

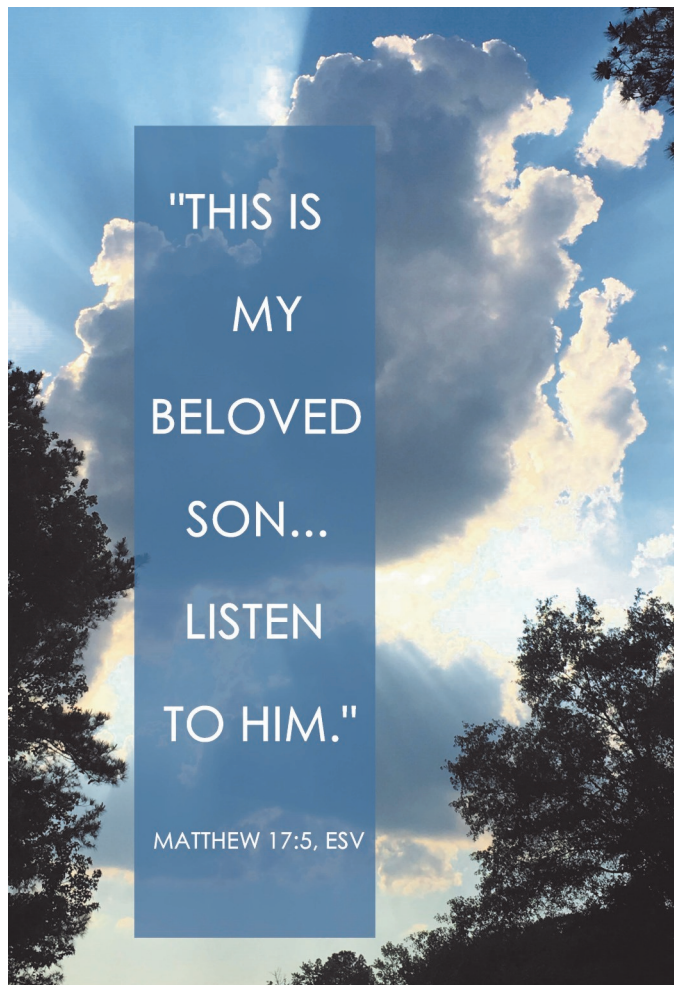


Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

Contact Numbers

Website: <https://stmli.org>

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Rectory

Religious Ed

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Social Media

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
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631-234-5551

631-234-0397

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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

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FAX 631-234-1199

FAX 631-234-1199

Instagram: stm_church

StThomasMore29flocknotes.com

Masses for this coming week

March 8, 2020
 Second Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

Saturday, March 7

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Sophie Pankus *by Al Pankus*

Sunday, March 8—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Ted Muenkel *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*

9:15am Judith Patchell *by the O'Brien family*

10:45am Edward L. Aiello *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*, Louelle Murphy *by Evelyn McMahon*, Eleanor Nolan *by Kathy Drechsler*,

Walter Nurge *by Kathy Drechsler*,

Teresa Shannon *by Joe &*

Betty Ann Codispoti,

12:15pm Christopher Weidig *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Monday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

9am Judith Lentino *by her parents*

Tuesday, March 10

9am Steve Hord *by Andrew & Chris Paino*

Wednesday, March 11

9am People of the Parish

Thursday, March 12

9am James J. Murphy Sr. *by Marilyn Miller*

Friday, March 13

9am People of the Parish

Saturday, March 14

9am People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Gonzalo Zamudio *by Richard & Suzanne Bie*

Sunday, March 15—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am People of the Parish

9:15am Marlene DiChristina *by the Torquato family*

10:45am Teresa Shannon *by the STM Columbiettes*

12:15pm Alfred Manzella *by Marilyn & Marianne Manzella*, Petar Puric *by Joseph & Ratka Santic*

For the Focus Questions and the Family and children's question, please go to Page 4.

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 15, 2020
 Third Sunday of Lent
 Exodus 17:3-7
 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A woman requested to open a joint account at the bank. When asked if the account would be with her husband, she replied, “Oh no, couldn’t I have one with someone who has a lot of money?” Today’s readings explain that God wants to have a joint account with us.

