



Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord



**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***

**April 21, 2019**

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

**Acts 10: 34A, 37-43**

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

**Colossians 3: 1-4**

**John 20: 1-9**

### **Saturday, April 20**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

7:30pm Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday

Easter Donors, Easter Mass Remembrance &  
Easter Flower Donors

### **Sunday, April 21--Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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

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

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

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

### **Monday, April 22**

9am Judy Granville *by the Granville family*

### **Tuesday, April 23**

9am Mary San Filippo *by the Cherubino family*

### **Wednesday, April 24**

9am Gina Gabriel *by Marie Utter*

### **Thursday, April 25**

9am Aida Hurtado *by her family*

### **Friday, April 26**

9am Catherine & Joseph Babits *by Marie Utter*

### **Saturday, April 27**

9am James Passanisi *by Andrew & Rhonda Tortorici*  
*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Helen P. Bagdonas *by Al Pankus*

### **Sunday, April 28--Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

8:00am Anita P. Ilardi *by Marie & Jim Marsala*

9:15am John Degnan *by Caryn, Anthony, Justin &  
Kayla DeCristofaro*

10:45am Salvatore Basile *by Donna Basile, Marie Kane  
Hanish & Kevin A. Kane by Emilia & the Choir,  
Jim Papazissimos by Marilyn & Joe Amodio*

12:15pm Vincent Pavlic *by Maria Pavlic*

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

**April 28, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**Acts 5:12-16**

**Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-2**

**Revelation 1:9-11A, 12-13 17-19**

**John 20: 19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Describe a time when, like Thomas, you demanded a sign before you believed.
2. What fears keep you locked up these days?
3. How has doubt played a role in your faith development?

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

What do you do to make someone smile? This week try to smile at the people you see in school.

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Happy and Blessed Easter to all.**

The Gospel of Matthew says that Joseph of Arimathea took down the body of Jesus from the cross and laid it in his own new tomb. Someone asked him, "That was a great tomb. Why did you give it to someone else to be buried in?" "Oh", said Joseph, "He needed it for the weekend."

**When the women went to the tomb** on Sunday morning, they found the tomb open. The angel said to them "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." The message of joy and hope on Easter morning is "Life is more powerful than death." Death and tomb cannot hold life hostage. Jesus is risen. One should not look for life in the place of death because life has conquered death. Easter invites us to be hopeful in all times of despair, even in death.

**Easter promises and encourages** that life can never be restrained or chained even when the body dies and falls down to the earth. For those who believe in Jesus, life is unending and everlasting. Let us rise with Jesus. Let us nail all our sufferings, despair and depressions to the Cross of Jesus. He will raise us. He will revive us. He will resurrect us with Him to unending joy and peace.

**I personally thank all** those who worked with heart and soul to make Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday a great spiritual and faith-filled experience of the mysteries of our faith.

*Those who decorated the Church* and altar, the various ministers who served in the liturgies, both on and behind the stage, and those who helped with their time, talent and treasure ..... all of you made the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord celebrative.

*Thanks to the Choir.* They elevated the liturgical ceremonies to a meaningful and joyful celebration as they always do.

*I appreciate all the volunteers* who served at the Outreach and Pantry. From your generosity, they served three bags of food and gift cards to over 60 needy families. You contributed from your heart an overwhelming number of Easter Baskets for children, and enough hams. God bless you all. Thank you the family of St. Thomas More for your hearty participation and support.

**It is Time again for Sunday Evening Mass: April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.** In order to help the young families attend Sunday mass, we celebrate mass once a month on a Sunday evening. For this month, it will be on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Last month it was well attended by many young families. I request you all to please spread the news and encourage young families to come and worship with us.

**The First Holy Communion** of our young men and women will be celebrated on the weekend masses. The following are the Communion masses- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. We appreciate everyone's understanding if their usual seat is not available at those Masses.

**Please mark your calendar for the volunteer appreciation party** on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. It is a dinner and dance evening for all our volunteers. The dinner is free; but please ensure your place by paying a \$ 20check which will be returned to you when you show up for the dinner. Cordial welcome to all our volunteers for the appreciation party.

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.

