



Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor
Rev. Harold Noviello, Associate Pastor
Deacon Robert D. Weisz
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
Deacon John S. Rapacki

Religious Education

Patricia Chapin, Co-director
Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director

Parish Outreach

Staffed by volunteers

Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Facilitator

Youth Ministry

Joe Gast, s.c., Youth Minister

OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE - EUCARIST

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm
Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through
Saturday.

BAPTISM—As soon as your child is born,
please call the Parish Office to make Baptism
arrangements. Preparation session and
welcoming Mass attendance are required.

MARRIAGE—As soon as a couple decides to
marry, and BEFORE making any other arrange-
ments, call the Church Office to schedule an
appointment with the Parish Office or one of the
deacons.

RECONCILIATION—Celebrated in Church
every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by
previous appointment with Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Call the Church
Office to request visitation of the sick.

CONFIRMATION—Those who have not been
confirmed should call the Parish Office to
receive further information.

HOLY ORDERS—Contact the Parish Office for
more information about the priesthood or
diaconate.



PARISH LENTEN MISSION ***March 14–17, 2016***

March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Telephones:

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Masses for this coming week

March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Saturday--March 12

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—A Special Intention *by Milagros & family*

Sunday—March 13—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am—Louis & Anthony Giuliano *by Francine Rosmini*

9:15am—Steven Tursellino *by the Rodgers family*

10:45am—Robert Russo (10th Anniversary) *by*
Lettie Russo

12:15pm—Maureen Heuer (deceased) & family (living)
by George & Rosaleen Walters and James Rogan

Monday—March 14

9am—Mary Dahlquist *by Dottie Lossani & Mae Devine*

Tuesday—March 15

9am—Mary Dahlquist *by Fran Wieland*

Wednesday—March 16

9am—A Special Intention *by Milagros & family*

Thursday—March 17—St. Patrick

9am—Mary Jane “Mikki” Wilbert *by Nancy J.*
O'Connor

Friday—March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9am—A Special Intention *by Milagros & family*

7pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday--March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am—Josephine Campanelli *by Ted & Loretta Muenkel*
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Emma Finley & Jean Ammirati *by the Giacalone family*; Mary T. Dahlquist *by Chet & Lottie Kalenty*; Peter & Arlene Ilyichenko *by Jim DeSantis*; Angela & Silvio Loccisano *by Laurie & Michael Massmann*; Angela Loccisano *by the Poulin family*; Christopher Madigan *by the Barr family*; Edwin Morella *by the Pietroski family*; Lilliam Munzer *by Len Munzer*; Elaine Paulella *by the Gardner family*; Joe, Patty & Joseph Severino *by Rose Milazzo*; Dolores Spegman *by Howard Spegman*.

Sunday—March 20—Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

8:00am—Lina Mori *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*

9:15am—Anthony Marvelli *by Alice & Charles*
Longwell

10:45am—Christopher Sauchelli *by Robert & Madeline*
Sauchelli

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord
Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Please refer to the Passion narrative in your Bible in the Gospel of St. Luke

Focus Questions:

1. How does the Gospel of the Passion prepare you to enter into Holy Week?
2. When have you seen others allowing injustice to happen to an innocent person?
3. Luke is the only Gospel that records a conversation between Jesus and the “good thief”. What is your reaction when you read that exchange?

Family and children’s question:

Choose one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy that you can do as a family during Holy Week as a sign of the love Jesus has for all people.

