

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house
and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

Mark 1:35

Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

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Masses for this coming week

February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Psalm: 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1: 29-39

Saturday, February 3

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm "Jack" John Butler *by Katherine & Timothy*
Schriffen

Sunday, February 4--Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin
 9:15am Susan Gentile (living) *by Maryann & Nick Bonis*
 10:45am Laura Havonec *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*
 12:15pm Micheline Alfonso *by Anthony &*
Barbara Importuna,
Grace Coffin by Monica Jackson,
Daniel Jackson by Monica Jackson,
Annie Liddy by Monica Jackson

Monday, February 5--St. Agatha

9am Alice Di Stefano *by Ruthann McDonald &*
Judy Coyle

Tuesday, February 6--St. Paul Miki and Companions

9am Jeanne Baer *by Ed Baer & family*

Wednesday, February 7

9am Alice Di Stefano. *by Marilyn Miller*

Thursday, February 8--St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita

9am Alice DiStefano *by Maria Rotolico*

Friday, February 9

9am Alice DiStefano *by Joe & Betty Ann Codispoli*

Saturday, February 10--St. Scholastica

9am Charles Musante *by Andrew & Rhonda Tortorici*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Nani (living) *by Augustyn Keena*

Sunday, February 11--Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Monique Tartt *by Tito & Titi*
 9:15am Yvon & Bradley Cantave *by Yvette Cantave*
 10:45am May DiGirolamo *by Michael & Vivian Jacobs*
 12:15pm James Visvardis *by Barbara Gleason*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 11, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm: 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31--11:1
Mark 1: 40-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,

"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Focus questions:

1. Describe a time when you provided a healing touch to another.
2. Who are the lepers today, those excluded from your group whether from your friends or local community, or country.
3. What healing would you ask Jesus for.

Family and children's question:

Look for opportunities to welcome people who are excluded from your circle.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Msgr. James A. Brassil, our deceased loved ones and our deceased servicemen and women

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(First Notice)

The Office of Multicultural Diversity (Catholics of African Ancestry-Haitian American Apostolate Ministry)-- Diocese of Rockville Centre and the Brooklyn Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns would like to invite you to the annual Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Along with concelebrating Bishops and priests.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 4PM at Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362

St. Joseph's CYO track invites boys and girls grades kindergarten through 8th grade to register for the Spring 2018 season. Contact Jerry at 631-585-4048 or jrigoros8@gmail.com for registration information. Season begins March 24th.

(Second Notice)

Sisters of St. Dominic--Amityville--

Did you receive a gift that you can't use?

Did you receive an item that you already have?

Did you receive a present that you could give away?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon on Friday, June 29th 2018. Items will be used in our raffle baskets and all proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000!

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of clothing. Also, we ask that all items be in brand **NEW** and unused condition. Items can be dropped off at the Motherhouse between 8am to 4pm, Monday-Friday: [555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY](tel:555-Albany-Avenue), attn.: Advancement Office. If you have any questions, please call [631\) 842-6000 ext. 238](tel:631-842-6000). Thank you for your support.

YOUNG AT HEART



All Young At Heart members are invited to free Pizza on **Friday, February 9, 2018 at 12:30 pm** 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 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

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." These words of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta inspire us all to get into life's action in every small or great way possible.

Today's Gospel invites us to join together with God to do great things as Jesus did. After healing Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus spent his time curing the sick and driving out many demons. The next day even though many expected him to stay with him, Jesus expressed his vision of going to nearby villages to preach his Mission.

The vision of Jesus is to cover as many places and gather as many followers as possible to participate in his vision and mission. His purpose is to reveal that God's work is not the achievement or show of a single man Jesus, but God working among and through humans. It is not that God cannot do things and that God needs our help. God's way of doing things is that together we all can do great things for God's Kingdom.

Whenever something catastrophic happens, we tend to complain about where God is in this, or does not God see this and how can he allow this to happen. The answer is that the God from whom we expect action is residing within us, to do the things we expect to happen with us and to avoid the danger we expect. The travelling Jesus is now in our village, he wants us to join His mission. Let us join him with the spirit of Mother Teresa, "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you. If you can't feed a hundred people then feed just one. What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." Mother Teresa.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018: This week is the Kick-off Sunday for Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our Parish's assessment this year is \$70,100. Last year we made 78.2% of our Goal. When we reach our goal we will get a rebate of approximately \$13,000. Thus our generosity will help both others and our parish through the rebate. I personally ask you to help meet the goal. Please consider making some contribution to the Appeal. The CMA office has mailed letters to parishioners asking for contributions. You can either send your donation directly to them in the name of our parish or use the cut out in the bulletin to make your donation. You can drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked 'CMA' and we will process it for you. We thank you for your generous support.

