

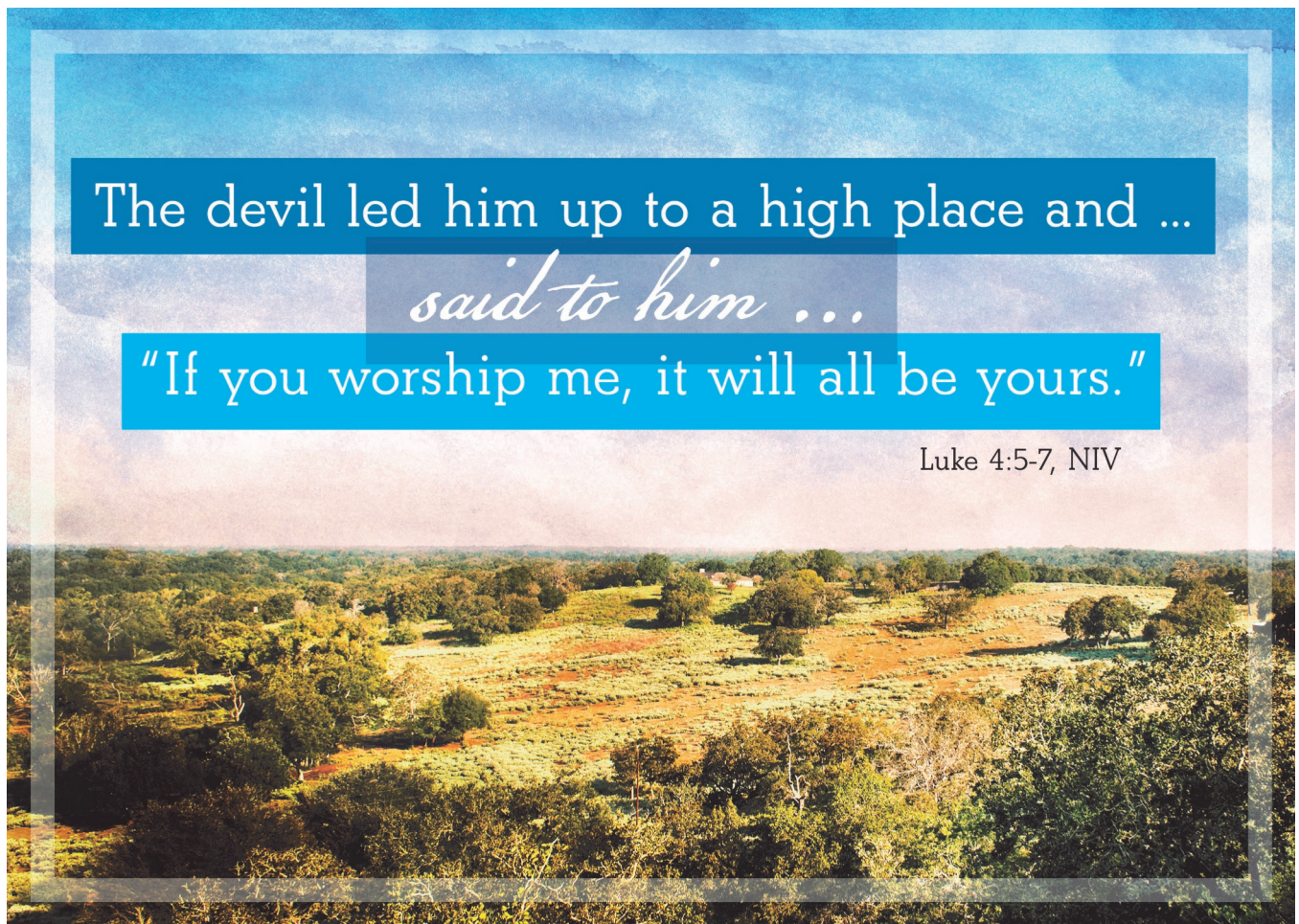
Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 6, 2022

First 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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**Website:** <https://stmli.org>

#### Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

Instagram: stm\_church

To receive texts or emails  
from us just text

**Spiritoflove** to 84576 or  
sign up @

[StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](https://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)

