

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent



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

March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10: 8-13
Luke 4: 1-13

Saturday, March 9

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Judith Ellen Lentino *by her parents*

Sunday, March 10--First Sunday in Lent

8:00am Casano Antonio & Dr. Darius Anton Holmes, MD
by Dr. Bertram A. Holmes

9:15am Joseph Pirrotta *by Michael &
 Florence Acqafredda*

10:45am Thomas Byrne *by the Horigan & O'Sullivan
 families, Elvira Ferrante by Louise Doyle &
 Lauren Brown, Clyde Lynn by Joe &
 Marilyn Amodio, Frank Moretti by Sharon &
 George Moulton, Ellen Rodenhuis by
 Kathryn Schook*

12:15pm Vincent Pavlic *by Maria Pavlic*

Monday, March 11

9am Joseph Maruschak *by the Horigan family*

Tuesday, March 12

9am People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 13

9am People of the Parish

Thursday, March 14

9am People of the Parish

Friday, March 15

9am Christopher Weidig *by Eileen & Al Weidig*

Saturday, March 16

9am Bernard Mundy *by the Mundy family
 (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5:00pm Sophie Pankus *by Al Pankus*

Sunday, March 17--Second Sunday in Lent

8:00am Bernice Kluse *by Jim & Pat Dugan*

9:15am People of the Parish

10:45am Mary Reilly *by her family*

12:15pm Rose Mary Chamberlain *by the Monacchio family,
 Stephen Edward Coleman by Laura Alicastro &
 Vincent DeRosa, Michael DeVito by Marie Drago,
 Edith Lucchi by Maryellen & Ralph Drewes,
 Linda Olhson by the Castaldo family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9: 28B-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you were awed by God.
2. When you "listen to him" these days, what is Jesus saying to you?
3. Relate a time when God reached you when you were in a dark place.

Family and children's question:

What gets in the way of listening to Jesus and doing what he says?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A young man was buying a shirt in a department store. The shirt label said, “Shrink Resistant.” He asked the clerk what that meant. The clerk said, “The label means that the shirt will shrink, but it doesn’t want to.” This explains exactly the meaning of temptation. Temptation wants to shrink us but we don’t want to. On this first week of Lent, the Gospel narrates the story of Satan tempting Jesus. Satan tries at least three times to reduce/shrink the real identity of Jesus.

First Temptation: Jesus would not reduce himself to Satan’s suggestion of using His divine power to appease His bodily hunger. Rather He would employ his power for the better purpose of living by the Word of God, because He (man) does not live by bread alone but by the Word of God. He would not reduce His hunger to bread alone but develop a hunger for the Word of God.

Secondly Jesus is invited to possess the universe and lord over it as Satan does. Jesus refuses to reduce his life to that of possessing but explains to Satan that His mission is to serve and make people realize the presence of God pervading throughout this material universe.

In the third temptation, Jesus rejects Satan’s idea saying that He surely knows and loves His identity of being the Son of God and doesn’t need to test God in order to believe it. During Lent we pray and meditate on how our temptations can shrink us and reduce our identity. Jesus invites us to journey with Him during these forty days of Lent to realize and live our original God-given identity as children of God. Temptation is the moment of choice. We either reduce our identity or raise up to live our true identity of a child of God. Living our identity empowers us to resist temptations.

Fasting: Lent engages us in these three spiritual activities: Fasting, Praying and Alms-giving. We often ask ourselves or others, “What do you give up for Lent?” Giving up is not merely an act of denying something we like. Rather it is a spiritual exercise/invitation to experience within ourselves a spiritual reality better/richer/tastier than the thing we have ‘given up’. We fast in order to grasp the truth that we live not by bread alone (the thing we give up) but by the word of God (our spiritual reality which the Word of God revealed to us). This is the meaning of the Lenten practice of abstinence (avoiding meat on Lenten Fridays) and Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Praying: Whenever we pray by whatever form (vocal prayers, reciting the Rosary or meditating in silence) we try to discover our true God given identity. In prayer we free ourselves from what science or politics or any human opinion describes who we are. In prayer the presence of God reveals to each of us our original identity, purpose and meaning of life and the joy of living it.

