



Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

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

March 19, 2017  
Third Sunday of Lent  
Exodus 17:3-7  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

### **Saturday, March 18**

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Hilda Reese by *Arlene & John Aspromgos*

### **Sunday, March 19—Third Sunday of Lent**

8am Harriet Cassidy & Jackie Cassidy by  
*Gerard & Joan Smith*  
9:15am Robert Agliadoro by *Emilia & Lou Savarese*  
10:45am Cecilia Halpin by *Judy & Ken Granville*  
12:15pm David Sattanino Jr. by *Jessica Ferris*

### **Monday, March 20--St. Joseph**

9am Anthony Popp by *Arlene & John  
Aspromgos*

### **Tuesday, March 21**

9am Charles Marsala by *the Marsala family*

### **Wednesday, March 22**

9am Anthony Popp by *Marjorie Brewer*

### **Thursday, March 23--St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

9am Anthony Popp by *Dottie Lossani &  
Mae Devine*

### **Friday, March 24--Blessed Oscar Romero**

9am Anthony Popp by *Marilyn Miller*  
7pm Stations of the Cross -  
*Cross and Those Battling with Addiction*

### **Saturday, March 25--The Anunciation of the Lord**

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin  
***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***  
5pm Diana Citro by *Patty & Joe Citro*,  
Aldo Corso by *Frank & Vivianne Latorre*, Thomas Fallona  
by *Maureen Fallona*, Mary Hansen by *Raymond Endres*,  
Mickelson & Williams families by *Barbara Mickelson*,  
Rita Migliara by *the Cloke family*; Francine Randazzo-  
Hesse by *Robert & Louisa Sanfratello*, Nicholas Ventrelli  
by *the Harten family*.

### **Sunday, March 26—Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00am Frank Reynolds by *Joe & BettyAnn  
Codispoli*  
9:15am Salvatore DeLucca by *Jerry Pashkin*  
10:45am Dorothy Sauchelli-Balin by *Lou &  
Emilia Savarese*  
12:15pm Mary Beth Weidig. by *Vivian &  
Michael Jacobs*

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

March 26, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

### **Focus questions:**

1. Describe a time when someone helped you to see things in a different way.
2. Relate a time when a friend or family member was healed.
3. Relate an experience when you were blind to God's love.

### **Children and Family question:**

Who helps you to see how much God loves you?

## **FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Jim: Haven't I seen your face somewhere else?**

Kim: I don't think so. It has always been between my ears.

You are God's unique creation. There is no one like you. God does not compare you with any other human being to value you as a better or worse person. God looks at you and relates with you for who you are. You are his child whether you realize it or not.

**Today's Gospel narrates the story of the woman at the well.** While she, a Samaritan has nothing in common with Jesus, a Jew, Jesus finds in this Samaritan woman an opportunity to awaken God's gift in her. While she was expecting a Messiah in her own Samaritan religious tradition, Jesus goes beyond both Jewish and Samaritan traditions to open her heart to see a Messiah in spirit and truth. While she considers herself unworthy to stand before him, Jesus inspires a heart opening to God's grace in her. Jesus, who was thirsty at the beginning of the story, makes the woman thirsty for God's love at the end of the story. The woman who was hesitant to relate with Jesus turns to be his messenger for her whole village. God in Jesus treats every one of us like the Samaritan woman, not for what we have done but for what we can become.

**As the second reading says, 'God's love is poured into our heart....** Holy Spirit has been given to us... God proves his love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us.' Thus we are not here by accident. We are not merely one among many creatures in the world. We are willed by God to be his children and filled with God's grace. Lent is the time we identify thirsty Jesus coming to our well asking for water from us. If we allow Him to dialogue with us through this season of Lent, Jesus will show us what we can become. We will find the meaning of our life as the Samaritan woman did. The joy of living a meaningful life will spread the life and love of Jesus around us.

**This week we pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for those who are battling with any type of addiction. Please come and pray with us.

**Please mark your calendar. Next week, March 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> is our Parish Lenten Mission.** Fr. Joe Fitzgerald, who was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team Handball Squad at the Atlanta Olympic Games, is our preacher. He brings a wealth of spiritual wisdom and experience to all age groups to face life in its reality. Please do not miss this precious opportunity.

