

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

**March 3, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**



WHAT YOU SAY  
FLOWS FROM  
WHAT IS IN  
YOUR HEART.

LUKE 6 : 45

**Parish Mission Statement:**

*St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through*

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

**March 3, 2019**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Sirach 27: 4-7  
 Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58  
 Luke 6: 39-45

### **Saturday, March 2—First Saturday**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5:00pm Phyllis Ehrhart *by Ron & Joan Lovell*

### **Sunday, March 3--Eighth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

8:00am Kim Marie Bellone *by Colleen McGrath &  
Scott Adrian*

9:15am Michael DeVito *by the Citro family*

10:45am Leo Ramos *by the family*

12:15pm Alfred F. Manzella *by Marilyn &  
Marianne Manzella*

### **Monday, March 4—St. Casimir**

9am Virginia Cornacchioli *by Chris & Andrew Paino*

### **Tuesday, March 5**

9am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Potuzak Sr, *by  
Charles Potuzak*

### **Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday**

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

12:15pm Service

5pm Service

7pm People of the Parish

### **Thursday, March 7—St. Perpetua & St. Felicity**

9am People of the Parish

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

9am Christopher Weidig *by Eileen & Al Weidig*

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

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5:00pm Judith Ellen Lentino *by her parents*

### **Sunday, March 10--First Sunday in Lent**

8:00am Casano Antonio & Dr. Darius Anton Holmes, MD  
*by Dr. Bertram A. Holmes*

9:15am Joseph Pirrotta *by Michael &  
Florence Acqafredda*

10:45am Thomas Byrne *by the Horigan & O'Sullivan  
families, Elvira Ferrante by Louise Doyle &  
Lauren Brown, Clyde Lynn by Joe &  
Marilyn Amodio, Frank Moretti by Sharon &  
George Moulton, Ellen Rodenhuis by  
Kathryn Schook*

12:15pm Vincent Pavlic *by Maria Pavlic*

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

**March 10, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
 Deuteronomy 26: 4-10  
 Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
 Romans 10: 8-13  
 Luke 4: 1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:  
 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you felt like you were being tested. What helped you get through that period?
2. The desert is a place of dryness but it is not completely devoid of life. Relate a time when you found yourself in the desert. Where did you find life?
3. What steps closer to the Cross is God asking of you this Lent?

### **Family and children's question:**

Set aside 5 minutes for silence each day to put yourself in God's presence. At the end of the week, talk about what that experience was like.

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

Dear Friends,

**“Eyes are the windows of the soul. The mouth is the door to the brain.”** This proverb explains that we become what we permit ourselves to see or grasp. “In darkness all things are alike.” It is by the light that eyes can distinguish the good from the bad. “A bird is known by its note and a human person by their talk.” “What is in the heart will come out from the mouth.” “From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

**Today’s Gospel explains how each of us is an unbreakable unified person.** All that each of us does or says outwardly is just the fruit of what we are inwardly. But once we are divided within ourselves, we can pretend hypocritically to bear good fruit while being a rotten tree within. Hypocrisy has no substance to live, thus will die soon. The tree will show its nature soon. Figs cannot be picked from thorn bushes, nor grapes from brambles.

**Jesus instructs us that we can change our hypocritical nature.** First we have to start removing the beam that blocks and blurs our vision. When we are enlightened by letting the light inside, we will begin to see that evil in others are just splinters and not as big as the beam we suffer from. As long as we look for splinters in others we choose to block our vision to any light to come in. Let us recognize and remove the beams that obstruct our vision. Let us be enlightened, unified and live the truth.

**This Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> begins the Holy Season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday.**

The season is called holy because it is filled with opportunities of God’s calling us to make us holy through the grace of God gifts to us by journeying with His Son’s passion, death and resurrection. We in St. Thomas More invite you to become holy through Spiritual Exercises during Lent.

March 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday begins the Holy Season of Lent.

Special Lenten morning prayers daily at 8:40 am before the 9:00 am Mass.

Every Monday 7:00 to 8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration... silently praying for the sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death.

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm, praying for various intentions.

March 25, 26 and 27 Parish Mission by Sr. Pat Duffy.

Please follow our Parish social media for daily short reflection for Lent.

