Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 19th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



As long as I am in the WORLD, I am the LIGHT of the WORLD.

John 9:5

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.

Parish Resources

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm_church

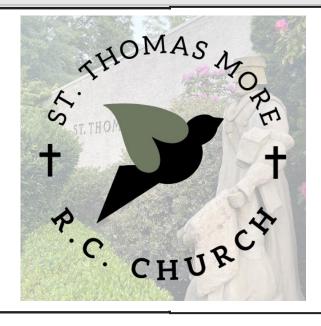
@stm_yg

Facebook:

St Thomas More Church Hauppauge

Flocknote

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



Office Contacts

Rectory

631-234-5551

rectory@stmli.org

Religious Education

631-234-0397

reled@stmli.org

Outreach

631-234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Masses March 18th—March 26th, 2023

This Weekend:

Saturday, March 18th: (Anticipated mass for Sunday)

5pm- Richard Stout by Richard & Tish Landi

Sunday, March 19th: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8am- Anthony Mary In Thanksgiving

9:30- Tommy White by The Schook Family

11:30- Diane Quinn by Joan Quinn

Paul Rogan by Phil & Dottie Castaldo

Monday, March 20th: St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary

9am- Ellen Cleary by her Family

Tuesday, March 21st:

9am- Frank Petrocelli by Arlene & John Aspromgos

Wednesday, March 22nd:

9am- Eleanor Thompson by Lottie & Chet Kalenty

Thursday, March 23rd:

9am- Robert Kohlhoff by Arlene & John

Friday, March 24th:

9am- Emily Reamer by Gary & Linda Masten

Next Weekend:

Saturday, March 25th: (Anticipated mass for Sunday)

5pm- Guiseppe Piazza by the Piazza & Tuffarelli Families

Berta Jacome by the Martinod-Jacome Family

Sunday, March 26th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am- Teresa Scarlato by Sal Scarlato

9:30- Nellie Mensa by the STM Columbiettes

11:30- Franca Basile by Marilyn Miller

Robert A Romano by the Knopf Family

Readings for Next Week

March 26th, 2023 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130: 1-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Fifth Sunday Focus Questions

- 1: How does the raising of Lazarus give you confidence in Jesus power over death?
- 2: Describe a time when you had the faith of Martha in Jesus
- 3: Relate a time when you felt called to respond to a friend in pain

John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus. sayng, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this. He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Family & Children's Question

Talk about a bad habit that you would like Jesus to help you break

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

The old Master had become blind and could neither read nor look at the faces of those who came to visit him. A faith healer said to him, "Entrust yourself to my care and I will heal your blindness." "There will be no need for that," replied the Master. "I can see everything that I need to." Not everyone whose eyes are closed is asleep. And not everyone with open eyes can see. Or, of what use is it to have eyes if the heart is blind?

Today's Gospel story is about seeing. It is a long one, narrating the event of Jesus giving sight to a man born blind. His physical seeing gradually became a deep spiritual seeing and grew up to believing in Jesus. The Gospel also portrays at the same time how the people and the pharisees became blind and unable to believe in Jesus.

At the outset of the story, Jesus explains to His disciples that the man was born blind neither because of his sin nor that of his parents. He was born so, that the works of God might be made visible through him. Jesus wants us to understand that nothing in the world, including the blindness or such deficiencies, are not the curse or effects of someone's sin. Everything, good or evil, is God's way of making us see and believe in God's work in Jesus.

The Gospel story continues with the accounts of how people reacted to this event of the man-born-blind receiving the sight. First, the crowd clearly saw that the man was cured of his blindness; however, they brought him to the pharisees for their approval. Here we can see how the crowd behaves. Rarely the crowd acts from their personal conviction. Often, they are led by what their leaders approve or affirm as true. Yes, the crowd saw for themselves that the man was blind but now is able to see. Yes, they were the eyewitnesses to the healing of the blind man; yet they choose to blindly follow their leaders' lead. The approval from their leaders is a more powerful fact of gathering them than their personal conviction.

Secondly the Gospel shows how his parents reacted. Being afraid of the authorities, the parents did not want to personally involve explaining how it happened to their son. They impersonally stated "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." They saw the healing of their son more a problem for them from the authorities than a real healing for their son from Jesus. Their fear made them not see anything beyond their personal secured life.

