



Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*You are the salt of the earth.*  
Matthew 5:13, ESV

**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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from us just text

**Spiritoflove** to 84576 or

sign up @

[StThomasMore29flocknotes.com](http://StThomasMore29flocknotes.com)

## ***Masses for this coming week***

February 9, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 58:7-10  
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

### **Saturday, February 8**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Janet Mallen *by Lynn & John Navarra*

### **Sunday, February 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Tatanya Hamermesh *by Michelle Eyring*

9:15am Thomas Byrne *by the Phelan family*

10:45am Richard Zymkoski *by Art & Kathryn Ultsh*

12:15pm Janet Mallen *by STM Outreach*

### **Monday, February 10—St. Scholastica**

9am Susan McCormack *by Susan & Richard Longo*

### **Tuesday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes**

9am People of the Parish

### **Wednesday, February 12**

9am Terri Hillebrand *by Bob Aberle*

### **Thursday, February 13**

9am People of the Parish

### **Friday, February 14—Sts. Cyril and Methodius**

9am Leo Ramos *by Aurora Ramos*

### **Saturday, February 15**

9am People of the Parish

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Marlene DiChristina *by the Sapugay family, Carol Falcone by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bie, Marianna Gissy by Marsha Augustyn, Doria Cecilia McCabe by Mary Lenzi, Elizabeth Occhiuto by Anthony Occhiuto & family, Charles Stepanek by Josephine Hauk*

### **Sunday, February 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

9:15am Jean Noschese *by the Harten family*

10:45am Margaret Nally *by Kathryn Schook*

12:15pm Josephine Caggiano *by Geraldine Covino*

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

February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sirach: 15:15-20  
Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10  
Matthew 5:13-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.*

But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.*

But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.”

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Recall some ripple effects you saw when someone followed the law of love.
2. Name an experience when you broke from what was expected of you.
3. How quickly or slowly do you forgive?

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

What stops you from calling someone a bad name?

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**First Hunter: How do you know you hit that duck?**

Second Hunter: Because I shot him in the foot and in the head at the same time.

First Hunter: How could you possibly hit him in the foot and head at the same time?

Second Hunter: He was scratching his head.

**Our words and deeds are like bullets from us.** We have the power to release them but we have no control on how they are going to hit the hearer. We may send them with a specific meaning but they can hit the hearer with a different meaning altogether, depending upon how the hearer receives them. Our words and deeds are poor media that they not only communicate in a limited way from our end; but they can also be received poorly or mistakenly at the other end.

**Today's Gospel invites us to employ our words and deeds** at the service of glorifying God, the Heavenly Father. Jesus wants us to use our words and deeds, not as means and instruments to justify or establish our individual selves. They are not merely instruments or media in our hands. They are our personal witnesses of God's glory. They are creative agents of inviting the hearers of our words and the beneficiaries of our deeds to experience God's glory in ourselves and in creation.

**That is the reason Jesus makes us aware** that "We are the salt" giving the taste of God to all who come in contact with us. Also Jesus wants us to be conscious that "We are the light" not to be hidden under a bushel giving light only to our selfish circle for our selfish motives. "We are the light of the world" to shine God's glory either on a mountain top or on a lampstand, each according to one's own capacity. Let us pray to be the salt and light of the world.

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, Director  
**Parish Outreach**  
Staffed by volunteers  
**Music Ministry**  
Emilia Savarese, Facilitator  
**Youth Ministry**  
Dan Haggerty, 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 **February 2, 2020** \$6,468.25  
Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019**

as of February 4, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,100.00
Pledges to date	\$41,199.25
Percentage of Goal	58.8%



**This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown.**

**Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org).**

**If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.**

## **OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

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



## **MINISTRY MATTERS AT ST. THOMAS MORE**

### **RCIA TEAM**

Our Purpose and Responsibilities

To share our faith with those who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian and to lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### **THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE**

Just as it takes an entire village to raise a child, it takes all the gifts and talents of a loving and prayerful community to make a committed Catholic Christian.

### **THEREFORE...**

We invite ALL Members of St. Thomas More to join us in praying for those seeking to join us in our Faith Community and welcoming those who are now on their journey to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### **THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE!**

## **LECTORS NEEDED**

St. Thomas More Church is looking for volunteer lectors to proclaim the Word of God at weekend Masses. If you are interested in this important ministry, please complete the form "Church Ministries" on Page 13 of this bulletin. Training will be provided. You may put the form in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory office.

Thank you.



