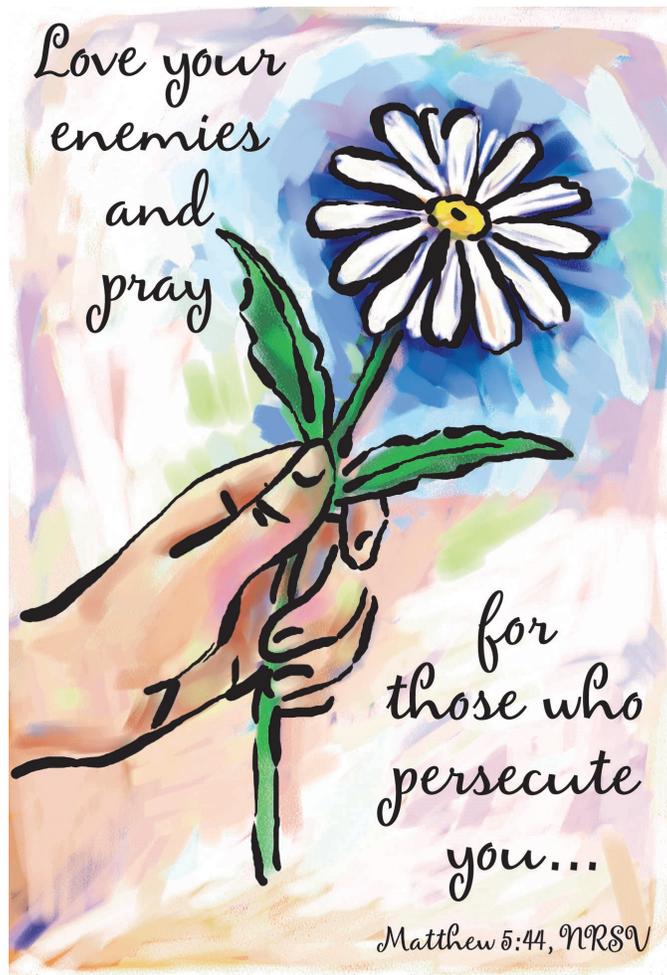


Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.*

**Contact Numbers**

Rectory	Religious Ed	Outreach
631-234-5551	631-234-0397	631-234-3149
FAX 631-234-6412	FAX 631-234-1199	FAX 631-234-1199

**Website:** <https://stmli.org>

**Social Media**

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge  
Instagram: stm\_church

To receive texts or emails  
from us just text

**Spiritoflove** to 84576 or  
sign up @

[StThomasMore29flocknotes.com](http://StThomasMore29flocknotes.com)

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

February 23, 2020  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

### **Saturday, February 22**

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Elizabeth Carlino *by her loving family*

### **Sunday, February 23—Seventh Sunday in**

#### **Ordinary Time**

8:00am Joan Benck *by the Chin family*

9:15am Theodore Muenkel *by the Borowski family*

10:45am Robert Panebianco *by Don & Rosemarie  
Flore*

12:15pm Terry Shannon *by STM Hospitality*

### **Monday, February 24**

9am People of the Parish

### **Tuesday, February 25**

9am Ted & Loretta Muenkel *by Marie Utter*

### **Wednesday, February 26—Ash Wednesday**

9am People of the Parish

12:15pm Service

4:30pm Service

7pm Mass—For People of the Parish

### **Thursday, February 27**

9am Maria Krol *by Marie Utter & Dottie Gillan*

### **Friday, February 28**

9am Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

### **Saturday, February 29**

9am People of the Parish

*(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)*

5pm Thomas Reilly *by the Cercone family*

### **Sunday, March 1—First Sunday of Lent**

8:00am James J. Murphy *by Don & Joan Perks*

9:15am Ann Cardino *by Rose Picciano,  
Toni Lamberta by Joseph &  
Linda Lamberta, James J. Murphy by  
Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux, Ann Ribolini  
by Dcn. Ed & Laura Vigneaux,  
Violet Vecchio by Allison Asta*

10:45am Charles Stepanek *by Marilyn & Joe Amodio*

12:15pm Thomas Santangelo *by Ginny Heim*

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

March 1, 2020  
First Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."*

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Describe a way the three temptations of Jesus are similar to the temptations you face.
2. Describe a time you felt alone but then help came.
3. What impact does social sin (greed, unjust power structures self-interest of the privileged) have on you as an individual and on us as a community? How do you respond to social sins?

