

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 24, 2019

Third 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 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**

### **Saturday, March 23** (*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*

### **Monday, March 25—The Anunciacion of the Lord**

9am Mickelson & Williams Families *by  
 Barbara Mickelson*

### **Tuesday, March 26**

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr. *by  
 Charles Potuzak*

### **Wednesday, March 27**

9am People of the Parish

### **Thursday, March 28**

9am People of the Parish

### **Friday, March 29**

9am Intentions of the Celebrant

### **Saturday, March 30**

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

(*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*)

5:00pm Thomas Buongiovanni *by the McNeill family,*  
 John M. Hughes *by the McNeill family,*  
 Anna LoCastro & Augie Vrondis *by  
 Laura Giordano, Harold Hyman by Kevin &  
 Michele Cloke, Michael Mlodynia by Rick &  
 Diane Auspaker, Frank Moretti by Barbara &  
 Joe Cassetta, Maryann Overton by the McNeill f  
 amily, Elena Siebel by Tom & Fran LaFauci,  
 Catherine Wray by Barbara & Joe Cassetta,*

### **Sunday, March 31--Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

9:15am People of the Parish

10:45am Kevin A. Kane *by Katharine L. Kane*

12:15pm People of the Parish

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

**March 31, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Joshua 5:9A, 10-12**  
**Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
**Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

For the Gospel reading, please refer to your Bible—Luke Chapter 15 verses 1-3, 11-32.

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Which person in the story are you the least like?
2. What is your reaction to the mercy of God?
3. Describe a time when you forgave someone who you thought did not deserve it.

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

Talk about the importance of forgiving each other.

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Great-aunt Lucy was losing her hearing.** A specialist suggested an operation to improve her hearing. But she promptly vetoed the idea, saying: "I'm ninety-four years old and I've heard enough." Have you ever felt like Great-aunt Lucy when your mind was cluttered with numerous contrary opinions, "Yes I've heard enough!" Lent is calling you to Divine Peace and to calm down your thoughts and emotions with divine strength.

**The first reading describes how Moses was called** from his disturbing past to enter into the peaceful and empowering divine presence. It turns Moses into a new person with a new mission in new vigor.

**Today's Gospel admonishes us to stop judging others** and start repenting in order to see how each one of us can become more fruit-bearing trees. Whenever anything bad happens in nature or in society we spend more time to find out who/what should be blamed. The Gospel invites us to be a part of the solution. People are like the fig tree. We are encouraged to be its gardeners to make the fruitless tree bear fruit by cultivating and fertilizing it. Our mission is not to condemn and cut down the tree, but to cultivate and make it bear fruit.

**Let us take the advice of St. Paul from the second reading**, "let us not grumble... let us take care not to fall." Let us be fed by Christ and drink from the rock of Christ in our life journey. Let us come to Christ and pray to Him "Yes Lord we have invented enough tools of opinions and emotions to judge and hurt each other. May this holy season of Lent make us rest in you and regain the strength to bring peace in our hearts and around us."

**Sunday Evening Mass:** In order to help young families attend Sunday mass, we will be beginning, on a trial basis, to celebrate Sunday evening mass once a month. It 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.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** was well attended and we experienced the fellowship of family and friends in the name of St. Patrick. May St. Patrick intercede for our parish family enriching us with God's strength and peace. The Parish whole heartedly thanks Ed Rogan PGK, who worked hard and coordinated with the knights to throw this family-oriented party.

**Our Parish gratefully appreciates the parents** of the Confirmation candidates and First communicants for having brought the children for the masses this past weekend. They all had a great family time praying together in the church during the masses and later in Walden Hall during hospitality time. We thank all those who baked cakes and Irish soda bread for Hospitality. We encourage parents to give this family-spiritual experience to their children every Sunday.

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 17, 2018 \$ 6,495.00

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 18, 2019

**Our Parish Goal** \$70,100.00  
**Pledges to date** \$17,910.00  
**Percentage of Goal** 25.5%



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 17—23, 2019

Sun.	3/17/19	\$50	#183	Mary Grace Marin
Mon.	3/18/19	\$25	#365	Pat Chapin
Tues.	3/19/19	\$25	#932	Andy & Kathy Turano
Wed.	3/20/19	\$25	#710	Maureen Fallona
Thurs.	3/21/19	\$25	#9	Bill & Lori Rudden
Fri.	3/22/19	\$25	#797	Matt Hegner
Sat.	3/23/19	\$25	#576	Maria Rotolico



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.



The Office of  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

STAY CONNECTED  
[drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

### Upcoming Workshops

#### 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 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Retreat Day for the Elect of 2019

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

For more information or to register online, please visit

[www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jaclyn Aloï	Edward McManus
Jean Barz	Sharon Mills
George Bein	Marie Minutillo
Bernadette	Tony Montalbano
Pam Bertin	Ellen Murphy
Mary Bien	Joan Nachtman
George Bien	Jean Noschese
Janice Bini	Patricia OConnell
Jean Blaney	Beatrice Okorn
Peter Bongiorno	Justin Olsen (3 years old)
Lisa Bravo	Arlene P
Pamela Brosnan	Piper Palmiera (5 years old)
Donna Caragol	Al Pankus
Kathy Calandrella	Barbara P
Barbara Cappisillo	Joseph P
Kathy Capuano	Robert Pawluk
Patricia Cirone	Joan Perks
Bobbie Cizon	Frank Procaccini
Ellen Cleary	Diane Rantz
Marilyn (Porter) Collins	Maura Reddy
John Colosi	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
Joey Cullum	Leland Reid
Anne DiGiacomo	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	

