



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 28, 2021

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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Masses for this coming week

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Gospel at the Procession Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

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

Philippians 2:6-11

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

April 4, 2021

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

Saturday, March 27

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Thomas Healy by *Christine & Kevin
Donnelly*

**Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord**

9:30am Robert Reimers by *the McGuire family*

12:00pm Birthday Blessings for Sister. Alexius
Fitzgerald by *the Kane family*

Monday, March 29—Monday of Holy Week

9am Thomas Chiodo by *Geraldine & Joseph
Lenci*

Tuesday, March 30—Tuesday of Holy Week

9am Thomas Wawrzyniak by *Grandma*

Wednesday, March 31

9am Irene Buynak by *Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Buynak*

Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday

9am Prayer Service

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 2—Friday of the Passion of the Lord;
First Friday**

9am Prayer Service

12:30pm Stations of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday; First Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

9am Easter Mass Remembrance & Flower Donors

10:30am Easter Mass Remembrance & Flower
Donors

12:30pm Easter Mass Remembrance & Flower
Donors

For the Readings for the Easter Vigil Mass,
please visit our website: stmli.org—Parish Life—
Readings.

A reading from the 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.



“I am the
resurrection
and the
life.”

John 11:25

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Patient: How can I live to be a hundred, doctor?

Doctor: Give up cookies, cake, and ice cream. Stop eating red meat, potatoes, and bread. And no soft drinks.

Patient: And if I do that, I will live to be a hundred?

Doctor: May be not, but it will certainly seem like it.

'Giving up something for Lent' was one of the spiritual exercises we started on Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Today, March 28th is Palm Sunday, the 40th day of Lent. We tried our best to 'give up' something for the past 40 days. We begin HOLY WEEK today, to take the journey with Jesus in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. **Our 'giving up' is preparation to experience along with Jesus** who 'gives up' himself sacramentally as food (Eucharist) on Holy Thursday during his Last Supper, then 'gives his life' for us on the Cross on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday, he would be in the tomb to express that He gave up everything in order to embrace all human conditions from birth to death. Now nothing hinders him from uniting with us. His Resurrection on Easter Sunday is confirmation that he 'gives up' being God and unites totally to us humans, that we, by 'giving up' all that is binding us to human weakness, can 'gain' the Power of New Life along with Jesus.

Holy week is the time of 'giving up' along with Jesus in His Death, to pass on to 'gaining' divine power of New Life with Jesus in his Resurrection. The goal of our Lenten 40 days with all its spiritual exercises is to bring us to this highlight of passing with Jesus from death to glorious Resurrection. Please check the Holy Week schedule on **Page 7** in the bulletin. Try to participate in all the events either in person or through live stream, accessing it from our Parish Website, "stmli.org". In these Liturgical events we will remember Jesus' last week on earth. By remembering them we will celebrate God's love and life for us. By celebrating we believe and experience within us God's offer of new Resurrected Life in Jesus. I personally invite all of you to eagerly participate in all the Holy Week events. Come with your 'giving up' in order to 'gain' the New Life of Resurrection.

Diocesan Office of Communications is providing you with promotional materials for "The Great Week" —the reissued pastoral letter by Bishop Barres about Holy Week. A microsite has been created where one can read the pastoral: www.thegreatweek.com.

Reconciliation Monday: Monday 29th is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Church. Individual Confession cleanses and illumines the hearts to enter into the mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

With love and prayers,

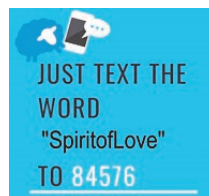
Fr. Antony



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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net

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 16, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$68,000.00
Pledges to date	\$ 4,522.83
<i>Percentage of Goal</i>	<i>6.65%</i>

Praying Tool for Lent:

March 28, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Today we begin HOLY WEEK. This week is Holy because God in Jesus lived and embraced everything that a human person like you and me would have to go through, namely lies, false accusations, rejection, suffering and death. He lived through these situations even though he had all the divine wisdom to defend himself and power to protect himself. The events of Holy week open our human eyes to perceive how the just and powerful God is present even in most unexpected situations like false judgements, suffering and death. This week is Holy because we experience Holiness of God in all our human situations if only we follow Jesus as His disciples. Please read the whole Gospel which is the Passion story of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark. It is bit long but worth reading to empower us in God's holy way. Let us follow Jesus with palms of victory in our hands.



