rantz
Kathy Capuano	Maura Reddy
Patricia Cirone	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
Bobbie Cizon	Leland Reid
Ellen Cleary	William (Bill) Rudden
Marilyn (Porter) Collins	Victoria A. Russo
John Colosi	Bob Sauchelli
Joey Cullum	Teresa Scarlato
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Elyse Schrage
Thomas J. DuBritz	Carlene Shernowitz
Mary Ann Foley	Kim Shernowitz
Gloria Gamarana	Robert Shernowitz
Joe Gandolfo	Edward J. Smith
Jody Casares George	Antonette Solano
Gerald Gilson	John Spadaro
John H.	Joyce St. Germain
Olive Harrison	Charles & Peggy
Marc Ignieri (and Family)	Stepanek
Paula Izzo	Carly Strachovsky
Joseph Jacklets	Richard Stout
Linda Jennings	Erik Sztorc
Kevin A. Kane	JoAnne Thomas
Chris Kenney	Chase Turano
Denise Kern	Andrew J. Valentine
Jean Marsala Kieffner	Andrew M. Valentine
Rob Kohl	Michael Valentine
Arnold Landi	Donna Marie Velazquez
Wayne Leo	Debbie Ward
Nancy Link	Rosalind Warmuth
Philip Lloyd	Diane Weisz
Nicolas Lorusso	Arlene Wentin
Lauren Lossani	Lorraine White
Frank Mambuca	Rocco Zappia
Laura Mansi	
Tom Margiotta	<i>This listing will expire on</i>
Barbara McManus	<i>March 31, 2019.</i>
Edward McManus	
Marie Minutillo	

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Ralph Marginello, Teresa Scarlato, Frank C. Moretti, Edward J. Hendershot, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

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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

CONGRATULATIONS! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Tues. 1/1/2019	\$75	#460	Fran & Peter Donato
Solemnity of Mary			
Wed. 1/2/19	\$25	#772	Joan & Gerard Smith
Thurs. 1/3/19	\$25	#612	Marilyn Miller
Fri. 1/4/19	\$25	#960	Pat & Frank Staluppi
Sat. 1/5/19	\$25	#297	Yolanda Schweers
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Mon. 1/7/19	\$25	#528	Emiddio V. Ippolito
Tues. 1/8/19	\$25	#533	Mary Ellen Skrzypek
Wed. 1/9/19	\$25	#946	Michele Byrne
Thurs. 1/10/19	\$25	#274	Flo Janovsky
Fri. 1/11/19	\$25	#416	Jeffrey S. Hegner
Sat. 1.12.19	\$25	#333	Fran & Peter Donato
Sun. 1/13/19	\$50	#342	Theresa & Al Haas
Mon. 1/14/19	\$25	#176	John & Denise Zappia
Tues. 1/15/19	\$25	#438	Pat & Bob Yezek
Wed. 1/16/19	\$25	#217	Chris & Keri D'Andria
Thurs. 1/17/19	\$25	#309	Jean Noschese
Fri. 1/18/19	\$25	#905	Donna Basile
Sat. 1.19.19	\$25	#528	Emiddio V. Ippolito
Sun. 1/20/19	\$50	#786	Walter Brennan
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Tues. 1/22/19	\$25	#191	Diane & Terry Coumou
Wed. 1/23/19	\$25	#782	John Egan
Thurs. 1/24/19	\$25	#825	Helen & Charles Beissel
Fri. 1/25/19	\$25	#424	Donna & Vincent Gerardi
Sat. 1/26/19	\$25	#782	John Egan
Sun. 1/27/19	\$50	#295	Kathleen Chin
Mon. 1/28/19	\$25	#978	Marilyn & Joe Amodio
Tues. 1/29/19	\$25	#849	Keith & Lois Christianson
Wed. 1/30/19	\$25	#102	STM Outreach—Gift of John & Carol Siedlecki
Thurs. 1/31/19	\$25	#838	Al & Eileen Weidig
Fri. 2/1/19	\$25	#736	Sal & Teresa Ferraro
Sat. 2/2/19	\$25	#770	Al & Eileen Weidig