Thirdly the authorities knew in their heart that this blind man has received sight, but they could not accept how could Jesus who broke the Sabbath, perform such a miracle. It was not a simple struggle for them whether to believe Jesus' work or not. Rather it was their stubborn heart which blinded them to see the truth that good things could happen in Sabbath. The burden of the law closed their eyes to see the wonder of God. The prayer of the Psalmist "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." (Psalm 119:18) could not open their eyes of their stubborn heart. They decided to remain blind to the fact.

The Gospel ends with how the cured-blind man himself reacted. He who personally experienced the healing, reacted to Jesus, professing and proclaiming "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Him. Faith is not mere recitation of a creed and worship of an external reverential act. They are but entrusting and surrendering oneself to the healer. Faith and worship blossom as the personal expression to what Jesus does to a person; they become a public testimony of what Jesus did to that person. Let us pray for the gift of faith to surrender ourselves to Jesus; let us worship Him for the forgiveness and healing to happen in ourselves.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



Parish Information

Staff Contact

Pastor

Father Antony Asir pastor@stmli.org

Deacons

Deacon Matthew J. Surico Deacon Edward Vigneaux Deacon Robert D. Weisz

Rectory

Theresa Recce theresa@stmli.org
Dottie Castaldo finance@stmli.org
Alex White rectory@stml.org

Religious Education

Mary Ellen Carroll, DRE mecarroll@optonline.net Linda Ronning reled@stmli.org Joanne Anelli

Youth Ministry

Noelle LaFontaine youthminister@stmli.org

Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Director music@stmli.org

Ministry Contact

Parish Outreach

Marti White outreach@stmli.org

Pastoral Council

Barbara & Joe Fratamico bjfrat@optonline.net

Altar Servers Ministry

Deacon Matt Surico altarservers@stmli.org

Eucharistic Ministers

Patty Citro pcitro 78@yahoo.com

Lector Ministry

Mike Petagna mpetagna22@gmail.com

Hospitality Ministry

Ellie Stout gram 1 1@optonline.net

Consolation Ministry

Eileen Weidig

Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani 631-234-0714

Have an idea for a Ministry or Club?

Contact Father Antony at the Rectory to share your idea!

Many of our ministries were formed by a parishioner or employee with an idea.

We are a community of friends brought together through our love of Jesus. It is so special to share time with each other as we do good works, have fun, and praise the name of our Lord.

New Literature Rack!

We have a new literature rack hung in the Narthex on your way out of the church. It features registration forms, prayer requests, ministry volunteering opportunities, past bulletins, and Lenten resources. Please help yourself to anything you might need.



If your ministry or organization wants to display information on the literature rack, please contact Alex in the Rectory

Prayers for our Community

Pray for Our Military Pray for the Sick Ethan Bernstein Maria Aldaba Monica Kanischak Dylan Kowalski Jessie Bernstein Thomas LaFemina Cathy Boutin Diane LaFalcia Andrew Lombardi Caiola Family Joseph Blaugrund Joseph Lagomarsine Anthony Broncatello Lt. Clint Lorance John Caliendo Richard Landi John Burk Joseph Cassetta Frank Macchio Scott Lovelock Collin Busto Linda Cook John McGann Andrew Lynch Collin J. Crean Troy A. Maida, Nick Conzo Rev Janusz Mocarski Eddie Cullum William Maley Marion & Rob Corbin Lorraine Mueller Eric Cullum Thomas Migliara Joey Cullum Ellen Murphy Tim Morris David Cussen Carolyn D'Amore Al Pankus Adam Moumine Catherine DeSola Capt. Sean Michael Dolan Donald Parisi Marianna Deszcz King Forbes Pedlar P. J. Erskin John Nachtman Timothy Fallon Carol Falkowski Wilson Perez Kaitlyn Nachtman Major Michael Fantauzzi **Thomas Nichols** Michael Fiorentino Stetson Pignataro (2 mon) J.T. Foltz Adam Papaizai Richard Fiorentino Aodan Reddy Mike Foltz Michael Poist Barbara Foberg Mark Reitman Michael Gioia Michael Polanski Jack Gaudet Helen Reichert Carl F. Greiner Patty Golembiewski Kyle Rathie Lorraine Rouse Philip Gudone Antonia Marie Rivera Geri Grincavitch Greg Sandbichler John Michael Haffner Ann Karen Sanchez Richard Gutmann Margi Schwarting Noah Simonetti Matthew L. Hamann Theresa Haas Justin Schneider Sean Hendrikson **Christopher Sidor** ML Harvey John Spadaro Tylor J. Hickey **Christopher Singer** Linda Heller Peggy Stepanek Lorraine White John Karies Ryan Smith Jean Herlihy Mark Zlatniski Joseph Kirsch **Anthony Troise** Nolan Horn Michael Knipper Michael White