Building our Parish Community: In Religious Formation last week, we had two groups of children, one getting ready for First Communion and the other getting ready for Confirmation. The main focus of their learning was "Who is Jesus?". At the end of the meeting I invited them all to attend Sunday mass regularly, if not then at least to try to come as often as possible. I explained to them that Spirituality means allowing God to act in their life. Thus spirituality is not one of the many things that they learn. But it is the master science that brings all that they learn into a value-filled life by God's grace. The children all raised their hands in approval of coming to Sunday Masses to exercise Spirituality to be integrated into their lives. So I request all the parents to bring them to Church. If you come then they will be able to come. Please give them a chance that they may have the strength of Grace to face their life in all its challenges.

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

Miki Alicastro
 Barbara Bamonti
 Karen Berlet
 Bernadette
 Janice Bini
 Joseph Bittner
 Jean Blaney
 Pat Booth
 Pamela Brosnan
 Mary Brussell
 Francisco Burgos
 Anthony C. (5 yrs)
 Daniel Callihan
 Dona Caragol
 Christina Cammarata
 Barbara Cappisillo
 Linda Sue Cappisillo
 Dona Caragol
 Swami Chettiar
 Patrick J. Coll
 John Colosi
 Thea Constantatos
 Donald Crocker
 Mary Cullin
 Joey Cullum
 Mike DeLeo
 Caroline De Santis
 Amanda De Rosa
 Preston De Rosa (2 years old)
 Florence & Anthony Donato
 Walt Drechsler Jr.
 Elvira DuBritz
 Duke
 Leona Esposito
 Dominga Francisco
 Andrew Gallo
 Connie Gennaro
 Ciro Ghiraldi
 Gerald Gilson
 Isabelle Grenier
 John Hanna
 Richard Happe
 Olive Harrison (16 months)
 Patti Hauer
 Jamie Hawkins
 Jane Hoffman
 Laurie Holmes
 Theresa Huebner
 Anita Ilardi
 Anne & Judi Iovino
 Joseph Jacklets
 Regina Jeskie
 Suzy Johnson
 Richard Kaler
 Costa Katsapis
 Jean Marsala Kieffner
 Albert Kunz
 Theresa Marvelli
 Elaine Kleenstauber



Dr. C. Lalli
 Luigi Lanzo
 Morgan Leary (age 8)
 Anne Leggio
 Wayne Leo
 Nancy Link
 Phillip Lloyd
 Patricia Loicano
 Nicolas LoRusso (2 years old)
 Mike Masone
 Laura Mattioli
 Cindy Mango
 Rosemary Mango
 Phyllis Markowitz
 Diane McCann
 Terri Ilardi McKee
 Camille Mendolia
 Sharon Mills
 Marie Minutillo
 Rosie Miranda
 Dorothy L. Monaco
 Barbaralynn Moseman
 Ellen & Leo Murphy
 Betty Napoli
 Caidee Nielsen (2 years old)
 James Nielsen (16 years old)
 Victoria Nelson
 Fr. Harold Noviello
 Patricia OConnell
 Sarah O'Connor
 Beatrice Okorn
 Joseph P.
 Dorothy Pagano
 Rainey Pappas
 Mary Ann Peet
 Fern Peppe
 Susan Power
 Lauren Quarltre
 Robert K. Rathje
 Kim Rico
 Venjamin Rivera
 Mary Ruchalski (10 yrs. old)
 Robert Schernowitz
 Elyse Schrage
 Teresa Shannon
 Kim Shernowitz
 Daniel Skinnon
 George Soto
 Mary Spinosa
 Dorothes Stempel
 Richard Stout
 Andrea Suess
 Jeanine Tagliferri
 Deborah & Harold Thaw
 Richard Tulipan
 Chase Turano
 Andrew J. Valentine
 Andrew M. Valentine
 Mike Walsh

PRAY FOR THE SICK (Continued)

Debbie Ward
 Rosalind Warmuth
 Gregory Yule
 Joey Ziegler

(This listing will expire on March 25, 2018).

