



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Parish Mission Statement:

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

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Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge
Instagram: stm_church

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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
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StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Saturday, April 4—

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Ida Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00am Elaine Kleinstauber *by Irene & Dan
O'Brien*

9:15am James & Joan Hartnett *by the Prunty family*

10:45am Michael O'Brien *by the O'Brien family*

12:15pm Irene Aberle *by Bob Aberle & family*

Monday, April 6

9am People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 7

9am People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 8

9am People of the Parish

Thursday, April 9—Holy Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

Friday, April 10—Good Friday (Fast & Abstinence)

9am Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 11—Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 12—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am Easter Mass Remembrance & Easter Flower
Donors

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Donors

10:45am Easter Mass Remembrance & Easter Flower
Donors

12:15pm Easter Mass Remembrance & Easter Flower
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Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

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

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John::

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Two taxidermists stopped before a window and immediately began to criticize the way an owl had been mounted. "Its eyes were not natural, its wings were not in proportion to its head, its feathers were not neatly arranged and its feet could certainly be improved." As they ended their critique, the old owl turned its head, winked at them and flew away. Truth is bigger than what we perceive it to be. In order to know the truth we have to grasp it by its standard not by our standard.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. We begin Holy Week, the most holy time of the year. It is a holy time because God appears as pure love in God's standard. Unless we come out of our own bias-filled standards and expectations we will not be able experience and cherish what God is and what God's love is.

It is a strange Palm Sunday celebration this year. We will follow the celebration virtually at our homes on computers and TVs. This year we listen to the narrative of Jesus' Passion, death and burial according to Matthew. The whole narrative depicts how Jesus lives all the moments of betrayal, denial, condemnation, pain, suffering, crucifixion, death and burial as the moments of fulfilling God's plan. He turns those moments of bringing God, not as a victim of human conspiracy but as God's messiah giving his offenders an opportunity to convert and join his messianic mission.

As the news becomes "Breaking News" all the 24 hours, and we all remain at our homes, slowly becoming impatient, it is the time to break our regular way of doing things. Let us try to not fear the News but live the facts. Yes, it is true: the virus is everywhere. Let us try to protect ourselves by observing all the health tips, so that we don't infect or get infected.

Let us spend more time spiritually so that we clear out all the fears and negativities and be strengthened in our spirit. It was spiritual strength that made Jesus go through His Passion and death to arrive at the Resurrection. Thus through this Holy Week let us read and journey through Jesus Passion in order to gain our spiritual strength. Our Spiritual strength is the basic encouragement and enthusiasm to increase our immune system.

Let us read Jesus' passion story in the four Gospels; let us pray through them...please follow us on our Parish Website and Facebook in order to be united in Prayer... break the negatives and bring positive in your soul to strengthen your body and mind. God of the Resurrection will bring the new force of life in your hearts and homes.

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

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.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Fr. Antony

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from March 29—April 4, 2020

3/29/2020	869	\$50	Elena & Ernie LaFortaine
3/30/2020	394	\$25	Linda Carlino
3/31/2020	92	\$25	Richard Soldano
4/1/2020	48	\$25	Sal Napolitano
4/2/2020	344	\$25	Madison Daley
4/3/2020	427	\$25	Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux
4/4/2020	645	\$25	Keith & Lois Christianson

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.

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.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Laurie Holmes, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Lauren Lossani, Joan Nachtman, Pat O'Connell, Mary Ann O'Gara, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Peggy Stepanek, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman, Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky

Please re-submit names of those people you wish to put on our Sick List.

This listing will expire on September 30, 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 **Poverty**, don't miss it! Next Sunday's Theme (April 12) is Triumph. 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

For all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, 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 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

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| 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 | |



Requests for Communion for the *home bound* can not be honored at this time. We are temporarily suspending our homebound ministry until the *coronavirus* public health crisis no longer is a danger to anyone in our parish community.

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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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



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.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

President Trump's Call for National Day of Prayer Follows Tradition of America's Founders & Presidents

America's first official day of national prayer was in 1775 when the Continental Congress called for the public to fast and pray for the leadership of the Colonies. After that time, presidents periodically called the nation to pray during times of war or other hardships. In 1952, Pres. Harry Truman signed a law that each year the president must issue a proclamation calling the people to pray, but didn't designate a specific day. In 1988, Congress chose the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer, and it was signed into law by Pres. Reagan

President Trump, responding to the Corona Virus outbreak, recently declared, "It is my great honor to declare Sunday, March 15th, 2020, as a National Day of Prayer. We are a Country that, throughout our history, has looked to God for protection and strength in times like these ..." (1)

Referring to our history, President Trump stated, "In our times of greatest need, Americans have always turned to prayer to help guide us through trials and periods of uncertainty. As we continue to face the unique challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, ... we must not cease asking God for added wisdom, comfort, and strength, and we must especially pray for those who have suffered harm or who have lost loved ones."