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mrs. Altman, Angie, Arlene, ASB, Dottie B, Carmela Beltrani, Louise Beltrani, Bernadette, Patricia Brady, Lena Brennan, Pamela Brosnan, Barbara Cappisillo, Kathy Capuano, Dona Caragol, David Cartwright, Paul Connors, Eleanor & Michael Degen, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Jodi Casares George, Jerry Georgis, Anthony Giannelli, John Gilligan, Gina, Connie Giunta, John H, Angelina Harrington, Jacob Harrington, Olive Harrison, Tom H, Rita Hines, Laurie Holmes, Paula Izzo, Joseph Jacklets, Chris Kenney, Kevin Kenney, Shaun Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Jennifer Kort, Albert Kunz, Nicolas Lorusso, Lauren Lossani, Frances Madera, MaryLee Manfre, Maria, Rob McGurrin, Sharon Mills, Rosie Miranda, Kieran Mock, Ellen Murphy, Jim Murphy Sr., Joan Nachtman, Pat O'Connell, Beatrice Okorn, Barbara P, Brienne P, Joe P, Rainey Pappas, Richard Peymann, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Sue Rukchael, Carlene, Robert & Kim Shenowitz, Robert Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Robert Strommer, MaryAnn Tinger, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman, Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky

*This listing will expire on March 31, 2020.*



## Congratulations !

*The following were winners in the Super Bowl 2020 at STM:*

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	\$ 75	Fran Miron
Half	\$150	John Knosk
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	\$ 75	John Knosk
Final	\$200	Lenny Carlino
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	\$ 75	Phil
Half	\$150	Molly
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	\$ 75	Molly
Final	\$ 200	Joey Cash

Please call the Rectory at 631-234-5599 to pick up your winnings.

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Thomas Santangelo, Doria Cecilia McCabe, Marta Mayer, Gonzalo Zamudio, Antoinette Garguilo, Annelle McGill Newcomb, 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 or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. 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)

## To the Parents and Guardians of children in Grades 1 through 6:

It was with great pleasure and some trepidation that we presented the Child Lures Prevention Program for the second year to your children. We would like to thank Fr. Antony Asir, our Pastor for allowing us to present. Many thanks as well to all the parents and guardians who entrusted us with this task, for bringing your children to the program, encouraging them to participate and helping them to understand what we were attempting to accomplish. The students seemed most receptive to the activities we provided for them, were very responsive to the concepts and questions that were discussed and we thank them for their participation.

There are also many other adults who helped us accomplish our goal of giving our children of St. Thomas More tools to help keep them safe. Many thanks to our Social Worker and School Psychologist, Ann Russo, and Dr. Marti White who were available each evening to listen to any child who wanted to speak privately. Our Religious Education Staff, Linda Ronning, Joanne Anelli, and our Director of Religious Education, Mary Ellen Carrol, who were there each evening to assist us with registration and materials. This was a group effort and we are so pleased with the result. This continues to be a beginning opportunity. We ask our parents and guardians to add to the conversation with your children, go over the material in their booklets, use the Parent Guide which you received at the Parent meeting and pray with your children, that they continue to “*Think First and Stay Safe.*”

Sincerely,

Patty Citro and Laura Vigneaux

## ***YOUNG AT HEART***

Game day was enjoyed by all at the last meeting. The next meeting will be on Valentine’s Day, February 14th at 12:30pm. We will be having pizza, as well as coffee and cake.



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE***(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday—February 9—Hospitality Sunday**

12:15pm—Mass by Bishop John O. Barres

12:15pm—RCIA—Kirwin Hall

**Monday—February 10**

2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room

7pm—Talk-“Real Presence” by Dcn. Matt—Mtg.Rm.

**Tuesday—February 11**

7:30pm—Young Adult Ministry—Kirwin Hall

**Wednesday—February 12**

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Meeting Room

7pm—Columbiettes Meeting—Walden Hall

**Thursday—February 13**

5:30pm—Children’s Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

**Friday—February 14**

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

**Saturday—February 8**

7pm—SVdP Music Night—Kit/WH/KH

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The following young parishioners have achieved an honor roll average during the first trimester at Chaminade High School ;

**Freshman:** Matthew P. Masaitis

**Sophomore:** Nicholas J. Barshay  
Anthony DeMonte  
James J. Kiley

**Senior:** Connor P. Heslin



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

Register Online [WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG](http://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG)

**Training Of Volunteers In The Ministry To The Sick**

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Consolation Nursing & Rehab Center, West Islip**

Saturday, February 8 and 15, 2020

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS****Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry -**

*A workshop addressing the changing cultural landscape in our Faith Formation Programs.*

**St. Frances Cabrini, Coram**

Thursdays, February 13, 27; March 12, and 19, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Or

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**

Mondays, February 10, 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Basic Religious Studies Course Series****St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset**

3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

**Old Testament**

Mondays, February 24; March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

**FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE**

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





**Focus on Religious Freedom**  
[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

**Administration Committed to  
 Ensuring  
 Religious Organizations a Level Playing Field**

"Faith-based groups should have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field as they seek to partner with the federal government to provide critical social services," said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "These proposed (new) rules protect religious liberty, a core constitutional right..."<sup>(1)</sup>

On Religious Freedom Day, the administration issued 9 rules to protect freedom by eliminating burdensome requirements, issued in past years, that unfairly imposed unique regulatory burdens on religious organizations. Federal agencies, including the Dept. of Labor, must now ensure that the grant-making practices of state recipients of Federal funding comply with the First Amendment.