12:15pm—Jack Farino by *Frank Amalia Prisinzano*



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Adams; Lynn Alipert;
Anthony Augrigliaro; Mary Bein;
Louise Beltrani; Karen Berlet;
Mackenzie Borchers; Peter Bongiorno;
Charles Boston; Msgr. Patrick Brown;
Cecilia Burke; Fred Busse;
James D. Calandrella; Linda Sue Cappisillo;
D'Angelo Caruso; Marge Chester; Claire Cooper;
Dorothy Copeland; Joey Cullum; Bernice Cuomo;
Fr. Robert Dahlke; Jenn Dobbs; Florence and
Anthony Donato; Walter Drechsler Jr.;
William Driscoll; Thomas Duffy; Frank Dunn;
Baby Clare Elezabert; Leona Esposito; Tony Fairfax;
Josephine Farella; Fernando Francisco; Kate Fuoto;
Gerald Gilson; Diane Gonzalez; Judy Granville;
Frank Grieco; Richard Gutmann; Glenn Hollins;
Anthony Importuna; Irene Janis; Laura Jennings;
Steven Johnston; James Kavanagh; Kenneth;
Elaine Kleenstauber; Theresa Kuleis; Richard Landi;
Morgan Leary (Age 7); Nancy Link; Christopher Lynch;
Olivia Macchio; Cindy Mango; Lorraine Mango-Follini;
Jean Marsala-Kieffner; James Marcucci;
Romolo Marcucci; Frankie Martinelli; Jean Mascia;
Terri Ilardi McKee; Kathleen Morrissey; Sue Morrissey;
Irene Mozder; Josephine Mula; Victoria Nelson;
Bernadette O'Brien; Maureen O'Donnell; Beatrice
Okorn; Jeanne Oliveri; Joe P; Arlene Palazzolo;
Sandra Paterson; Ceffy & Peppi Perez; Joseph Peter;
Randy Pistrutto; Ralph Rantz; Nicole Reid;
Dolores Roberts; Rosalie Rocchio; Madeleine Sauchelli;
Michale Selvaggio; Daniel Skinnon; Kerry Spears;
Margaret Stahura; Kaz Stasiak; Richard Stout; Carson
Tianna; Chase Turano; Andrew J. Valentine;
Andrew M. Valentine; Helen Vrabel; Debbie Ward;
Greg Williams; Nicolas Wittreich; Fran Zeppetella; Baby
Joey Ziegler.

*We ask those who wish to have the sick listed in the bulletin to submit their names through the collection or drop the name(s) off at the Church Office. Please use the cut-out in the bulletin for your convenience. This listing will expire on **March 31, 2016**. Please resubmit any names you wish to have continued.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Helen Rachel Schiaffino; Catherine Greene;
Casano Holmes; our deceased loved ones and our
deceased servicemen and women.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

"Darling, I read your new book yesterday. I loved it. Who wrote it for you?"

"I'm glad you liked it. Who read it to you?"

If we think that we are smart to put down some one, it will not take much time for the other to put us down. Soon we will be repaid with the same coin. The measure we measure to others will be measured unto us.

Today's readings show how God is ready to uplift us and never to put us down.

The gospel narrates how Jesus saves the woman caught in adultery from the jaws of death. Jesus makes the accusers judge their lives with the same law with which they have condemned the woman. If the woman is condemned by the law for her sin, they too stand condemned before the law for their sins. For no one is sinless and everyone has failed to live up to the law to some degree or other. At the awareness that we are all sinners, Jesus invites every one not to condemn and kill but forgive and heal.

In the first reading God instructs us to forget the things of the past. He welcomes us to perceive and participate in the New that springs forth. Let us imitate Paul as he says in the second reading, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." The past always provokes to judge the other and the future awaits with the new to live in hope and peace.

Parish Mission is this week: Fr. Fitzsimmons gives a Lenten Mission this week. The Lenten Mission is a great opportunity to take this journey of leaving behind the old in order to strain forward to the New that lies ahead. In the name of Fr. Fitzsimmons I invite you to come to the Mission. He is a very engaging preacher -- his words and stories will get you engaged with God's presence and power. Welcome. Let us pray and feel the presence and power of God.

Soon it will be Easter. Donors to sponsor the Paschal Candle, Easter water bottles, and Easter Candles are welcome. The Paschal Candle will be blessed at the Easter Vigil and will be lit all through the Easter Time for six weeks whenever we celebrate Baptism and during funerals. During the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, Easter water bottles will be distributed to all the peoples. Thus your donation will help people carry the Easter Holy Water to their home. Your generosity will be remembered whenever the Paschal Candle is lit. Thanks for your donation.

Facebook and Parish Website: Please visit our parish social media postings. We have three Facebook accounts 1) The Parish of Saint Thomas More; 2) Saint Thomas

More Religious Education; 3) Saint Thomas More Youth. Adding to these, I have my own blog in our parish website: stmli.org. Please visit our website, go to pastor's page and click to read the reflection I post periodically. Everyday we post something spiritually inspiring, some information about our parish activities, and invitations to various events of the parish. Please visit the social media and hit the 'like' option. This will enable our parish activities and inspiration quotes to spread into your circle. This is your way of spreading the Word of God; this is the 'New Evangelization'. By hitting 'like' you become an Ambassador for Christ in spreading his life giving presence and message through his word. Thus you become a modern day Missionary of spreading God's Mercy in this Year of Mercy. Please open and hit 'like'. Thank you for your cooperation. We are the Church; we are all missionaries in the one great Mission of Christ.