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE
 (Not totally inclusive)
Sunday--February 4

7pm--HS Youth Ministry--Walden Hall

Tuesday--February 6

6:30pm--Alpha--Kirwin/Walden Halls/Kitchen/Mtg. Rm

7pm--Adoration--Church

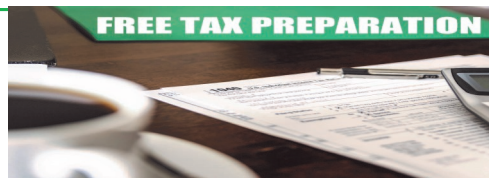
Wednesday--February 7

5pm--K of C Bus.Mtg--Kit/Walden Hall

Thursday--February 8

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

7:30---Choir--Church



AARP is offering free tax preparation services by IRS certified tax volunteers at the Hauppauge, Central Islip, Connetquot, and Kings Park Libraries, and the Smithtown Senior Center, **beginning February 1st and ending April 17th**. You do not have to be a member of AARP or a senior citizen to use this service, it is open to anyone. Call the Library or Senior Center for available times and days. Some sites require an appointment and some sites are first come first served. The Hauppauge Library requires an appointment, that can be made by phone, and is available on Monday starting at 9:30 AM and Saturday starting at 12 noon.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Jessie Bernstein	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Alex Lombardi
John Burk	Thomas LaFemina
David Chester	Andrew Lombardi
John Chester	Scott Lovelock
Nicholas Chester	Thomas Migliara
Theresa Chester	Tim Morris
Eddie Cullum	John Nachtman
Eric Cullum	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Christopher Day	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Bryan Figueiredo	Michael Poist
Karin Fitzgerald	Michael Polanski
Nicholas W. Flanary	Kyle Rathje
J.T. Foltz	Antonia Marie Rivera
Mike Foltz	Ana Karen Sanchez
William Gregory	Donovan Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Guidone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrickson	Michael White
John Karies	

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
www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

Facebook

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

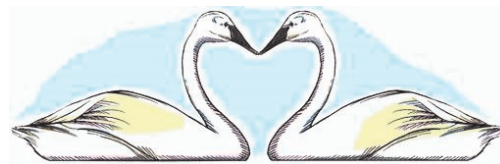
Instagram

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 Mary Ellen Carroll: mecarroll@optonline.net
 Outreach: outreach@stmli.org
 Joe Gast: joe.gast@stmli.org
 Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
 Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at
BJFRAT@optonline.net



Please pray for these couples as they complete their Pre-Canas sessions in preparation for their upcoming weddings:

Lisa Cordeiro and Robert Delcolle
 Katrina Frank and Lawrence Agtuca
 Ginger Hernandez and Paul Guidone

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(Feb. 3/4)	(Feb. 10/11)
<u>Saturday</u> 5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u> 8 am	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
12:15 pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred

PARISH OUTREACH



It's Superbowl Sunday!!!! Perhaps not everyone cares about this game, but it does seem to impact many industries: advertisers of all types of goods and services; food distributors; clothing manufacturers and sellers (who sell sports clothing); and, of course, those betting on the outcome of the game. Think about all the millions of dollars that are spent on this one sports event. Think about how much better use that money could be applied if it were spent on housing, food, and healthcare for people who are in dire straits? How profligate our culture is, sometimes, when real need is ignored in favor of moments of pleasure! If you have the urge to wager a bet this day, at least put the same amount of money into buying some food items for Outreach. That gesture would make you a winner, regardless of the outcome of your bet!

And remember:

People will forget what you said

People will forget what you did

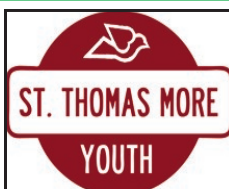
But people will never forget how you made them feel

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Due to unforeseen contingencies we will have to cancel the Valentine Dance this year. We will miss seeing you at the Italian Football Wedding that we had planned for February 10th. Please keep an eye open for our next Fund Raiser, and thank you for supporting our past events.

Fund Raising Committee

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 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!

St. Thomas More Msgr. Francis S. Midura Council 6062

VETERANS PHOTO BOARD

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting photos for the Veterans Board in Walden Hall. We will be putting up a new board as needed. The following items will be necessary.

3 x 5 photo (no exceptions)

Branch of Service

Years served

Rank or Rate (where possible)

Please leave all information in an envelope with your name and phone number addressed to Jerry Ferrara, Grand Knight, and leave it at the rectory.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion
www.cffor.org

Punished for Religious Beliefs in the Military - Part 2

In 2017, USAF Colonel Michael Madrid's law firm demanded that the Air Force rescind Col. Madrid's punishment and attempt to destroy his career or face further legal action. Col. Madrid is a decorated Air Force veteran, former Naval aviator, and a flight surgeon who has served the military for 26 years and is a Christian with traditional beliefs about marriage.

In 2014, an Airman who was court-martialed and found guilty of serious misconduct, accused Col. Madrid of making derogatory comments about homosexuality. Col. Madrid denied this charge and submitted to a thorough Air Force investigation which found the allegations unsubstantiated, was cleared of all charges, and the investigation was closed.

