



Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 17, 2019

Second 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 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**

### **Saturday, March 16**

*(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 Olhsen *by the Castaldo family*

### **Monday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

### **Tuesday, March 19—St. Joseph**

9am People of the Parish

### **Wednesday, March 20**

9am Robert Licandro *by Valerie Licandro & family*

### **Thursday, March 21**

9am People of the Parish

### **Friday, March 22**

9am Barbara F. Hegner *by Frederick Hegner*

### **Saturday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

9am Harold Hyman *by Patricia Frederick*

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5:00pm Anna LoCastro *by Christine & Kevin Donnelly*

### **Sunday, March 24--Third Sunday in Lent**

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

9:15am Joseph M. Rot *by wife, Maria M. Rot & family*

10:45am Marie Kane Hanisch *by Katharine L. Kane*

12:15pm Margaret Bennett *by Matthew &*  
*Eileen Faughnan*

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

**March 24, 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**  
**Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11**  
**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Luke 13: 1-9**

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply,

"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?"

By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener,

'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'

He said to him in reply,

'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Relate a time when someone you know blamed God for a misfortune. How did you respond?
2. Related a time when you doubted God's love when you were suffering.
3. Describe a time when you trusted God even though bad things happened to you.

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

Talk about a person who had strong faith in God even though they didn't have an easy life. How does that person inspire you?

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**It's easy to get mixed up with four-year olds in church.** This particular four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets." None of us are trash baskets that trash can be thrown into each other's basket. The second week of Lent invites us to realize our spiritual identity as God's chosen children.

**The First reading narrates how God uplifts Abraham** from his despair. God strengthens his faith and makes a covenantal relationship promising that he would not die childless, but be the father of a nation and a country.

**The Second reading explains** that our identity is not what our lowly and "shameful" body defines us to be. In the light of the Gospel, Paul invites us to see in each of us what happened to Jesus' body. As Jesus showed His glorified body to His disciples on the mount during the transfiguration, we who believe in Jesus and walk in His way and truth will not end our story on earth but journey with Jesus as citizens of heaven.

**Our body is not a basket that collects** trash throughout life and ends in trash. Likewise no human body is to be treated as trash. God chose us to be His chosen children in Baptism, as God expressed in today's Gospel. Let us treat each other with God-given dignity. Let us try to live our dignity in our human body. Let us pray that this Lent would help us appreciate this God-given dignity in all human persons in all stages of life.

**Sunday Evening Mass:** In order to help young families attend Mass on Sunday, we are beginning, on a trial basis, to celebrate evening mass once a month on Sunday. This Mass would be on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. Please spread the news and encourage young families to come and worship with us.

**This year's Lenten Project is to support General Needs**, a distribution agency that provides basic necessities of life to more than 5,000 homeless veterans on Long Island. This includes items such as t-shirts, underwear, and toiletries that are distributed directly to these men and women who have given their service to us and our country. More information about how you can help can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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.

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of March 10, 2019 \$6,532.50

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 March 5, 2019

**Our Parish Goal** \$70,100.00  
**Pledges to date** \$13,145.83  
**Percentage of Goal** 18.8%



### Upcoming Workshops March 2019

#### Foccus — Facilitator Training

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip  
 Monday, March 18 and Thursday, March 21, 2019  
 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm *Or*  
 Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### Bible How To for Catechists

Our Lady of Grace, Babylon  
 Thursday, March 28, 2019  
 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

#### Bereavement Conference 2019

St. Patrick Parish, Huntington  
 March 30, 2019  
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### Retreat Day for the Elect of 2019

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington  
 March 31, 2019  
 2:00 pm to 6 pm.