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS (*Subject to last minute changes*)

| | <u>This Weekend</u> (March 12/13) | <u>Next Weekend</u> (March 19/20) |
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| <u>Saturday</u> | | |
| 5:00 pm | Fr. Antony | Fr. Irinel |
| <u>Sunday</u> | | |
| 8:00am | Fr. Harold | Fr. Antony |
| 9:15am | Fr. Antony | Fr. Harold |
| 10:45am | Fr. Fitzsimmons | Fr. Harold |
| 12:15pm | Fr. Antony | Fr. Antony |

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony

PARISH OUTREACH

ASH WEDNESDAY HAS PASSED...CAN EASTER BE FAR AWAY?

We need hams!!!!!!



Our annual food drive for both Easter Baskets and Easter food for our clients has officially begun!!!! With Easter coming early this year, (March 27th), we have to get our act together as a community, and start collecting the food (HAMS< HAMS< HAMS) as well as other items for Easter dinner – potatoes, vegetables, rolls, etc. We also need Easter baskets made up for the children of our clients, both boys and girls, from the very young to early teens. As always, we deeply appreciate any help our parishioners can provide!!!

Our clients will be picking up their food and Easter Baskets on March 21, 22, and 23d, so time is of the essence! Please make an Easter basket for a child of our clients, and bring it to Outreach asap. -

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Spring is almost here and we are all looking forward to warmer temperatures and flowers popping up in our gardens. However, the needs of some of our neighbors continue to hold them in despair. Please remember to help us so we can help them.

HOW WE WORK: The St Thomas More SVdP Conference works closely with Outreach. When the need goes beyond what they can do, they call us. Or, now that we have our direct telephone number (648-2760), we can be called directly by a neighbor in need.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING: Some of our conference members are sharpening their negotiating skills with landlords, other resources, and sometimes the person in need, so that a workable solution to the present problem, as well as the prevention of the same problem in the future, can be accomplished. The high cost of housing in LI continues to plague even those with a professional degree..

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Please use, and or give our telephone number to any neighbor who you think could use our help (648-2760). Also please e-mail us at svdp:stm@aol.com with any questions or ideas that you think may be helpful. Visit us on Facebook and pray for our conference that we may continue to “walk in the footsteps of Jesus.”

DONATIONS can be made as follows:

Checks: SVdP St. Thomas More Conference

Cash: place in an envelope that notes SVdP on the front, and leave at the rectory.

BECOME A VINCENTIAN: The only requirement is to have a desire to help. Together, as a conference, we offer the many skills and resources that enable us to assist those in need in our community. If interested, just call or e-mail us.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

David Chester
Carl F. Greiner
Scott Lovelock
Justin Schneider
Christopher Day
Thomas Nichols
Kaitlyn Nachtman
Adam Papaizai
Jessie Bernstein
Kyle Rathje
William R. Rathje
Timothy Fallon
Tim Morris
Thomas Migliara
Bryan Figueiredo
Andrew Lombardi

John Chester
Michael White
Thomas LaFemina
William Gregory
Jason Doyle
John Karies
John Nachtman
Michael Poist
Michael Polanski
Ryan Smith
Ethan Bernstein
Philip Guidone
Antonia Marie Rivera
John Burk
Alex Lombardi
Christopher Sidor



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| Tim Morris | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Thomas Migliara | John Burk |
| Bryan Figueiredo | Alex Lombardi |
| Andrew Lombardi | Christopher Sidor |
| Sean Hendrickson | Michael Knipper |

If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like to have their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7pm.



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

*"May you defend these rights, especially your **religious freedom**, for it has been given to you by God himself." Pope Francis*

EWTN and Supreme Court:

As the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to hear the religious freedom case of Little Sisters of the Poor on March 23, EWTN Global Catholic Network has filed a brief with the Court. "Our brief argues that the government's mandate (requiring employers to offer health insurance plans covering contraception, sterilization and abortion-producing drugs) ... seek to coerce EWTN and other religious organizations into violating our strongly held beliefs," said EWTN Chairman. "The Supreme Court needs to find the mandate unconstitutional."