In the first reading God invites Abraham to come out of his father’s house and join God who will make him a great nation, will bless him and all the communities of the earth through him. God initiates an account of blessings with all through Abraham.

The second reading invites us to share a holy life not according to our works but according to God’s own design. We may not deserve it but God desires to join us to Him. **The Gospel demonstrates in Jesus’ transfiguration** how we are called to share the same glory. God invites us to listen to His son Jesus. This means that by listening to Jesus we will be empowered not only to see but to experience and participate in God’s glorious life as manifested in Jesus. Lent is the time to realize how our choice of joining to God will make our lives Godly in power and character. Let us allow ourselves to be transfigured according to God’s design.

During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm in the church for a particular intention. This Friday, March 13th at 7:0-0 pm we pray the Stations for those who are impacted by events-- loss of beloved ones by sudden death, accidents, house fires and other challenges. All are welcome.

This year’s Lenten Project is to help those hit hard by the recent Hurricane Maria and an earthquake in Puerto Rico. As almsgiving is one of the three spiritual exercises of Lent (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) let us try to reach out to people suffering from lack of basic needs. Please donate generously in the “house” kept in the Narthex.

Please mark your Calendar-- March 23rd, 24th and 25th is the Parish Mission by Fr. Bob Joerger on ‘Love casts out Fear’.

Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm is the Soup Supper. If you wish to attend please bring a meatless soup to share with others. Soup supper will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

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 **March 1, 2020** \$6,612.25

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 2020

as of February 25, 2020

Our Parish Goal \$70,400.00
Pledges to date \$ 9,230.83
Percentage of Goal 13.11%

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from March 1-7, 2020

3/1/2020	348	\$50	The Beissels
3/2/2020	561	\$25	Ed & Arleen Rogan
3/3/2020	282	\$25	Nanette McNamara
2/4/2012	153	\$25	PhyllisAnn Ehrhardt
3/5/2020	289	\$25	Ralph Giambruno
3/6/2020	415	\$25	Emilia & Louis Savarese
3/7/2020	496	\$25	Maureen Fallona

Focus Questions:

1. Describe a time when you thirsted for God.
2. Relate a time when you experienced God's liberating power.
3. Tell of a time when you had to share a special experience.

Family and children's question:

Talk about what you do to conserve water. What else can you do this Lent?

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u> (March 7/8)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (March 14/15)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony
12:15 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Raj



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!



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.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mrs. Altman, Arlene, ASB, Dottie B,
Carmela Beltrani, Louise Beltrani, Bernadette,
Amanda Borowski, Patricia Brady, Pamela Brosnan,
Barbara Cappisillo, Kathy Capuano, Dona Caragol,
David Cartwright, Paul Connors, Robert Corbin, 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,
Edmund Meyer, Sharon Mills, Rosie Miranda,
Kieran Mock, Ellen Murphy, Joan Nachtman,
Pat O'Connell, Mary Ann O'Gara,
Beatrice Okorn, Barbara P, Brienne P, Joe P,
Rainey Pappas, 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.



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 **Commitment**, don't miss it!
Next Sunday's Theme (March 15) is Traditions . To
listen online or receive more information regarding
Religion and Rock go to 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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Lena Brennan, our deceased loved ones and our deceased
service men and women.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy!
Consider having automatic deductions from either your
checking or savings or use a credit card to support
St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no
fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at
www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is
NY227. You may also use the form located where you
obtain the bulletin 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 infor-
mation 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](http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled).

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New
York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You may con-
tact the school at parents@holyfamilyregional.com
to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the
school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Sunday—March 8—Hospitality Sunday

10:45am—RCIA—Kirwin Hall

Monday—March 9

2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room

Tuesday—March 10

7pm—Bible Study—Church

Wednesday—March 11

6:30pm—Baptism Prep—Meeting Room

7pm—Columbiettes. Mtg—Walden Hall

Thursday—March 12

11am—Knights of Columbus—Kitchen

5:30pm—Children’s Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

Friday—March 13

11am—Knights of Columbus—Kitchen

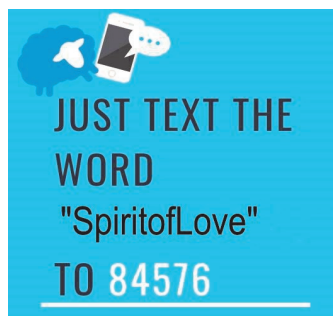
7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday—March 14