## ***Masses for this coming week***

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

### **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*

### **Monday, March 7—St. Perpetua and St. Felicity**

9am—Michael Seda by *Johnny & Michelle Cerrito*

### **Tuesday, March 8—St. John of God**

9am—Christopher Weidig by *Al & Eileen Weidig*

### **Wednesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome**

9am—Judith E. Lentino by *her parents*

### **Thursday, March 10**

9 am—Diane Weisz by *St. Thomas More Hospitality*

### **Friday, March 11**

9 am—Diane Weisz by *Arlene & John Aspromgos*

### **Saturday, March 12 (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)**

5pm—Sophie Pankus by *Al Pankus*

### **Sunday, March 13—Second Sunday of Lent**

8am—Fr. Peter A. Miqueli by *Dcn. Ed & Laura  
Vigneaux*

9:30am—Anna Marie Butera by *Lucy Mazelis*

11:30am—Ralph Molinaro by *Betty Ann & Joe  
Codispoti*

## ***Growing through the Sunday Scriptures***

March 13, 2022  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
Philippians 3:17—4:1  
Luke 9:28b-36

### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,

“Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

### **Focus Questions:**

1. How open are you to moving toward a deeper experience of faith?
2. Jesus took time apart for prayer. Where do you like to pray?
3. Describe a way that prayer has transformed your life.

### **Family and children’s lesson**

The apostles could not stay awake while they waited for Jesus. Talk about a time when you missed something important because you fell asleep.



**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Agent to writer: I have some good news and some bad news.**

Writer to Agent: First tell me the good news.

Agent to writer: Paramount just loved your story, absolutely ate it up.

Writer: That's fantastic – and the bad news?

Agent: Paramount is my dog.

Every temptation peripherally sounds as good news but is bad news substantially.

**The Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent narrates the three temptations of Jesus.** The first one is the devil's suggestion that after 40 days of fast, Jesus could appease His hunger by turning stone into bread through His Miracle-power. The second and third temptations are the devil's outward invitation to Jesus to enjoy glory and authority over the whole world if He would worship and obey the devil. The devil's temptations to Jesus are sugar coated suggestions to misuse His miracle-doing-power or to surrender His Godly identity in order to possess material properties. Every temptation is a sugar coated trap. It attracts us with its sweetness only to get our life entrapped in our weakness and deterioration.

**At no time did Jesus fell into the devil's trap** or in the sweet-coated attraction offered to him. Jesus replied to the devil how His inner reality of being the Son of God, is true living than enjoying all the sugar-coated offers that the devil placed before him. Thus Jesus invites us to live our inner worth of being God's children. In Jesus we are saved and have the freedom of living the image of God we bear. We are so powerful that no one can enslave us unless we yield to them. Let us follow Jesus and live like Him in the face of temptations. Let us never succumb to sugar coating; let us be awakened to our inner worth. Let us awaken ourselves to the spiritual power to live our best.

**We have begun the Holy Time of Lent.** We call it holy time, not because the time has anything holy, but it offers an invitation to us to become holy. To be holy is to think and act, not in our selfish way, but as God would. To become holy, we must first be aware of God's presence in and around us. Once God's awareness becomes our experience all that we do and say will express God's presence. This is what Jesus means when he asks us "to be perfect just as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt. 5:48).

**Of course we cannot in any way be like God our Heavenly Father.** But we can experience God in us and allow God to be experienced by others through our words and deeds. Lent is the time we seriously make efforts to be aware of God's available presence in and around us and become channels bringing God to others by experiencing God within us. All our Lenten spiritual practices like **praying**, fasting and almsgiving are merely the means of growing into God-awareness in us and others.

**In our Parish we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm** for a particular intention. This Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> we pray for those who are impacted by loss of jobs and business due to Covid. Please come and pray with us.

**Please mark your Calendar. March 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> is the Parish Mission by Fr. Kevin Cronin OFM.**  
**Lenten Project: This year's Lenten Project is to support "Holy Family Vocational School"** in the Parish of San Pedro Apostolo, El Cercado, Dominican Republic. This is supported by our Diocese for the last 43 years. Fr. John Cervini, one of our former Associate pastors worked there to coordinate this project. More information about how you can help can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please make the donation check to "St. Thomas More Church" with the designation "Vocational School" Please place your donations in the house found near the display.

**The Church in Need – Ukraine**

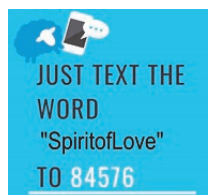
On March 6, 2022 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected this year will be directed to assist the people of Ukraine during this time of suffering and war.