Alms-giving: Let us not belittle ourselves. We seldom realize that we can be more generous than what we are at present, because we have not yet experienced our inner immeasurable abundance. We always define our strength with measurable time, treasure and talent. We come up with the excuse of “no time”, “no energy” or “not my cup of tea”. By the spiritual act of Alms giving we try to live our abundance. Jesus reminds us that our inner power of loving is so abundant that it can make us generous even to laying our life for the sake of the other.

May our **Fasting** invite us to hunger for our spiritual identity. May our **Praying** make us realize our original God-given identity. May our **Alms-giving** make us live our immeasurable inner abundance.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
 Deacon Robert D. Weisz
 Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
 Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico
Religious Education
 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.

LEVEL 1 FIRST COMMUNICANTS AND PARENTS

The Religious Ed Office would like to remind parents that all children enrolled in Level 1 First Communion and their families are invited to fellowship after the 9:15, 10:45 or 12:15 Masses on Sunday, March 17, 2019. These fellowships are a continuation of those held this past Fall. Please plan on attending one of the fellowships since our intent is to bring families together whose child is undergoing the Level 1 process of preparing to receive our Lord. Please indicate the Mass and fellowship you and your family will attend.

Family Name _____

Attending Fellowship:

After 9:15 _____ 10:45 _____ 12:15 _____

Family Members attending _____

***Please return to Religious Ed Office by
March 13, 2019***

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of March 3, 2019 \$6,161.25

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019

as of February 25, 2019

Our Parish Goal \$70,100.00

Pledges to date \$10,975.83

Percentage of Goal 15.7%



Inspired by the life and message of Jesus Christ, artists have endeavored to capture the magnificence of His ministry among us.

On Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm, the STM Choir will present

“The Lenten Sketches”

Save the date and come to our presentation as a prelude to Holy Week services. Come see and hear His beautiful “portrait of grace”. The focus will be on important scenes in the last days of Christ’s life.

Wishing you a holy Lenten Season.

God Bless you
Emilia S.

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for the week of March 3—9, 2019

Sun.	3/3 /19	\$50	#767	Joseph Fratamico
Mon.	3/4/19	\$25	#877	Matthew Weiner
Tues.	3/5/19	\$25	#787	Louise Soldo
Wed.	3/6/19	\$25	#553	Dorothy Lossani
Thurs.	3/7/19	\$25	#738	Maryann & Ralph Rantz
Fri.	3/8/19	\$25	#257	STM Outreach—Gift of Elizabeth Kane
Sat.	3/9/19	\$25	#306	Jordyn Weiner

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Kevin A. Kane. Marie Kane Hanisch, Jonathan Reardon, Rocco Zappia, Harold A. Hyman, June E. Dutton, Eusebio (Peppy) Perez, Elvira Mary Du Britz, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	John Karies
Jessie Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
Collin Busto	Andrew Lombardi
David Chester	Lt. Clint Lorance
John Chester	Scott Lovelock
Nicholas Chester	Andrew Lynch
Theresa Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Collin J. Crean	William Maley
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Eric Cullum	Tim Morris
Adam Cussen	John Nachtman
David Cussen	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Nicholas W. Flanary	Michael Poist
J.T. Foltz	Michael Polanski
Mike Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Michael Gioia	Antonia Marie Rivera
William Gregory	Ann Karen Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Gudone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Singer
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.

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

Facebook

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

Instagram

[STTHOMASMORECHURCH](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasmorechurch/)

- [stmreligious](https://www.instagram.com/stmreligious/)
- [stm_yg](https://www.instagram.com/stm_yg/)

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SpiritualOrientations.com

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

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OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

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

Q & A

(A new section answering questions often asked)

Q: What is Gospel?



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Gospel means “Good News”.