## The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

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

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

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

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

***Please Be Generous!***

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of April 14, 2019 \$8,574.50

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 April 8, 2019

Our Parish Goal	\$70,100.00
Pledges to date	\$21,220.00
Percentage of Goal	30.3%

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

	<u>This Weekend</u> (April 20/21)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (April 27/28)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	<b>No 5 pm Mass</b>	Fr. Antony
7:30pm	Easter Vigil: Fr. Antony	—
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafola	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Fred
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony

*We thank the following parishioners for their donations towards the Paschal Candle:*



**Ann & Louis Anatrella**

In Memory of Gina Gabriel

**Dottie & Phil Castaldo**

In Memory of Christopher & Marybeth Weidig

**The Genovese Family**

In Memory of Fannie & Sydney Glatzer

**Ralph Giambruno**

In Memory of Ralph & Mary Giambruno

**Thomas E. & Margaret Prunty**

In Memory of Thomas R. Prunty;  
Joan & James Hartnett

**Betty Vrondis**

In Memory of Augie Vrondis

**John & Arlene Zuzzolo**

In Memory of Anita Ilardi



*We also thank Teresa & Sal Feraro for their donation towards the Holy Water Bottles.*

**May God Bless you all for your generosity.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

ASB  
 Bernadette  
 Lisa Bravo  
 Lina Brennan  
 Pamela Brosnan  
 Paul Bruno  
 RoseMary Bruno  
 Barbara Cappisillo  
 Dona Caragol  
 Patricia Cirone  
 Marilyn Porter Collins  
 Walt Drechsler Jr.  
 Thomas J. DuBritz  
 Marilyn Gast  
 Jodi Casares George  
 Nikki Graham  
 John H  
 Paula Izzo  
 Alene J.  
 Joseph Jacklets  
 Jean Marsala Kieffner  
 Richard Lanna  
 Lauren Lossani  
 Laura Mansi  
 Marie Minutillo  
 Rosie Miranda  
 Joan Nachtman  
 Pete Noto  
 Arlene P.  
 Robert Romanelli  
 Theresa S  
 Roman Sankar  
 John Spadaro  
 Ida Trink  
 Chase Turano  
 Andrew J. Valentine  
 Andrew M. Valentine  
 Rose Valentino  
 Rosalind Warmuth  
 Diane Weisz

*We ask those who wish to have the sick listed in the bulletin to submit their names through the collection or drop the name(s) off at the Church Office. Please use the cut-out in the bulletin for your convenience.*

*This listing will expire on September 29, 2019*

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

James P. Hartnett, 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/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

### Instagram

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

- [stmreligiousd](#)
- [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)

## St. Thomas More

Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign

*“Grateful for our Past - Planning for our Future”*

Goal	\$1.0 Million
Total Pledged	\$1,036,024
Paid to Date	\$ 819,366
% of Cash Received	78%
# of Gifts	508
% of Goal	104%

**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.**

## CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

*Here are the winners for the week of April 14-17, 2019*

Sun.	4/14/19	\$50	#469	Aidan Gunsel
Mon.	4/15/19	\$25	#253	Ed & Mary Ann O’Gara
Tues.	4/16/19	\$25	#450	John & Bridget Siedlecki
Wed.	4/17/19	\$25	#509	Arthur & Kathryn Ultsh
Thurs.	4/18/19	\$25		Holy Thursday *
Fri.	4/19/19	\$25		Good Friday *
Sat.	4/20/19	\$25		Holy Saturday *

\*No Drawings on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

## **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)

### **Confession and Its Seal of Secrecy is Under Attack**

A new bill in California seeks to remove "penitential communications" - the most sacred relationship between clergy and penitent - in a formal confession. Currently, CA law carves out a narrow exception for information obtained during the Catholic sacrament of Penance and other religions' similar penitential rituals, which bind clergy to secrecy. **If the CA legislature enacts this bill, that exception would disappear and Catholic priests, bound by canon law not to disclose the contents of a confession, could face criminal prosecution and imprisonment for refusing to comply.**

The Catholic Code of Canon Law states: "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason." **The penalty for any priest who divulges anything heard in confession is automatic excommunication.** Since the Middle Ages it has not been unusual for priests to risk - and occasionally endure - martyrdom from secular authorities rather than break the seal as were several priests who were executed by militant secularists during Mexico's uprisings and Civil War in the 1920s and 1930s.

