



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 7, 2021

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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Masses for this coming week

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Saturday, March 6

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Sophie Pankus *by Al Pankus*

Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

9:30am Elaine Moccia *by Marily & Joe Amodio*

12:00pm Daniel J. Powers *by Lois Mohlenbrok*

Monday, March 8—St. John of God

9am Christopher Weidig *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Tuesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

9am Judith Lentino *by her parents*

Wednesday, March 10

9am Irene & Edmund Meyer *by Angela
Mingione*

Thursday, March 11

9am Patrick Keegan *by Mary Ellen & Tom
Carroll*

Friday, March 12

9am Bernadette Sanzone *by Gary & Gina
Poulin*

Saturday, March 13

9am Sharon Scadin *by Kathleen O'Sullivan
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Albert J. Kunz *by Robert & Joan
Nachtman*

Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30am Joseph Serio *by the Nordin family*

12:00pm Mary Ann O'Gara *by Judy Coyle*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm: 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

A reading from the Gospel of John:

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, 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."

So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'

So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

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

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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.”

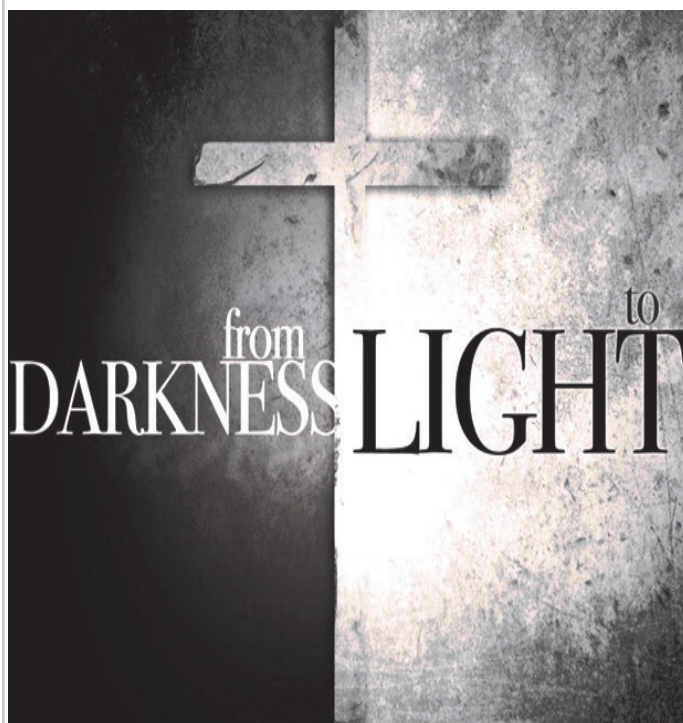
Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.”

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, the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A reporter asked a man on his 102nd birthday, “To what do you credit your long life?” The old timer responded, “Well, I’m not sure yet. My lawyer is negotiating with two breakfast-cereal companies.” To what we credit our life depends on what we want to get out of it. God-experience would be the outcome of our life if we credit our life to God.

On the third week of Lent the readings ask us “To what do we credit our life?” The first reading is the Ten Commandments. God took credit for having freed the Israelites from Egypt and claimed his special relationship with them as their only and personal God, “I, the LORD, am your God, ... You shall not have other gods besides me.” As a result God wanted them to give Him credit for all that they were and had. As long as they gave credit to the HIM and not to any other idol, God promised long life and His divine Mercy. Thus the Ten Commandments are not simply a disciplinary code of laws but the means of acknowledging God’s claim over them and giving credit to the right source and strength of their life, God.



The Gospel narrates the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple in an attempt to give credit to the Temple as God’s house and not as a Market Place. Those who come to the Temple must get the credit of experiencing God and not of making some profit as a seller or bargain as a buyer. Jesus the Son of God teaches us in his prophetic act of cleansing the Temple that the Temple is the House of God where God makes the claim over us as His People and we give credit to God as our God.

The material building is just the outward expression of this strong relationship with God’s claim over us and our credit to God and God alone. Jesus beautifully expresses this spiritual experience of the

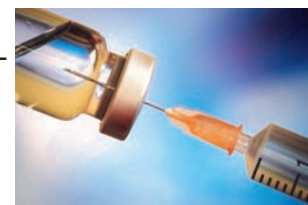


Temple in a very personal way for his disciples, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) All our churches and places of worship are trying to live up to this spiritual truth. This also means that every gathering, like family, social groups etc., can also serve the same spiritual truth as long as we don’t give up our claim or credit to anything else but God. Also as Paul says that each of us individually is the Temple (1 Corinthians 6:19) in so far as we live and serve the relationship of God with us in the above explained terms of ‘credit and claim’.

