



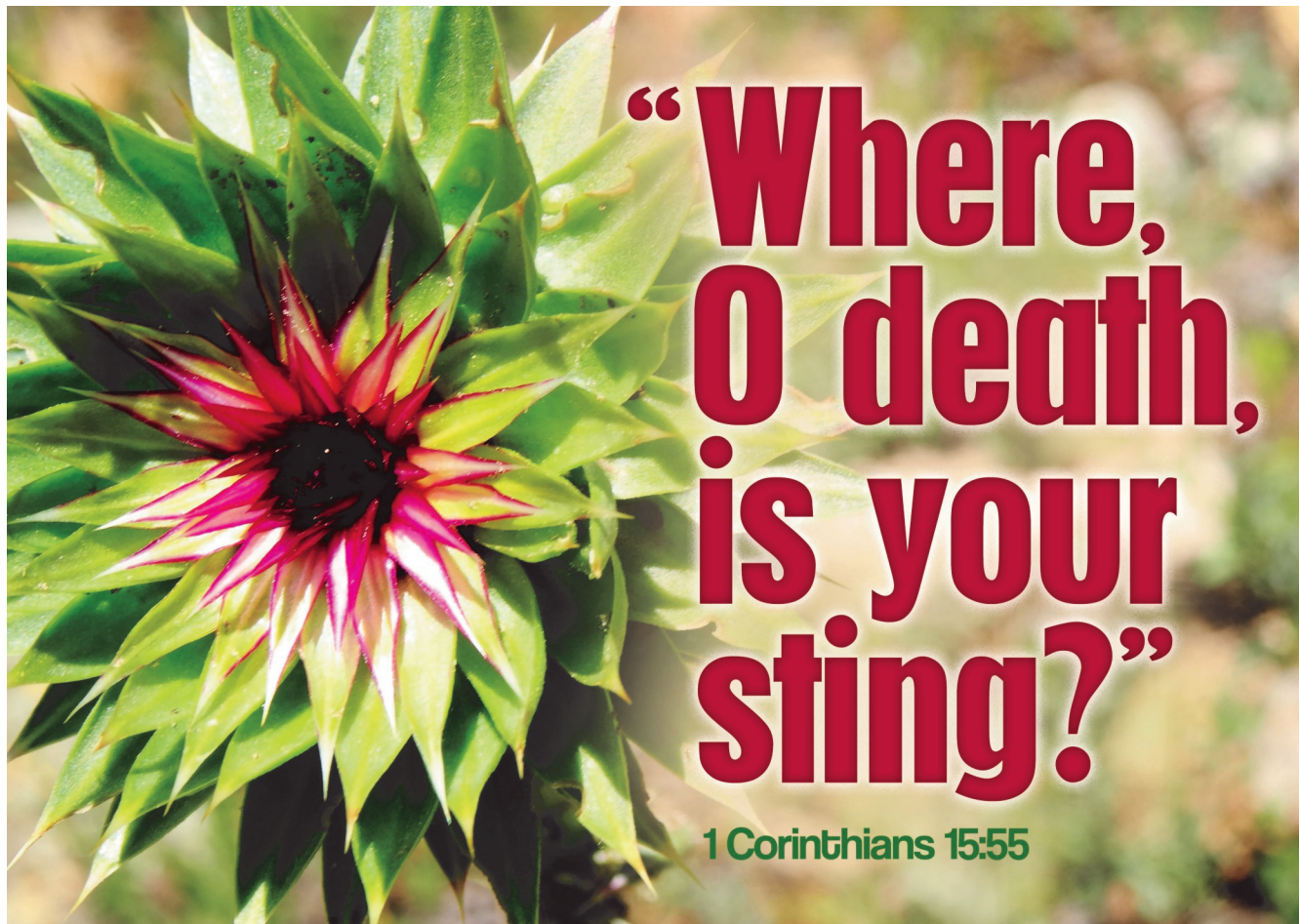
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“Where,
O death,
is your
sting?”**

1 Corinthians 15:55

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

February 27, 2022
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:37-45

Saturday, February 26

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Kim Marie Franzese by *John & Josephine Lombardo*

Sunday, February 27—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Kathy Capuano by *Joan & Pat Shea*