Catholics believe that confession is between the penitent and Christ with the priest representing Christ and able to talk to, advise, counsel, or simply listen to the person. When the person expresses sorrow for the sins confessed, the priest imparts Absolution.

Since 2003, other state legislatures have tried to force clergy to violate the seal of confession if he learns about child abuse during a sacramental confession. Although this is a very heinous sin, the priest is bound by the Church canon law, a much higher authority for him than state law. Maryland, Kentucky, Nevada, Florida, New Hampshire, and Louisiana all introduced bills that were eventually rejected.

(firstthings.com,3/18/19; thefederalist.com,2/26/19; bishop-accountability.org; catholic365.com,7/21/14)

**"The framers of the Constitution meant we were to have freedom OF religion, NOT freedom FROM religion."** Rev. Billy Graham



*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.

There will be no meeting in May. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 10th at 2:30pm. The book will be The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker; facilitator Adele Gibbons.

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.

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

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**Sunday—April 21 —Easter Sunday & Hospitality Sunday**

**Tuesday—April 23**

11:30am—Blood Drive—Walden Hall

**Thursday—April 25**

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Choir Reh.—Church

**Saturday—April 27**

6pm—Columbiettes Night at the Races—Kit/Walden Hall



**PARISH OUTREACH**  
“Give us this day our daily bread”



*Our current needs include:*

*Canned Fruit  
Crackers & Cookies  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly \*\*  
Tomato Sauce  
Coffee (Reg. & Instant)*

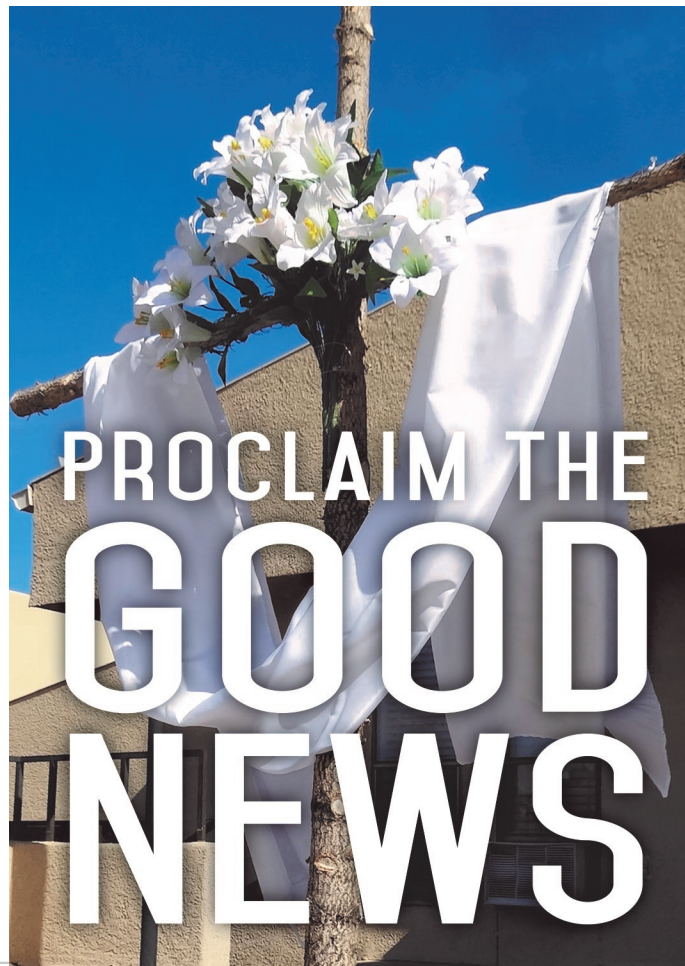
*Tea  
Juice  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Bar Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste\*\*  
Laundry Detergent*

\*\* We are in great need of these items as we often run low on them. We are **not** in need of bottled water at this time.

