



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

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

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To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

April 26, 2020
 Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 22-23
 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Luke 24: 13-35

Saturday, April 25

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm James J. Murphy *by Lynn & John Navarra*

Sunday, April 26—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am People of the Parish

9:15am Lois Desmond *by the DeCristofaro family*

10:45am Mary LaLumia *by Gino & Bob Leocadi & families*

12:15pm Theresa D'Auria *by Yolanda Schweers,
 Frederick Mueller by Anthony & Caryn
 DeCristofaro, Floyd Schweers by Yolanda
 Schweers*

Monday, April 27

9am Victoria Mirro *by Chris & Andrew Paino*

Tuesday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

9am People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Sienna

9am People of the Parish

Thursday, April 30—St. Pius V

9am People of the Parish

Friday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker—First Friday

9am People of the Parish

Saturday, May 2—St. Athanasius—First Saturday

9am People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm James J. Murphy *by Peggy Stepanek & family*

Sunday, May 3—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*

9:15am Elaine J. Kleinstauber *by the LoRusso family*

10:45am Jean Noschese *by the Circle of Women*

12:15pm Marlene DiChristina *by Jerry & Willy Ferrara*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

May 3, 2020
 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Acts of the Apostles 2: 14a, 36-41
 Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6
 1 Peter 2: 20b-25
 John 10: 1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The newly appointed president of a bank asked the chairman of the board for advice. The chairman replied with two words: "Right Decisions." The young man questioned him back, "How do I make right decisions?" The wise old chairman responded, "Experience." The young man said, "I don't have that kind of experience that I need. How do I get it?" Came the terse reply, "Wrong decisions." Experience is the most important part of our living. Experience is neither right nor wrong as long as it brings the right way of living as its fruit.

On this third week of Easter, the Gospel narrates the story of how the wrong decision of two disciples of Jesus became the right way of experiencing Jesus' resurrected presence. They felt disappointed to have believed in Jesus as their mighty prophet because He died as a condemned criminal. Their disbelief and disappointment could not help them experience the presence of the Risen Jesus, even though he was walking with them.

So Jesus begins to explain to them how God fulfills His promises in a Godly way not in the human way. His explanation opened their eyes to experience that their disappointment caused by the death of Jesus, was God's way of fulfilling the divine promises. Adding to this explanation, Jesus decided to stay with them. During dinner Jesus opened their eyes to recognize His Risen presence by breaking bread with them. Their disappointment and disbelief vanished. Their belief in Jesus empowered them to restart their life as disciples with new vigor.

When things go wrong, when we have to live the uncertainty, anxiety, fear, suffering the loss of beloved ones, hurt by the loss of pay and job because of COVID-19, it is but natural and human that we want to run away from all these, like the disciples of today's Gospel. But let us also imitate the disciples allowing Jesus to walk with us so that He would explain and empower us to face the present situation with new vigor. If we lose faith we lose everything. If our inner spirit fails us we will never be encouraged by anything else. Without spiritual power, we would be left within ourselves with just our own self-pitying –personality full of despair and depression.

Let us allow Jesus to walk with us. Prayer is the moment of allowing ourselves to walk with Jesus – a moment of breaking bread with Jesus in our life situation. You are invited to break bread with Jesus every day at your own convenient time at your home. Please go to our website 'stmli.org' where you will find the daily mass where Jesus offers Himself through the Sacramental signs of Bread and Wine, His Body and Blood. I invite you to pray with me the Holy Mass every day. Come, let us build our inner Spirit to cope with the problems with which we live every day.

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



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 Channel and at 11:00 pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

Next Sunday's theme is Outdoor Experience, don't miss it!

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

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

Pamela Brosnan, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Gail, 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.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Robert Algar, Aurelia Chavez, William Eyring, 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

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	

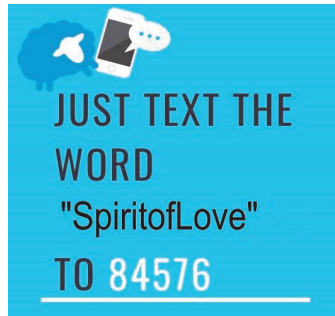
CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from April 19-25, 2020

4/19/2020	687	\$50	Walter Brennan
4/20/2020	556	\$25	Angelo & Mary Joan DiFrancisco
4/21/2020	343	\$25	Al & Eileen Weidig
4/22/2020	337	\$25	Dave Holdorf
4/23/2020	218	\$25	Jacklyn & Jim Cotgreave
4/24/2020	923	\$25	John Fontana
4/25/2020	188	\$25	Joan & Pat Shea

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



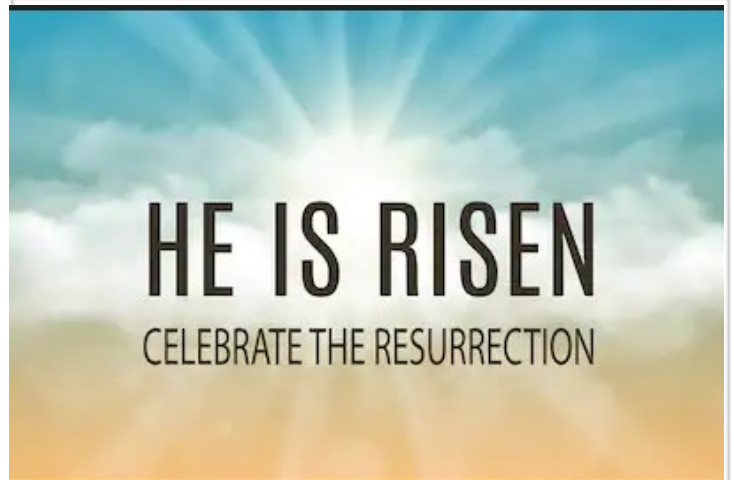
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Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on a date to be announced later 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.



Pope Francis during Easter Vigil Mass 2020 at St. Peter's Basilica, which was virtually empty due to continuing restrictions of the coronavirus.



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://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

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

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- stmreligiousd
- 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 until the end of the month. 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 and Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

Our unending gratitude goes out to all who donated to our Easter food and basket drive. Through the generosity of so many we were able to provide food and baskets to almost 40 families in our community.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ, we recognize Him in others.

The pandemic has only worsened the economic situation of some of our neighbors. We all want you to know that your continued support allows our SVdP conference to assist our neighbors.

Please help us help them if you can and thank you

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.