For failing to comply with the mandate, EWTN would face fines of \$35,000 per day, about \$12.7 million per year. The brief charges that the government aims to force EWTN into "complicity with wrongdoing. ... Giving in would not only violate EWTN's conscience, but would destroy its credibility as a witness to the Catholic faith it proclaims every day to a worldwide audience." (www.patheos.com, 1/13/16)

Event: April 20, 2016, 7:00PM. Thomas Renker, Counsel for Diocese of Rockville Centre and Barbara Samuells, President, Catholics for Freedom of Religion, St. John the Evangelist, 25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY

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Personal Prayer - SpiritualOrientations.com
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico—
JFRAT@optonline.net
Youth Ministry Corner—If you have any questions about the program, please contact Joe Gast, Youth Minister.
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. 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.
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>.
HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You may contact the school at parents@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com
USED EYE GLASSES —The Volunteer Optometrist Service to Humanity (VOSH) is a group of

Ophthalmologists/Optometrists who volunteer their time and professional skills each year for two weeks in Peru. They go to rural mountainous regions and provide optical treatment and/or eye surgery to the local villagers who live in abject poverty. The glasses donated are refurbished. After an eye exam, the villagers are given glasses closest to their prescription. If you have any old glasses lying around, please put them to good use by donating them to our church.

NEW WEBSITE—ST. THOMAS MORE

Did you know that St. Thomas More has a website? We've had one in various forms since 1996, but we have found that many parishioners don't always make use of it. Recently the STM Pastoral Council has been discussing social media and the Internet at length. Like most communities, we have a growing population of persons who use several types of electronic media to stay in touch with information and keep their lives organized. In order to more effectively communicate parish information, we will be making more use of Facebook and Twitter. We have also re-launched our website with a brand new design.

We even have a much easier to remember web address now: stmli.org (that stands for "St. Thomas More, Long Island").

The website can be viewed not only on your computer, but on a smartphone or tablet as well. You will be able to link to our parish Facebook page and get connected to the Facebook and Twitter accounts of our Religious Education program and our Youth Program.

We will have contributed articles and postings from several areas of the parish, including some of our ministries, and will have a calendar of events covering both regular events as well as the special ones that take place during seasons such as Lent and Advent. There will be several other features added to site in the coming weeks. For now, make sure you check out the new site by going to stmli.org and bookmark it for future use.



We are pleased to be offering a Lenten program for Kindergarteners and for those who will be attending Kindergarten next year. The six sessions will take place during the 9:15 am mass on March 6, 13 & 20.

Children will be escorted by the teachers to the classroom in Walden Hall before the homily and parents will pick them up after mass.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

Pat Chapin in On the Road Again! Discover Scotland on October 3-10, 2016. Visit the regal city of Edinburgh. Tour the Orkney Islands, cruise on Loch Lomond, the largest lake in the United Kingdom. Enjoy a stunning drive to the Isle of Skye. Per person rate is \$3,699; single room is \$4,149. Price includes 14 meals, transportation to and from the airport and a professional tour guide upon arrival in Scotland. For more information contact **Pat at 631-672-4402.**

Reserve your spot today; space is limited!

Chinese Auction/Pasta Dinner—Sunday, April 10—1 to 5 pm—To Benefit The Life Center of LI. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th District—Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon. Admission: \$13 or 2 for \$25. Includes Pasta Dinner/Beer, Wine, Soda. Auction tickets sold separately. Tickets available at the Door. GREAT PRIZES! Call 516-798-9100 for info & tickets. www.lifecenterli.org

(Second Notice)

Christ the King Church—2 Indian Head Road—Commack—Lenten Concert: Father, Forgive Them. Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Free will donation. Featuring works by Antonin Dvorak, Twila Paris, Gabriel Fauré, Ola Gjelio, Larry Shackley and Lowell Mason. For more information please call 631-864-1623 or email jsmaldino@ctkrcc.org

St. John's University—La Festa di San Giuseppe—Monday, March 14, 2016—7 pm Reception & Entertainment, Marillac Terrace, Queens Campus. RSVP by Thursday, March 10. No children under 12 years. ICC Members \$20; Nonmembers \$25. Make checks payable to St. John's University. For more information, please contact the ICC at 718-990-5892 or italianculturalcenter@stjohns.edu

4th Annual Women's Conference—The Voice of Catholic Women—Reflecting on the Message of Pope Francis—Carol Dunning, Esq., Dr. Joanne Heaney-Hunter, Elizabeth M. Keihm—Saturday, March 19, 2016. Registration at 9 am at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington. **Offering: \$25.00.** For more information visit www.drvc-faith.org