March 29, Monday of Holy Week: Today's Gospel story is about Mary anointing Jesus' feet with very costly perfumed oil. When Judas suggested to Jesus that the big money spent over this oil could have been given to the poor, Jesus defended Mary's act saying, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." What is going on here? Does Jesus question the motive of our service to the poor? No, he purifies it. Neither our pity for the poor, nor the desire to prove our generosity, nor our secured financial future should be the motive of giving to the poor. Whoever we are and whatever our financial status is, our motivation is not about giving but sharing. Even the poor widow's contribution is worth more than the large sum of the rich. (Mark 12:43) The real motive of sharing with the poor is the act of serving Jesus Himself. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) We cannot separate God and poor. We cannot give anything to God and poor. We can only share who we are and what we have.



March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week: Today's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper of Jesus. Jesus predicts how Judas would betray Him, Peter would deny Him. He also knew that all of them would flee from Him at the arrest. If he was aware of their failure, why did He call them to be His disciples in the first place and later after His Resurrection went back to the denier and deserters to continue as his disciples? Jesus does not focus on failure; He believes in our good will to follow Him. He forgives, not ignoring our weakness but empowering our potential to be the best. He knows both our weakness and our strength. He calls us to send us in His Power. His presence makes us realize our weakness so that we can rely totally on Him to be empowered by His power. He does not call the equipped but equips those whom He calls.

I can do
All Things
 Through
 Christ
 Who
Strengthens Me

Phil 4:13

March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week: The plot is thickening. Judas, on the one hand tells the Chief Priest “I hand him over to you” for thirty pieces of silver. On the other hand, at the Last Supper when Jesus predicts, “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” Judas, like the other disciples, asks Jesus “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” When Jesus answers him, “You have said so.” Jesus leaves the choice between “I hand him over” and “Surely it is not I” to Judas. It is his personal choice to be whoever he wants to be, a betrayer or a follower. God respects our choice. If it is evil He discourages us; if it is good he empowers us. . Being in God’s close circle is not a guarantee for one’s holiness or goodness. If we choose to be evil even God



would not force us to be good. Good or bad is self-caused.

April 1, Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Have you ever noticed that Holy Thursday will always be either on full moon day or close to it?

The First Passover meal in Egypt took place on a full moon day, the fourteenth day of the First month. The first Passover is the meal in memory of what God is doing for them. The Jesus Passover meal, the Lord’s Supper is in memory of his presence in the form of bread and wine thus making us become what we eat; to become Jesus-like.

Today’s second reading reports how the early church celebrated the Lord’s Supper as a New Covenant – in Jesus we have the eternal relationship with Our God as His Children. The Gospel explains that as children of God we are called in Jesus to be servants of love to each other imitating Jesus whom we call ‘teacher’ and ‘master; “If, the master and teacher, have washed feet of the disciples, we ought to wash one another’s feet. He has given us a model to follow, so that as he has done for us, we should also do.”



April 2, Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion: We have no choice either in our birth or in death. But we have all the power to make our birth noble and honorable by the way we die. Jesus as Son of God had no need to be born and to die in the way he did. But His death on Good Friday declares how our claim of who we are, depends on the willingness to be servant to others. Jesus lived his claim not by power as a king but as a servant dying on the Cross. Death is not His weakness but a powerful moment where He shows that nothing, not even death would stop



Him in serving eternal life and His unending relationship with us. Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. The Church invites us through the readings to enter the mystery of God-the lover-servant in Jesus on this Good Friday.

April 3, Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter: It is the day of silence and waiting in Hope. Silence – that reflects the depth of God’s love to sacrifice His Son Jesus and the mystery of the ever-living God embracing death. Hope – that the Divine power and wisdom which seemingly lost to human manipulation, will victoriously rise again not in vengeance but in peace and healing grace. During the vigil sitting around the lit Pascal Candle, the symbol of the Risen Lord, we will hear the readings explaining the redemptive act of God starting from creation through various stages of human history, culminating in the Resurrected Jesus. For those who live as participants in God’s



Redemptive History, Easter is a great Feast empowering them as Risen persons from all that suppresses them. We are the people of Easter, persons of Resurrection, the New and Never-ending life. Happy and Blessed Easter.. Halleluiah.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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	



Notre Dame Cathedral—France

**ST. THOMAS MORE
Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

Monday, March 29, 2021

Mass: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation Day—

Confessions at St. Thomas More

3:00 PM—9:00 PM —Church

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

9:00 AM—Morning Prayer

7:30PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper—

Church

Followed by Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose in Walden Hall.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Repository until 10:00PM

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

9:00 AM—Morning Prayer

12:30 PM—Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM—Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

9:00 AM—Morning Prayer

No 5:00 PM Mass

7:30 PM—Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

9:00 AM—Mass—Church

10:30 AM—Mass—Outdoors—Weather Permitting

12:30 PM—Mass—Church



SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **March 21, 2021** **\$3126.00**

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



The alternate pews at St. Thomas Church are now cordoned off. As we are getting used to seat ourselves by leaving a pew in-between free in the church, we decided to rope the pews that we have to leave unoccupied.. We are grateful to Theresa Lund and Cindy Lorusso for having rendered this service of roping the alternate pews. Please continue to observe social distancing. The pink tickets are a kind reminder to sit with social distance.