Thank you for your generosity.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



**Rectory Phone: 631-234-5551****Pastor**Rev. Antony Asir *ext. 14***Deacons**Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz**Rectory Staff**Linda Carlino *ext. 11*  
Celine D'Souza *ext. 10*  
Theresa Recce *ext. 18***Religious Education—631-234-0397****Coordinator**Mary Ellen Carroll *ext. 26***Religious Education Staff**Joanne Anelli *ext. 21*  
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Altar Servers Ministry: [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)  
Personal Prayer: [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)  
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following  
Barbara & Joe Fratamico at [BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto: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 20-26, 2022*

2/20/2022	\$50	437	Rick Mallen
2/21/2022	\$25	225	Keith & Lois Christianson
2/22/2022	\$25	153	Anita Lomino
2/23/2022	\$25	1067	Donna & Gary Fortmeyer
2/24/2022	\$25	354	John & Donna Campbell
2/25/2022	\$25	611	Evelyn Mentock
2/26/2022	\$25	750	Jack & Caroline DeSantis



**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 27, 2022     \$3,776.00

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](http://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:*

*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.

Our 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](http://www.cffor.org)

**Focus on Religious Freedom**  
Catholics for Freedom of Religion  
[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### Christian Values on Trial in Finland Will Affect Religious Freedom in Europe and the World

"Part of the scary thing about what's happening in Finland is that it could happen anywhere else," said human rights lawyer Paul Coleman. <sup>(1)</sup> Coleman cautioned that the Finnish cases are the "canary in the coalmine" for freedom of speech and freedom of religion in the Western world.

If the court finds them guilty, two Christians in Finland face fines or up to two years in prison and thus would set the precedent of making quoting the Bible a criminal offense in Western countries. Dr. Paivi Rasanen, member of Parliament (2011-2015), physician and mother of five and Bishop Juhana Pohjola of the Lutheran Mission Diocese in Finland, were charged with incitement against a minority group for publishing a pamphlet, "Male and Female He Created Them," that states the theological and scientific truth that men and women are different. Bishop Pohjola warned that "the Gospel of Christ is at stake" as Western governments liken the Bible's teachings about marriage and sexuality to "hate speech." <sup>(2)</sup>

[thefederalist.com](http://thefederalist.com), 1/24/22(1); [ncregister.com](http://ncregister.com), 2/16/22(2)(6); [lic-online.org](http://lic-online.org), 2/14/22; [christianpost.com](http://christianpost.com), 11/11/21; [citizenngo.org](http://citizenngo.org), 2/8/22

***"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."***  
***George Washington***

## Young at Heart Happenings for March 2022

**Friday, March 11, 2022** at 12:30 pm— St. Patrick's Day Luncheon —Complete Traditional Luncheon. Members \$10.00.  
Please call Marie Utter: **631-234-4102** or Betty Ann Codispoti **631-582-4826** to sign up.

**Friday, March 25, 2022** at 12:30 pm—Join us for our meeting and games over coffee. Try us and join us. We are a good group of very welcoming people! 😊

## Religious Education News

The children at the Children's Liturgy last Sunday learned about Jesus' teaching that the goodness in our hearts flows out to doing good, good trees produce good fruit. All children between the ages of 4-8 are welcomed to join us at the 9:30 Mass each week.





## 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

Eleanor Meineke, 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](http://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



“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good”  
Luke 6:45

Our current needs include:

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

**\*\* 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**

***Please see our flyers for our Lenten Project and Easter food/basket collections***

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Your gift to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul will help those in need to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

We can be reached at 631 648 2760 or svdp.stm@aol.com.

### **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.*

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### **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

**JOB FAIR – NORTHWELL HEALTH: Radisson Hotel, Hauppauge – March 9, 1pm-7pm.** Dozens of positions available. To register, go to: <http://2022-open-house-events.ttcportals.com/>

**NEW – Town of Islip: Summer job opportunities.** To apply, go to [islipny.gov/part-time-jobs](http://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs) or attend the walk-in interviews on March 26, 11AM–3PM at Brookwood Hall, East Islip.