11am—Knights of Columbus—Kitchen

6pm—Knights St. Pat’s Dinner—KH/WH/Kitchen

Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection during Lent or updates of what’s happening in our Parish? See below or go to StThomasMore29.flocknote.com



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"SpiritofLove"
TO 84576



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Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married
Fifty Years

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



Banns of Marriage

I. Christopher Edsell & Michelle Eyring



Focus on Religious Freedom
www.cffor.org
The Health of American Democracy
Requires the Centrality of Religion

In a recent interview with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Attorney General William Barr said, "The reason the (Founding Fathers) felt they could grant so much freedom in the Constitution and only provide for limited government was because religion would be the force that guided people so they could largely govern themselves. Alexis de Tocqueville observed that the centrality of religion was (the cause) of the health of American democracy."⁽¹⁾

Barr defended a person's natural right to obey one's conscience above one's government. He is concerned that the rule of law, fair play, and due process are threatened by "militant secularists" trying to "impose their values" on others."⁽²⁾

Maine & Maryland Barring Religious Schools
from Tuition Support Programs
- Accused of Anti-religious Hostility

More than 100 small towns in Maine don't have their own high school, so families choose a high school and the town pays the bill up to the rate allowed by the state. Three families are now suing the state for religious discrimination since, while the state will pay tuition for a private school, it refuses to pay tuition for a religious affiliated school.

"When a state decides to empower parents to choose the school that is best for their child, to then say, but we are going to exclude religious schools...just strikes at the very core of our religious freedom...", said an attorney for Institute for Justice.⁽³⁾

Maryland revoked the Baltimore-area Bethel Christian Academy from participation in a voucher program benefiting low-income students and demanded the school repay more than \$100,000 for their previous participation.

"The government may not discriminate against religious schools simply because it dislikes their religious beliefs. Bethel offers an academically rigorous and caring Christian education in a diverse environment...Maryland's families deserve better and that's why we're grateful Bethel's lawsuit can move forward," said an Alliance Defending Freedom attorney.⁽⁴⁾

(thefederalist.com, 1/30/20(1)(2); csmonitor.com, 1/21/20(3); adflegal.org, 11/14/19(4); washingtonpost.com, 1/2/20; ij.org/maine)

Parents who have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children must enjoy true liberty in their choice of schools.

Gravissimum Educationis, 1965



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 March 9, 2020 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be

Educated by Tara Westover—

Facilitator: Aurelie Miller-Hendry

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

<https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

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

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- stmreligiousd
- stm_yg

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Altar Servers Ministry:

altarservers@stmli.org

Personal Prayer

SpiritualOrientations.com

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following:

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

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 (i.e., Chef Boyardee)	Liquid Laundry Detergent**
Tuna**	Shampoo
	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

Our Easter food and basket drive has begun. If you are in need of empty baskets, please contact the Outreach Office. We received a generous donation of baskets!

Everyone Counts – Census 2020

Will my information be kept confidential?

No law enforcement agency (DHSA, ICE, FBI or CIA) can access or use your personal information collected by the Census Bureau at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes.

For more info. Visit 2020census.gov

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters in need? Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help our neighbors in need to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS*(First Notice)*

17TH Annual FROM THE HEART DINNER DANCE—SATURDAY, March 21, Cocktails 7:00 p.m.

Dinner 8:00 p.m. LEONARD'S PALAZZO, 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY—To benefit Good Counsel homes' mothers & babies. Music by the Glenn Drewes Orchestra. Honoring Deacon Frank & Lorraine Gariboldi for over two decades of service with pregnant women and children. Cocktail attire. Tickets \$150, tables of 8 or 10 available (RSVP 3/18). Contact goodcounselhomes.org/fromtheheart, Silvana 917-557-7019, silvana_cowden@goodcounselhomes.org. Follow & Tag Good Counsel on Facebook & Instagram @goodcounselhomes and Twitter @GoodCounselOrg. #GCfromtheheart

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles—A social organization for single persons—New Member Orientation Meeting—Tuesday March 17th at 7:30 PM. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 (Parking in the rear of building)

Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 516-794-4933 or Fran at 516-889-5790

(Second Notice)

Hauppauge High School Robotics Team is hosting a Military Bridge event on **Friday March 20th** at the Hauppauge High School Commons. \$10 per person to play, doors open at 6:00pm and the game begins at 7:00pm. Raffles and light refreshments sold. All proceeds benefit Hauppauge Robotics Team 358

A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week.