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

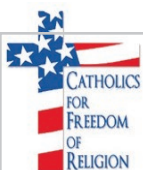
The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

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

Many Churches Ease Restrictions for Holy Week & Easter 2021

Easter, 2020, found most churches in America unconstitutionally closed or restricted for in-person worship. Limiting, or outright prohibiting, in-person religious services was one of the most controversial directives that states made in 2020 in an attempt to slow the coronavirus pandemic. Ten states prohibited church gatherings altogether. Most states implemented guidelines with various levels of restrictions, and 15 states allowed religious gatherings to continue without any limits.

Churchgoers in several of these states fought against orders banning religious services and, in each case, achieved some level of success modifying the restrictions.

CA Pastor Tim Thompson said, "The whole idea of separation of church and state is that the state can't run the church. The state can't tell the church what to do." (1)

"In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility - I welcome it." President John F. Kennedy

As we begin Holy Week, 2021, and after many prayerful protests and court cases, the most onerous restrictions have been eased but not altogether rescinded. Each state has developed its own form of control. I

n Maine, Bishop Robert Deeley is not satisfied with the recently expanded gathering limits to 50 people. He said, "I think that not giving more latitude to people to be able to exercise their Constitutional right to worship is harming them." (2)

The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down restrictions on some religious gatherings in New

York and in California, the Court recently granted an appeal from a church that challenged the states restrictions on church services, singing and chanting.

Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote in the most recent case: *"Government actors have been moving the goalposts on pandemic-related sacrifices for months, adopting new benchmarks that always seem to put restoration of liberty just around the corner."* (3)

Happening Now: Third-grader Forced to Remove "Jesus Loves Me" Mask

"Public schools have a duty to respect the free expression of students that the First Amendment guarantees to them," said Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) attorney in a lawsuit defending a Mississippi 9-year-old ordered to remove her mask. (4) "Other students within the school district have freely worn masks with logos of local sports teams or even the words 'Black Lives Matter.' This student deserves an equal opportunity to peacefully express her beliefs." (5)

(christianheadlines.com, 4/18/20; dailycaller.com, 5/12/20(1); blaze.com, 4/30/20; wmtw.com, 2/18/21(2); latimes.com, 3/10/21; deseretnews.com, 2/12/21(3); ny-post.com, 11/5/20 (4)(5); lifenews.com, 11/2/20)

Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for *March 14– 20, 2021*

3/14/2021	140	\$50	H & C. Beisel
3/15/2021	1078	\$25	Al Pankus
3/16/2021	634	\$25	Thomas DeCillis
3/17/2021	523	\$25	Steve & Margaret Sicurelli
3/18/2021	268	\$25	Robert & Diane Weisz
3/19/2021	843	\$25	Kevin & Jennifer Pearsall
3/20/2021	861	\$25	Mary Anne Walker



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maria U. Aldaba, Jackie Aloï, Stacy Bardavip, Louise Beltrani, 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, Matthew Inga, Regina Jeskie, Kevin Kenney, Frank Lewis, Linda LoCastro, Nick Malin, Ann Mandel, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Joanne Lumia, Dolores Gabriellini Mastrototaro, Robert McGurrin, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Rich Nixon, Bernice Noeker, Al Pankus, Frank Procaccini, Marilyn Punger, 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

For all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

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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>.

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

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who donated food, gift cards and money for our Easter meals. On behalf of all the volunteers at the pantry and Outreach, we are so blessed to be a part of this Parish family!

If you have or know of anyone with an apartment or room to rent, please contact the Outreach office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life

During Lent, through your gifts, your conference of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the homes and hearts of several neighbors (e.g. car insurance so they could get to work; utility bills and rent arrears).

Thank you for your continued support

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 – Estee Lauder:

Mechanic III – 3rd Shift (Monday –Friday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2011789&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#.YEAFTiresjU.mailto

Technical Operator – 3rd Shift (Monday – Friday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2010717&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#.YEAfK-ZfpWg.mailto

Compounder – 2nd Shift (Wednesday – Sunday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=211784&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#.YEAHcp0h0M4.mailto

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

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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/>

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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>

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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

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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



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia! Around the world and across Long Island, we proclaim this marvelous truth. Good news is ours. Sin and death have been vanquished. Christ has conquered. God is victorious!