Lenten Project: General Needs Ltd: helping thousands of homeless Long Island Veterans and their families through your charitable donations and support. For more information please visit. “Generalneeds.org”

Becoming a minister (like Eucharistic Minister, Lector Altar Server, Choir-member.) to help yourself personally and the church-community.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor  
Deacon Robert D. Weisz  
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux  
Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico  
**Religious Education**  
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**

#### **EUCHARIST**

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.

## St. Thomas More, our Patron invites us to pray during Lent



**St. Thomas More** was so conscientiously pure in his belief and its practice that his whole life was (even in jail and at the moment of execution) not a reaction to what the King or others said or did to him. The following quote explains how he was praying and he asked others to pray for the King

moments before his execution. "Afterward he exhorted them, and besought them very earnestly to pray to God for the King, that He (God) should give him (king) good counsel, protesting that he died his good servant, and God's first."

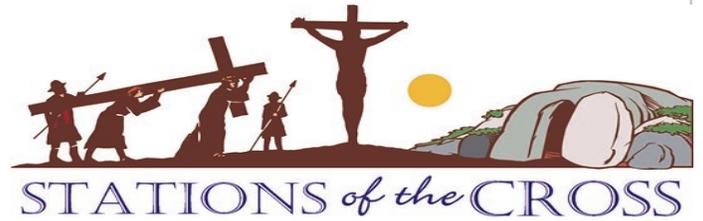
**Thus St. Thomas More shows what prayer can/should do.** When we pray, Prayer opens our life for all that God wants to do in us. Likewise prayer does the same to the life of those for whom we pray ...to do all that God wants to achieve in them.

Lent is the time we pray in order that we may become more open to God's work in ourselves and others.

**Only in that sense every Monday during Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 pm,** you are invited to pray before the Eucharist. As Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10). We will pray that you and I, everyone become God's work of having and promoting life and its abundance everywhere and in all stages. This is praying time for God to work, not promoting or supporting any division based on philosophy or opinion. Please commit yourself to praying before the Eucharist that God's work be accomplished among us.

**Let us imitate our Patron St. Thomas More.** First, let us pray for ourselves to be God's lively creative work without hate or vengeance against anyone. Like St. Thomas More, if you feel that those in power have done injustice and sinned against life, follow our Patron's example of praying that God give them good counsel that life may be upheld and appreciated. Let us believe like our Patron that ultimately God will prevail and our prayer will open our hearts as well as those for whom we pray, for God's gift of life in abundance. Please come and pray every Lenten Monday before the Eucharist for God's gift life to flourish among us in all stages from conception to natural death.

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### **What is "Stations of the Cross?"**

**It is a form of prayer, of journeying with Jesus** in his path of carrying the cross from Pilate's palace to Mount Calvary. In every Catholic Church one can find fourteen depictions of Jesus' journey of carrying the cross, seven on each side of the inner wall. The practice of praying the "Stations" goes as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Some churches have the stations along the approach to a church just as we have in our Church grounds between the road and the parking lot.

### **Why do we pray the "Stations" every Lenten Friday?**

Because the forty days of Lent focuses on Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. We pray it on the Fridays of Lent because Jesus carried the Cross to die on Calvary on Good Friday. Nobody wants to suffer but everyone has inevitably some kind of suffering caused by self or others.

**Praying Stations helps us understand** and offer our sufferings as Christ did. Like Jesus we can turn the negative suffering into a positive expression of Love. We can transform pain into redemptive grace as Jesus did on the cross. It is worth quoting the words of our Patron, St. Thomas More here. "Every tribulation which ever comes our way either is sent to be medicinal, if we will take it as such, or may become medicinal, if we will make it such, or is better than medicinal, unless we forsake it."