**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](http://www.upsjobs.com)

**NEW – Pet Smart:** Positions available. Go to: [careers.petsmart.com](http://careers.petsmart.com)

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

Go to: [www.catholiccharities.cc/careers](http://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](mailto:cocinadechris@gmail.com)

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

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

**BJ's: Local** jobs available. Go to: [BJs.com/careers](http://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](http://joinwholefoods.com)

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

Go to: [www.careers.walmart.com](http://www.careers.walmart.com)

**Auto Zone:** Positions still available. Go to [www.autozone.com/careers](http://www.autozone.com/careers)

**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](mailto:kevin@paramountny.com)

**Western Suffolk BOCES:** Special Education Aides. Go to: [wsboces.org/team](http://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

**Starbucks:** Positions available. Go to: [www.starbucks.com/careers](http://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.

Go to: [www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment)

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



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Go to: [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment](http://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](http://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](mailto:jmtwhite@optonline.net)

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





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent is a journey from the desert of death to the springs of new life. We follow Jesus into the wilderness of the desert to renew our baptismal covenant with the Father. During this sacred time, we die to sin, and washed clean from our self-centeredness and attachment to the world, rise to divine grace and love. As we enter this privileged season, let us reflect once more on the three means we employ during this forty-day journey of penance and conversion: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

*Prayer.* Prayer is most simply a conversation with God, and St. Paul reminds us that this conversation must be continual. The Apostle to the Gentiles enjoins us to “pray at all times” (Eph 6:18), “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17), and “be constant in prayer” (Rom 12:12). To pray this way requires effort. It demands silence, artful listening, and remaining in the presence of God. This Lent we remember two powerful ways we enter into this holy conversation: by sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and through *lectio divina*, a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture.

*Fasting.* The Church Fathers speak extensively on the power of fasting to break sin and open our hearts to the grace of God. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes: “Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God’s ear to yourself” (*Sermo* 43: PL 52, 320, 322). Let us remember, too, that bodily fasting is useless unless it is joined with spiritual fasting, that is, fasting from our passions.

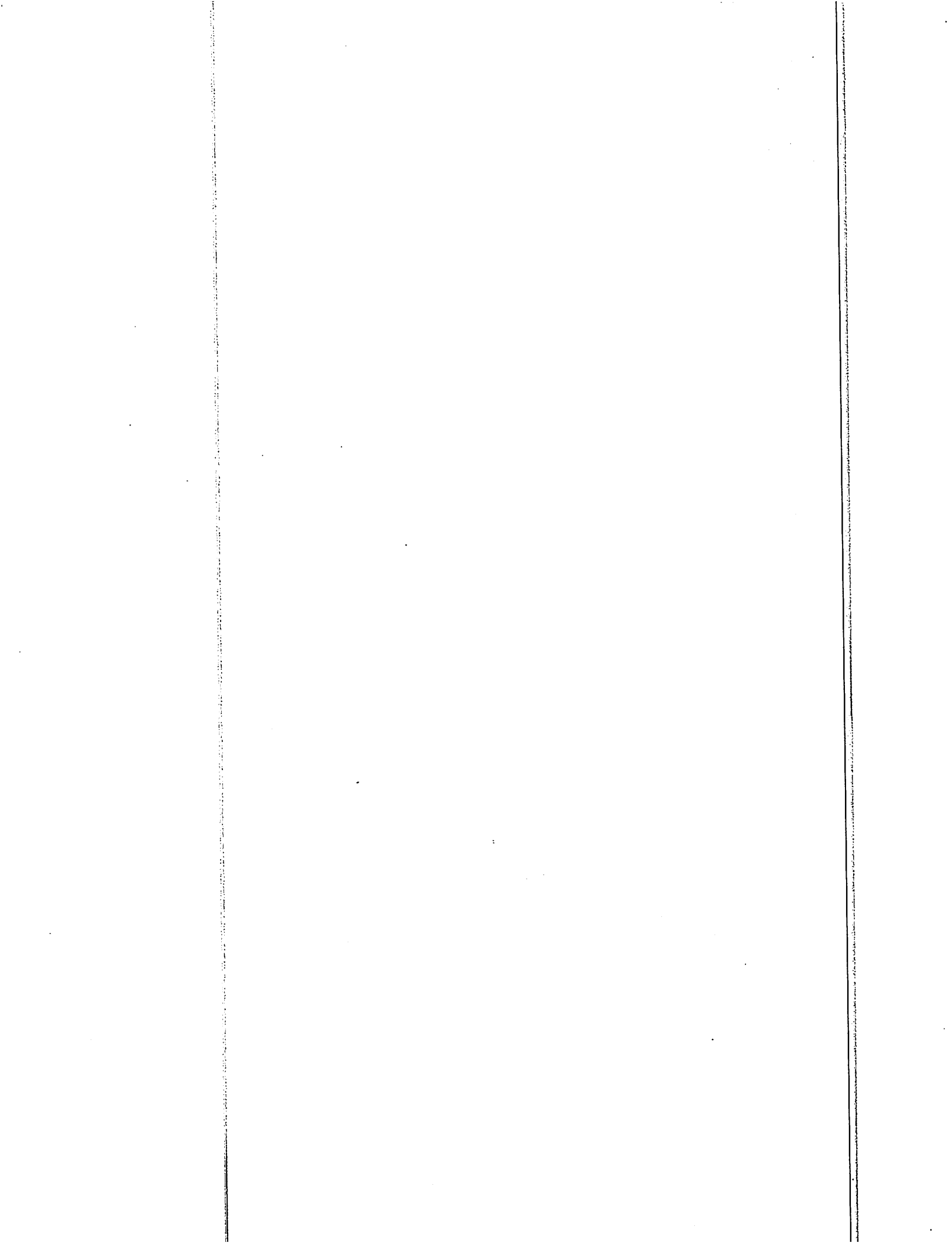
*Almsgiving.* Scripture brings the three marks of our Lenten journey together and puts the emphasis on the last: “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8-9). Almsgiving is better because it points to charity. We remember we are not only to give materially to those in need but also give of ourselves as we love God and neighbor.