For more information or to register online, please visit  
[www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)



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 10—16, 2019

Sun.	3/10/19	\$50	#503	Walter Brennan
Mon.	3/11/19	\$25	#764	Mary Ellen Skrzypek
Tues.	3/12/19	\$25	#619	Helen Barbarito & Peter Stouffer
Wed.	3/13/19	\$25	#288	James Cussen
Thurs.	3/14/19	\$25	#746	Alexis LoVerde
Fri.	3/15/19	\$25	#469	Aidan Gungel
Sat.	3/16/19	\$25	#188	Yolanda Schweers



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



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jaclyn Aloï	Sharon Mills
Jean Barz	Marie Minutillo
George Bein	Tony Montalbano
Bernadette	Ellen Murphy
Pam Bertin	Joan Nachtman
Mary Bien	Jean Noschese
George Bien	Patricia OConnell
Janice Bini	Beatrice Okorn
Jean Blaney	Justin Olsen (3 years old)
Peter Bongiorno	Arlene P
Lisa Bravo	Piper Palmiera (5 years old)
Pamela Brosnan	Al Pankus
Donna Caragol	Barbara P
Kathy Calandrella	Joseph P
Barbara Cappisillo	Robert Pawluk
Kathy Capuano	Joan Perks
Patricia Cirone	Frank Procaccini
Bobbie Cizon	Diane Rantz
Ellen Cleary	Maura Reddy
Marilyn (Porter) Collins	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
John Colosi	Leland Reid
Joey Cullum	William (Bill) Rudden
Walt Drechsler Jr.	Victoria A. Russo
Thomas J. DuBritz	Bob Sauchelli
Mary Ann Foley	Teresa Scarlato
John J. Foley	Elyse Schrage
Thomas Bernard 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	

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Kevin A. Kane. Marie Kane Hanisch, Jonathan Reardon, Rocco Zappia, 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](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)

## 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](http://www.stmli.org)

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

### Facebook

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

### Instagram

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

- stmreligious
- stm\_yg

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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)

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

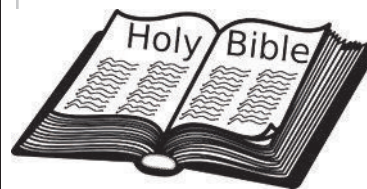
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	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(March 16/17)	(March 23/24)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafolo
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Antony
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony

## Q & A by Fr. Antony

(A section answering questions often asked)

### Why are certain parts of the Bible called ‘The Book of..., Gospel of ...and Letters of ...?’



The word “Bible” comes from the Greek word “BIBLOS” (meaning book or record). The Bible is a one Big book containing many small books, recording/narrating the

deeds and word of God with various human beings starting from Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses, the people of Israel, prophets and finally through God’s own Son, Jesus Christ. ( Hebrew 1:1-2) In this general sense all the parts of the bible are called a book. Certain books are called after the persons through whom God enabled His redemptive history, e.g. Book of Judges, Book of Samuel, Book of Kings, Book of Ruth.. In the case of Prophets, since God directly revealed to them what they should do or say, their writings are called after their individual names e.g. prophecy or book of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Amos....

**In the New Testament**, the first four books are the Gospels, translating the Greek word (“Euangelion” meaning Good News). The Gospel of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John, narrate what Jesus did and said, his passion death, Resurrection and Ascension.

The fifth book of the New Testament is called the Acts of the Apostle narrating the spread of the church through the ministries of St. Peter and St. Paul. The last book is called the Book of Revelation figuratively describing the end of the world and the Heavenly Jerusalem.

The rest of the books are letters of the Apostle Paul to his churches, like the church in Corinth, Thessalonica etc., and those of the Apostles Peter, Jude and John to their Church.

## **CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION**



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

Focus on Religious Freedom

from Catholics for Freedom of Religion

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

### **Worldwide Religious Freedom Under Siege**

Religious freedom for minority religions suffered significant oppression in many countries according to reports from **Human Rights Watch** and **Aid to the Church in Need** *Religious Freedom in the World 2018*.

- Persecution of Christians worldwide is "today worse than at any time in history"
- Tibetan Buddhists, Falun Gong, and minority Muslims are persecuted
- Nigerian Muslims are waging ethnic cleansing against Christians
- Muslims were driven out of Myanmar in ethnic cleansing
- 50,000 Christians are in prisons and labor camps in North Korea
- Hindu groups in India are attacking Christians and Muslims
- In China, one million Christians and Muslims are in re-education camps
- Egypt, Turkey, and elsewhere persecute Christians
- Sunnis and Shia Muslims are attacking each other (religious-freedom-report.org; americamagazine.org, 8/24/18; dailysignal.com, 9/12/18)

***"The right to religious freedom is innate to the dignity of every human person and is fundamental to the pursuit of truth."***

President Donald Trump - Religious Freedom Day proclamation, Jan. 16, 2019



*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 at 2:30 pm on April 8, 2019 for book selection. Please bring a book that you would like to Discuss and facilitate.