However, two years later, without any new evidence or new investigation, a new commander, Maj. Gen. McCoy, decided that Madrid had lied in 2014 when he denied making derogatory comments. As a result, he placed a Letter of Admonishment in Col. Madrid's stellar permanent record that now guarantees he will never be promoted to Brigadier General.

"Colonel Madrid is the latest victim of extreme political correctness ...," said First Liberty Institute. "We are concerned that Maj. Gen. McCoy judged and punished Madrid because he became aware of his traditional religious views. If so, that not only harms the military, it is illegal."
 (prnnewswire.com, 3/29/17; MadridCaseFacts.com)

"As the world faces terrorist threats to freedom and America prepares a response, the U.S. military is facing challenges to its own freedom here at home."

Barbara Samuells, President, Catholics For Freedom of Religion

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 Circle of Women will meet on Monday, February 12th, 2018. The book for discussion will be Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger--Facilitator Marilyn Miller.

RUN FOR TOMORROW'S HOPE® FOUNDATION 5K

Join Tomorrow's Hope Foundation and Long Island Catholic Elementary schools for the 3rd Annual 5K & Fun Run for Tomorrow's Hope Foundation

Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:30 AM Fun Run Start / 9:00 AM 5 K Start
 430 Franklin Avenue & Fourth Street, Garden City

Hosted by St. Joseph School

Visit tomorrowshopefoundation.org to sign up, learn about sponsorship opportunities, registration and more!

The mission of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing Scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools. The Tomorrow's Hope Foundation gives hundreds of children each year the opportunity to attend Catholic Elementary school



DRVC School of Missionary Disciples

Information Session

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Mercy Hospital

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Training of Volunteers in the Ministry to the Sick

Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Kings Park

School of Religion, Centennial Room

Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center, Kings Park – Travis Hall

Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saint Catherine of Siena Medical Center, Smithtown

Bereavement Conference

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Frances de Chantal Parish 1309

Wantagh Ave, Wantagh, New York 11793

A Retreat Day for the Elect

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training

St James Parish, Pastoral Center, Room 104

Saturday, March 3 and 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level II

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Tuesday, February 6, March 20, April 10, and Jun 5, 2018

at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For more information visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of January 28, 2018 \$ 7,250.25

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

Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for Jan. 1 - 31, 2018

Mon.	Jan. 1, 2018	#906	\$75	Louise Soldo
	Solemnity of Mary			
Tues.	Jan. 2, 2018	#581	\$25	Don & Ellen Cleary
Wed.	Jan. 3, 2018	#934	\$25	Michael Welch
Thurs.	Jan. 4, 2018	#228	\$25	Al & Terry Haas
Fri.	Jan. 5, 2018	#665	\$25	Augie & Betty Vrondis
Sat.	Jan 6, 2018	#508	\$25	LeeAnn Decillis
Sun.	Jan.7, 2018	#891	\$50	Tony & Peggy Giannelli
Mon.	Jan.8, 2018	#703	\$25	John Fontana
Tues.	Jan.9, 2018	#660	\$25	Dom & Joan Mancuso
Wed.	Jan.10, 2018	#431	\$25	Marilyn & Joe Amodio
Thurs	Jan. 11, 2018	#878	\$25	Ann & Lou Anatrella
Fri.	Jan. 12, 2018	#570	\$25	Vincent Cordina
Sat.	Jan. 13, 2018	#256	\$25	John & Arlene Zuzzolo
Sun.	Jan. 14, 2018	#209	\$50	Peter & Fran Donato
Mon.	Jan. 15, 2018	#954	\$25	Marie Utter
Tues.	Jan. 16, 2018	#316	\$25	Ann & Mike Gavigan
Wed.	Jan. 17, 2018	#952	\$25	John & Marti White
Thurs.	Jan. 18, 2018	#631	\$25	Maria Rotolico
Fri.	Jan. 19, 2018	#188	\$25	Sal & Teresa Ferraro
Sat.	Jan. 20, 2018	#4	\$25	William & Dolores Rudden
Sun.	Jan. 21, 2018	#668	\$50	Elaine Moccia
Mon.	Jan. 22, 2018	#297	\$25	Maria Rotolico
Tues.	Jan. 23, 2018	#743	\$25	Dolores & Ken Fensterer
Wed.	Jan. 24, 2018	#83	\$25	Anna & Matthew Randazzo
Thurs.	Jan. 25, 2018	#314	\$25	Robert & Madeline Sauchelli
Fri.	Jan. 26, 2018	#732	\$25	John & Marie Reddy
Sat.	Jan. 27, 2018	#931	\$25	Bruce & Joan Cameron
Sun.	Jan. 28, 2018	#687	\$50	Pat & Frank Lewis
Mon.	Jan. 29, 2018	#266	\$25	PhyllisAnn Ehrhardt
Tues.	Jan. 30, 2018	#208	\$25	SVdP- Gift of Jim & Marie Marsala
Wed.	Jan. 31, 2018	#381	\$25	STM Youth Group Gift of the Holdorf Family-

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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)

2017 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/We would like a record of our 2017 contributions to St. Thomas More.