9:00 am	Mass
12:15 pm	Service
5:00 pm	Service
7:00 pm	Mass

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses and at both Services.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jaclyn Aloï	Edward McManus
Jean Barz	Sharon Mills
George Bein	Marie Minutillo
Bernadette	Tony Montalbano
Pam Bertin	Ellen Murphy
Mary Bien	Joan Nachtman
George Bien	Jean Noschese
Janice Bini	Patricia OConnell
Jean Blaney	Beatrice Okorn
Peter Bongiorno	Justin Olsen (3 years old)
Lisa Bravo	Arlene P
Pamela Brosnan	Piper Palmiera (5 years old)
Donna Caragol	Al Pankus
Kathy Calandrella	Barbara P
Barbara Cappisillo	Joseph P
Kathy Capuano	Robert Pawluk
Patricia Cirone	Joan Perks
Bobbie Cizon	Frank Procaccini
Ellen Cleary	Diane Rantz
Marilyn (Porter) Collins	Maura Reddy
John Colosi	Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM
Joey Cullum	Leland Reid
Walt Drechsler Jr.	William (Bill) Rudden
Thomas J. DuBritz	Victoria A. Russo
Mary Ann Foley	Bob Sauchelli
John J. Foley	Teresa Scarlato
Gloria Gamarana	Elyse Schrage
Joe Gandolfo	Carlene Shernowitz
Jody Casares George	Kim Shernowitz
Gerald Gilson	Robert Shernowitz
John H.	Edward J. Smith
Marie Kane Hanisch	Antonette Solano
Olive Harrison	John Spadaro
Marc Ignieri (and Family)	Joyce St. Germain
Paula Izzo	Charles & Peggy
Joseph Jacklets	Stepanek
Linda Jennings	Carly Strachovsky
Kevin A. Kane	Richard Stout
Chris Kenney	Karen Sullivan
Shaun Kenney	Erik Sztorc
Denise Kern	JoAnne Thomas
Jean Marsala Kieffner	Chase Turano
Rob Kohl	Andrew J. Valentine
Arnold Landi	Andrew M. Valentine
Wayne Leo	Michael Valentine
Nancy Link	Donna Marie Velazquez
Philip Lloyd	Debbie Ward
Nicolas Lorusso	Rosalind Warmuth
Lauren Lossani	Diane Weisz
Frank Mambuca	Arlene Wentin
Laura Mansi	Lorraine White
Tom Margiotta	Rocco Zappia
Barbara McManus	

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Harold A. Hyman, June E. Dutton, Eusebio (Peppy) Perez, Elvira Mary Du Britz, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

**USING FAITH DIRECT?** - It's quick and easy!

Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our church code is NY227. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. 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)

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Ethan Bernstein	John Karies
Jessie Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
Collin Busto	Andrew Lombardi
David Chester	Lt. Clint Lorance
John Chester	Scott Lovelock
Nicholas Chester	Andrew Lynch
Theresa Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Collin J. Crean	William Maley
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Eric Cullum	Tim Morris
Adam Cussen	John Nachtman
David Cussen	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Nicholas W. Flanary	Michael Poist
J.T. Foltz	Michael Polanski
Mike Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Michael Gioia	Antonia Marie Rivera
William Gregory	Ann Karen Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Gudone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Singer
Sean Hendrikson	Ryan Smith
Kevin Ilyichenko	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/>

**Instagram**

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Altar Servers Ministry: [altarservers@stmli.org](mailto:altarservers@stmli.org)

Personal Prayer [SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

[BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

**OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

(Subject to last minute changes)

	<u>This Weekend</u>	<u>Next Weekend</u>
	(March 2/3)	(March 9/10)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Rajan
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
12:15pm	Fr. Rajan	Fr. Antony

**SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of February 24, 2019 \$5,695.25

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.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES  
APPEAL 2019**

as of February 25, 2019

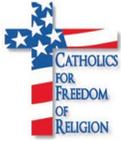
<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$70,100.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$10,975.83</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>15.7%</b>

**CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

Here are the winners for the week of  
February 24—March 2, 2019

Sun.	2/24/19	\$50	# 36	Pat & Frank Lewis
Mon.	2/25/19	\$25	#299	Arlene Aspromgos
Tues.	2/26/19	\$25	#549	Diane M. Valette
Wed.	2/27/19	\$25	#381	Dolores & Ken Fensterer
Thurs.	2/28/19	\$25	#618	Christine Wittneben
Fri.	3/1/19	\$25	#347	John & Denise Zappia
Sat.	3/2/19	\$25	#529	Ann Russell

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



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

Focus on Religious Freedom  
from Catholics for Freedom of Religion

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

### Hope

#### For New HHS Division of Conscience & Religious Freedom:

In 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) created the Division of Conscience & Religious Freedom to protect doctors, nurses and other health care workers who decline to participate in procedures such as abortion, sterilization, assisted-suicide, or other services on moral or religious grounds. This new division seeks to enforce existing laws, some of which on the books for decades, that went under-enforced during the last 10 years.

**"Never forget that religious freedom is a primary freedom, that it is a civil right that deserves enforcement and respect,"** said Roger Severino, Director of HHS Office for Civil Rights.