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

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)

**PASCHAL CANDLE**

*Please contact the Rectory if you wish to donate towards the Paschal Candle, either in your name or in memory of a loved one.*



## 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

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- 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

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(March 23/24)	(March 30/31)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafolo
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred

## Q & A by Fr. Antony

(A section answering questions often asked)

### Is the Bible one book or many books?

The Bible is 'One Book' in the sense that it narrates God's redemptive History from Creation to the end of the Universe and God's reign in Heaven. It has two parts; each part has many small books. The first part is called 'Old Testament' or 'Hebrew Testament' as it is written in Hebrew. The second part is called 'New Testament' or 'Greek Testament' as it is written in Greek. The Old Testament contains God's deeds and words with humans from Creation to the arrival of Jesus. The New Testament speaks about the birth of Jesus, His ministry, Passion, Death and Resurrection, the time of the early Church and the end of human history.



### How many books are there in the Bible?



The Catholic and Orthodox Bibles have more books in number than the Evangelical (Protestant) Bibles. Regarding the New Testament all churches have the same number of books, **27 books** (the four Canonical gospels, Acts of the Apostles, 21 Epistles or letters and the Book of Revelation). But the Churches vary in the number of Old Testament books.

The Catholic Bible consists of a total of 46 books in the Old Testament whereas the Protestant Bible consists of a total of 39 books in the Old Testament. Catholic Bibles remained unchanged following the Reformation and so retained "seven books" that were "rejected principally" by Martin Luther King. The seven extra books found in the Catholic Bible are the books of **Tobit, Judith, Maccabees, 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch**. Catholic Bible = 73 books. Protestant Bible = 66 books.

## **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)

### **Teacher Forces Student to Remove Ash Wednesday Cross**

"It was really bad," said 4th grader William McLeod. "I felt like I was in trouble."

The Utah student had attended an Ash Wednesday Mass at his Catholic Church and had an ash cross placed on his forehead to mark the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer and penance that Christians observe before

Easter. William's teacher asked him about the ashes cross and when he explained it, she said it was "inappropriate" and to "take it off" with a disinfectant wipe.

William's grandmother reported that being forced to wash off the ashes in front of his classmates left him crying and embarrassed when he went to the principal's office.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE NOT GOD-FREE ZONES and the right to religious expression in public school is protected by the First Amendment.**

Section 8524 of the July 31, 2018 amended Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 **requires that, as a condition to receiving federal funds, the local School District must certify annually, in writing,** that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies, participation in constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression in public schools.

([usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com), 3/7/19; [cnn.com](http://cnn.com), 3/8/19; [nbcnews.com](http://nbcnews.com), 3/7/19; [www2.ed.gov](http://www2.ed.gov))



*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 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)*

**Monday—March 25**

7pm—Parish Lenten Mission

**Tuesday—March 26**

7pm—Parish Lenten Mission

**Wednesday—March 27**

7pm—Parish Lenten Mission

**Thursday—March 28**

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Choir Reh.—Church

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## **PARISH OUTREACH**

“Give us this day our daily bread”



Apple Sauce  
Baked Beans  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables

**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)*

**WANTED:** 2002-2005 SUV AWD/4WD, preferably Jeep Liberty. For Father Corneille Boyeye for use in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on annual visits. Offer to be based on condition. Call Father @ 872-214-3524.

*(Second 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)

**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.





Miss Patti, Miss Lois and Emma work with the Kindergarten and Pre-K children.



**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Mass and Hospitality for the Confirmation candidates and children who will be receiving First Communion





The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Youth Ministry presents:

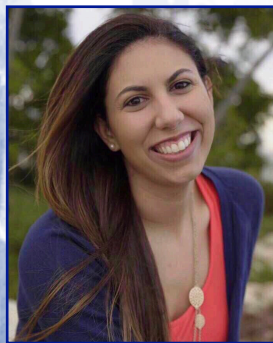
# LONG ISLAND

# CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

*"To the Heights!"*



Most Rev. John O. Barres,  
Bishop Rockville Centre



Mari Pablo, Guest Speaker



Rev. Pierre Touissant, CFR  
Guest Speaker

***Registration now open!***

## Long Island Catholic Youth Day

March 30, 2019

9:30AM-4:30PM

St. Anthony's High School

275 Wolf Hill Road

Melville, NY 11747

\$25 per participant

**Register here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/y8d3e8e5>

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.



**ST. THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTES**

**PRESENTS**

**NIGHT AT THE RACES**

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

**6:00PM – 10:30PM**

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

**115 KINGS HWY., HAUPPAUGE**

**CONTRIBUTION \$20 PER PERSON**

**\*\*\*\*\*SUPER HERO, SALADS, DESSERTS**

**SODA, WINE & COFFEE/TEA\*\*\*\*\***

**FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION**

**: PLEASE CONTACT:**

**WILLY FERRARA AT 631-806-4628**

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



**LAST RACE IS FOR THE  
TRIPLE CROWN**



**DONATE A CAN OF FOOD AND RECEIVE A FREE RAFFLE TICKET**





**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for all their hard work for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, and to all those who helped in so many ways at this event.

We also thank those who participated and made the evening a lot of fun.



*Photos: Courtesy of Joe Gill*



## 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**



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 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.