#### ***THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE***

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**Sunday—March 17—Hospitality with Rel. Ed.**

**Monday—March 18**

7pm—Adoration—Church

8pm—Cursillo Men's Prayer Group—Meeting Room

**Wednesday—March 20**

5pm—K of C Social Meeting—Walden Hall

7:30pm—Columbiettes Monthly Meeting—Walden Hall

**Thursday—March 21**

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

**Friday—March 22**

12:30pm—Young at Heart—Kitchen/Walden Hall

### **YOUNG AT HEART**

On Friday, March 22, 2019 at 12:30 pm, we will have a Guest Speaker on Community Medicaid.

You do not have to be impoverished for benefits. Come and be informed. All are welcome.

*Anna Beltrani*  
631-234-0714  
631-943-9272

## **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”*

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

**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)*

**Widowed, Divorced, Separated & Single Catholics of Long Island**—new member orientation—Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 pm—St. Frances de Chantal Church (rectory basement, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh). Non-Denominational—All are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$25. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol—516-794-4933 or Fran 516-889-5990.

**Long Island Catholic Youth Day—“To the Heights”—March 30, 2019—9:30 am—4:30pm**—St. Anthony’s High School—275 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY—\$25 per participant. L.I. Catholic Youth Day calls teens and youth ministries together from all over the island to pray, engage, learn, and celebrate our Catholic faith. The day will feature Mass, Adoration, Confession, dynamic speakers, breakout sessions, interaction with religious orders and lay affiliates, great music, lunch, and even some recreation time. Open to all teens currently in grades 8-12. All teens must be registered with a parish or school group, and accompanied by an adult chaperone. Please contact [youthministry@drvc.org](mailto:youthministry@drvc.org) or [eteixeira@drvc.org](mailto:eteixeira@drvc.org) with any questions. Registration now open—register at <https://tinyurl.com/y8d3e8e5>

**50th Year Class Reunion**—The 1969 graduating class of Bishop Reilly High School, Fresh Meadows, NY, is holding a 50-year reunion. If you are a member of this class, or know someone who is a member of the class, please contact the Committee at [ReillyReunion50@gmail.com](mailto:ReillyReunion50@gmail.com)

*(Second Notice)*

**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.scoilgaeilge.org](http://www.scoilgaeilge.org)

**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](mailto:maryellenmccrossen@chsli.org)

### **PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —**

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:  
Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY’S DATE:

*(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)*

### **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- Altar Server
- Usher
- RCIA
- Lector
- Consolation Minister
- Rosary Altar Society
- Caring for Altar Plants
- Adult Lending Library
- Hospitality
- Greeter
- Liturgy with Children
- Eucharistic Minister
- Landscaping/Planting
- Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

### **REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST**

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

- I/we would like to register in the parish.
- Please send contribution envelopes.
- I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)*

### **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.





Birthday Blessings

to Adriana Darcy, Daniella Feigenbaum, Olivia Samson, Eamon White whose birthdays we celebrated at Mass on Sunday, March 10, 2019.







Our Parish 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 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.

How can we help?

1. **Monetary donations:** Our Lenten house can be found in the Narthex for any donation you would like to make. *General Needs* will use that money to purchase items they distribute to the Veterans.
2. If you would rather purchase items to donate, they are in need of the following items:

**Men's NEW Packaged:**

Crew Socks – 5/6 pack  
(white or black)

Underwear – 5/6 pack  
Size: M/L/XL/2XL/3XL

Tee-shirts – 5/6 pack  
V-Neck or Crew Neck

**Women's NEW Packaged:**

Sports Bras – Individual  
Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL

Underwear – 5/6 pack  
Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL

Feminine Hygiene Products

**Toiletries – FULL SIZED**

3. *General Needs* is always looking for volunteers to help pack items at their distribution center in East Northport. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please indicate your name, phone number, email, and availability. Someone from the parish will contact you with further information. This is a great opportunity for religious ed classes or families!

## 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](http://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](http://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.