"For too long, too many of these health care practitioners have been bullied and discriminated against because of their religious beliefs and moral convictions," said acting HHS Secretary Eric Hargan.

**"Health providers should have the ability to live their religious beliefs without fear of workplace discrimination,"** said Sen. James Lankford, (OK).

### Fear

#### Over Proposed Restrictions on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act:

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) was sponsored by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy and overwhelmingly passed in 1993. It set up strict standards for judging government violations of the **First Amendment's free exercise of religion clause** in order to assure that government couldn't punish people for practicing their religion unless it had a good reason. **Americans have relied on the RFRA law to protect them from government rules that violate their religious beliefs.**

The leaders of the new House of Representatives have promised to prioritize protected class status to LGBT Americans while undermining the protections codified in the RFRA Act.

"...one side of the culture war wishes the total subjugation of the other," wrote a professor of Biblical studies at Boyce College. **"They will run roughshod over the religious consciences of their fellow citizens.**

(healthleadersmedia.com, 1/29/18, 3/27/18; npr.org, 1/18/18; world.wng.org,, 1/8/19; washingtonpost.com, 5/22/18; constitutioncenter.org)

**"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."** Abraham Lincoln



*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 the Meeting Room. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

We will meet on March 11, 2019. The book for discussion will be: **Lilac Girls** by Hall Kelly—  
Facilitator: Caroline DeSantis.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

*(Not totally inclusive)*

**This weekend at all Masses Propagation of Faith Appeal**

**Tuesday—March 5**

7pm—Adoration—Church

**Thursday—March 7**

5:30pm—Children's Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

**Friday—March 8**

12:30 pm—Young at Heart—Kit/Walden Hall



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

*Edward Witkowski & Kathleen Fricke  
Adam Mastrocola & Emily Root  
William Lye & Laura Foti  
Robert Caponigro & Marissa Vacari  
Marc Occhiuto & Danielle Mohr*

## **PARISH OUTREACH**

“Give us this day our daily bread”



Apple Sauce  
Baked Beans  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
**Canned Tuna \*\***  
**Cereal \*\***  
Crackers & Cookies  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Peanut Butter  
**Jelly \*\***

Tomato Sauce  
Coffee (Reg. & Instant)  
**Tea \*\***  
Juice  
**Parmalat Milk \*\***  
Tissues  
**Paper Towels \*\***  
**Toilet Paper \*\***  
Shampoo  
**Toothpaste \*\***  
**Laundry Detergent \*\***

**\*\* We are in great need of these items as we often run low on them.**

**Outreach is open  
Monday to Thursday  
10:00 am to 2:00pm**

**Phone: 631-234-3149**

*Outreach provides assistance with food, provides referrals and information to other agencies to meet various family needs and other emergency assistance.*

*Non-perishable foods may be left in the bins at the entrance to the Narthex. We are always grateful for your generosity!*

## **MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE**

*The RCIA Team has answered God's call  
To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life.  
The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation  
As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.*

RCIA stands for “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.” Just as it takes an entire village to raise a child, it takes the gifts of an entire loving, playful community to make a committed Catholic Christian. The RCIA team is comprised of committed individuals who are entrusted to share our faith with those adults who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian, and to help lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The following young parishioners have received Honor Roll certificates for the 2nd Quarter at St. Anthony's High School.

Keira Baiz  
Spencer Borghardt  
Nicholas Carrieri  
Patrick Curley  
Matthew Ficco  
Luke Gonsel  
Emily Gonsel

Lauren Haggerty  
Andrea Hagerty  
Lauren Heberer  
Frank Massa  
Colleen Mooney  
Brandon Mooney  
Danielle Pikulik

## St. Thomas More

Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign

*“Grateful for our Past - Planning for our Future”*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$1.0 Million</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,031,554</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$ 793,418</b>
<b>% of Cash Received</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b># of Gifts</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>103%</b>

**Our Goal is Surpassed! Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!**

**On behalf of Father Antony and the entire campaign committee we wish to thank all parishioners who have made a gift to the campaign. Thanks to the generous support from many families the campaign has been a great success. We deeply appreciate your generous response!**

**If you have any questions about your pledge payment schedule, please call Andy White at 516-607-3635.**

### ***Courtesy Announcements***

*(First Notice)*

*(Second Notice)*

**St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY—March Programs:**

—**Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer—10 am to 3 pm—March 6, 2019.** Offering \$50 includes lunch.

Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ

—**Lenten Prayer on Friday—March 22, March 29, April 5 & April 12, 2019—”Passion Narrative according to St. Luke: — 10:30 am to 12 noon.** Offering \$15 per session/\$60 for the four sessions.

Presenter: Fr. William T. Slater

—**Lenten Overnight Retreat for Men & Women —March 30-31, 2019—”The Invitation”.**

Offering: \$100. Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ

**Good Shepherd Hospice—Join us for “A Cup of Compassion:—An afternoon tea honoring Alice O’Shaughnessy, C.S.J., MD—Saturday, March 31, 2019—11 am to 2 pm at the Garden City Country Club (206 Stewart Ave., Garden City). All proceeds to benefit Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center at Rockville Centre. Business casual attire. Auction and raffle throughout the afternoon. For more information please call the Development Department at 631-465-6350.**



AARP is offering free tax preparation service by IRS certified volunteers at the Hauppauge, Commack, Kings Park, Central Islip and Connetquot Libraries and the Smithtown Senior Center. You do not have to be a member of the AARP, nor do you have to be over 50 years old to use this service; it is available to everyone. Just call your library or the senior center to make an appointment.

**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)*

**2018 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/we would like a record of our 2018 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019**

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2019.

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 Charities**—many positions both full time & part time available— check Employment Bulletin Board outside Walden Hall for complete list.

Per Diem Driver—Chemical Dependence Services—Commack

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

**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.

**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.

**The Garage**—Drivers & Delivery—To deliver orders PT.

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.



Lent 2019

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)...The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)...Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)...The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138).”

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since “the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation”. (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Word of the Lord* ) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

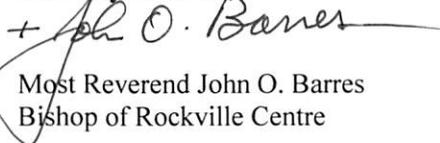
In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Word of the Lord* (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of *lectio divina* or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit’s tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres’ Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict’s approach to *lectio divina*, see this link [www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org](http://www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org).) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: “Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers”.

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ,

+   
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



## We Are Called to Serve

*As we approach Lent and the celebration of our Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, we are reminded that Jesus calls us to service.*

*Today, Jesus's call for you to serve is to consider and respond to St. Thomas More's critical need for new Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers.*

*Our Eucharistic Ministry includes joining with clergy to administer the Blessed Sacrament during Mass, to the home bound, and to those in nursing homes or residential settings.*



*Our Lectors read from Old Testament and New Testament passages during Mass. They have a workbook and audio readings for preparation. Our lectors proudly span across generations of our parish family - from eight to eighty nine years old!*



*Our Altar Servers assist clergy during Mass and other liturgical services. Our Altar Servers will be credited community service hours. Deacon Matt Surico will provide training for new Altar Servers at St. Thomas More.*

### *Scheduling for EM's, Lectors, & Altar Servers*

- *Easy establishment of preferred Masses and dates you wish to serve as well as providing unavailable dates through the free MSP phone app*
- *Requests for substitutes for assigned services easily done through MSP phone app*
- *Reminders of scheduled services through MSP phone app & email.*
- *Families will be scheduled together to avoid conflicts.*

Liturgical Ministry Training Spring 2019 dates and locations are listed in the bulletin. Please contact the Rectory if you are interested in joining St. Thomas More Liturgical Ministries. 631 -234-5551; [rectory@stmli.org](mailto:rectory@stmli.org)

**Our next Parish Holy Hour will be held on  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 7-8 PM in the  
Church.**



***What is done at Holy Hour?***

Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and we the faithful have an opportunity to enter into prayer and peaceful meditation with our Lord truly present. Time is alternated between silent prayer and spoken prayer.

Evening Prayer (Vespers): These are the daily prayers said in the evening by the whole Church, from the Liturgy of the Hours. We join our prayers with clergy, religious and lay persons around the world, praying as one.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: This is a devotional prayer recited on the beads of the Rosary, asking God to continue to shower us with his mercy.

Benediction: At the end of the hour, chants and prayers in praise of our Lord are recited, and we are actually blessed by Christ as the celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the assembly with the monstrance.