Spiritual Vaccines: Virtual Lenten Mission; This year we invite you join the Lenten Parish mission live-streamed on March 22, 23 and 24th at 7:00 PM.



The theme of this mission is the need of the Pandemic time **Spiritual Vaccine** to start healing from within. Our Parish Pastoral Council and a few other volunteers along with our deacons are preparing the presentation in a



very interesting format composed of hymns, Scripture readings, reflections, interviews, prayers of petitions and blessings. It is going to be so spiritually engaging that you would experience an empowering and renewing time of listening and praying with us. Please don’t miss the opportunity. Tune to our Parish Website ‘stmli.org’ on March 22, 23 and 24 at 7:00 pm.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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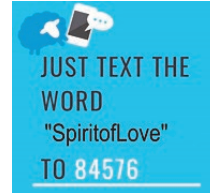
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Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what’s happening in our Parish? See below or go to **StThomasMore29.flocknote.com**



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

as of March 2, 2021

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| Our Parish Goal | \$68,000.00 |
| Pledges to date | \$ 345.83 |
| Percentage of Goal | 0.51% |

Praying Tool for Lent:

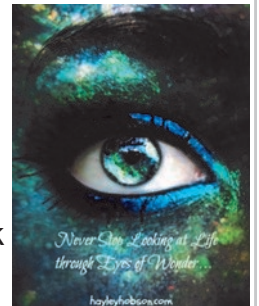


March 7, Third Sunday of Lent: Jesus once went to the Temple of Jerusalem to pray. He became angry at those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He drove them out and said “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” This is what happens whenever Jesus passes us by. He purifies and empowers us to become what we should and can be. Any attempt to bring order into anyone’s life would not go without resistance as evidenced by what the temple authorities did to Jesus. We don’t want to be disturbed. We get

annoyed when someone corrects us to a better life than what we are used to. Today’s reading invites us to believe in God who cares for our best and empowers us to be that best. Jesus challenges us to destroy the existing system or structure and he promises to build a better one for us after the model of His own death and resurrection.

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” Let us allow Jesus to walk through the mystery of death and resurrection. Let us allow the old to die and the new to rise.

March 8, Monday of the Third Week of Lent: The First reading narrates that the Prophet Elisha asked Naaman to wash seven times in the river Jordan in order to be cured of his leprosy. It was too simple an act for Naaman who had already tried various sophisticated means but without a cure. At last, at the kind advice of his slave girl he believed the Prophet’s word and dipped in the Jordan. When he was cured, he realized that it was not the means but his faith in God’s power that healed him. In the Gospel, Jesus says that without faith even God would not be able to work any miracles. Faith opens the eyes of the heart to perceive the miracle and wonder with which we are surrounded.



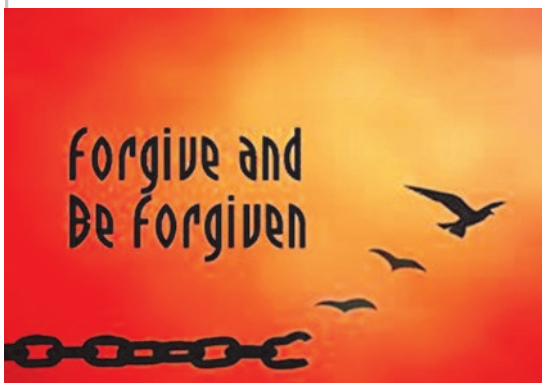
March 9, Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent: In today’s Gospel Jesus instructs us that forgiveness alone will promise life; vengeance will kill life.

God says “I will remove from you, your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26)

A hard heart lives for vengeance and a soft heart forgives and makes life thrive. Vengeance has all its self-centered justification to do what it wants but only to find out that life and love are lost in the process of self-justification.

Forgiveness has no justification but only vision – a vision of life and love. It is the capacity to see something that any human reason dare not see – a new beginning beyond any dry self-justifying reason. Vengeance establishes oneself but forgiveness establishes the good-self of both the forgiver and

the forgiven.