"As we unite in prayer, we are reminded that there is no burden too heavy for God to lift or for this country to bear with His help. Luke 1:37, promises that 'For with God nothing shall be impossible,' and those words are just as true today as they have ever been. As one Nation under God, we are greater than the hardships we face, and through prayer and acts of compassion and love, we will rise to this challenge and emerge stronger and more united than ever before. May God bless each of you, and may God bless the United States of America." President Trump's proclamation: National Day of Prayer, March 15, 2020 (2)

(presidentialprayerteam.org, 3/14/20 (1); whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions (2); gotquestions.org; to-day.ng,3/14/20)

No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States

~ George Washington



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 which was supposed to be on April 13 2020 has been postponed.

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

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

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

Facebook

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

Instagram

- stm_church
- stmreligioused
- stm_yg

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Dan Haggerty: youthminister@stmli.org

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”



Outreach continues to serve our neighbors, especially with the new COVID 19 mandates which have closed schools for 2 weeks. Outreach will remain open to provide food for those in need. If you know of a family who is in need, please let them know that we are here to help.

We continue to need donations from our generous parishioners and greatly appreciate all who are able to help. Donations can be dropped off at Outreach or left in the bins in the church narthex.

We continue to pray for all those affected by the virus and all the medical professionals who are working diligently to heal and help those who are sick.

Outreach is open Monday to Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM
Phone: 631-234-3149

We are in need of Easter candy baskets for our children. Please consider making this a project while you are home. Baskets can be dropped off at Outreach or left in the food bins in the Narthex of the church.

Everyone Counts – Census 2020

Census Day is April 1. This means when you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

The census is still ongoing. With the current situation due to Covid 19, it is more important than ever that people self-report online or by phone. You can fill out the census for your household at www.2020census.gov even if you have not received your invitation and census ID number. Just enter your address to begin. You can also respond by phone at 844-330-2020.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. As we continue to fight this pandemic in various ways, we also pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death to new life.

During these harsh economic times, please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul if you can so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Wishing you all a Blessed Holy Week .

A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week.

As Holy Week and Easter liturgical services have been suspended in all churches in the diocese, Bishop Barres invites you to read his pastoral letter, which can be accessed on www.thegreatweek.com. The 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 Guayanilla, 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 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.

Our next Parish Holy Hour will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, from 7-8 PM in the church.



Due to the current coronavirus crisis, the church will be closed to the public. However, we invite everyone to watch our live streaming event.

What we'll be doing at this Holy Hour:

Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and we the faithful have an opportunity to enter into prayer and peaceful meditation with our Lord truly present.

Reading and Homily: Deacon Matt will read Scripture from Evening Prayer and offer a brief reflection.

Worship Song: We'll offer some contemporary Christian music for meditation.

Benediction: At the end of the hour, chants and prayers in praise of our Lord are recited, and we are actually blessed by Christ as the celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the assembly with the monstrance.

To view the event, just go to our parish website (<https://stmli.org>) and look for the **Live Streamed and Pre-Recorded Liturgies** page. You'll be able to get to the event from there, and watch it either on YouTube Live, Facebook Live, or the parish website directly.

Let this Holy Hour be your prayerful preparation for entering into the most holy time of the Church year: the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday!

Let this also be another way to turn to God in prayer during this most difficult time in our lives.

Come join us!

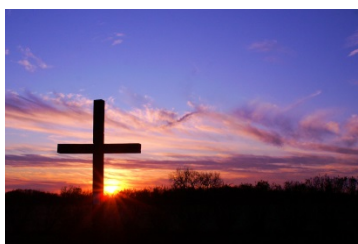


LET US GATHER TOGETHER

Even though COVID 19 has forced us into isolation, let us celebrate the togetherness of our St. Thomas More family.

In this spirit of fellowship, we will broadcast daily Mass from our church. This can be viewed on our website: stmli.org. Look for the page “LiveStreamed and PreRecorded Liturgies” and click on the Mass date of interest.

In addition, we will post a reflection on the website every day. In this way we hope to keep our spiritual connection alive.



“Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:19-20)