**Lenten Project:** Please consider being a part of our parish Lenten project to help the Little Sisters of St. Francis in Nairobi, Kenya who run the St. Francis Hospital which has the capacity for 300 births per month, but in reality, more than 1000 women give birth there each month. More information is displayed in the Narthex. Their website will inform us of the good works they do to spread the Gospel of compassion and new life. In this bulletin there are some pictures of the hospital and one of Sr. Mary Joan in the Operating Room.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux

### **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**

### **EUCCHARIST**

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 arrangements, 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.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anthony Augugliaro  
Bernadette  
John & Michele (LoGrande)  
Bongiorno

Peter Bongiorno  
Janis Bini  
Cheryl Borden  
Charles Borghardt  
Brandon Boswell  
Christina Cammarata  
Barbara Cappisillo  
Linda Sue Cappisillo  
Coleen Cizon  
John Coen  
Donald Crocker  
Bernice Cuomo  
Preston De Rosa (2 years old)  
Anthony Donato  
Florence Donato  
Walt Drechsler Jr.  
Sofia Drobinko  
Michael Faithfull  
Fran Falkowski  
Claudia Fiore  
Millie Fiore  
Joann Flynn  
Nadine Rose Follini  
Dominga Francisco  
Scott Gaertner  
Jean & Gerald Gilson  
Judy Granville  
John Hanna  
Olive Harrison (15 months)  
Mr. & Mrs. Heinrich  
Richard Heller  
Dylan Hollins  
Laurie Holmes  
Stephanie Horoski  
Patricia Hrycyk  
Anita Ilardi  
Barbara Importuna  
Ann & Anthony Iovino  
Kidd Iovino  
Joseph Jacklets  
Irene Janis  
Ira Karten  
Patrick Keegan  
Kenneth  
Jean Marsala Kieffner  
Elaine Kleinstaub



Dr. C. Lalli  
Morgan Leary (age 8)  
Anne Leggio  
Wayne Leo  
Phillip Lloyd  
Nicolas Lorusso (17 months)  
Frank Mamburc  
Cindy Mango  
Laura Mattioli  
Terri Ilardi McKee  
Rose Messina  
Marie Minutillo  
Leo Murphy, Sr.  
Robert Licandro  
Jackie Marcello  
Victoria Nelson  
Caydee Arthur Nielsen  
Dan J. O'Brien Sr.  
Sally O'Connor  
Beatrice Okorn  
Judy Pappas  
Rainey Pappas  
Joseph P  
Joseph Placa  
Ross Placa  
Anna & Leland Reid  
Joel Rivera  
Benita Roehm  
Mary Ruchalski  
Mary Ann Russo  
Elyse Schrage  
Marie Swartz  
Teresa Shannon  
Carolene & Bob Shernowitz  
Daniel Skinnon  
Jackie Stellino  
Charles A. Stepanek  
Baby Reese Sylvain (2 weeks)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Marie Swartz  
Jane Troiano  
Chase Turano  
Andrew J. Valentine  
Andrew M. Valentine  
Michael Vecchia  
Greg Williams  
Joey Ziegler (2 years old)

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Alexander Anderwkavich, Cynthia Morgan, Hilda Reese, Donna Borowski Billott, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein  
Jessie Bernstein  
Anthony Broncatello  
John Burk  
David Chester  
John Chester  
Nicholas Chester  
Theresa Chester  
Eddie Cullum  
Eric Cullum  
Christopher Day  
Jason Doyle  
Timothy Fallon  
Bryan Figueiredo  
William Gregory  
Carl F. Greiner  
Philip Guidone  
Sean Hendrickson  
John Karies  
Michael Knipper



Thomas LaFemina  
Alex Lombardi  
Andrew Lombardi  
Scott Lovelock  
Thomas Migliara  
Tim Morris  
John Nachtman  
Kaitlyn Nachtman  
Thomas Nichols  
Adam Papaizai  
Michael Poist  
Michael Polanski  
Kyle Rathje  
William R. Rathje  
Antonia Marie Rivera  
Justin Schneider  
Christopher Sidor  
Ryan Smith  
Michael White

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.

## SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

### Websites

[www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org)  
[www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org)

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratomico at [BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)





## PARISH OUTREACH

There's nothing like planning for the future...and right now, the future is...Easter!!!! We are beginning our food collection drive as well as our

Easter basket drive, because it's never too soon to start preparing for the holiday. As you know, we provide Easter dinner for our clients, so we are in need of "typical" items for a holiday food celebration. When you can, please contribute potatoes, canned vegetables, hams, sweet potatoes, packaged rolls, cake mixes, cornbread mix, gravy, etc. The gift baskets should be identified as being for either boys or girls, and identified by age as well. Baskets will be provided for children under the age of sixteen. Small toys, candy, packaged snacks are all appropriate for the baskets, as well as anything else your creativity can imagine, as long as it's appropriate!