March 10, Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent: The law is powerless. We empower it by practicing it. The spirit of the law would inspire us to observe it. The fear of punishment would compel us to

obey it as minimum as possible. Today's Gospel says that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law. Jesus not only proclaims and explains the law but also practices its meaning i.e., lives the spirit of the law.

He is law in person - Law in living spirit. He not only preached to his disciples about sacrifice but also became a sacrifice on the cross. His life was both

proclamation and practice. When we live the spirit of the law we become the meaning and power of the law thus we become the law in person. When we don't live the spirit of the law it becomes an external force controlling us and an imposed burden with inescapable punishment.



March 11, Thursday of the Third Week of Lent: It is our choice, either to condemn or to complement other's actions; either to accuse or to acknowledge them. Choice is an action of the heart. The heart would judge or condemn people from the way it looks at them. Likewise the heart would welcome or wonder at people from the way it perceives them. Of course reason and emotions have the power to influence the heart but it is ultimately the heart which rules reason and emotion. Reason can answer the why part of the action, and emotion can explain the how part of the action, but it is the heart that navigates the emotion and reason to act positively or negatively in life. When Jesus drove out the devil, the Pharisees interpreted that Jesus drove out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons but Jesus explained to them that he did it by the power of God. We see God or the devil in the way we engage our heart.



March 12, Friday of the Third Week of Lent: When a scribe wanted to know what is the first (essence) of all commandments Jesus made him understand that the 'love of God and the love of neighbor is greater than the observance of the laws and their liturgical expressions in sacrifices. The essence of any religion, with its moral law and worship-laws, has to be essentially the 'love of God and neighbor'. Love of God and neighbor empowers everything we do or do not do in the name of religion. When it is not lived in love, religion, like a marriage ceremony, can turn your dreamboat into a barge carrying heavy freight. Religion becomes a high sea when it is not travelled with the compass of love.



March 13, Saturday of the Third Week of Lent: The glass lamp rebuked the earthen lamp, "Stop calling me your cousin." Then when the moon rose, the glass lamp, with a bland smile, called her "My dear, dear sister".



Comparison or boasting is a delusion. What is higher at an angle will appear lower from a different angle.

Nothing is lower or higher in God's eyes. Everything is called to live its uniqueness in God's world.

Whether it is a Pharisee or a tax-collector, God does not compare. God relates with each of us whole heartedly as His children. In the presence of God it is neither the

comparison nor the boasting, but the humble submission to each one's reality that is the right attitude for life. Not the boasters but the lovers see God.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| Ethan Bernstein | Michael Knipper |
| Jessie Bernstein | Kevin Ilyichenko |
| 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 |
| J.T. Foltz | Michael Polanski |
| Mike Foltz | Kyle Rathje |
| Michael Gioia | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Carl F. Greiner | Ann Karen Sanchez |
| Philip Gudone | Justin Schneider |
| John Michael Haffner | Christopher Sidor |
| Sean Hendrikson | Christopher Singer |
| Tylor J. Hickey | Ryan Smith |
| Kevin Ilyichenko | Michael White |
| John Karies | |

CONGRATULATIONS

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School has advised us that the following young parishioners have achieved “Mid-Year” honor roll status for the 2020-2021 school year:

*Summa Cum Laude Honors: 100+
(weighted average)*

*Magna Cum Laude Honors: 95.00 to 99.99
(weighted average)*

*Cum Laude Honors: 90.00 to 94.99
(weighted average)*

SUMMA CUM LAUDE HONORS

| <i>Name</i> | | <i>Average</i> |
|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| Braden D’Andria | Grade 10 | 104.38 |
| Sari Avila-Franklin | Grade 12 | 102.72 |
| Cassandra Davies | Grade 12 | 103.93 |

MAGNA CUM LAUDE HONORS

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| Christian Doblán | Grade 09 | 97.01 |
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CUM LAUDE HONORS

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| Rocco Cimino | Grade 10 | 93.70 |
| Colby D’Andria | Grade 11 | 92.75 |
| Salvatore Scarpellini | Grade 12 | 94.01 |

Well done! St. Thomas More is proud of your efforts and wish you continued success.



SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **February 28, 2021** \$3,104.00

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

Consciously create
habits because habits
unconsciously dictate
your life.



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 Monday, March 8, 2021 at 2:30 pm when we will discuss Book Selection. Please bring a book which you would like to facilitate.