This Lent, Bishop Barres invites you to join him in making a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Lord during the last week of His life by attending all the liturgies that take place in your local parish during Holy Week, the final week of Lent just prior to Easter. This pastoral letter will provide you an overview and explanation of the 'places' you will visit, the things you will see and the people you will meet on your spiritual journey. To read the letter, visit www.thegreatweek.com. The pastoral letter will also be included in the March edition of *The Long Island Catholic Magazine*.

Printed copies will be available later this month.

To subscribe to *The Long Island Catholic Magazine* visit www.licatholic.org/subscribe/

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great pride that we list below our young parishioners who have achieved "Mid-Year" honor roll status for the 2019-2020 school year at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE HONORS

Sari Avila-Franklin	Grade 11
Cassandra Davies	Grade 11
Kyleigh Fitzgerald	Grade 12
Braden D'Andria	Grade 9

CUM LAUDE HONORS

Rocco Cimino	Grade 9
Jacob Shehata	Grade 9

MAGNA CUM LAUDE HONORS

Jillian Harris	Grade 12
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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.

The Body of Christ

Glorified, Anointed, and Sacrificed

**This year's Cantata
will be held on
Wednesday, April 8th
at 7:30 pm**

CARE AND CONCERN DURING THE SEASON OF FLU AND CORONAVIRUS



SHOULD YOU COME TO MASS? The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics (Canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a serious cold or other contagious illness, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

HOLDING HANDS DURING THE LORD’S PRAYER: Well-intentioned folks introduced this practice into parishes in the 1980s. Although holding hands can be a beautiful expression of people united in prayer, the gesture is not envisioned as a proper action in any Church documents governing the Sacred Liturgy, and therefore, neither called for nor required. It is most fitting to pray the “Our Father” with hands folded in prayer.

THE SIGN OF PEACE: Please do not take offence should someone choose not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to clasp your hands together and with a smile say “Peace be with you”.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: Roman Catholics believe that both the Body and the Blood of Christ are contained fully in the Holy Eucharist under the form of either the Consecrated Host or the Precious Blood; that is, whether one receives only the Host or only the Precious Blood, one receives Jesus fully. While the Church encourages reception of both forms at Mass as a fuller expression of the Last Supper, this may not always be possible. If you are feeling sick or suspect that you might have been exposed to something contagious, please refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the cup, and receive only the Sacred Host. It is never appropriate to dip your host into the cup, as this is irreverent and can contaminate the cup.

HEEDING MEDICAL ADVICE: If you’ve been told by your medical advisor that you are particularly susceptible to infection or to complications due to flu in particular, please refrain from practices that might make you sick, including shaking hands, receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, drinking the Precious Blood from the Chalice, etc.



ST. Thomas More

Msgr. Francis S Midura

Council 6062

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Following the 5 PM Mass

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

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

Tickets will be available after all masses in the Narthex Starting February 22nd.

March 13 is the deadline for reservations. Any questions feel free to contact me.

Ed Rogan, PGK

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631-366-1085



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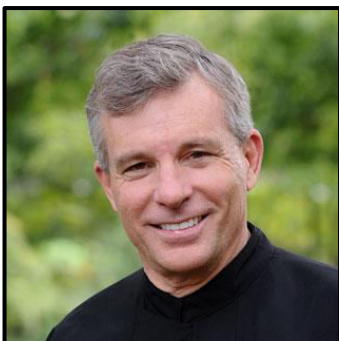


LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

MARCH 23-25, 2020

9:00am and 7:00pm

LED BY FATHER BOB JOERGER, C.P.



Father Bob is a native of Brooklyn and a member of the Passionist Community. Ordained in 1977, he served as retreat director of Saint Gabriel's Youth Retreat House on Shelter Island before being elected Provincial of the Eastern USA/Canada/Caribbean Passionist Province. He served in that position for sixteen years. He currently preaches Missions and Retreats. In addition to his studies for the priesthood, Father Bob also attended the Institute for Culinary Education in NYC.