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries presents **Living Stations of the Cross:** Join us in this powerful prayer service as teens bring the journey of Christ's Passion alive, enabling us to reflect on Christ's suffering and death. Service concludes with Eucharistic Adoration. Passion Sunday, **March 20, 3pm;** outdoors, rain or shine, please dress for the weather. CYFM 781 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 424-3609. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: CYFMGarrison.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Information and Permission slips for our Teen Retreat Weekend are now available on the Youth website at www.stthomasmoreyouth.org. The upcoming retreat, '*A Sign of the Times*' will be held at the Don Bosco Youth Retreat Center from June 3 - 5, 2016. The retreat is open to all High School students looking for a fun experience while growing in their faith. \$25 non refundable deposits are due by Sunday, March 20 to guarantee a spot. If you are interested in sponsoring a teen or helping defray the retreat costs, please let Joe know.

Many thanks to everyone who braved the cold and attended our Youth Ministry St. Valentine's Day Breakfast Fundraiser! We will have another fundraiser breakfast in May.

Our Youth Ministry is always in need of additional support. If you have time to spend and are interesting in working with our wonderful teens, please reach out to Joe to discuss your possible involvement. What a great way to share your faith and help our young people grow in holiness!

RCIA

We are in the RCIA Process with four people journeying to the Easter Sacraments. They rely upon your example and prayers as they strive to become disciples of Christ. We ask the community of St. Thomas More to pray for Michael Smith, Michael Milone, Alison Radonis, and Michael Zeitner that during Lent the spirit will guide them in their search to grow closer to Christ.

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 1 pm in Walden Hall.

Congratulations

We have been advised that Jillian Borghardt, Grade 12 of Our Lady of Mercy Academy was on the Principal's List for the Second Quarter marking period. We are proud of your academic achievement!

LENTEN PROJECT 2016

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES WORKING TO PREVENT A LOST GENERATION

The donations collected for this year's Lenten project will go to help Catholic Relief Services in their outreach to the children of Syrian refugees. CRS provides more than 53,546 Syrian Refugee children with education classes, school materials, counseling, recreational activities, and safe spaces to learn and play.

Since the conflict began in Syria five years ago, 7.5 million children are in need of humanitarian aid, 2.5 million children are no longer in school. According to UNICEF, for Syrian children, "what is at stake isn't politics. It's their future. Having already lost their homes, schools and communities, their chance of building a future may also soon be lost."

Catholic Relief Services is working, along with Caritas, on the ground in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Greece helping children and their families with food, clothing, housing and education.

Pope Francis' first pastoral visit outside of Rome was to the tiny island of Lampedusa, where many refugees landed after making the perilous sea voyage from North Africa. Two years later, he is still urging the Church and the world not to turn their backs on the suffering of those people fleeing conflict and death.

Pope Francis has declared this year to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25 "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me."

Donations can be placed in the Lenten Project House in the narthex or can be collected in the CRS Rice Bowls and brought back to Church at the end of Lent.

We are also encouraging all parishioners to fill in a heart (found in an envelope on the narthex bulletin board) with words of hope and encouragement for the refugee children. These notes will be forwarded by CRS to the refugee camps and connect the people of St. Thomas More to those children. Directions, and samples, are also displayed on the bulletin board.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of March 6, 2016 \$8,876.50

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CHOIR

Calling the youth of our Parish-- Grades 3 through High School-- to be a part of the Communion Choir. It is not a long commitment and it would add so much to the Masses celebrating the First Communion of our children Also,

it would give our youth the chance to see if they would like to be a part of our family liturgy choir to sing at the weekly 9:15 am Mass.

Our rehearsals will be Saturday, March 19th from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. We will sing at the First Communion Mass on April 9th and 16th at 5:00 pm, and April 10th and 17th at 12:15 pm.

This is an opportunity to serve in a special way the St. Thomas More community. I hope you will consider being a part of this beautiful season. To join or for information, please call

Emilia at 724-8820.

Thank you and God Bless.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—March 13—Parish Mission at all Masses.