Sun. 2/3/19	\$50	#498	Ed & Madeline Drobinko
Mon. 2/4/19	\$25	#549	Diane M. Valette
Tues. 2/5/19	\$25	#657	Joanna LaMarr
Wed. 2/6/19	\$25	#314	Ross & Marie Bracco
Thurs. 2/7/19	\$25	#766	Adele Bullis
Fri. 2/8/19	\$25	#541	Lorraine Toomey
Sat. 2/9/19	\$25	#230	Jim & Joan Murphy



Annual Telethon

The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, February 9th from 2PM -10PM and Sunday, February 10th from 12PM to 10PM. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the Catholic Faith Network Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.cfntv.org

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High School



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Jessie Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
David Chester	Andrew Lombardi
John Chester	Lt. Clint Lorance
Nicholas Chester	Scott Lovelock
Theresa Chester	Andrew Lynch
Eddie Cullum	Troy A. Maida,
Eric Cullum	William Maley
Adam Cussen	Thomas Migliara
David Cussen	Tim Morris
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Bryan Figueiredo	Thomas Nichols
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Mike Foltz	Michael Polanski
Michael Gioia	Kyle Rathje
William Gregory	Antonia Marie Rivera
Carl F. Greiner	Ann Karen Sanchez
Philip Gudone	Justin Schneider
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Sidor
Sean Hendrikson	Ryan Smith
Kevin Ilyichenko	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.

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OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(Feb. 9/10)	(Feb. 16/17)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Bala
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Bala	Fr. Fred

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of February 3, 2019 \$6,833.25

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.

TRIP TO THE BRITISH ISLES



Please join Pat Chapin for a meeting on \ **Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm** in Kirwin Hall to discuss her forthcoming trip to the British Isles.

For information call 631-672-4402.

Thank you!



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How to Crush Religious Freedom - Part 2

Homeschooling Targeted

Virginia: Loudoun County Public Schools school board is seeking State legislation to alter the religious exemption of thousands of homeschooled children by requiring families to find, "an alternative public, private, parochial and/or approved home instruction setting." Under the school board's proposal, the district - not the parent - would determine the definition of a "satisfactory education." "This action is very disturbing because it means that the school district wants new ways to control religious-exempt families," said Senior Counsel to Home School Legal Defense Foundation. "Parents must be empowered to educate their children according to their faith."

Nationwide, over 1.5 million students, age 5-17, are homeschooled. Over 2/3 of parents cite concerns about the environment of other schools and dissatisfaction with academic instruction as reasons for homeschooling. Over 50% of parents want to provide moral or religious instruction.

Religious Schools Targeted:

New York: Leaders of religious schools in New York state are alarmed by the new guidelines from the state's Dept. of Education. Since 1897, a statute directed non-public schools to educate students as they see fit provided students receive "substantially equivalent" education to the public schools. The State Ed. Dept. has now issued a decree that gives local public school boards broad power to inspect, oversee and intrude upon the independence of private religious schools.

Two Orthodox Jewish educators wrote that these guidelines are a shocking power grab by secular forces. They "empower local school boards to evaluate private schools and to vote on our right to continue educating our students." The new curriculum requirements demand "so much time that it crowds our Torah study, our sacred mission."

"There is no protection against government officials who are hostile to religious schools or who just want to eliminate the competition," wrote Ed Mechmann, Catholic Archdiocese of N.Y. "One can only imagine the kinds of curricula and materials that school boards could mandate - such as the wicked sex education required in the N.Y. City public schools, which includes graphic instruction on sex

and gender ideology as young as kindergarten." (responsiblehomeschooling.org; 1.cbn.com, 12/8/18; lifesitenews.com, 12/6/18; archny.org, 12/14/18; judicialwatch.org, 1/28/19)

"As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Par. 2229)



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 the Meeting Room. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

We will meet on February 11, 2019. The book for discussion will be **The Orphan's Tale** by Pam Jenoff—
Facilitator: Jo Garvey

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE
(Not totally inclusive)

Wednesday—February 13

2pm—Catholics for Freedom of Religion—Meeting Room

Thursday—February 14

2:30pm—New York Blood Drive—Walden Hall

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir—Church

Friday—February 15

9:00 am—Alpha Reunion—Walden Hall

Saturday—February 16

6pm—Old -Fashioned Football Wedding—

St. Vincent DePaul —Kit/WH/KH

PARISH OUTREACH



“Give us this day our daily bread”

