

Catholic Church Community of

## St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

#### March 15, 2020

#### Third Sunday of Lent



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

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To receive texts or emails from us just text uge **Spiritoflove** to 84576 or sign up @ StThomasMore29flocknotes.com

#### Masses for this coming week

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

#### Saturday, March 14

(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

#### Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick

9am Bernard Mundy by Mundy & Klement

families

Lillian Munzer by Len Munzer 9am Wednesday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem 9am Antoinette Garguilo by Michael & Florence Aquafredda Thursday, March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the **Blessed Virgin Marv** Teresa Shannon by Dottie Lossani & 9am Mae Devine Friday, March 20 9am Carmelina Brennan by Arlene & John Aspromgos Saturday, March 21 9am People of the Parish (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm Charles Stepanek by Michele Brosnan Sunday, March 22—Third Sunday of Lent 8:00am Edward Vogel by Gerard & Joan Smith 9.15am Antoinette Garguilo by Florence & Michael Aquafredda 10:45am Teresa Shannon by MaryLou Braun & Edward Zebrowski 12:15pm Patricia O'Brien by the O'Brien family

#### Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9:1-41

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John::

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, " but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

#### **Focus Questions:**

1. Describe what you are thirsting for.

2. Who accepted you unconditionally when you felt left out?

3. Relate a time when you told others about Jesus.

#### Family and children's question

Why is water so important? Talk about something you can do this week to protect our precious resource.

#### FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Guru was preaching about the possibility of lasting peace. One of his listeners remarked cynically, "your desire for peace does not necessarily ensure it." The Guru replied, "Quite true. Neither does the desire for food satisfy your hunger, but at least it gets you started toward a restaurant." Lent is the time when your desire for true life gets started toward God. **Today's Gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman** who comes to fetch water for her thirst. At the well she meets Jesus who is asking water for his thirst. As the story develops both Jesus and the woman get their deep spiritual thirst quenched; her thirst was quenched in her believing Jesus as her Messiah and Jesus' thirst was quenched in forgiving her sins and making her a worshipper in truth and spirit.

As much as we thirst and hunger for God, God also thirsts and hungers for us. Mother Teresa explains this beautifully well. "Jesus gives himself as bread for our hunger when he says, "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you cannot have life eternal." And the greatness of his self-giving love made Him the hungry one, and He said, "I was hungry and you fed me and unless you feed me you cannot enter eternal life." Jesus who said, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." requests us to quench His thirst when He cried from the Cross, "I thirst."

Lent is an invitation to realize that God wants to be part of us, as we desire to be of God. Today's Gospel is a very picturesque demonstration of how God is ready to come faster towards us than the speed at which we go towards Him. Our one step towards Him makes Him take ten steps towards us.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection - March 22, 2020:** Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at <u>www.usccb.org/catholic-relief</u>.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:0-0 pm we pray the Stations for those who suffer from any type of addiction. All are welcome. **This year's Lenten Project is to help those who were hit hard by 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 and place your contribution in the "house" kept in the Narthex by the display.

Please mark your Calendar for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> — the Parish Mission by Fr. Bob Joerger on 'Love casts out Fear'.

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm is the Soup Supper.** If you wish to attend please bring meatless soup to share with others. The 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

#### EUCHARIST

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. **MARPLAGE-** As soon as a couple decides

*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.

Collection of March 3, 2020 \$5,561.25

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 March 10, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$14,555.00
Percentage of Goal	20.67%

#### CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from March 8-14 2020

2/11/2012	468 \$25 805 \$25 178 \$25	Theresa & Al Haas Joseph Beltrani Helen Barbarito & Peter Stouffer Meagan Napolitano Virginia Zablocki
3/12/2020	583 \$25	<b>e</b> 1
		Kathleen Watral



#### 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.

#### PASCHAL CANDLE, EASTER VIGIL CANDLES & HOLY WATER BOTTLES



We are accepting donations for the Paschal Candle, Easter Vigil Candles and the Holy

Water Bottles for Easter. Please contact the Rectory (631-234-5551) for more information.

#### OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	This Weekend (March 14/15)	Next Weekend (March 21/22)
<u>Saturday</u> 5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u> 8 am 9:15am	Msgr. Boccafola Fr. Antony	Fr. Rajan Fr. Antony
10:45 am 12:15 pm	Fr. Antony Fr. Rajan	Fr. Antony Msgr. Boccafola

#### 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 who are now on their journey to the Easter Sacraments. We are called as baptized members of St. Thomas More to lead those who express a desire to become full members of our community.

Shown here are Zhiping Fennekohn and her sponsor Joanne

Leocadi and Anthony and Rick Vigo at the Catechumens (those who need Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) Rite of Election at St. Anne's on March 1, 2020. Additionally, the Candidates (those needing only Eucharist and Confirmation) Marissa Abram, Eric Abram, Aiden Lepore, Nina Latchman, and Cynthia Leon went through the Rite of Continuing Conversion here at St. Thomas More on March 8, 2020.