The Gospel proclaims Jesus’ birth, Baptism, public life — what he did and said— His death, Resurrection and

Ascension into Heaven. The

main purpose of the Gospel is to make the reader believe in Jesus than merely to know the History of Jesus. We have four Gospels written by four different people. They are Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Of the four, Matthew and John are the Apostles who followed Jesus. Mark is a disciple of Peter, the head of the 12 Apostles. Luke is the follower of Paul, who was personally called to be an Apostle by Jesus after His Resurrection.



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Jesus had 12 Apostles. Only two of them wrote the Gospel? Did any other Apostles write the Gospel?

We have ancient texts of a few other Gospels supposed to have written by other Apostles, such as the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Judas, Gospel of Peter, and Gospel of Andrew. When the 4th century Church had to settle for the set of books Christians regard as divinely inspired, they choose Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; the other Gospels of their time were eliminated from the list of Revealed (Canonical) books.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



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from *Catholics for Freedom of Religion*

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Anti-Semitism Increasing in America and Europe *Silence in the face of Evil, is itself evil.*"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pastor and holocaust martyr

Even though the U.S. is considered among the least anti-Semitic countries in the Diaspora, hate crimes rose 57% in 2017 according to the Anti-Defamation League. Jews make up only 2% of the U.S. population but faced more physical attacks than all other religions combined. In October, 2018, the deadliest attack on a Jewish community in the history of the U.S. was in Pittsburgh when a gunman killed 11 worshippers in a synagogue.

The Boycott, Sanction, and Divestment (BDS) movement against the country of Israel is gaining attention across the country. Two newly elected House members support the BDS movement, are close followers of anti-Semitic minister Louis Farrakhan and openly express anti-Semitic views in Congressional hearings.

Ant-Semitism is rising sharply across Europe as France reported a 74% increase in offenses and Germany said the number of violent antisemitic attacks surged by more than 60%. The UK, Belgium, Sweden, and the Netherlands also saw increases in incidents.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27, was established by the United Nations in 2005 to promote Holocaust education and is the date of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Marking the 74th Anniversary of this day, the White House said, "Six million Jews were systematically slaughtered in horrific ways. Nazis also enslaved and murdered Slavs, Roma, gays, people with disabilities, religious leaders, and others who opposed their cruel regime....the brutality of the Holocaust was a crime against men, women, and children. It was a crime against humanity. It was a crime against God."

Sadly, recent surveys show many adults lack basic knowledge about the genocide and since 2017, anti-Semitic cases were reported in all 50 states.

* 52% of Americans said incorrectly that Hitler came to power through force.

* 41% of Americans, 66% of millennials (ages 23-38) don't know what Auschwitz was.

* 22% of millennials said they had never heard of the Holocaust.

(businessinsider.com,1/27/19; theguardian.com,2/15/19; usatoday.com,10/28/18; washingtonpost.com, 10/27/18; dailycaller.com,1/24/19)

"To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all."
Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor



*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 March 11, 2019. The book for discussion will be: **Lilac Girls** by Hall Kelly—
Facilitator: Caroline DeSantis.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Monday—March 11

2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room

7pm—Adoration—Church

Wednesday—March 13

2pm—Catholics for Freedom of Religion—Meeting Room

7:30pm—Columbiettes Monthly Meeting—Walden Hall

Thursday—March 14

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

Friday—March 15

11am—Knights of Columbus—Kitchen

Saturday—March 16

2pm—K of C St. Pat's food prep—Kitchen,

6pm—Kof C St. Pat's Dinner/Dance—WH/KH/Kitchen

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!

Parish Lenten Project

This year's Lenten Project is dedicated to supporting *General Needs, LTD*, a distribution agency that has made it their mission to provide the basic necessities of life (items such as t-shirts, socks, underwear, etc.) to the nearly 5,000 homeless Veterans living on Long Island. *General Needs* is a not-for-profit agency that relies solely on donations and fundraising to complete their mission.

St. Thomas More has committed to supporting *General Needs* through monetary donations as well as donations of new t-shirts, socks, underwear, toiletries, and feminine products. Our bulletin board in the Narthex describes all the items that are needed and you will be able to choose a cross from the Lenten Tree with items for purchase.