Apple Sauce
Baked Beans
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Canned Tuna **
Cereal **
Crackers & Cookies
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Peanut Butter
Jelly **

Tomato Sauce
Coffee (Reg. & Instant)
Tea **
Juice
Parmalat Milk **
Tissues
Paper Towels **
Toilet Paper **
Shampoo
Toothpaste **
Laundry Detergent **

**** We are in great need of these items as we often run low on them.**

**Outreach is open
Monday to Thursday
10:00 am to 2:00pm**

Phone: 631-234-3149

Outreach provides assistance with food, provides referrals and information to other agencies to meet various family needs and other emergency assistance.

Non-perishable foods may be left in the bins at the entrance to the Narthex. We are always grateful for your generosity!

MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE

*The RCIA Team has answered God's call
To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life.
The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation
As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.*

RCIA stands for “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.” Just as it takes an entire village to raise a child, it takes the gifts of an entire loving, playful community to make a committed Catholic Christian. The RCIA team is comprised of committed individuals who are entrusted to share our faith with those adults who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian, and to help lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

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

Goal	\$1.0 Million
Total Pledged	\$1,031,554
Paid to Date	\$ 793,418
% of Cash Received	77%
# of Gifts	506
% of Goal	103%

Our Goal is Surpassed! Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

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!

If you have any questions about your pledge payment schedule, please call Andy White at 516-607-3635.

Courtesy Announcements

(First Notice)

“MOMS” - Program for Women - Ministry to Moms Sharing - 7:30pm - 9:30pm - Tuesdays— Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, Mar. 5 & 12. St. Joseph Renewal Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave, Bay Shore, NY . Offering of \$100 includes materials. Call 631-647-8683 for questions and to register.

(Second Notice)

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons **New Member Orientation Meeting. Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30pm at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY. Non-Denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME.** Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For Further Information, please call Carol at 516-795-4933 or Fran at 516-889-5790.

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Office of Faith Formation
Diocese of Rockville Centre
and
Catholic Cemeteries

Bereavement
Conference
For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them

theme
**GRIEF IS...
A JOURNEY**

Saturday, March 30, 2019
ST. PATRICK PARISH, HUNTINGTON
9:00am to 3:00pm

Conference is for the bereaved and those who minister to them.

For more information about the Conference and all Bereavement services, support groups, and programs available, please visit
www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement

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)

2018 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2018 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

Please return to the Rectory for 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 Charities—many positions both full time & part time available— check Employment Bulletin Board outside Walden Hall for complete list.

Per Diem Driver—Chemical Dependence Services—Commack

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

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

Panera--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drivers. & Van Drivers. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

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.

The Garage—Drivers & Delivery—To deliver orders PT.

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.

THE LEVEL 2 CONFIRMATION RAFFLE



WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!!



Amount Raised = \$2,663

**Donated to: The Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation
To End Child Labor**

Heartfelt thanks to all that contributed!!!!



RUN FOR



**TOMORROW'S
HOPE®**
FOUNDATION

5K

& FUN RUN

Join Tomorrow's Hope Foundation and Long Island Catholic Elementary schools for the 4th Annual 5K & Fun Run for Tomorrow's Hope Foundation

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:30 AM Fun Run Start | 9:00 AM 5K Start

450 Franklin Avenue & Fourth Street, Garden City

Hosted by St. Joseph School

Visit <https://www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org/events> to sign up, learn about sponsorship opportunities, registration and more!

The mission of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools. The Tomorrow's Hope Foundation gives hundreds of children each year the opportunity to attend Catholic elementary school.



Blood Drive

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

Thursday, February 14th

2:30pm – 8:30pm

115 Kings Hwy. Hauppauge, NY 11788

Church Auditorium

**In honor of National Heart Month, HAVE A HEART!
Donate Blood! Save up to 3 Lives!**

**For more info & to make an appointment, contact: Michelle Torres
mtorres@nybc.org**

💧 Eligibility Criteria 💧

Bring **Donor Card or ID**. Minimum Weight: 110lbs.