A worldwide organization known as "Dress for Success" has opened a Boutique in Brookhaven, specifically for women who need help in either returning to the work force, or joining it for the first time. This group will provide advice in strategies to succeed in today's job market. Through six weekly sessions, women will identify their skills, compose cover letters, create a resume, participate in mock interviews, work with mentors, learn how to use social media to secure a job, and also obtain suitable clothes for interviews. For more information on this amazing organization, contact Diane at 631-451-6147 or email the organization at [brookhaven@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:brookhaven@dressforsuccess.org).

In democracy your vote counts; in feudalism your count votes...

## St Vincent de Paul Conference

We have been made aware of a family here in our Hauppauge community in need of help. The family has just lost their father who was the sole provider and caretaker. He leaves behind five boys who are trying to keep their family together and to stay in the home that they grew up in. A GoFundMe page has been created by a community resident to help the boys try to achieve this goal. Below is the link to the GoFundMe page. If you can, please go to the page and donate whatever is within your means. A little bit of help by many can achieve things we can't even imagine.

Thank you and God Bless.

<https://www.gofundme.com/TheHolderFamily>

## OUR LENTEN PROJECT 2017



The Mbagathi District Hospital is the closest public hospital to Kibera, Nairobi's largest urban slum. (Courtesy Wikimedia via Kamiykovs)



The Mbagathi District Hospital is equipped to handle 300 births per month but actually handles 2,000 births per month, forcing women to leave the hospital just 12 hours or less after giving birth. (Courtesy Wikimedia via Kamiykovs)



## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

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



*"Christians must beware of a polite persecution that is cloaked in a disguise of culture, modernity, and progress." Pope Francis*

### Religious Liberty Loses - Again:

Four years after losing their business for declining to create a cake for a same-sex wedding, Melissa and Aaron Klein, owners of "Sweet Cakes by Melissa", finally had a hearing with a three-judge panel of the Oregon Court of Appeals. Until March 2, 2017, the Kleins had never been granted an official day in court to appeal their case.

The saga began in 2013 when the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) ordered the couple to pay \$135,000 in damages and forbade them from speaking about this case. However, even before hearing the case, the BOLI Commissioner had praised an LGBTQ advocacy group on Facebook and made public comments on media interviews indicating the Kleins "disobey(ed)" the law and needed "rehabilitation". Attorneys for the Kleins stated the Commissioner should have recused himself.

First Liberty attorneys argued the OBLI violated the Kleins constitutional rights to religious freedom, freedom of speech, and due process. "The case centers on one vitally important question: can the government force citizens to violate their conscience or their faith? The First Amendment was written to prevent exactly that." (cbn.com, 3/2/17; usnews.com, 3/2/17)

### Who's Next? Ideas to Consider:

- \* Will the state now force Muslim and Jewish butchers to prepare and serve pork to whoever demands it?
  - \* Will fashion designers who refused to design clothing for the First Lady be held accountable?
  - \* Will an architect be compelled to design a church?
  - \* Will a rabbi be forced to marry a Christian and a Jew?
- (oregonlive.com, 3/2/17; tfpstudent.org, 2/21/17)

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

**ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7pm.**

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every  
**Wednesday, at 3:00 pm**  
**in the Church.**



## 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 2:30 pm in Walden Hall. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631.234.5805 or Joan at 631.234.1739.

The following book will be discussed on:

April 10 - A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner--

Facilitator: Barbara Fratamico

May 8--Lights Out by Ted Koppel--Facilitator: Joan Shea

## PRAY FOR OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they complete their Pre Cana sessions in preparation for their upcoming weddings:

David Doxee & Paula Medarano  
 Adam Rogers & Kimberly Brown  
 Joseph Fontanetta & Kristina Daniels  
 Jason Oates & JoAnn DeGruccio  
 Robert Frank & Fang Lin  
 Chris Mahr & Courtney Juergen

## Parish History Project

Work continues on the video documentary of our parish's history for the Golden Jubilee. We thank those that have contributed personal memories and pictures so far.

We could still use more! We really would love photos, prayer cards, flyers, etc., from the years 1967-1989. Photos of sacraments are very welcome!