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

**Outreach is open Monday to Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM  
Phone: 631-234-3149**

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





## Q & A by Fr. Antony

### Why does the date of Easter vary each year unlike Christmas which is Dec. 25 always?

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. Jews celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses as we read especially in the Book of



Exodus. This event

would have taken place at about 1300 BCE.

Jewish Christians, the first to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, timed the observance in relation to Passover. Jesus himself celebrated the Jewish Passover as His Last Supper with His disciples. After this Passover meal He was betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane by Judas, followed by Judgement, Way of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection. Thus the Early church recognized Jesus's Passion, Death and Resurrection as the NEW PASSOVER that God enacted in

His Son Jesus, as God did in the past with His People Israel. So the New Testament Passover (Easter) is celebrated on the Sunday closer to the Old Testament (Jewish) Passover.

Easter sometimes happens earlier or later than usual. Easter in 2019 falls on April 21, which is on the later side. The early Christian Church at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. established that Easter's date would be the first Sunday after the first full Moon that takes place on or after March 21, the first day of spring, a date designated in that same decree. But because the lunar calendar isn't in sync with the Gregorian calendar — introduced by Pope Gregory in 1582 — the date of that full moon varies, and so, Easter's date varies too, falling on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

### What is the symbolism of Easter Bunny? Easter Eggs?



The real spiritual reason behind the symbolism of the Bunny is that the Rabbit or Hare went into holes in winter and began to come out of them when spring (life) starts. The running bunnies are the symbol of the end of nature that went into "dead" mode and is beginning "New Life". Jesus comes out of the grave conquering death and ending the reign of Sin. His Resurrection brings New Life, eternal Life.

The same spiritual truth is seen in the egg. The egg has all the potential to break open and let New Life spring. We all have within us the Easter Bunny

and the Easter Egg. New life is possible for us if we can break our shells and come out of our own selfish shelters.



**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 LITURGI-  
CAL 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/<br>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:

*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.*

**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)*

## 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.

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#### **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;
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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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

EASTER 2019

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday and, indeed, the entire Easter Season on Long Island, we remember the power of the Risen Christ so eloquently captured in the Resurrection narratives of the four Gospels.

These Resurrection accounts put us in the presence of the Risen Lord and open us up to his power. These narratives reveal the Risen Christ's glorified wounds.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus touch the wounds of the Church, the wounds of survivors of clergy sexual abuse, the wounds of our families and the wounds of the human family.

The power of the Risen Christ rolls back the stones of spiritual inertia and lukewarmness from our hearts, so that we can embrace a new and compelling spiritual vitality and commitment to advance *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

It is my role as your Bishop, as your successor to the Apostles on Long Island, and as your servant, to be a teacher of prayer. Every Pastoral Letter, every Catholic Faith Network *Encounter* program, every YouTube video, and every Twitter message I share with you, is designed to open us all to a deeper spirit of prayer, holiness and evangelization.

In my 2019 Lenten Letter, [www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org](http://www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org), *Encounter* program link: [https://youtu.be/AY\\_wYWE3b90](https://youtu.be/AY_wYWE3b90) I asked us all to recommit ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics who embrace daily *lectio divina*, the prayerful, daily reading and praying of Sacred Scripture.

In this 2019 Easter Letter, I am asking all of us to recommit to a period of daily silent mental prayer, a simple, heart to heart conversation with God. St. John Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars and patron saint of all Catholic priests, wrote: "Prayer is nothing but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness."

In our current noise-addicted and social-media addicted culture, it can seem almost impossible to commit to a serious period of silence and mental prayer each day.

In the past, we may have tried to be faithful and consistent to mental prayer but found we could not sustain it. We may have given up or become so discouraged that we no longer believe that we could ever be serious about mental prayer.

Father Walter Ciszek, S.J. (1904-1984), was a Polish-American Jesuit priest who was imprisoned for more than twenty years for doing missionary work in the Soviet Union. His cause for canonization is currently underway in Rome.