No New Tattoos for past 12 months. Age 16 – 75

(16 year old's must have parental permission)(76 year old's and

Above will need a doctors note)

Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids

For questions concerning medical eligibility:

www.nybc.org | **1-800-933-2566**

Long Island Blood Services





*St. Vincent dePaul
invites you to a Valentine's Celebration*

*Join us for an
"Old-Fashioned Football-Style"
Wedding*

February 16, 2019 • 6pm

*Dinner, Wine, Soda, Beer, Desserts & Coffee
\$20 per person (Children 12 & under \$10)*



*Featuring:
Raffles & Baskets
Wedding Sandwiches
Dancing and Our Usual Surprises*

*at St. Thomas More Church
Get tickets in the Narthex following Mass*

For info call: Jo Garvey 631-265-2753



**ST, THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTE
COUNCIL #6062
115 KINGS HIGHWAY
HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11788
631-806-4628**

LADIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL.

WE ARE EXTENDING AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ST THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTES;

YOU MUST BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC WOMEN 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

WE MEET EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

SOME OF OUR FUNCTIONS INCLUDE A FOOD DRIVE TWICE A YEAR AND OTHER FUND RAISERS DURING THE YEAR SUCHES AS SUPER MARKET BINGO AND NIGHT AT THE RACES.

WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN KNIGHT'S OF COULEMBUS FUNCTIONS WHEN AND WHERE WE ARE NEEDED.

WHAT WE NEED ARE WOMEN WITH A HEART, THAT WANT TO HELP THE NEEDY AND TO SET EXAPLES FOR OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE THE REWARDS CAN NOT BE MEASURED!!!!!!

THANK YOU,

**Willy ferrara
PRESIDENT**



GENERAL APPLICATION

AUXILIARY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

I.D. # _____

LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

INITIAL _____

FORMER NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____

STATE OR PROVINCE _____

COUNTRY OR ZIP CODE _____

AREA CODE _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

OCCUPATION _____

NAME OF PARISH _____

ARE YOU A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC

YES NO

PREVIOUS COLUMBIETTE AFFILIATION

NAME OF LAST AUXILIARY _____

LOCATION _____

CITY _____

STATE OR PROVINCE _____

DATE OF WITHDRAWAL/SUSPENSION _____

REASON: _____

DATE OF TRANSFER: _____

REASON: _____

I hereby certify on my honor as a Columbiette (Knight of Columbus) that I am acquainted with the above applicant, that I know her to be a practical Catholic and that I unqualifiedly endorse her as desirable and worthy of membership in the Columbiettes. I believe her statements in the foregoing application to be true. I hereby witness her signature.

I DO FURTHER DECLARE AND AGREE:

a. That I have read this application in its entirety and am fully acquainted with its contents and that each and every statement and answer by me made herein is true, and that the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Columbiettes, hereinafter called the Order, and of any Auxiliary thereof of which I may at any time be a member, which are now in force or which may at any time hereafter be duly made or enacted, shall be binding upon me.

b. That the decision of the Board of Directors of the Order, or their successors in office, shall control in all matters of dispute between the Order or any Auxiliary or any officer or member thereof and myself relative to membership of the obligations of membership.

Proposer's Signature _____

Signature of Applicant _____

AUXILIARY SECTION

- * NEW MEMBER (Date of First Degree Must Be Included)
- * TRANSFER (Dates of Degrees Must Be Included)
- * REINSTATEMENT (WITHIN ONE YEAR) (Dates of Degrees Must Be Included)
- * READMISSION (AFTER ONE YEAR) (Dates of Degrees Must Be Included)
- * HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP (Dates of Degrees Must Be Included)
- * WITHDRAWAL CARD (Dates of Degrees Must Be Included)
- DEATH _____ DATE _____
- CHANGE OF NAME Former Name _____
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS Former Address _____

PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ONLY

Date of Acceptance _____

PRESENTLY SERVING AS:
DISTRICT DEPUTY OR OFFICER
AUXILIARY, CHAPTER, STATE

DATE _____ FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____

SIGNATURES _____

PRESIDENT _____

PRESIDENT _____ FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____
(SIGNATURES OF ACCEPTING AUXILIARY)