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2018

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2018.

NAME(s) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: \$ _____

☐ Check for entire amount is enclosed.

☐ Installment enclosed. I/We would like to pay the rest in _____ installments.

Please return to the Rectory 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

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., \$13.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

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

Newsday--Security Officer/EMT--security & safety of employees-2-3 years exp. as security or law enforcement. P/T Collator position-ability to lift 30-50 lbs. Must be available for all shifts. HS Diploma.

Newsday Media Group--Account executives for sales. Excellent benefits including matching 401K

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

New York Community Bank--Auditors, Financial Service System Engineer, Locksmith & Maintenance Mechanics--Excellent Benefits.

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.

7-Eleven--Owner is a member of St. Thomas More--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

ShopRite Supermarket--Various positions open; apply on-line or go to ShopRite in Hauppauge.

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.

Uncle Giuseppe--Melville locations, deli, bakery, produce & more openings. Insurance, discount, salaries--also openings in other locations.

United Cerebral-- Positions open in Residential, Children's Adult Day Programs throughout Suffolk--Valid NYS Drivers License--HS diploma or GEC. Excellent Benefits and salaries.

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.

A large, pale hand emerges from the top right corner, holding a string of light blue and white beads. The background is a sun-dappled forest path with tall trees and green foliage. The title text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Life is Changed, Not Ended

Bereavement Conference 2018

For the Bereaved and those Ministering to Them

Saturday, March 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Frances de Chantal Parish

1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh, New York 11793



Keynote Speaker

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Vicar for the Western Vicariate

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski was born and raised in Poland where he studied philosophy and theology before coming to the United States in 1987. He completed his studies for the priesthood at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and was ordained by Bishop John R. McGann, for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1990.

Bishop Zglejszewski has served several parishes on Long Island. He was an Associate Pastor in the Parish of Saint Christopher, Baldwin (1990-1995), in Saint Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead (1995-2003), and Saint Rose of Lima, Massapequa (2003-2007), before he was appointed Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship in 2007 and Co-Chancellor in 2013.

His graduate studies include theology at Fordham University in New York and sacramental theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. For several years he also was Adjunct Professor in the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, teaching in the Diaconate Formation Program.

To keep up to date on the Conference and all Bereavement services, support groups and programs available, please visit our website: www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement/



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**9:15 a.m.
Morning Prayer**

**9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Keynote**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Workshop I**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Workshop II**

**2:45 p.m.
Closing Prayer**

Workshops

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SESSION I

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

1. What to do After Everyone Goes Home - Dealing with Sudden Loss

Margie S. Demshock, MS, LMHC, *Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Spiritual Director in private practice*

Shock, numbness and denial are part of early grief. This workshop will explore how to cope in the aftermath of a sudden loss in days and weeks immediately following the wake, funeral, and burial. A packet of resources will be provided.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

2. "Lord, if You had been here..." Finding Faith in Times of Tragic Loss

Deacon James DiGiovanna, *Committal coordinator at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Over the years there he has dealt with many tragic losses. The cemetery office has received comments from family members and funeral directors about the effectiveness of his service. He shares his experiences in hopes to help others who may be faced with similar circumstances.*

Meeting with families, doing a committal services for tragic losses: children teen agers, accident victims, sudden death of spouse leaving the other spouse to raise young children, drug overdose, suicides. Suggestions will be given as to what to say to various survivors (spouse, children, family, and friends) that have proven to be effective for the speaker.

Suggested Audience: VF, B

3. Building A Bigger Boat: Coping Tool for the Grieving Heart

Marianna Esolen, RLCSW, *Clinical social worker with 20+ years' experience working with chronic illness, trauma, and grief. Training in CBT, DBT, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, and Sensorimotor Psychotherapy.*

The experience of grief is complex, painful, isolating, and often over whelming. This workshop explores the impact of loss on the body, mind, and spirit. We will focus on strategies for self-care, self-soothing, and stress management. Coping tools and activities will be shared to help participants navigate the stormy wakes of grief while taking gentle care themselves

Suggested Audience: B

4. Profiles in Courage: Establishing a New Sense of Identity after Grief and Loss

Christopher L. Hayes, Ph.D., *Retired Professor of Gerontology Long Island University; Former Director of The Center for Pre-Retirement and Aging, Catholic University of America*

Many times, bereavement groups focus on helping participants address pain and loss during the grieving process. Less is known on how to participants move from hopelessness to perceiving life as a new beginning. This workshop will place a spotlight on the transformative process that group participants undergo and what we can learn about their courageous journey through bereavement. More importantly, this workshop will present a new paradigm on what constitutes growth and changes within the support group framework.