Please deposit purchased items in the box in the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the Lenten house in the Narthex.

As always, we thank you for your support and generosity during this Lenten season and throughout the year.

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)

St. Catherine of Siena—Blood Drive—Thursday, March 28— 7-8 pm—Lower Level, St. Vincent Conference Room at St. Catherine of Siena Medical Office Building (52 Route 25A). Free Valet Parking. For more info. call 631-862-3523 or e-mail maryellenmccrossen@chsli.org

Free Irish Language Classes in Babylon begin 3/20/2019. The Gerry Tobin Irish Language School's new semester of free, weekly Irish Gaelic classes begins **Wednesday, March 20, 2019** at the AOH Irish Cultural Center, 27 Locust Ave., Babylon, NY. To register, just show up! The Absolute Beginners class is held from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced classes are held from 8pm to 9pm. The Advanced Workshop is from 9pm to 10pm. All classes are held Wednesday evenings. All are welcome! If you already know Irish and want to teach, beidh fáilte romhat! For details about the school, see www.scoilgaelige.org

(Second Notice)



AARP is offering free tax preparation service by IRS certified volunteers at the Hauppauge, Commack, Kings Park, Central Islip and Connetquot Libraries and the Smithtown Senior Center. You do not have to be a member of the AARP, nor do you have to be over 50 years old to use this service; it is available to everyone. Just call your library or the senior center to make an appointment.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2019.

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 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.

St. Thomas More is a 40 Days for Life Parish!

YOU are needed to help with our Parish Lenten Sacrifice
please pray and fast on Mondays through Lent!

You can help protect mothers and children
by joining this worldwide campaign to pray and
fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and
community outreach, 40 Days for Life has
inspired 750,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in
23 coordinated campaigns:

- **15,256 babies** saved from abortion
- **186 abortion workers** converted
- **99 abortion centers** closed

Here's how you can help in our
40 Days for Life prayer campaign

1. Prayer Vigil – pray on sidewalk in front of
Planned Parenthood building, 70 Maple Ave.,
Smithtown, NY 11787. (Park in public lot,
corner of Main St. & Maple Ave. near CVS.)
Please bring your rosary and a friend!

Hours: 7 am to 7 pm on Mondays* during Lent

Important! Please sign up for your hour(s) each
week at: 40daysforlife.com/Smithtown

2. Holy Hour – adoration and prayer at
St. Thomas More, Mondays at 7:00 pm

* St. Thomas More is committed to covering all 12 of our assigned prayer vigil hours on each Monday of Lent. If Mondays don't work for your schedule you may select any other day that is convenient.
Online sign up is at: 40daysforlife.com/Smithtown



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH RETREAT
March 26, 26, 27, 2019—7:00 pm
S. Pat Duffy, OP

MONDAY: **What to Do When There is Nothing You Can Do**

TUESDAY: **Finding Peace**

WEDNESDAY: **God's Gift of Healing**



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



EASTER April 21, 2019

FILLED CANDY BASKETS NEEDED
FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!



CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

BASKETS ARE NEEDED BY THE WEEK OF April 1st

IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

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

HAMS, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, VEGETABLES, FRUIT,
DESSERTS, COFFEE/TEA

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.





We Are Called to Serve

As we approach Lent and the celebration of our Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, we are reminded that Jesus calls us to service.

Today, Jesus's call for you to serve is to consider and respond to St. Thomas More's critical need for new Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers.

Our Eucharistic Ministry includes joining with clergy to administer the Blessed Sacrament during Mass, to the home bound, and to those in nursing homes or residential settings.



Our Lectors read from Old Testament and New Testament passages during Mass. They have a workbook and audio readings for preparation. Our lectors proudly span across generations of our parish family - from eight to eighty nine years old!



Our Altar Servers assist clergy during Mass and other liturgical services. Our Altar Servers will be credited community service hours. Deacon Matt Surico will provide training for new Altar Servers at St. Thomas More.