#### 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, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Joan Nachtman, Pat O'Connell, Mary Ann O'Gara, Beatrice Okorn, Barbara P, Brienne P, Joe P, Rainey Pappas, Joan Pipitone, 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 **Traditions** don't miss it!

This Sunday's theme is **Traditions**, don't miss it!. Next Sunday's Theme (March 15) is Coping. 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

Francis DePrizio, Irene Snyder, 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 <u>www.FaithDirect.net</u> 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 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 Jessie Bernstein Joseph Blaugrund Anthony Broncatello John Burk Collin Busto David Chester John Chester Nicholas Chester Theresa Chester Collin J. Crean Eddie Cullum Eric Cullum Adam Cussen David Cussen Capt. Sean Michael Dolan P. J. Erskin Timothy Fallon Major Michael Fantauzzi Nicholas W. Flanary J.T. Foltz Mike Foltz Michael Gioia Carl F. Greiner Philip Gudone John Michael Haffner Sean Hendrikson Tylor J. Hickey Kevin Ilyichenko

John Karies Michael Knipper Dylan Kowalski Thomas LaFemina Alex Lombardi Andrew Lombardi Lt. Clint Lorance Scott Lovelock Andrew Lvnch Troy A. Maida, William Maley Thomas Migliara Tim Morris Ryan Murphy John Nachtman Kaitlvn Nachtman Thomas Nichols Adam Papaizai Michael Poist Michael Polanski Kyle Rathje Antonia Marie Rivera Ann Karen Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Christopher Singer **Rvan Smith** Michael White

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive) Sunday—March 15 9:15am-RCIA-Kirwin Hall 2pm—Baptism—Church Tuesday—March 17 7pm—Bible Study—Church Wednesdav—March 18 5:00pm—Knights of Columbus Soc. Mtg—Kit/WH Thursday—March 19 5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church 7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church Friday—March 20 7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church Saturday—March 21 2pm—Baptism: Strecker-Kellogg—Church 5pm—Parish Retreat Introduction—Church

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



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.

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



II. Christopher Edsell & Michelle Eyring



**Focus on Religious Freedom** www.cffor.org Military Bans Bible Verses on Dog-Tags but Allows Non-religious Sayings

A Texas-based jeweler is challenging the military's trademark office which pulled the company's trademark licenses saving they can no longer display military insignia and Bible verses on the replica dogtags it has sold to service members since the 9/11 attacks.

For about 20 years, Shields of Strength has provided service members with memento dog-tags featuring inspirational messages based on verses in scripture such as Joshua 1:9," Be strong and courageous.... " or Psalm 27:3, "Though my enemies attack me, I will not fear: ...I will still trust in God." <sup>(1)</sup> In addition to sales. a few hundred thousand of these items have been donated to military units and personnel.

In July, the anti-religious, Military Religious Freedom Foundation, demanded the military branches stop allowing Shields of Strength to use a military emblem, saying it "poisons the constitutionally-mandated separation of Church and State ..." <sup>(2)</sup> The fact that separation of Church and State is not in the Constitution and the First Amendment protects Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech, did not deter the Pentagon from canceling the trademark licenses. They cited "Negative Press" as their motivation.<sup>(3)</sup>

A Constitutional Law attorney said, "While I would absolutely oppose the military issuing such tags, ... it is outrageous that service members can't voluntarily inscribe their own tags. From a legal point of view, if the military allows any inscriptions at all (like "I love you Mom") then banning religious ones is content discrimination." (4)

At present, anyone can order dog-tags online with military insignia and a non-religious saying such as "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes longer." (5)

(aclj.org/us-military (1); washintontimes.com, 12/4/19; foxnews.com/faith-values(2)(3); fellowshipoftheminds.com (4); dogtagsonline.com)

"A government that roams the land ... scrubbing away any reference to the divine will strike many as aggressively hostile to religion." Supreme Court Justice, Samuel A. Alito

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 April 13 2020.at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be I'll Push You by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck-Facilitator: Jo Garvey.

The book Educated by Tara Westover— Facilitator Aurelie Miller-Hendry has been rescheduled for October 12, 2020.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room. For further info. and/ or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

#### Websites www.stmli.org

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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 Sauce\*\* Canned Tomatoes\*\*(28 0z) Jelly\*\* Canned Vegetables\*\* Mustard/Ketchup Spaghetti\*\* Individual Canned Meals (i.e., Chef Boyardee) Tuna\*\* Rice\*\* Coffee/Tea\*\* Soup\*\* (18-22 oz) Macaroni & Cheese Boxed Milk\*\* Cereal\*\* Pasta Peanut Butter\*\* Liquid Laundry Detergent\*\* 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

#### Invitations are coming

In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitation to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Households that don't respond in one of these ways by the end of April will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Census workers you may encounter now are verifying addresses, not collecting actual census information.