And we especially would love to speak with you if you would like to share your memories on camera about those early years, whatever your role in the parish was, even if you simply have a fond memory of a particular member of the clergy. This is a video documentary, so the more people we have that can add their slice of history, the better the video will be.

If you can help us out, please contact us at a special address we've set up: [history@stmli.org](mailto:history@stmli.org), or if you run into me, please feel free to speak about it directly. Thank you!

Matt Surico  
History Project Coordinator



Associate Pastor Fr. John Gabriele moderates a High School CCD workshop in December 1983.

## YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be at 1 pm on Friday, March 24th, 2017 in Walden Hall.

**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. 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](mailto:parents@holyfamilyregional.com) to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at [www.holyfamilyregional.com](http://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.



## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(First Notice)*

**Men's Forum at Saints Philip & James Church, St. James, NY--Monday, March 20, 2017.** Special Guest Speaker: Fr. Robert Scheckenback, Associate Pastor, Christ the King, Commack. **6:30 pm Adoration, 7:30 pm Talk; 8:30 pm Coffee & Cake.** Title of Talk: **The Spirituality of Pilgrimage: Walking the 450 mile journey from the French border to the Cathedral of the Apostle St. James the Great, Compostela, Spain.**

**Hauppauge Boy Scout Troop 343--Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser--Saturday, March 25, 2017--** St. Thomas More Church, Walden Hall. Seating starts at 6pm (following Mass). Cost: Adults \$10; Children under 12 \$5. Includes Pasta with sauce, meatballs/sausage, salad, Italian bread, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, tea and cake served by Troop 343's Boy Scouts. Raffles: Troop 343's Parents Auxiliary will hold a Chinese Auction, 50/50 and Prizes. For information and reservations please call 516-551-5938. Pre-registration is appreciated. Tickets also available at the door.

**St. John of God Parish (Central Islip)--Holy Name Society--Bus trip to Aqueduct Resorts Casino, Queens for Adults (21+ ) with picture ID--Saturday, March 25, 2017--\$40 per person.** Departure 10 am (bus leaves from Clayton Ave. & Carleton Ave., West side of Central Islip Fire House). Returns to Central Islip at 6 pm. \$15 back to play and \$10 food voucher. Tickets available in the church office. For info call Jack Lafferty 631-234-6535 ext. 135; cell 516-375-5850.

Are you interested in transferring to **Holy Trinity Diocesan High School**? Sign up for "Transfer Night" to learn how! **Wednesday, March 29th at 7 pm.** Call 516-433-2900 x 151 for more information.

**5th Annual Women's Conference--The Voice of Catholic Women--Saturday, April 8, 2017--9 am to 2 pm.** Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY. *We look forward to hearing everyone's story!* Join us for morning prayer in the chapel, presentations, conversations and a festive luncheon.

**Diocese of Rockville Centre--Office of Faith Formation--Engaging Children with Autism--**This workshop will be an introduction to the experience of how our children interpret their world and how we can bring the faith to them.

**St. John Nepomucene Church, 1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia, NY.** Instructor: Kathy Russell-Sica, MS-Ed--**Tuesdays, April 25, May 2, 9 & 16--10 am to 11:30 am.** Cost \$40 per person. For questions contact Kathy at ksica@drvc.org; tel. 516-506-2260. Register online [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)

In an effort to assist those going through a difficult time, **The DRVC- Office of Faith Formation** is offering a **Divorced and Separated Support Group.** Deacon Lou Anetrella of Christ the King, Commack will be hosting a confidential supportive environment setting to all who attend. The Group will meet at **Christ the King, Bishop McGann Room, on Fridays April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 7 pm.** There will be an information session on **Wednesday, March 29 at 7 pm.**

*(Second Notice)*

**Run for Catholic Education!--**Please join us on **March 25th** for the Run for Tomorrow's hope 5K and Fun Run--Hosted by St. Joseph School, Garden City at 8:30 am. Mass at 7:30 am with special blessing for runners. **Flat, fast, traffic-free course, professionally timed and USATF certified.** Age category awards. Post race festival. Fun for seasoned runners and first timers. Walkers and strollers welcome. For info. or to register go to: [www.sjspta.com/run.html](http://www.sjspta.com/run.html)

**Parish Outreach--St. Anthony of Padua Church--Basement of Trinity Regional School--1025 Fifth Avenue, East Northport--General Bereavement Group--**starts Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Meets weekly for 6 sessions. For registration call Gertrude Frein, RN, MS: 631-757-2103 or Bernadette Parker RN, PhD: 631-499-4462.