9:30am—Teresa Crispino by *Paula & Sal Campo*

11:30am—Thomas O’Keeffe by *the Dannelly family*

Monday, February 28

9am—Ralph M. Marcello by *Ralph C. Marcello*

Tuesday, March 1

9am—Carol Cusak by *John & Aurelie Miller-Hendry*

Wednesday, March 2—Ash Wednesday

9am—Eleanor Cuzzanti by *the Cercone family*

7pm—Diane Weisz by *Peggy Stepanek & family*

Thursday, March 3—St. Katherine Drexel

9 am—Diane Weisz by *Marie Utter & Dottie Lossani*

Friday, March 4—St. Casimir—First Friday

9 am—Dominick A. DiCicco by *the McNeill family*

Saturday, March 5—First Saturday

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Nury Morcillo & German Manzi by
Dolly Rodriguez & family

Sunday, March 6—First Sunday of Lent

8am—Helen Levanduski by *Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

9:30am—James Crispino by *Paula & Sal Campo*

11:30am—Patricia Surico by *Betty Kane*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13
Romans 10: 8-13
Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*”

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written
*You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve.*”

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*”

Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*”

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Focus Questions:

1. Give an example of a time when you found it difficult to pray. What kept you from praying?
2. How can you simplify your life this Lent?
3. Recall a challenging time in your life when you were tempted by words that were just empty promises.

Family and children’s question

Talk about the meaning of Lent and Lenten practices you do as a family.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We have a song in 'Tamil' my language . "When you point your finger against someone, the other three fingers are pointing towards you." None of us is free from faults or sins. It is easy to accuse others of their faults as long as ours are kept unknown. Speaking evil of others will soon make others speaking evil of us. Life is livable only in acknowledging the good in each other and living that good towards each other.

"The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had." These words of today's first reading remind us that our words and deeds are merely the fruits of what we nurture in our hearts. When the heart is indulging in good thoughts and feelings, all our words and deeds will be good. Our kind words and generous deeds reflect the mercy and love of our heart. Good hearts bear good fruit.

The second reading reminds us that the Risen Lord has made us clothe incorruptibility within our corruptibility. Christ, who shared with us the human nature and rose from death, empowers us to bear immortal fruits in our mortal earthly life. With the measure we measure, it will be measured to us. If we consider ourselves to be corrupt and weak bodies, we will serve only the corrupt and weak fruits and end in death. If we value ourselves to be sharers of the power of the Risen Jesus, we will bear]Incorruptible and immortal fruits and live with the Risen Jesus.

The Gospel today invites us to consciously live the good that we are. "Every tree is known by its own fruit . . . A good tree does not bear rotten fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." Being good or bad depends on what we store in our hearts. The evil that is from within us, will look for the evil in others to justify our evil deeds. The good within ourselves will sow and nurture good in and around us.

Doing good is like throwing light and kindling the light around us. Doing evil is like spreading darkness which will be like the blind leading the blind. Both will fall into a pit. The corruptible will end in corruptibility. The incorruptible within our corruptibility will nurture the incorruptibility to flourish in and around us. In Baptism we died and rose with Christ. Christ has clothed us with incorruptibility. It is our choice what to store in our heart and how to live from the store of our heart. Let us be good trees bearing good fruit.

LENT – ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent starts this week on March 2nd with ASH WEDNESDAY.

This year we would serve the Ashes four times.

- During the celebration of Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- During the celebration of the Word (Service) at 12:00 noon and 4:30 pm
- Ashes will be applied on foreheads by the priest or ministers. Those who want wear ashes by themselves, can get a small plastic packet at the end of the masses or services.

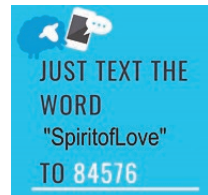
In our Parish we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm for a particular intention. This Friday March 4th we pray for those who are suffering from Covid and those who have lost family and friends. Let us pray for health.

Please mark your Calendar— March 28th, 29th and 30th is the Parish Mission by Fr. Kevin Cronin OFM on "LOVING GOD GLADLY".

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 above or go to
StThomasMore29.flocknote.com**



Please remember in your prayers our engaged couples who are currently participating in our Pre-Cana Program.