Last October, Pope Francis invited the Church into a synod on synodality. The Holy Father wants the Church to journey together in a multi-year process listening to each other, hearing the Word and celebrating the Eucharist. As we journey towards Easter, let us be united in mind and spirit. May the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving prepare us for Easter and an experience of the power of God, which “dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty” (*The Easter Proclamation - Exsultet*). Then, alive in Christ, we can go forward evangelizing, as Pope Francis would want, with *parrhesía*: “Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, [and] apostolic fervor” (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 129).

May the loving presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who remained faithful to her son at the foot of the cross, protect and sustain us in our Lenten journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre







ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH

EASTER April 17, 2022

CANDY BASKETS NEEDED  
FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!

CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

*We ask that you make baskets that are  
age and gender neutral*

BASKETS ARE NEEDED NO LATER THAN APRIL 4th

IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

We are also in need of other food items for  
Easter Dinner including:

Vegetables, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit, Desserts

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.





## ***St. Thomas More Lenten Project***

This year's Lenten Project will support *Holy Family Vocational Technical School (Sagrada Familia)* in the Dominican Republic.

In 1979 the Diocese of Rockville Center adopted the parish of San Pedro Apostol in El Cercado, Dominican Republic. The El Cercado mission organized and empowered a network of faith-based communities in barrios and rural towns to build schools, safe homes, water systems, latrines, agriculture and preventative health services. There is currently an elementary and secondary school for over 600 students in pre-K to grade 12. A 3-floor physical structure was recently completed with plans to provide technical training to juniors and seniors, allowing these young people to become agents of change in their own community. The school was named "*Sagrada Familia*" in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holy Family Diocesan High School in Huntington. Fr. John Cervini, a former Associate Pastor at St. Thomas, spent 17 years as the Pastor in El Cercado and continues to support the El Cercado mission.

Donations from our Lenten project will support an electricity workshop, plumbing workshop, beauty & hygiene workshop, cooking and bakery workshop, arts & crafts and sewing workshop and an assembly room. The goal is to open the school this September. Future plans include evening courses for adults and senior citizens.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas More and placed in the little house by the bulletin board.





# Last Sunday's Youth Group

Introduction to Lent and visiting a baptism!



Our next meetings, March 6th and March 13th 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 28<sup>th</sup>**

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 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

### God's Healing Brings New Hope!

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Join us at:**

**St. Thomas More Church**  
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Hauppauge, NY 11788  
631-234-5551  
Email: [Rectory@stmli.org](mailto:Rectory@stmli.org)



**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

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