***Why should I attend a Holy Hour? Thoughts for March:***

*Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace!*  
"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

*For peace in our country!*

"When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land." (2 Chr. 7:14)

**Come join us!**

**Please note:** After this Holy Hour, we will switch to a weekly Holy Hour for Lent on Monday nights beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> and ending April 15<sup>th</sup> (except for March 25<sup>th</sup>, when our parish Lenten mission is taking place). We will resume the regular monthly Holy Hour on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>.



**ST. Thomas More**

**Msgr. Francis S Midura**

**Council 6062**

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

**Saturday, March 16. 2019**

**Following the 5 PM Mass**

All are invited with their families to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner as part of the Council's Annual Holiday Party. The cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Fare for the evening will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes and carrots along with my homemade Irish Soda Bread, beer and soda. Provisions will also be made for Irish Coffee.

Tickets will be available after all masses in the Narthex Starting February 23th.

March 15 is the deadline for reservations. Any questions feel free to contact me.

Ed Rogan, PGK

Email: [eroganjr@verizon.net](mailto:eroganjr@verizon.net)

631-366-1085



**Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.**

# >> Lenten Journey of Hide and Seek

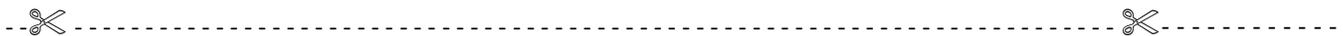
Come to an out of the way place and  
experience a day of reflection,  
renewal and rest

**Where:** Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma

**When:** March 20, 2019—10:00am to 2:30pm

**Donation:** \$40.00 - covers hospitality and hot lunch

**Presenter:** Patricia Chapin



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Pat Chapin. Registration limited and needs to be returned to the Religious Education office by March 11, 2019.



# LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

## Spring 2019

**BASIC TRAINING** for all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING** for those EMHCs intending to work with the sick (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, homebound) – **Contact the Office of Faith Formation.** (516) 678-5800 x 223. (N.B. *Basic Training* ***must be taken prior*** to registering for *Specialized Training*)

**LECTOR TRAINING** for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session.

**Dates, times, locations for BASIC TRAINING and LECTOR TRAINING:**

Nassau– Sat., 2/23 @ St. Christopher’s, Baldwin (9:00AM-12:30PM)  
Suffolk– Sat., 3/9 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM) ***English*** (Community Hall)  
Suffolk- Sat., 3/9 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM) ***Spanish*** (Parish Center)  
Nassau– Wed., 4/3 @ St. Christopher’s, Baldwin (7:00-10:00PM)  
Suffolk- Thurs., 5/23 @ Saint Elizabeth, Melville (7:00-10:00PM) – Msgr. Kane Hall

Fee for BASIC TRAINING session: \$30 per person.  
Fee for LECTOR TRAINING session: \$20 per person.

**NOTE: One may attend *either* BASIC TRAINING or LECTOR TRAINING, but *not* BOTH for a given day listed above.**

**(1) To register for BASIC TRAINING:** Ask your pastor to write a letter requesting the training for every person attending. The letter should indicate the date, time, and place of the training session requested. Letters should be submitted to: **Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571, Attn: Ministry training.**

**(2) To register for LECTOR TRAINING,** fill out the slip below and mail it to the Office of Worship.

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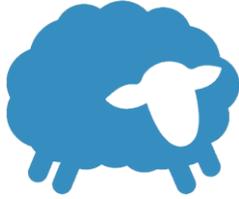
*Registration form for the Diocesan **Lector** Training*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Check session: Feb.23    Mar.9-English    Mar.9-Spanish    Apr.3    May 23

Mail to: **Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.**

Contact Gina Imperioli at the Office of Worship with any questions: (516) 678-5800 x 504.



# We love having you as part of our flock!

Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text

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This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time.

There are 2 easy ways to connect (pick one):

- 1 Visit our church at:  
flocknote.com/StThomasMore29    - - - - OR - - -
- 2 Text **SpiritofLove** to 84576  
from your phone to subscribe to updates.

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at [www.flocknote.com/txt](http://www.flocknote.com/txt).

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For Lent this year we have exclusive access to the teachings of Bishop Barron's **Word on Fire** classes for free. We will be able to send you links through **Flocknote** to watch any of his classes or videos. You can watch these throughout Lent at your own pace on your own time. At **wordonfire.org** you can also get your own Lent Reflections booklet for free.

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