Religious freedom has been an ongoing concern in recent years as anti-faith groups have brought litigation against faith-based nonprofits and privately owned companies. These opponents of religious freedom have created much confusion by suggesting that it is illegal or even unconstitutional, for religious organizations to participate in federal contracts simply because they choose to operate in accordance with their faith. The end result was a distortion of law that put religious contractors at a distinct disadvantage. Many of them had to make an untenable choice: continue operating in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs or violate their conscience just for the opportunity to compete for a federal contract.

**"From its opening pages, the story of America has been rooted in the truth that all men and women are endowed with the right to follow their conscience, worship freely, and live in accordance with their convictions. On Religious Freedom Day, we honor the foundational link between freedom and faith in our country and reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the religious liberty of all Americans."**

President Trump, Proclamation, Jan.16, 2020.

(Religious Freedom Day 2020 Proclamation; first liberty.org; christianheadlines.com, 8/15/19; daily signal.com, 8/14/19; White House press release; (1) usccb.org/news)

***"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature."*** Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father



*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.

Our next meeting will be on February 10, 2020 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng—  
 Facilitator: Marie Hanna

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.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL**

### **Websites**

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

<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmlyouthhauppauge>

### **Facebook**

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

### **Instagram**

STTHOMASMORECHURCH

• stmreligiousd

• stm\_yg

### **Email**

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Outreach:

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Dan Haggerty:

[youthminister@stmli.org](mailto:youthminister@stmli.org)

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)



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



Our current needs include:

Canned Fruit	Coffee/Tea**
Tomato Sauce**	Soup** (18-22 oz)
Canned Tomatoes**(28 Oz)	Macaroni & Cheese
Jelly**	Boxed Milk**
Canned Vegetables**	Cereal**
Mustard/Ketchup	Pasta
Spaghetti**	Peanut Butter**
Individual Canned Meals	Liquid Laundry Detergent**
(i.e., Chef Boyardee)	Shampoo
Tuna**	Toothpaste

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

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**

**Everyone Counts – Census 2020**

**Why does the Census matter?** It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. It's also about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

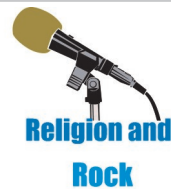
About \$675 billion reasons. The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

For more info, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." By these words he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by joining our Conference, and/or by giving a donation to our Conference. Call 631 648 2760 for more information



Tune into “**Religion and Rock**” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Chanel* and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

This Sunday’s theme is **Relationships**, don’t miss it! Next Sunday’s Theme (February 16th) is **Leadership**. To listen online or receive more information regarding **Religion and Rock** go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at “Religion & Rock” on *ITUNES*.

Don’t forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)

Thank you to all who participated in the Basket Raffle—our Level II Confirmation students raised **\$3,133.00** for Charity: Water



## Annual Telethon

The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2PM -10PM and Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 12PM to 10PM. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese.

Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment.

Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the Catholic Faith Network Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).

**Diocese of Rockville Centre**  
*Healing after Abortion*



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**Day of Prayer and Healing for Women**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

Please register by Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information and to register please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org) or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). All information will remain confidential.

***COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*(First Notice)*

**Marian Healing Mass—St. Anastasia's Church—45-14 245th St., Douglaston, Little Neck, NY—Tuesday, February 11, 2020. 7pm—Rosary, Mass and Healing Service.** Celebrant: Fr. Augustine Fernando, assisted by Deacon Michael Vicinanza. Music: Al Barbarino. For information contact St. Anastasia's Church at 718-631-4454.