On April 12th, the book for discussion will be **This Tender Land** by William Kent Krueger—Facilitator—Marilyn Miller.

We meet on the second Monday of the month.

For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

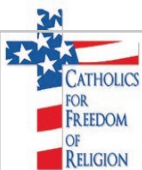
The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The seekers will be accompanied on the journey by the community of Saint Thomas More in the spirit of love.

Do you know of a family member or friend who needs to complete one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?

Do you know a family member or friend who has been a member of another faith tradition who wants to become a catholic?

To find out more about the faith journey or to join us on the journey please call the rectory at 631-234-5551.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Losing Religious Freedom as We Know It - Part 1

Bishops, Ministers, Rabbis, and all people of good will who value Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Conscience, and Freedom of Thought, are alarmed at the recent passage of the misnamed "Equality Act" and the impending "Do No Harm Act" that in reality promote 'inequality' and will 'do much harm.' "This legislation seeks to change what is true, what is scientific, and what pertains to free speech and religious liberty," wrote Msgr. Charles Pope. ⁽¹⁾

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedom, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." Abraham Lincoln

While the stated goal of the "Equality Act" is to amend existing civil rights laws to ban LGBTQ discrimination in the workforce, housing, education, and other areas of life, in reality, this "inequality act" would wrest special privileges for sexual orientation and gender identity. It seeks to impose an "administrative conscience" ⁽²⁾ which would supersede and destroy individual conscience rights.

The Equality Act will:
"eliminate women's privacy & safety, forcing them to share public bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and even battered women's shelters with biological males. (It) penalizes female athletes by allowing biological men to compete in women's sports ..."
"erode parental rights and position the government over churches and other faith-based institutions, potentially dictating how their facilities are used, who they hire, and punishing them for not affirming their view of human sexuality that directly contradicts orthodox biblical teaching."
"politicize the medical profession and denies

biological reality..."
"dramatically expand abortion access and jeopardizes long-standing federal conscience laws."(3)

"The Equality Act explicitly exempts itself from the requirements & protections of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act" ⁽⁴⁾ which was unanimously approved in 1993, signed by Pres. Clinton.

"We are at a critical point in our culture. Either we are going to stand up and insist on reality or have an alternative 'reality' imposed on us...Either we are going to fight for our religious liberty and freedom of speech - and ultimately, freedom of thought - or they will be taken from us," wrote Msgr. Charles Pope. ⁽⁵⁾

(ncregister.com, 2/22/21(1)(5); ncregister.com, 2/25/21(2); prnewswire.com, 2/19/21(3); catholicvote.org, 2/25/21(4); firstthings.com, 1/25/21; deseret.com, 1/8/21; thehill.com, 6/8/18)

"It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself."
- Thomas Jefferson

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Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from Feb. 21-27, 2021

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| 2/21/2021 | 1086 | \$50 | STM Religious Education (Gift of Lefebvre family) |
| 2/22/2021 | 368 | \$25 | Michele & Mike Musto |
| 2/23/2021 | 865 | \$25 | Mary Romano |
| 2/24/2021 | 666 | \$25 | Pamela & Christopher Collins |
| 2/25/2021 | 616 | \$25 | Joan Smith |
| 2/26/2021 | 223 | \$25 | Joseph & Suzanne Jeskie |
| 2/27/2021 | 747 | \$25 | Maureen Fallona |



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maria U. Aldaba, Jackie Aloï, Gail Audiino, Stacy Bardavip, Bill Boyrer, Walter Brennan, Pamela Brosnan, Barbara Brown, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Ginny Desiderio, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, , Peggy Fleming, Tracy Gleason, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Tony Hollins, Matthew Inga, Regina Jeskie, Kevin Kenney, Frank Lewis, Linda LoCastro, Nick Malin, Ann Mandel, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Dolores Gabriellini Mastrototaro, Robert McGurrin, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Rich Nixon, Bernice Noeker, Al Pankus, Frank Procaccini, Marilyn Pungner, Richard Rantz, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Janet Rodriguez, John Santangelo, John Sellitto Sr., Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs.), Mel Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Ginny Vecchia, Betty Vrondis, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Julia Westbrook, Dawn Zabbia, Edward Zebrowski.

This listing will expire on March 31, 2021.



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

Patrick Keegan, Frances T. Collarini, Patrick J. Scollins, John Fleming, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

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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>.