Suggested Audience: P, VF

5. The Wisdom in Telling Your Story

Jane Malone, PhD., LCSWR, *This presenter was a Bereavement Coordinator with over 25 years' experience working with end of life issues with adults and children. Currently has private practice specializing in grief, trauma and loss in Bayport, NY*

In the beginning of your grief – your story helps you to make sense of things. Over time and with reflection, your story changes and develops to include memories, strengths and love, along with wisdom that you have gained from your loss. Your story can be a powerful pathway to healing.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

6. Facilitate Groups / Giving Back

Kathryn Monaco Douglas, *12 years facilitating groups. Director of Bereavement at St. Matthews.*

Help to grow groups for different weeks of grief.

Suggested Audience: VF

7. Grief After A Substance Passing

Kerry O'Keefe Sr. / Christie O'Keefe, *Facilitator for G.R.A.S.P. Malvery, NY ("Grief After a Substance Passing")*

Safe Non-judgmental forum for people grieving loss of a loved one to substance abuse / overdose. Discussion: stigma – struggles – strategies – support.

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8. When Your Loved One Dies Twice

Margaret Peterson, RN, MS in Mental Health Counseling. *Nurse with background in oncology, critical care and home care. Specialized in bereavement and loss due to illness. Bereavement Support Group Facilitator for 30 years 23 a in parish. Diocesan Facilitator, Grant Writer led caregiver support group for 15 years. Coordinator of Parish Remembers Program for 20 years.*

The Goal of this workshop is to provide insight and understanding into the unique characteristics of grief that results from chronic illnesses such as Alzheimer's and Cancer and provide effective coping skills.

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9. Love Without End, Amen. Journaling Our Grief

Suzanne Richards, MA Religious Studies, DRVC Certified Catechetical Leader; Pastoral Associate- Christ the King, instructor – DRVC School of Missionary Disciples, facilitator – retreats and workshops, Adjunct Instructor Malloy College; former Corporate Trainer

An exploration of the various forms of journaling that may assist us in our grieving process.

Suggested Audience: VF, B

10. Empowering the Newly Bereaved

Luciano Sabatini, PhD in Counseling Psychology, 30 years experience in bereavement counseling, Bereavement Coordinator at St. Bernard's parish in Levittown, Adjunct Professor at Hofstra University.

Presents a strategy for assisting the newly bereaved in gaining control over their grief and their lives.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

11. Learning to Live Fully After the Death of a Loved One

Kathleen Maurer Smith, Ph.D., Dean of Social Sciences, Associate Dean for Graduate Academic Affairs, Professor of Sociology at Molloy College, Teaches a course called Sociology of Death and Dying.

When someone close to us dies, our grief centers on what we have lost. Later on in the grieving process, many people are able to focus on what they have gained. This workshop will present the idea of resilient grieving which involves finding strength and learning to embrace life after a loved one's death. Suggestions for promoting "post-traumatic growth" will be provided.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

12. Finding God in Times of Grief

Father Anthony Stanganelli, *Priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for 39 years, present pastor of Saint Bridgid's Church in Westbury since 2013.*

In the course of the loss of a loved one, our image of God is challenged – where was He when I needed him? Why did He take my loved one? We can feel abandoned by God and confused by His silence. How does God invite us to have a relationship with Him and with the ones we love who are now with him?

Suggested Audience: B

13. Children and Grief: A Journey of Healing

Susan Thomas, *LCW-R, ACSW, FT, Program Director for the Center for H.O.P.E. (Healing, Opportunity, Perseverance, Enlightenment) at The Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center. She is also a fellow in Thanatology and Certified Trauma and Loss Specialist and has worked in the field of grief, loss and trauma for the past twenty-nine years. Ms. Thomas is the recipient of the 2010 Presidents Award for Patient Excellence for the entire Northwell Health System. Ms. Thomas coordinates all services provided by the Center for HOPE and is responsible for all the staff and volunteers who work at the Center. Ms. Thomas also has presented at many national conferences and seminars and maintains a private practice in New Hyde Park, NY.*

This workshop will explore the unique ways in which children grieve, focusing on the task of grief, development factors, and strategies for coping. In addition, specific interventions to promote healing will be discussed.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