Altar Bread and Wine Memorial for March 13-19

this listing will expire on March 31st, 2023

In Memory of Marsha Augustyn

By Donna Basile

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family.

Pray for the Deceased

Marsha Augustyn

Jenny Zicaro

Peter Nappi

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:

this listing will expire on March 31st, 2023

- 2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
- 3. Person making the Request:
- 4. Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar 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.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: March 11th & 12th

\$6554

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

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.

(If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the form on the literature rack and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.)

Faith Direct: This offers a safe and secure way to make regularly scheduled donations 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

Maintenance Collection: We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please take a maintenance envelope from the literature rack.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You.

Paschal Candle 2023

The Paschal Candle has a long history and carries significant meaning and symbolism in the Easter services. The candle is lit during the Easter Vigil, symbolizing the light of Christ's resurrection, overcoming the darkness of the tomb. The Paschal Candle is also lit during baptism signifying new life in Christ, and during funerals to signify the hope of resurrection.

We welcome sponsors for our new Paschal Candle. Please call the rectory if you are

interested.

Offertory Sign-Up Book

Would you like to bring up the gifts during the offertory? It's a great way to participate in the mass with your family!



We have a sign-up book available in the Narthex near the literature rack. Currently available for each weekend in 2023. If you are interested, please sign up and let the ushers know when you arrive at mass.

Calendar Club Winners

Mar 13 (\$25): Ann & Michael Marino (231)

Mar 14 (\$25): Mary LoPreto (1101)

Mar 15 (\$25): Dave Holdorf (33)

Mar 16 (\$25): Frances Dia & Arlene Block (1049)

Mar 17 (\$25): Dianne Vallette (731)

Mar 18 (\$25): Allison Madison (587)

Mar 19 (\$50): Barbara Schriefer (512)

Parish Social Ministry

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." ~Proverbs 19:17

This week we are very low on...

Rice Sauce Juice Paper Goods

As always, we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans can be difficult to distribute.

Please do not leave other items such as clothing or household items in the donation bins. Clothing can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot. Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.

Thank you!



Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM 631-234-3149 Outreach@stmlil.org

We have a parishioner in need of a ride to the 11:30 Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help, please contact the Outreach office.

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.

One of our STM parishoners is selling fresh eggs, \$9 per dozen. To place an order, please call 631-974-2643. Pick up is Saturdays (11:30-1) in the STM parking lot.



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to learn more about what we do.

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or e-mail svdp.stm@aol.com

Announcements



Second Announcement
Lauren Walsh & Michael Mazzie

Third Announcement
Julia Allen & Michael Fiore

Young at Heart

Friday March 24th @ 12:30 New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

Have you been called by name?

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings!



If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community that is the Catholic Church. **Contact RCIA** by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551

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 **April 17**, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Our book for discussion will be: Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream. Facilitator: Eileen Santangelo

For further info or to register, call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805 or Joan @ 631-234-1739



Thanks to the Columbiettes!

Member Kim Mazziotti is due in April and the Columbiettes hosted a baby shower for her.



Congratulations and God Bless the Mazziotti family!

In Our Community



Do You Want a Better Marriage?

Do you feel alone, frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other to avoid a fight?

Retrouvaille (Retro-vi) helps couples get through the difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage to rediscover themselves, their spouse, and build the loving relationship they desire.

Our next Weekend is
April 21-23, 2023
At the Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington

Visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230 for more information



Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proof of claims for victims of sexual abuse who were 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found at the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page.

https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc

MON 4/3 RECONCILIATION DAY

Confession available from 3:00pm-9:00pm at St Thomas More, as well as all parishes in the Diocese.