**St. Anthony's High School Theatre Company** presents "*The Wizard of Oz*"--**Thursday, March 30, 2017 @ 7 pm, Friday, March 31, 2017 @ 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 1, 2017 @ 2 pm\* and 8 pm.** Tickets \$10 at the door. \* \$5 age 12 and under 2 pm show only. Questions should be sent to: [Lcordina@stanthonys.org](mailto:Lcordina@stanthonys.org)

**St. James Parish, Setauket--Bereavement Support Group --**free 7-week peer support group for adults struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration required for this group, which will begin on **Saturday, April 1, 2017. at 2:30 pm.** For additional information and to register, please call 631-941-4141, ext. 341. Please note that in order to participate in this group, the loss must have occurred prior to January 1, 2017.



## Congratulations!

St. John the Baptist DHS has advised us that the following young parishioners have achieved "Mid-Year" honor roll status for the 2016-2017 school year.

### ***SUMMA CUM LAUDE HONORS***

Maria Avila-Franklin	Grade 12
Kaitlyn Frenger	Grade 12

### ***MAGNA CUM LAUDE HONORS***

Kyleigh Fitzgerald	Grade 9
Hank Frenger	Grade 9
Kevin Fitzgerald	Grade 11

### ***CUM LAUDE HONORS***

Jillian Harris	Grade 9
Christian Colon	Grade 11
Gavin Wojtas	Grade 12

## ***CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2017***

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$68,500.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$18,800.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>27.4%</b>



## **AARP FREE TAX SERVICE**



Have your income taxes done by Professionals!

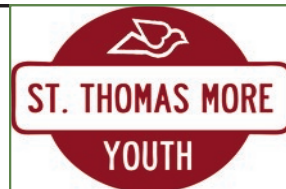
Call the following for an appointment:

Smithtown Senior Center  
631-360-7616

Hauppauge Library  
631-979-1600

You do not have to be a senior or an AARP member. Save yourself some money by using this service.

## ***Youth Ministry Corner***



Our Registration Forms are already online for download and can be dropped off in the Parish Office or brought to Youth Ministry. Please access [www.stthomasmoreyouth.org](http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org) and look under FORMS.

We are always in need of additional adults who would like to serve our young people with love, faith and joy. Please reach out to Joe if you would be interested in joining our Youth Ministry team!

## ***OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS***

(Subject to last minute changes)

This Weekend  
(March 18/19)

Next Weekend  
(March 25/26)

### **Saturday**

5:00 pm

Fr. Antony

Fr. Joe

### **Sunday**

8:00am

Fr. Antony

Msgr. Boccafola

9:15am

Fr. Antony

Fr. Antony

10:45am

Msgr. Boccafola

Fr. Joe

12:15pm

Fr. Fred

Fr. Fred

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE***(Not totally inclusive)***Sunday, March 19--Hospitality Sunday**

10:45am--RCIA--Meeting Room

7pm--Youth Ministry--Walden/Kirwin Halls/Kit.

**Monday, March 20**

7pm--RCIA--Religious Ed. Center

**Tuesday, March 21**

7pm--Pastoral Council--Rectory

**Wednesday, March 22**

5pm--Knights of Columbus--4th Deg. Mtg.--WH/Kit.

**Thursday, March 23**

5:30pm--Children's Choir-Rehearsal-Church

7:30pm--Adult Choir- Rehearsal--Church

**Friday, March 24**

1pm--Young At Heart--Walden Hall

6:30 pm--Faith &amp; Light--Walden Hall

**Saturday, March 25**

9:30am--Alpha Training--Walden Hall

6pm--Boy Scouts Troop 343--Walden/Kirwin/Kitchen

***Coming Soon: A New Choir CD for Sale!***

The St. Thomas More Choir has recorded a Lenten cantata that they have performed here previously called "Upon This Rock: The Passion, The Question, The Call". Using Peter as the sole narrator and the dramatic focal point, "Upon This Rock" depicts the events of Holy Week while revealing Peter's personal perspective on the significance of each. Jesus' appearances to His disciples during those confusing and discouraging post-resurrection days are also included, as the plans for building God's church and spreading the Gospel are beautifully and dramatically portrayed with a contemporary style.

This CD would make an excellent companion for spiritual meditation during Lent as well as a keepsake of the choir in our 50th Jubilee Year.