SESSION II

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

14. Finding Forgiveness in the Face of Grief

Margie S. Demshock, *MS, LMHC. Licensed mental Health counselor and Spiritual Directory in Private Practice.*

Many bereaved people find it hard to forgive themselves, the medical team, God, or the loved one who has died. This workshop will explore ways to work through your anger, guilt, and pain following the loss and to find your way towards forgiveness

Suggested Audience: B

15. Even Superheroes Need a Break!

Marianne Esolen, *RLCSW, Clinical social worker with 20+ years' experience working with chronic illness, trauma, and grief. Training in CBT, DBT, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, and Sensorimotor Psychotherapy.*

Making time for self-care and awareness of one's own needs is not a luxury, but rather an essential skill for professionals and facilitators who are supporting others dealing with grief. This workshop will focus on stress management, self-care, and strategies that help quiet the mind and body.

Suggested Audience: P, VF

16. Children's Journey of Grief

Maribeth McKeever, LCSW-R, ACH PC-SN, a New York State Licensed Social Worker, Currently holds the position as director of Bereavement for Good Shepherd Hospice as well as coordinator of Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

This workshop is designed to provide practical information about age appropriate grief reactions, myths of child grief, grief within the context of the family as well as a variety of therapeutic activities.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

17. Will I Ever Breathe Again?

Kathryn Monaco Douglas, Catechist, Eucharistic minister, Director of Bereavement and facilitating bereavement groups for 12 years. Helped with pre-cana for 5 years, director of bereavement

To help those in grief learn that there are things we can do to help ourselves with loss.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

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21. Suicide Prevention and Post-vention

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Overview of most recent information on causes of suicide and how caregivers can help. Also, a discussion on resources to help those whose loved ones dies by suicide including survivors of suicide loss support groups.

Suggested Audience: P, VF, B

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Suggested Audience: B

23. When Hello Means Goodbye

Janet Stevens, RNC-OB, MSN, CNE, CNL, CPLC, CBC, C-EFM, CCRN, Perinatal Bereavement Coordinator CHSLI, Nurse/resident Educator GSHMC L&D, Professor at Suffolk County Community College.

EMILY'S gift (burial program for demises < 20 weeks.)
Gabriel's Courage: in-utero hospice/palliative care for imperiled newborn with life-limiting diagnosis.

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Bereavement Conference Registration Form

- To register please submit the form below or register online at **www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement**
- Please forward the completed registration form along with a check payable to The Office of Faith Formation.
- Mail to: Rita O’Rourke, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.
- Name _____ Parish _____
- Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____
- Check One: ☐ Professional ☐ Volunteer Facilitator ☐ Bereaved ☐ Other _____
- Please make two (2) choices from each time slot by inserting the workshop numbers.
- Workshop Session I (10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.) Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____
- Workshop Session II (1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____
- 10. Conference Registration fee \$35.00 per person (includes breakfast and lunch) Amount Enclosed _____**



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond

Hands of Christ's Mercy



Dear Friends:

As we begin a New Year, I am writing to thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal and for making my first year a great joy in this wonderful Diocese. With a grateful heart, I also ask for your prayers and support for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, which brings Christ's love and mercy to more than 600,000 people every year.

Pope Francis has invited us to embrace our vocation as missionary disciples – to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy**. Our participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal is an effective way for us to respond. As we support the good works of our Church, our hands serve as instruments of God's love.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal touch so many in our Diocese: children being formed in our Catholic Faith in our schools and religious education programs, seminarians preparing to be holy and zealous priests, candidates for the permanent diaconate preparing to serve our parishes, disadvantaged seniors who are often isolated and lonely, families in crisis including our immigrant-refugee families who face so much uncertainty, our youth and young adults discerning their Catholic faith and their futures, people who are incarcerated, and those suffering from addiction.

A donation to our Appeal will help to ensure that our shared vision for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our Diocese will have a firm financial foundation as we reach out beyond our Parish walls and into the "mission territory" to which we are called.

I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we can bring Jesus' message of hope to communities, families and individuals.

Thank you for your love for the mission of the Church. I will be keeping you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ John O. Barres'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Estimados amigos,

Al comenzar este nuevo año, les escribo para agradecer su apoyo a la Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos y por darme tantas alegrías en este mi primer año en la Diócesis. Me dirijo a ustedes con un corazón agradecido, pidiéndoles sus oraciones y apoyo a la campaña de este año, campaña que anualmente lleva el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a más de 600,000 personas.

El Papa Francisco nos invita a abrazar nuestra vocación como discípulos misioneros, para que seamos las **Manos de la Misericordia de Cristo**. Una manera de responder a este llamado es participando en la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos. Cuando apoyamos las buenas obras de nuestra iglesia, nuestras manos se convierten en instrumentos del amor de Dios.