St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry

OUTREACH



“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Syrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)

Paper Towels**

Bread

Pasta**

Spaghetti Sauce**

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Mayonnaise**

Hand Soap **

Canned Fruit**

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)**

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Apple Juice

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tea Bags**

Mustard/Ketchup

Soup (18-22 oz)

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Toilet Paper**

****We are especially in need of these items.**

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

Outreach is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

We are beginning to collect food donations for our Easter meals. We are in need of canned vegetables, potatoes, fruit, and desserts.

Due to the ongoing COVID crisis we will NOT be collecting hams or Easter baskets this year. In place of a ham we would appreciate a grocery store gift card for our families

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

.In today's Gospel Jesus is asked, "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? If so, please call us at 631 648 2760, so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

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 Ministry
- Rosary Altar Society Pre-Cana
- Caring for Altar Plants FOCCUS
- Landscaping/Planting
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

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 the Rectory)

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)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021.

NAME(s) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: \$ _____

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I/We would like to pay the rest in

_____installments.

Please return to the Rectory for further processing.

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW – LOCAL – Brendel's Bagels: Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff, Drivers.

Call: 631-656-6828

1199 SEIU: **NEW** Healthcare positions available.

Go to: <https://ec-1199funds.icims.com/jobs/search>

Starbucks: Positions available. Go to: www.starbucks.com/careers

Rite-Aid: Long Island positions available for Pharmacy Technicians and Shift Supervisors. Go to: <https://careers.riteaid.com/jobs>

Chick-fil-A: Local positions available. Go to: cfasmithtown.com

COVID-19 Contact Tracer: Some positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://www.publicconsultinggroup.com/new-york-state-contact-tracing-initiative/applying-for-a-position/>

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration: Seeking nurses. Go to: <https://careers.nyp.org/job/manhattan/vaccination-administrator-registered-nurse-day-evening-shifts/19715/18413593>

Aides at Home: PCAs and HHAs. P/T and F/T. Call 516-641-2273

Altice (Optimum/Cablevision): Many positions available. Go to: www.alticeusacareers.com

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available. Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health care positions. Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

GEICO Insurance: Service and sales positions available. Go to: <https://careers.geico.com/us/en>

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment

Panera: Positions available. Go to: <https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results>

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available. Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

7-Eleven: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home>

Shop Rite: Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://shop.shoprite.com/careers>

Stop & Shop: Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://stopandshop.com/pages/careers>

Developmental Disabilities Institute: Local jobs available. Go to: <https://www.ddiny.org/> or call Mary Ann Stein

Brookhaven Laboratories: Many positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.bnl.gov/>

Costco: Local positions available. Go to: <https://www.costco.com/job-opportunities.html>

BJ's: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.bjs.com/>

Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/>

Tri-County Nursing Services: Care Manager positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://www.tricountycare.org/careers/>

Ideal Home Care: PCA and HHA positions available. Go to: <https://www.idealhcs.com/employment>

Kohls: Many seasonal positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://careers.kohls.com/>

Lowes: Positions available. Go to: <https://corporate.lowes.com/careers/search-apply>

Target: Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.target.com/>

Home Depot: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.homedepot.com/>

Stony Brook Medical Center: Multiple health and non-health job opportunities available. Go to: <https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers>

Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue): Multiple positions available. Go to: <https://licommunityhospital.org/careers/>

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available. Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).



STM LENTEN PROJECT 2021

In a year with so many in need Father Antony and Parish Social Ministry would like our Lenten Project to focus on supporting the many heroes in our community who have been putting themselves at risk and working tirelessly every day in our hospitals treating patients with COVID-19. Donations received from our Lenten Project will provide “goodie bags” to the frontline workers at St. Catherine of Sienna Hospital in Smithtown. In speaking with the Outreach coordinator at St. Catherine’s, even simple things like hand cream and chap stick are greatly appreciated by the hospital staff. We are again asking for your generous support to help us to honor these incredible individuals. In the words of Amanda Gorman...

Let us walk with these warriors,
Charge on with these champions,
And carry forth the call of our captains!

We celebrate them by acting
With courage and compassion,
By doing what is right and just.
For while we honor them today,
It is they who every day honor us.

To contribute to our Lenten Project please send a check to the rectory or to Parish Outreach with the notation “Lenten Project” in the memo line. Donations can also be added to the collection baskets at Mass.

Thank you and God Bless!