CDs will be available for purchase after Masses starting March 11-12 for the cost of \$10. All proceeds will be placed into the parish's general project fund



On April 12th, 7:30 pm (Wednesday of Holy Week) the STM Choir will present a Cantata called "Song of the Shadows". To make this presentation come to life, we need your help. We are looking for people to play (silently) the following characters:

Mary with Baby Jesus	Disciples:
Mary with Jesus - 12 yr. old boy	Andrew
Mary at the Crucifixion	Bartholomew
Mary Magdalene	James
Veronica	James the Lesser
Joseph of Arimathea	John
Pontius Pilate	Judas
Court helper	Matthew
3 Centurions	Peter
Candle Carrier	Philip
Wardrobe helper	Simon
Lighting helper	Thaddeus
	Thomas

If you would consider being part of this musical endeavor please call Emilia @ 631-724-8820.

Thank you and God bless!

*Emilia Savarese*

## ***Congratulations !***

### ***CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS***

Here are the winners for March 5 - 11, 2017

Sun..	Mar. 5	\$50	#851	Ann Belluardo
Mon..	Mar. 6	\$25	#687	Ellen & William Lentino
Tues..	Mar. 7	\$25	#825	Joan & David Marro
Wed.	Mar. 8	\$25	#410	Dom & Joan Mancuso
Thurs.	Mar. 9	\$25	#924	Evelyn & Bob McMahon
Fri..	Mar. 10	\$25	#644	Mary Anne Walker
Sat.	Mar. 11	\$25	#953	Diane & Terry Coumou

***SUPPORT COLLECTION***

Collection of                      March 12, 2017--      \$7,928.00

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. Also, it is not necessary to staple your envelope or to seal it with scotch tape.

## ***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:

## ***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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## 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**

**Aon**—Multiple positions available—Cust. Serv. claims specialist, staff accountant & many more. Excellent benefits.

**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.

**Catholic Health Services of LI** 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.

2) **Superintendent Helper Male**. Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

**Dick's Sporting Goods**--New Stores--Bay Shore Mall & Sunrise Mall, Massapequa--FT/PT--Many positions. Good 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

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

**Panera**--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

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

**Suffolk Bus Drivers**--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

#### **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.

**Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes**--Town of Smithtown & Kings Park. High School Diploma, 2 yrs. Exp. - before & after school.

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.





*PLEASE JOIN US*

# FACING YOUR GIANTS

## PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 27-29  
7:00 P.M.



***LED BY FR. JOE FITZGERALD***

- † LOST THE PASSION IN YOUR FAITH, YOUR CAREER, YOUR MARRIAGE, AND YOUR LIFE?
- † HAVE SINS OF SELFISHNESS, IMPURITY, GREED, OR PRIDE CHIPPED AWAY AT THE FOUNDATION OF WHO YOU ARE AND WERE CREATED TO BE?
- † HAS THE NOISE AND DISTRACTION OF OUR SOCIETY AND WORLD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HEAR GOD SPEAKING TO YOU?
- † HAS GOD FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU?

**A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO HELP YOU GAIN A  
STRATEGY TO FACE THE GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE**

*COME PRAY AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH*

**NIGHTLY THEMES:**

**MONDAY**

*KNOW YOUR ENEMY*

**TUESDAY**

*PUT ON YOUR ARMOR (WITH HEALING SERVICE AND ANOINTING)*

**WEDNESDAY**

*CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON*



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH

and

St. Vincent de Paul



EASTER April 16, 2017



FILLED CANDY BASKETS NEEDED  
FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR EASTER!

CAN YOU DONATE A BASKET?

BASKETS ARE NEEDED BY THE WEEK OF April 3rd

IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IN TIME FOR EASTER!

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

HAMS, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, FRUIT, DESSERTS

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry.



**Come Join our Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Matrimony  
at the Mass for Married Couples on June 11**

We have been a growing parish since 1967, and we have celebrated many sacraments. As part of this year's Golden Jubilee we are planning a Mass for ***all Married Couples in our parish***, and especially those who have been married here. It will be held on:

Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 12:15pm.

Light refreshments will follow the Mass. Your families are welcome as well.

***If you know a couple who was married at STM, please advise them about the Mass and provide us with their information ASAP so we can invite them as well.*** Couples have moved away, but we would love to include as many of them as possible.

Please fill out and detach the form below and drop it in the basket or send it to the rectory so we can plan ahead. We need your responses by May 21, 2017. Thank you.

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Names

Address

Telephone

Church and Date of Wedding