Sus donativos a la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos ayudan a muchas personas de nuestra Diócesis: a nuestros niños en su formación en la Fe Católica tanto en las escuelas como en los programas de educación religiosa; ayuda a los seminaristas que se están preparando para ser dedicados sacerdotes; ayuda a los hombres que en el futuro serán diáconos y prestarán servicio en nuestras parroquias; ayuda a ancianos desamparados y abandonados, ayuda a familias en crisis incluyendo a familias inmigrantes y refugiadas cuyo futuro es incierto; ayuda a jóvenes y jóvenes adultos que están discerniendo su fe católica y su futuro; asimismo ayuda a los encarcelados y a aquellos que sufren de adicciones.

Compartimos el deseo de un Dramático Crecimiento Misionero en nuestra Diócesis. Su donativo a la campaña ayudará a que tengamos un sólido soporte financiero, lo que nos permitirá ir más allá de nuestras zonas parroquiales. Dios nos llama a extender nuestra ayuda hacia los 'territorios de misión'

Agradezco profundamente que en oración considere hacer un donativo a la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos 2018. Juntos podemos llevar el mensaje de esperanza a nuestra comunidad, familias, y al prójimo.

Gracias por su cariño y entusiasmo por la misión de la iglesia. Los tendré presente a usted y a su familia en mis oraciones y en la celebración de la Santa Misa.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Muy Reverendo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre

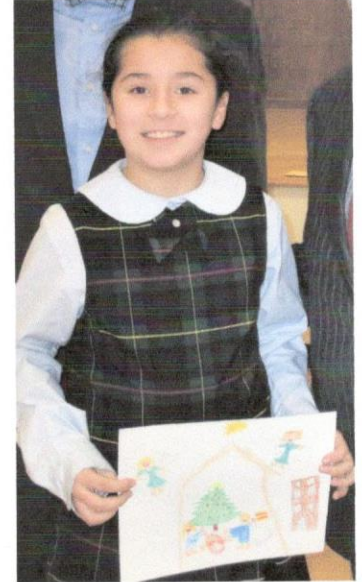


**Christ the King/Fr. Foley Council 11163
Knights of Columbus
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest
Holy Family Regional School**

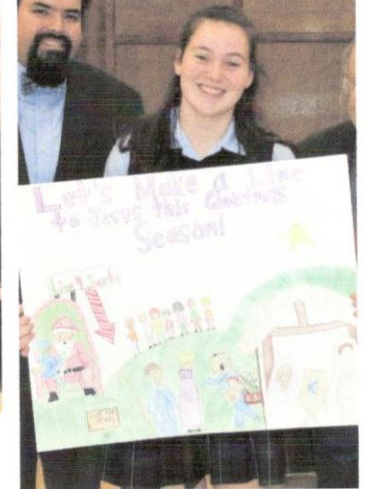


Contest Winners

- K - Alessia Vaglica - St. Matthew
1 - Fernando Chamorro - Christ the King
2 - John Whitcomb - St. Joseph
3 - Grace Gavin - St. Joseph
4 - Annie Olmedo - St. Joseph
5 - Myranda Chamorro - Christ the King
6 - Alexandra Mancusi (Overall Winner)
- St. Joseph
7 - Angelica Lee - St. Joseph
7 - Laura Hiu - St. Matthew
8 - Meaghan Endres - St. Joseph
(Contest sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus)



On Friday, January 19th, Mr. Brian Caltibiano, Principal, held a special award assembly at the school. Mike Lucarelli, DGK, made the presentation of \$25 Gift Cards to all the winners. Awards were given to the top winners in grades K thru 8.



Overall Winner

Photos by Jack Malone

PAINT NIGHT

**SPOTS
ARE
LIMITED!**

**Fundraiser
to support
St. Thomas More
Youth program**

Gina Drost, founder of *Faithful Painting* will lead us in painting fun! She has been painting for over 25 years and has taught both painting & crafts for more than 15 years.

She has also taught the Catholic Faith for over 20 years, currently as a Youth Minister.

She has married both art and ministry together by providing fundraising for churches and Youth Ministries with **AWESOME** Paint Nights!

- Refreshments will be served
- 50/50 Raffle
- Gift Basket Raffles
- Enjoy a fun winter night out & beat the winter blues!

**Saturday,
February 24, 2018**

NEW DATE!

Starting at 7pm
Church of St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, New York

\$50 per person



This painting has been created exclusively for our paint night & won't be repeated again!

Register today for yourself & your friends at
<http://www.stthomasmoreyouth.org/paint-nite>