9:15am—RCIA—Meeting Room

7pm—Youth Ministry —Walden/Kirwin Halls

Monday—March 14

9am—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

2:30pm—Circle of Women—Meeting Room

7pm—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

7:30pm—YAM Meeting—Kirwin Hall/Meeting Room

Tuesday—March 15

9am—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

7pm—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

Wednesday—March 16

9am—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

7pm—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus—Walden Hall

Thursday—March 17

9am—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

5:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

7pm—Parish Mission Retreat—Church

9pm—Choir—Church

Friday—March 18

1pm—Young At Heart —Walden Hall

6pm—Simple Soup Supper—Walden Hall

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

7:45pm—Choir—Church

Saturday—March 19

9am—RCIA—Meeting Room

10am—Knights of Columbus Set-up —Kitchen

12:30pm—Children's Choir—Church

6pm—KofC—St. Patrick's Dinner—Walden/Kirwin

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**Congratulations!**

Here are the winners for February 28-March 5, 2016

Sun. Feb. 28 \$50 —#383 Vic & Joan Castellano

Mon. Feb. 29 \$25 #785 Thomas & Clara Datre

Tues. Mar.. 1 \$25 #596 Bob Aberle

Wed. Mar.. 2 \$25 #415 Ed & Arleen Rogan

Thurs. Mar. 3. \$25 #687 Ava Mansueto

Fri. Mar. 4 \$25 #890 Lewis Bernard

Sat. Mar. 5 \$25—#553 Bill & Mary Ann Peet



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Liturgy

Honoring Couples Married Fifty
Years or More

Sunday, April 10—St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville

Sunday, April 24—Maria Regina in Seaford

Both liturgies will begin at 2:20pm. Couples may register for ONE liturgy.

Registration for the April 10 liturgy must be received by the Diocese by March 25.

**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.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 234-5805 or Joan at 234-1739.

The following books will be discussed on:

March 14—Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope by Sharon Brown—
Facilitator—Caroline De Santis.

April 11—Sisterland by Curtis Sittenfeld—
Facilitator Barbara Fratomico

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 Church Office)

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee |

Name::

Address:

Phone:

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2016

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Our Parish Goal | \$68,500.00 |
| Pledges to date | \$24,305 |
| Percentage of Goal | 35.48%\$ |



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)

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2016

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal
for 2016.

NAME(s) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: *(Check one below)*

\$150 _____

\$300 _____

\$500 _____

\$1,000 _____

\$1,500 _____

\$2,500 _____

\$5,000 _____

OTHER: _____ How much? _____

(Please indicate)

☐ Check for entire amount is enclosed.

☐ Installment enclosed. I would like to pay the rest

☐ monthly—10 payments

☐ bi-monthly—4 payments

☐ semi-annually—May & September

☐ I prefer to use a credit card. Information will be sent to you so that you can contact the CMA office directly.

(Please return to the Church Office for further processing)

St. Thomas More Employment Services

*Are you presently unemployed and looking for a part-time or full-time job? * Do you have or know of any job openings? If so, call our Employment Services Office, 234.4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls are kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Best Market—Commack—now hiring \$10 per hr. Health benefits—401 K—discount.

Cablevision - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory— Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive— 4 days, 12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

Customer Service Reps—FT/PT for Newsday center—fast paced —high volume. Assoc. or Bach. degree or military exp. Good computer skills

Darby—Inside Sales Managers—Competitive salary—bonus—commissions. Excellent Benefits.

Geico Insurance—Sales reps, mgt trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven directly

Housekeepers - FT—light housekeeping—own transportation

Lowe's—PT—season—February—May—all stores

Newsday—Senior Accountant—Assist in month end process—prepare & review balance sheets, inventory, etc. Accountant—Senior—assist journal entries, prepare & review accruals, inventory procedures, etc. 2 yr. experience, CPA preferred.

Newspaper Delivery—Excellent 2nd income—early AM hours—car & valid NYS license.

P.C. Richard & Son—All stores, including new Super Store, Bellmore. No exp. Needed. Excellent benefits.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drvrs. & Van Drvrs. Excellent Benefits—Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

St. Catherine of Siena—

1. Nursing Home—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;
2. Hospital—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists
3. Physical Therapy Aides—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.
4. Nurse Manager—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

Town of Smithtown: PT certified teachers, teachers assistant & sub. before or after school programs Smithtown & Kings Park school districts.

Uncle Giuseppe's—now hiring in all departments and locations.

See “Civil Service Notice” posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information about any of the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, etc. positions are in the child’s home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides, etc. It is the responsibility of the employer to check all references prior to hiring.

****We have a list of names of those willing to baby-sit in their homes.

****We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.