#### Why Census Data matters

Businesses use census data to choose locations.. Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods. Local governments use census data for public safety and emergency preparedness. Residents use the data to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality of life and consumer advocacy. For more info. visit 2020census.gov

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." Through your alms giving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. All of our donations, however small or large, add up and enable us to try to meet the needs of our neighbors



Tomato

#### COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Catholic Health Services—March is National Nutrition Month. If you're looking for some recipes for healthy living, check out: www.chsli.org/recipes-healthy-living. Some of the recipes you'll find include teriyaki salmon, orecchiette with chicken sausage and broccoli rabe, plus chocolate avocado pudding. Enjoy!

(Second Notice)



17<sup>TH</sup> 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 goodcounsel 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

#### 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/

#### **PARISH LENTEN PROJECT**

This year's Lenten Project is dedicated to supporting the people of southern Puerto Rico who have been impacted by the earthquakes earlier this year. Please check the display in the Narthex to see documentation of the devastation that has taken place. The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority was still dealing with a fragile

grid from Hurricane Maria's devastation in 2017 when the earthquake hit and knocked out power to 75 percent of the island. The Immaculate Conception Church in Guavanilla, dating back to the 1840's, sustained major damage. Churches, convents, rectories, schools and homes were destroyed in 16 villages leaving people to live in tents, public squares, and their cars.

Donations may be placed in the Lenten house in the Narthex and will be sent to Pastor Angel Pagan who will personally deliver it to the Bishop of the Diocese of Ponce.

As always, we thank you for your support and generosity during this Lenten season and throughout the year.

#### *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	( ) G	Greeter
() RCIA	( ) Li	iturgy with Children
() Lector	( ) Ei	Eucharistic Minister
() Consolation Min	nister	() Landscaping/
Planting		
() Rosary Altar Soc	ciety	() Pre-Cana
() Caring for Altar	Plants	() FOCCUS
()Adult Lending Li	ibrary	() 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

<u>Aides at Home Inc.</u> Home health aides and personal care aides– part & full time. Will provide free certification training. Call Suzanne Dunn at 516-641-2273.

<u>Cablevision</u> - 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.

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—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.

<u>Suffolk Bus Drivers</u>--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

#### St. Catherine of Siena-

1. <u>Nursing Home</u>—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. <u>Nurse Manager</u>—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.



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH and St. Vincent de Paul

### EASTER April 12, 2020

FILLED CANDY BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!

CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

#### BASKETS ARE NEEDED BY THE WEEK OF March 30th

#### IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

We are also in need of other food items for Easter Dinner:

HAMS, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, VEGETABLES, FRUIT, DESSERTS, COFFEE/TEA

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.





## **DRVC YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:**

# L.I. CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

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## **4420** ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

## FEATURING JOEL STEPANEK



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## **REGISTER HERE:** http://bit.ly/LICYD

FOR MORE INFO: YOUTHMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG WWW.DRVCYOUTH.ORG



Directives and Guidelines for Parishes for Health Considerations during Virus Seasons From the Office of the Chancellor

As a health precaution, the Diocese of Rockville Centre instructs all Pastors, Clergy and Parish Churches to enact the following measures immediately:

- 1. Until further notice, the Precious Blood of Christ (the Chalice) is not to be distributed to anyone other than clergy (priests / deacons) or those who for health reasons **must only** receive the Precious Blood.
- 2. Until further notice, the Sign of Peace will not be given / exchanged in any form during Holy Mass. To eliminate any confusion for latecomers, visitors, children, etc., please use the following sequence after the Lord's Prayer, which omits the words "Let us offer each other the sign of peace.":

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
People: Amen
Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your spirit.

Sing or say: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, etc....

- 3. The following practices are encouraged in all parishes:
  - a. Parishioners are instructed to remain at home if they are sick. This includes deacons, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, ushers, music ministers, etc.. Those who are able to attend Mass should be encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands.
  - b. Priests, deacons, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers should wash their hands immediately before serving. Disinfectant soap and/or hand sanitizer should be provided for them. Clergy and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash / disinfect their hands after serving as well.
  - c. Holy water fonts at the doors of the church should be emptied and cleaned several times per week, especially before and after weekends.
  - d. Parishioners who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue still have that right, though they may freely choose to receive the Sacred Host in their hands during this precautionary time. (See *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, no. 92)
  - e. Cleaning and disinfecting practices normally carried out in our churches and parish facilities should be given extra and careful attention during this time.
  - f. Clergy may wish to discontinue the practice of shaking hands if greeting parishioners after Mass.

## Young Professionals

## Paint Night with Bob Ross!

-Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm-



Drinks and snacks will be served :)

# Body of Christ

## Glorified, Anointed, and Sacrificed

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



## PLEASE JOIN US PARISH LENTEN MISSION



## 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.