- ◆ Ashley Stapleton & Gary Poulin
- ◆ Jennifer Vaughan & Joseph Bender
- ◆ Olivia Flynn & Dominick Mark
- ◆ Kerri Lynn Walsh & Austin Munro
- ◆ Alexandra DeSantis & Peter Brady
- ◆ Allie Rainey & Joseph Militello

***Calendar Club Winners
Congratulations!***

Here are the winners from February 13-19, 2022

2/ 13/2022	\$50	612	Judy Coyle
2/ 14/2022	\$25	341	Jack & Caroline DeSantis
2/15/2022	\$25	844	Colleen & Gary Connors
2/ 16/2022	\$25	929	Keith & Lois Christianson
2/17/2022	\$25	1211	Amy, Brendan & Richard Hughes
2/18/2022	\$25	700	Mary E. Conway
2/19/2022	\$25	504	Louise Soldo

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Scott Lovelock
Jessie Bernstein	Andrew Lynch
Joseph Blaugrund	Troy A. Maida,
Anthony Broncatello	William Maley
John Burk	Joseph Marziotto Jr.
Collin Busto	Thomas Migliara
Collin J. Crean	Tim Morris
Eddie Cullum	Adam Moumine
Eric Cullum	John Nachtman
David Cussen	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Thomas Nichols
P. J. Erskin	Adam Papaizai
Timothy Fallon	Michael Poist
Major Michael Fantauzzi	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
Matthew L. Hamann	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrikson	Anthony Troise
Tylor J. Hickey	Michael White
John Karies	
Michael Knipper	
Dylan Kowalski	
Thomas LaFemina	
Alex Lombardi	
Andrew Lombardi	
Lt. Clint Lorance	

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of February 19, 2022 \$5,998.00

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,

Courtesy Announcement*1st Announcement:*

Help Wanted/Part Time: Holy Cross Parish in Nesconset. Bookkeeper and some Business Manager duties. Approx. 20 hours a week, can be flexible with schedule. Accounting background and knowledge of QuickBooks, Excel and Word necessary. Send resume to frmholzmann@holycrossrc.org

2nd Announcement:**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.

Out next meeting is on March 14, 2022 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be:

The Only Woman in the Room

by Marie Benedict

Facilitator: Barbara Trimarco

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



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

New HHS Rule Would Deny Religious Freedom's Conscience Protections in Healthcare

Before April 2022 Catholics and Americans of all faiths must learn, pray, speak out, and act.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks to reverse and dismantle the Affordable Care Act (ACA) religious liberty protections that were implemented in 2017 as well as the 2020 clarification of discrimination criteria.

The proposed new rule would add an "expansive definition" of discrimination on the basis of sex. "Via this redefinition of sexual discrimination, all health-care entities must participate in the provision of abortions, sterilizations, contraception, (and) gender-transition services."⁽¹⁾

Adding, "sexual orientation and gender identity" to the ACA would require insurers to cover transgender surgeries, cross sex hormones and puberty blockers as "medically necessary gender-affirming care" without the ability to investigate religious freedom complaints."⁽²⁾

This new HHS rule, if approved, would allow no religious exemptions, and would force many medical professionals to violate their medical expertise and religious convictions. HHS advises in court documents that it expects this rule to be enacted in April 2022.

(ncregister.com, 11/24/21(1); dailycitizen.com, 2/4/22(2); christianpost.com, 11/17/21; hhs.gov, 6/12/20)

Pope Francis appealed that freedom of conscience "always and everywhere be respected."

- June 17, 2020

"I believe in longing... Longing reminds us that we are alive, and that being alive is to know that we are built for feeling. You must remember to feel your life while you're in it."

"Solitude and loneliness fall on opposite ends of the spectrum. There's a wide difference between being alone and being lonely."



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Ronnie Borgese, Pamela Brosnan, Paul Connors, Angela Convok, Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Veronica Corvasce, Marianne Deszcz, Sal Ferraro, Michael Fiorentino, Christopher Gill, David Gingold, Andy Hazin, Robert Heaton, Chet Kalenty, Kevin Kenney, Joe Madonia, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Eleanor Kingsley, John McAllister, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Ellen Murphy, Arlene Osieckui; Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Barbra Mary Sexton, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Edward Zebrowski,

This listing will expire on March 31, 2022.



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. 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



Altar Bread and Wine Memorial

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Joseph Trotta, Donald Wieman, Jane Tinti, 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.