Scheduling for EM's, Lectors, & Altar Servers

- *Easy establishment of preferred Masses and dates you wish to serve as well as providing unavailable dates through the free MSP phone app*
- *Requests for substitutes for assigned services easily done through MSP phone app*
- *Reminders of scheduled services through MSP phone app & email.*
- *Families will be scheduled together to avoid conflicts.*

Liturgical Ministry Training Spring 2019 dates and locations are listed in the bulletin. Please contact the Rectory if you are interested in joining St. Thomas More Liturgical Ministries. 631 -234-5551; rectory@stmli.org

>> Lenten Journey of Hide and Seek

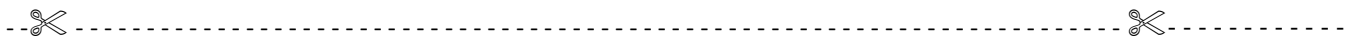
Come to an out of the way place and
experience a day of reflection,
renewal and rest

Where: Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma

When: March 20, 2019—10:00am to 2:30pm

Donation: \$40.00 - covers hospitality and hot lunch

Presenter: Patricia Chapin



Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Food allergy: _____

Make check payable to Pat Chapin. Registration limited and needs to be returned to the Religious Education office by March 11, 2019.





We love having you as part of our flock!

Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text

This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time.

There are 2 easy ways to connect (pick one):

- 1 Visit our church at:
flocknote.com/StThomasMore29 - - - OR - - -
- 2 Text **SpiritofLove** to 84576
from your phone to subscribe to updates.

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt.

For Lent this year we have exclusive access to the teachings of Bishop Barron's **Word on Fire** classes for free. We will be able to send you links through **Flocknote** to watch any of his classes or videos. You can watch these throughout Lent at your own pace on your own time. At **wordonfire.org** you can also get your own Lent Reflections booklet for free.

WORD
on FIRE



ST. Thomas More

Msgr. Francis S Midura

Council 6062

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16. 2019

Following the 5 PM Mass

All are invited with their families to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner as part of the Council's Annual Holiday Party. The cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Fare for the evening will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes and carrots along with my homemade Irish Soda Bread, beer and soda. Provisions will also be made for Irish Coffee.

Tickets will be available after all masses in the Narthex Starting February 23th.

March 15 is the deadline for reservations. Any questions feel free to contact me.

Ed Rogan, PGK

Email: eroganjr@verizon.net

631-366-1085



**Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Spring 2019

BASIC TRAINING for all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

SPECIALIZED TRAINING for those EMHCs intending to work with the sick (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, homebound) – **Contact the Office of Faith Formation.** (516) 678-5800 x 223. (N.B. *Basic Training must be taken prior to registering for Specialized Training*)

LECTOR TRAINING for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session.

Dates, times, locations for BASIC TRAINING and LECTOR TRAINING:

Nassau– Sat., 2/23 @ St. Christopher’s, Baldwin (9:00AM-12:30PM)
Suffolk– Sat., 3/9 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM) **English** (Community Hall)
Suffolk- Sat., 3/9 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM) **Spanish** (Parish Center)
Nassau– Wed., 4/3 @ St. Christopher’s, Baldwin (7:00-10:00PM)
Suffolk- Thurs., 5/23 @ Saint Elizabeth, Melville (7:00-10:00PM) – Msgr. Kane Hall

Fee for BASIC TRAINING session: \$30 per person.
Fee for LECTOR TRAINING session: \$20 per person.

NOTE: One may attend *either* BASIC TRAINING or LECTOR TRAINING, but *not* BOTH for a given day listed above.

(1) To register for BASIC TRAINING: Ask your pastor to write a letter requesting the training for every person attending. The letter should indicate the date, time, and place of the training session requested. Letters should be submitted to: **Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571, Attn: Ministry training.**

(2) To register for LECTOR TRAINING, fill out the slip below and mail it to the Office of Worship.

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*Registration form for the Diocesan **Lector** Training*

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Parish: _____ Town: _____

Check session: Feb.23 Mar.9-English Mar.9-Spanish Apr.3 May 23

Mail to: **Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.**

Contact Gina Imperioli at the Office of Worship with any questions: (516) 678-5800 x 504.