Father Ciszek wrote a memoir of his spiritual journey in which he explains how prayer saved him through his years in prison, in solitary confinement, and even in the Gulag. In the book *He Leadeth Me*, he makes the connection between deep faith and deep prayer: “We cannot pray as if we were talking to the empty air; so in the very act of praying we unconsciously remind ourselves of the reality and the presence of God, thereby strengthening our belief in him ... Without faith, our lives are just so many empty and boring routines, hollow at the core, as day succeeds day with little sense of meaning or feeling of accomplishment. With faith, however, even the most boring and routine action of every day has merit and significance for us – and for the kingdom of God.”

And so, each Easter, we all together humble ourselves and begin again. The power of the Risen Christ allows us a new beginning and opens us up to new vistas of conversion and spiritual growth.

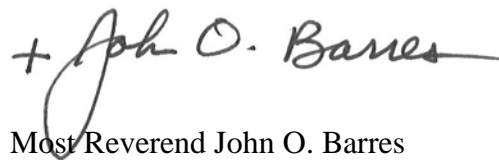
St. Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562) was a Spanish Franciscan friar who lived in the 1500’s and was a master of spirituality. Consider what this great saint said about how mental prayer transforms our lives: “In mental prayer the soul is purified from its sins, nourished with charity, confirmed in faith, and strengthened in hope; the mind expands, the affections dilate, the heart is purified, truth becomes evident; temptation is conquered, sadness dispelled; the senses are renovated; drooping powers revive; tepidity ceases; the rust of vices disappears. Out of mental prayer issues forth, like living sparks, those desires of heaven which the soul conceives when inflamed with the fire of divine love. Sublime is the excellence of mental prayer, great are its privileges; to mental prayer heaven is opened; to mental prayer heavenly secrets are manifested and the ear of God ever attentive.”

This Easter, may the power of the Risen Christ and the Gospel Resurrection narratives open us to the Holy Spirit expanding the height, depth and breadth of our daily mental prayer and our capacity for contemplative concentration.

May each one of us embrace our call as baptized Catholic Christians to not only pray at a deep level ourselves, but also to teach others to pray as well.

May the Holy Spirit continue to raise up contemplative missionary saints on Long Island!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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*Parish of St. Thomas More*

*Feast Weekend*

*“Dinner and Dancing Through the Decades”*

*Saturday, June 8th, 2019*

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<i>Please indicate quantity next to each color</i>				
<b>Wave Petunia</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$14				
<input type="text"/> Dark Blue	<input type="text"/> Lavender	<input type="text"/> Magenta (Purple)		
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$14 each = \$ _____				
<b>New Guinea Impatiens</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$14				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> White	<input type="text"/> Lavender	<input type="text"/> Salmon	
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$14 each = \$ _____				
<b>Balkin Geraniums</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$14				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> Pink			
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$14 each = \$ _____				
<b>Scaevola (Blue Only)</b> - 8" hanging pots - \$14				
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$14 each = \$ _____				
<b>New Guinea Impatiens</b> - 6" pots - \$8				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> White	<input type="text"/> Pink	<input type="text"/> Lavender	
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$8 each = \$ _____				
<b>Geraniums</b> - 6" pots - \$8 per pot				
<input type="text"/> Red	<input type="text"/> White	<input type="text"/> Blue Violet	<input type="text"/> Pink	<input type="text"/> Coral
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$8 each = \$ _____				
<b>Begonia (Mixed Only)</b> - 48 Plant Flats - \$14 per flat				
TOTAL ORDERED ABOVE "x" \$14 each = \$ _____				
<b>Petunias (Mixed Only)</b> - 48 Plant Flats - \$14 per flat				
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**Turn page over to complete order form**

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**St. Thomas More Spring Flower Sale 2019**

<b>Marigolds - 48 Plant Flats - \$14 per flat</b>		
_____ Large Yellow	_____ Large Orange	_____ Dwarf Mixed
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<b>Vegetables - 6 plants per pack - \$5</b>		
_____ Large Tomato	_____ Plum Tomato	_____ Cherry Tomato
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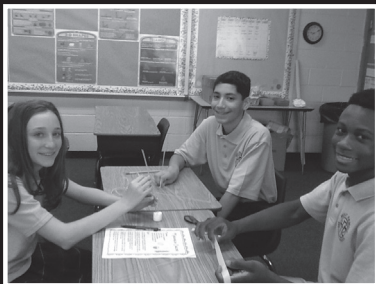
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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