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles** A social organization for single persons— New Member Orientation Meeting **Tuesday February 18th at 7:30 PM** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building)

**Bereavement Support Group—St. Mary's Parish, East Islip—8-week support group for adults coping with the death of a loved one—Registration required. Group begins Tuesday, March 10, 2020 fro 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments included. To participate in this group. Death must have occurred prior to December 10, 2019. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory at 621-581-4266 ext. 101.**



***CONGRATULATIONS to the following 2020 Calendar Club Winners  
January 1 to February 8, 2020***

Jan. 1, 2020	#578	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Marie Utter (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)</b>
Jan. 2, 2020	#900	\$25	Elaine Mocchia
Jan. 3, 2020	#623	\$25	Marti & John White
Jan. 4, 2020	#106	\$25	Lois Mohlenbrok
Jan. 5, 2020	#487	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Al Pankus</b>
Jan. 6, 2020	#842	\$25	Vincent & Donna Gerardi
Jan. 7, 2020	#430	\$25	Joan & Jim Murphy
Jan. 8, 2020	#852	\$25	Mary Grace Marin
Jan. 9, 2020	#200	\$25	Don & Judy Persia
Jan. 10, 2020	#121	\$25	Kevin & Laurie Holtje
Jan. 11, 2020	#198	\$25	John & Bridget Siedlecki
Jan. 12, 2020	# 54	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Allison Tonry</b>
Jan. 13, 2020	#554	\$25	Gail Audiino
Jan. 14, 2020	#478	\$25	Walter Brennan
Jan. 15, 2020	#342	\$25	Jacklyn & Jim Cotgreave
Jan. 16, 2020	#692	\$25	Veronica Young
Jan. 17, 2020	#266	\$25	William Stepanek
Jan. 18, 2020	#442	\$25	Ellen & Don Cleary
Jan. 19, 2020	#685	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Curt R. Keely</b>
Jan. 20, 2020	#864	\$25	Chris & Jeannine Gungel
Jan. 21, 2020	#395	\$25	Elizabeth Hansen
Jan. 22, 2020	#389	\$25	James P. McGuire
Jan. 23, 2020	#388	\$25	Angelo & Mary Joan DiFrancisco
Jan. 24, 2020	#798	\$25	Richard Soldano
Jan. 25, 2020	# 23	\$25	Louise Soldo
Jan. 26, 2020	#966	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Dolores &amp; Ken Fensterer</b>
Jan. 27, 2020	#342	\$25	Jacklyn & Jim Cotgreave
Jan. 28, 2020	#782	\$25	Lou & Diane DeBenedittis
Jan. 29, 2020	#566	\$25	Mal & Rita Malavet
Jan. 30, 2020	# 12	\$25	The Beisels
Jan. 31, 2020	#927	\$25	Chris & Gert Hirsch
Feb. 1, 2020	#568	\$25	Aurelie & John Hendry
<b>Feb. 2, 2020</b>	#429	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Marina Napolitano</b>
Feb. 3, 2020	#153	\$25	Phyllis Ann Ehrhardt
Feb. 4, 2020	#563	\$25	Clara & Tom Datre
Feb. 5, 2020	#342	\$25	Jacklyn & Jim Cotgreave
Feb. 6, 2020	#370	\$25	Marie Utter
Feb. 7, 2020	#522	\$25	Maria J. Lilly
Feb. 8, 2020	#248	\$25	Mary Ellen Skrzypek

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

Name::

Address:

Phone:

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

**2019 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/we would like a record of our 2019 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

*Please return to the Rectory for 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

**Aides at Home Inc.** Home health aides and personal care aides— part & full time. Will provide free certification training. Call Suzanne Dunn at 516-641-2273.

**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

**New Beginnings Pre School in Hauppauge**—needs an Infant and a Toddler Teacher—631-360-0039

**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.

**US Census Bureau**—Census takers for the 2020 Census.. Paid training. Flexible hours, \$23.50 per hr. Contact 1-855-JOB-2020.

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.





## *We Are Called to Serve*

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

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

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

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

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

### *Scheduling for EM's, Lectors, & Altar Servers*

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

**Liturgical Ministry Training Spring 2020 dates and locations will be listed in the bulletin. Please contact the Rectory if you are interested in joining St. Thomas More Liturgical Ministries. 631-234-5551; [rectory@stmli.org](mailto:rectory@stmli.org)**

# St. Thomas More Breakfast Club

Celebrates with Don Wieman at Atria Hertlin Place Brunch



It is with great appreciation for many years of blessed friendships that I thank you for joining me in this wonderful Breakfast Club celebration at my new home,

*Don Wieman*





# Young Professionals *“Faith on Tap”*

*Young adults (21 to 40) are welcome for  
a night of faith, fun and friends*

Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30pm

Kirwin Hall (Red Room)

Pizza and beer will be served

Follow [@stm\\_church](#) on Instagram :)





# 54 DAY NOVENA

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JANUARY 31-MARCH 24

Please join the Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Vocations Office in praying a 54 Day Rosary  
Novena for vocations to the priesthood, beginning  
on January 31, 2020 and ending on March 24,  
2020, the vigil of the Annunciation.  
Thank you for your prayers and support.

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