In light of the suffering and death of the past year, how blessed we are to behold again the Mystery of the Resurrection. These months have been dark and bleak. They have been long and challenging. Yet, as we encounter Easter 2021, we are reminded that God has the final word. Indeed, *Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it* (John 1:5). This Light, Jesus Christ, illumines our path. He gives hope. As the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council said:

Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us so that...we can cry out in the Spirit: Abba, Father.¹

With significant challenges facing us still on Long Island and across the globe, with darkness still afoot, perhaps the joy of Easter is difficult to embrace. Our hearts maybe like those of the disciples who went on Easter dawn to anoint the Lord's body. At the strange sight of an empty tomb and an apparently absent Jesus, instead of experiencing immediate joy, they were confused and distressed. Only in seeing the Lord face to face did they come to embrace His rising from the dead.

Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, we need to see Christ alive among us. We need to see the Resurrection in our midst. So, this Easter, let us ask, "Where is Christ alive?"

Christ is alive in the countless frontline workers, civil servants, and medical professionals who have served so faithfully and so heroically this past year. Their sacrificial love and Good Samaritan-willingness to help neighbors in need radiate the Lord Jesus!

Christ is alive in the catechumens who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Their reception of the Sacraments reminds us of the power of our own Baptism – where each of us has died with Christ and risen with Him to new life.

Above all, Christ is alive in His risen and glorified presence in the Eucharist and in the transforming power of His Body and Blood that we receive in the celebration of the Mass. Christ

¹ Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes* (December 7, 1965), 22, in *The Documents of Vatican Council II* (St. Paul's Publications, 2009).

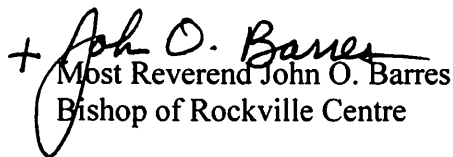
is alive, and therefore the Church is alive. The Eucharist is the source of this life – and its power has become perhaps more evident than ever, after months of separation from the weekly and daily celebration of the Mass. Together, we recall the disciples’ recognition of Jesus following the Resurrection at Emmaus in the opening of the Scriptures and the breaking of the Bread. We are grateful for the many ways in which our parishes and schools have continued to foster creatively this Emmaus experience on Long Island, both in-person and virtually. May we continue to recognize the Sunday Eucharist as the source from which the life of the Resurrected Christ bursts forth into the world.

At his Sunday Angelus on January 3, 2021, Pope Francis beautifully reminded us of Christ’s continued presence in our midst:

“I like to think that when the Lord prays to the Father for us, he does not merely speak: he shows him the wounds of the flesh, he shows him the wounds he suffered for us. This is Jesus: with his flesh he is the intercessor, he wanted to bear even the signs of suffering. Jesus, with his flesh, is before the Father. Indeed, the Gospel says that *He came to dwell among us* . He did not come to visit us, and then leave; He came to dwell with us, to stay with us.”²

May we continue to encounter the presence of Jesus Christ who dwells in and through His Church. May we continue to experience signs of His Resurrection even amidst the challenges and crosses we embrace, and may this encounter continue to fill our hearts, so that our voices can confidently cry out: *The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!*

Faithfully in the Lord,

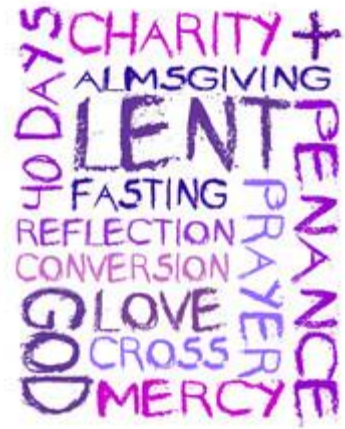

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Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

² Francis, Angelus, 3 January, 2021. http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210103.html

New Pantry

The new Pantry building has been completed. It was blessed by Fr. Antony on Monday, March 22. In attendance was a group of people from the 9:00 am Mass, along with volunteers from our Food Pantry and Outreach. We thank the Knights of Columbus Corporation, who in their generosity made a huge donation to this project. Special thanks to Past Grand Knights Jerry Ferrara, Al Weidig, and to the Present Grand Knight Ernie LaFontaine. We are grateful to them and to the members of the Corporation for their great efforts to donate a substantial amount of funds to our Parish...





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!