WED 4/5

Choir Cantata at 7:30pm. The Way of the Cross reflected through Mary, with music by the STM Choir

THUR 4/6 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Daily Mass at 9:00am

Chrism Mass at St Agnes Cathedral at 11:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm in the Church. This mass is always followed by the Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Repository will be available until 10:00pm

HOLY WEEK

AT ST THOMAS MORE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FRI 4/7 GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross for Young People at 1:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00pm in the Church

Tenebrae at 7:30pm in the Church. A presentation of the Lord's Passion with neotraditional Chant

SAT 4/8 HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Food at 10:00am in Walden Hall

*NO 5:00pm MASS

Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in the Church

Events at St. Thomas More

This Week @ STM

Sun Mar 19th, 12:30pm Youth Group

Wed Mar 22nd, 7:00pm Columbiettes Social Meeting

Thur Mar 23rd, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Mar 23rd, 6:30pm Alpha

Thur Mar 23rd, 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri Mar 23rd, 12:30pm Young at Heart

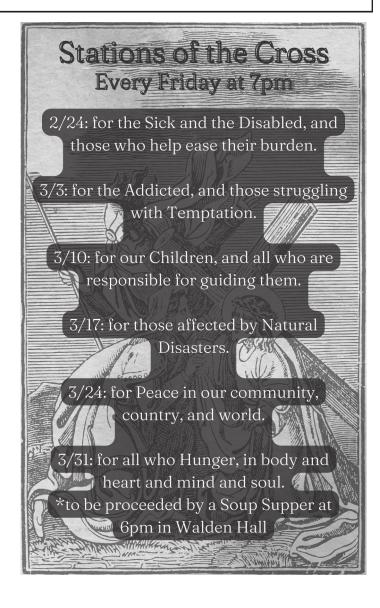
Fri Mar 23rd, 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat Mar 24th, 5:00pm
Parish Mission Introduction

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

St. Thomas More Employment Services

NEW - Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Multiple open positions.

Complete on-line application at: https://forms.gle/V77TxKfkseRUdi5n8 (Shoreham-Wading River location) or https://

forms.gle/57xKk3gqK6zUdHS99 (Bay Shore location)

NEW - Home Care Therapies: Patient "sitters" needed. Observe patients and provide social support. Send CV to

aab@homecaretherapies.com. Reference "Sitter Nassau"

NEW - Amityville UFSD: Teaching Positions.

Go to: www.olasjobs.org/longisland

NEW – Blue Point Brewing Company: Packaging Machine Operator.

Go to:https://anheuser-busch.dejobs.org/patchogue-ny/packaging-operator-blue-point-brewing-NEW – Manufacturing Technology Career Fair: March 23rd, 1-4PM.

Long Island Cares, Community Engagement Center, 75 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, 11788

NEW – Town of Islip: P/T Summer Job Opportunities

Apply on line at: https://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs, **OR** Walk-In on April 11th, 3PM to 7PM at Brentwood Recreation Center, 99 Third Avenue, Brentwood

NEW - The Academy Charter School: Teachers Needed

Go to: www.academycharterschool.org/careers/

Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program: Apply at: NASCTF.ORG/SIB

Law Firm Legal Assistant: Send CV to Shawn Kassman, 83 Carleton Ave, CI, 11722

Long Beach Public Schools: Multiple opportunities. Go to: www.olasjobs.org

Copaiague Public Schools: P/T Office Assistant

Go to: www.copiague.k12.ny.us

NYS Dept. of Labor: Skills Workshops: Interviewing, Resume Development, Time Management, Communication Skills, etc.

Go to: https://dol.ny.gov/career-development

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

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

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

Go to: www.upsjobs.com Newsday: Multiple positions available.

Go to: https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday

OR send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

Plainedge School District: Many teaching and non-teaching positions available.

Apply at: www.olasjobs.org/longisland

Autozone – Local (Hauppauge and Central Islip):

Go to: https://careers.autozone.com

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

Chipotle: Local Positions. Go to: jobs.chipotle.com

ShopRite - Hauppauge: Many positions. Inquire within

Newsday: Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

Target: Multiple locations. Go to: www.target.com/careers

<u>Dollar Tree:</u> Text DOLLAR to 58046 or go to: <u>Dollar Tree.com/careers</u>

Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs

Educational Bus Transportation: Drivers Needed. Call: 631-789-2300

Dunkin': Positions available at many locations.