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



**“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied”
Luke 6:21**

Our current needs include:

Boxed Milk	Syrup
Bread	Mustard/Ketchup
Canned Fruit	Mayonnaise
Canned Tomatoes (20 oz)	Cereal
Macaroni & Cheese	Pancake Mix
Pasta/Spaghetti	Peanut Butter (smaller jars)
Soup (18-22 oz)	Rice
Spaghetti Sauce	Apple and other juices
Tuna	Toilet Paper
Chef Boyardee Meals	Paper Towels
Toothpaste	Laundry Detergent (small)
Coffee	Bar Soap
	Dish Soap
	Shampoo

**** we especially need bolded 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**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples. "Can a blind person act as guide to a blind person?... Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the wooden beam in your own?...A good tree does not produce rotten fruit...."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

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 Choir
- 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)

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW – Roadway Tire – Mechanics needed. Inquire within or call 631-582-4100

UPDATE - United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

NEW – Pet Smart: Positions available. Go to: careers.petsmart.com

UPDATE - Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

UPDATE – Shoprite Hauppauge: Multiple positions available.

Stop in or call store: 631-797-3805

Jamesport Manor: Hiring Asst. GM, Bartenders, Servers, Bus Staff, Cooks.

Health care benefits available. Email Chris at: cocinadechris@gmail.com

LA Fitness (Commack): Housekeeping Staff needed. Speak with Operations Manager or submit resume at website. 631-623-5216

NEW – H & M: Positions available in Lake Grove, Garden City, and Riverhead.

Go to: <https://career.hm.com>

UPDATE - BJ's: Local jobs available. Go to: BJs.com/careers

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

Whole Foods (Commack): 15% Store discounts! Apply on line. Go to: joinwholefoods.com

Walmart: Adding 100+ P/T and F/T positions in new Yaphank Super Store

Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

Chipotle: Apply on line at: Jobs.Chipotle.com (Restaurant Name: Motor Parkway; Restaurant Number: 1634)

Auto Zone: Positions still available. Go to www.autozone.com/careers

Candlelight Diner: All positions available. Call [631-499-3918](tel:631-499-3918) or stop in.

Maryhaven: Many positions at many locations.

Go to: <https://maryhavenjobs.chsli.org/search-jobs>

PC Richards: Many positions available. Go to: <https://careers.pcrichard.com/>

Brendel's Bagels: Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff Drivers. P/T & F/T.

Call: 631-656-6828

Dunkin' Donuts/Subway: F/T and P/T Flexible positions available.

Call: 718-820-6112.

The Paramount Theater (Huntington): Many positions available. Sign on bonuses.

Send resume to: kevin@paramountny.com

Western Suffolk BOCES: Special Education Aides. Go to: wsboces.org/team

Target: Multiple positions at all LI locations. Text "JOBS" to 827438

Community Care Home Health Services: HHAs and PCAs. Call: 516-965-2809

Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available.

Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/>

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

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care 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.

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Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

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

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

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).



Holy Hour

"Lenten Promises"

Tuesday, March 1st
at 7:00 pm

Please join us for a Holy Hour of
adoration, music, and prayer!



St. Thomas More Parish
A Catholic Church Community in Hauppauge, NY
Sharing The Spirit Of Love



We're Back!

ST. Thomas More

Msgr. Francis S Midura

Council 6062

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 19. 2022

Following the 5 PM Mass

The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Ed Rogan, PGK

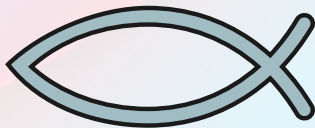
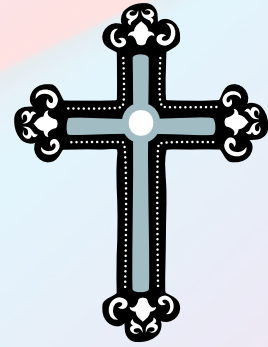
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631-366-1085



Last Sunday's Youth Group

Prayer themed Alpha and Egg Roll Bowls!



**Our next meetings, February 27th which is Lenten Journey themed and March 6th, are from 12:30 to 2:30pm.
New members always welcome!**

Parish Lenten Mission

Loving God Gladly

Monday, March 28 through Wednesday, March 30



*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your
heart.*

Romans 10:8



Conducted by:
Rev. Kevin Cronin, OFM
Franciscan Friars Ministry of the Word

God's Love in Jesus Brings True Joy!

Monday, March 28th

9:00 a.m. Mini Mission at Mass
7:00 p.m. Mission Service

God's Mercy Restores the Joy of Our Youth!

Tuesday, March 29th

9:00 a.m. Mini Mission at Mass
7:00 p.m. Mission Service

God's Healing Brings New Hope!

Wednesday, March 30th

9:00 a.m. Mini Mission at Mass
7:00 p.m. Mission Service

Join us at:

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