Go to: https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/careers

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

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

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careeers.walmart.com

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/

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 or call: 631-853-6540 <u>United States Postal Service (USPS):</u> 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: imtwhite@optonline.net

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



EM Spring Training

We welcome those who are interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or as Lectors to join our *St. Thomas More Ministries*. For EM training, please contact Laura Vigneaux, at (631) 234-6719. Laura will assist in the application process for the EM training. For Lector training, please contact Mike Petagna at mpetagna22@gmail.com.

Liturgical Minister Training - Spring 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Saturday, June 3 – St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 9 am – noon. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

Tuesday, May 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Saturday, June 3** - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville - Lower Level; 1:00 - 4:00 pm.*

*We are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Thank you for your interest!

Our St. Thomas More Family

Letting Our Light Shine!



Girl Scout Sunday

March 12, 2023



45 Easter Baskets Donated to Outreach

by Margaret Gill and Patti Hoeler's 8th Grade Class



Presentation of Babies To be Baptized

March 12, 2023

COMING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH

The May of the Cross

with Jesus and Mary, from Golgotha to the Resurrection

by Fr Slavko Barbaric OFM

We hope this journey with Jesus and Mary will transform your hearts into understanding more profoundly the love that Jesus has for us. The unity of Jesus and Mary in their sufferings heals all our wounds and our divisions, understanding more clearly the word "love".



Save the date and come

Youth Group - The Holy Spirit With 8th Graders March 12th, 2023





Noelle leading Holy Spirit trivia!



Finding the 7 Gifts of The Holy Spirit game.





Praying for personal intentions.

We invited two 8th Grade religious education classes to our meeting! This is the fourth visit of which we have 1 more before the 8th grade group is Confirmed. We hope that they will join our group or just keep attending church and connecting with Jesus.

This particular meeting we played a question trivia game on the topic of The Holy Spirit and a game finding the 7 Gifts of The Holy Spirit around the Narthex. This proved to be a lot of fun and we hope to see some familiar faces next year!

Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

March 19th- Easter

March 26th- Easter*

March 2nd- Teen Stations



Lenten Mission 2023

Topic:

Working on our human side so we can be more open to receive God's love.





MARCH

27, 28, 29th at 7pm

RETREAT LEADER

JIM RYAN

Author of Simple Happiness; 52 Ways to Lighten Up



Lenten Project 2023 "Hands Reaching Out"



St. Thomas More Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

An organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived in our neighborhood.

The focus of our Lenten project is the hungry, the cold, the homeless, the anxious, the desperate parent.

We have people in our area in need of help with rent, car repairs, utility bills, medical bills, burial costs, food costs and much more.





During Home Visits, we bring hope and financial resources to neighbors in need through assistance with rent, food, clothing, and other emergency needs. Along the way, we develop friendships with those in need, listening and praying together.

We rely entirely on donations! Please offer whatever you can in the house by our bulletin board or make checks out to St. Thomas More Church.

Spring Flower Sale 2023

Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next the the color options. Write the total in the box on the bottom with your name & phone number, and place this form with your payment, cash or check, in an envelope marked "flowers" (if using, make checks payable to St. Thomas More). Return the envelope to the collection basket or rectory by April 16th.



Million Bells Petunia (8" Hanging Pot)		
\$18.00		
—— Pink ——Yellow —— Purple/ Blue		
—— i di pic, bide		

New Guinea Impatients (8" Hanging Pot)
\$18.00
WhiteSalmon
Lavendar

Begonia
\$20.00/ flat
Green Leaf
—— Bronze Leaf

Geraniums (6"Pots)	
\$10.00	
SalmonWhite PinkRed Blue Violet	
· · · · ·	

Marigolds	
\$20.00/ flat	
Large Yellow Dwarf Yellow Dwarf Mixed	

Impatients		
\$20.00/ flat		
PurpleRed Mixed		

and the same of th	Make Committee or the Committee of the C		
	ea Impatients "Pots)		
\$10.00			
Red	White		
Pink	Orange		
1 116 4 11	7 11 17 17		

All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend of May 13 & 14 before and after all masses!