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

What goal do you have for Lent this year?

**FR. ANTONY'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

**Husband: Our neighbors, Nancy and Mike make a perfect pair, don't you think?**

Wife: Yes. He is a pill and she is a headache.

Every pair is a perfect pair in their own way, positively or negatively. Likewise we can define a person as perfect or imperfect depending on how and with what you compare that person; that will portray that person negatively or positively.

**In today's Gospel Jesus compares us with God**, and asks us to be perfect as God is perfect. Is it possible to be perfect like God? If impossible, why does Jesus end his explanations on the Law (Matthew 5: 1-48) with "be perfect, just as your Heavenly Father is perfect." Or is it a hyperbole not meant to be taken literally? Or does Jesus want us to be aware of the spiritual power by which we can imitate God for what God has created?

**What is "to be perfect" according to Jesus?** Does it mean to be faultless, sinless or blameless? If perfection is a Godly standard that a human being must strive to reach, then no human can and will be perfect. When Jesus asks us to be perfect as God is, he invites us to be true to our identity as humans in the same way God is true to God's identity. As God never reduces God's nature to be a lesser God in His words, deeds and behavior, Jesus reminds us that we too can live without reducing our human nature in our words deeds and behavior. Perfection is not a certain state that we try to reach but a way of living that makes our words, deeds and behavior to truly reflect the purpose for which God created us. Let us pray for God's strength and wisdom to be true to live the God-given purpose of our life.

**Lent is at our door steps— February 26<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday:** Through Flock notes you can have access to Lenten Spiritual help. You will find information in this bulletin on how to connect to Flock Notes and get access to spiritual thoughts to enlighten and empower you spiritually. It is easy. You will be invited to "Word on Fire" for an inspiring spiritual exercise for Lent. Please give it a try.

**During Lent we abstain from eating meat on Fridays** and abstain and fast on two days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The aim of observing Fasting and Abstinence is not merely to bear bodily suffering, but to strengthen our inner spiritual power. The aim is to train the body as an expression of spiritual truth that is revealed by God in our inner Spirit in each of us.

**Please mark your personal calendar— March 23, 24 and 25** are days of our Parish Lenten Mission by Fr. Robert Joerger on "Love Casts out Fear." All are welcome. Please look for more information in the flyer in this bulletin.

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, Director  
**Parish Outreach**  
Staffed by volunteers  
**Music Ministry**  
Emilia Savarese, Facilitator  
**Youth Ministry**  
Dan Haggerty, Youth Minister

**OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE****EUCARIST**

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

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

**MARRIAGE-** As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other 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.

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **February 16, 2020** **\$4,711.50**  
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 2020

as of February 11, 2020

Our Parish Goal      \$70,400.00  
Pledges to date      \$ 2,750.00  
Percentage of Goal      3.9%



**This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown.**

**Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on**

[www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org).

**If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

*The following young parishioners of St. Anthony's High School have received Honor Roll certificates for the 2nd Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.*

<i>Caleb Aurelien</i>	<i>Nicholas Carrieri</i>
<i>Nicole DeCanio</i>	<i>Matthew Ficco</i>
<i>Emily Gunsel</i>	<i>Andrea Haggerty</i>
<i>Lauren Heberer</i>	<i>Brandon Mooney</i>
<i>Thomas Popp</i>	<i>Sophia Schroeder</i>

## OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

*(Subject to last minute changes)*

	<u>This Weekend</u> (Feb. 22/23)	<u>Next Weekend</u> (Feb. 29/Mar.1)
<u>Saturday</u>		
5 pm	Fr. Alex	Fr. Antony
<u>Sunday</u>		
8 am	Msgr. Boccafolo	Fr. Alex
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafolo
12:15 pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Fred



## MINISTRY MATTERS AT ST. THOMAS MORE

### RCIA TEAM

Our Purpose and Responsibilities

To share our faith with those who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian and to lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE

Just as it take an entire village to raise a child, it takes all the gifts and talents of a loving and prayerful community to make a committed Catholic Christian.

### THEREFORE...

We invite ALL Members of St. Thomas More to join us in praying for those seeking to join us in our Faith Community and welcoming those who are now on their journey to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE!

## CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

*Congratulations!*

*Here are the winners from February 16 to 22, 2020*

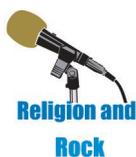
2/ 16/2020	312 \$50	Andy & Kathy Turano
2/17/2020	159 \$25	John & Marie Reddy
2/18/2020	341 \$25	Ralph Giambruno
2/19/2012	421 \$25	Len Munzer
2/20/2020	473 \$25	Phyllis Sivori
2/21/2020	543 \$25	St. Vincent de Paul—Gift of Marie Marsala
2/22/2020	449 \$25	John & Marie Reddy



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mrs. Altman, Angie, Arlene, ASB, Dottie B, Carmela Beltrani, Louise Beltrani, Bernadette, Patricia Brady, Lena Brennan, Pamela Brosnan, Barbara Cappisillo, Kathy Capuano, Dona Caragol, David Cartwright, Paul Connors, Eleanor & Michael Degen, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Jodi Casares George, Jerry Georgis, Anthony Giannelli, John Gilligan, Gina, Connie Giunta, John H, Angelina Harrington, Jacob Harrington, Olive Harrison, Tom H, Rita Hines, Laurie Holmes, Paula Izzo, Joseph Jacklets, Chris Kenney, Kevin Kenney, Shaun Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Jennifer Kort, Albert Kunz, Nicolas Lorusso, Lauren Lossani, Frances Madera, MaryLee Manfre, Maria, Rob McGurrin, Sharon Mills, Rosie Miranda, Kieran Mock, Ellen Murphy, Jim Murphy Sr., Joan Nachtman, Pat O'Connell, Beatrice Okorn, Barbara P, Brienne P, Joe P, Rainey Pappas, Richard Peymann, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Sue Rukchael, Carlene, Robert & Kim Shenowitz, Robert Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Robert Strommer, MaryAnn Tinger, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman, Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky

*This listing will expire on March 31, 2020.*



Tune into “**Religion and Rock**” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Chanel* and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

This Sunday’s theme is **Sacrifice**, don’t miss it!. Next Sunday’s Theme (March 1) is **Renewal**. To listen online or receive more information regarding **Religion and Rock** go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at “Religion & Rock” on *ITUNES*.

*Don’t forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Rocco A. Brunetti, James J. Murphy, Clara M. Denninger, 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 or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. 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	Michael Knipper
Jessie Bernstein	Dylan Kowalski
Joseph Blaugrund	Thomas LaFemina
Anthony Broncatello	Alex Lombardi
John Burk	Andrew Lombardi
Collin Busto	Lt. Clint Lorange
David Chester	Scott Lovelock
John Chester	Andrew Lynch
Nicholas Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Theresa Chester	William Maley
Collin J. Crean	Thomas Migliara
Eddie Cullum	Tim Morris
Eric Cullum	Ryan Murphy
Adam Cussen	John Nachtman
David Cussen	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Thomas Nichols
P. J. Erskin	Adam Papaizai
Timothy Fallon	Michael Poist
Major Michael Fantauzzi	Michael Polanski
Nicholas W. Flanary	Kyle Rathje
J.T. Foltz	Antonia Marie Rivera
Mike Foltz	Ann Karen Sanchez
Michael Gioia	Justin Schneider
Carl F. Greiner	Christopher Sidor
Philip Gudone	Christopher Singer
John Michael Haffner	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrikson	Michael White
Tylor J. Hickey	
Kevin Ilyichenko	
John Karies	

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

#### Sunday—February 23

9:15am—Scout Sunday

10:45am—RCIA—Kirwin Hall

#### Monday—February 24

7pm—RCIA—Meeting Room

#### Tuesday—February 25

7pm—Bible Study—Church

#### Wednesday—February 26—Ash Wednesday

9am & 7pm—Mass

12:15pm & 4:30pm—Service

**Distribution of ashes at both Masses and Services**

#### Thursday—February 27

5:30pm—Children’s Choir Reh.—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Reh.—Church

#### Friday—February 28

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

7pm—Stations of the Cross—Church

Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection during Lent or updates of what’s happening in our Parish? See below or go to [StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](http://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)



JUST TEXT THE WORD "SpiritofLove" TO 84576



Flocknote  
Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

### The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Register Online [WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG](http://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG)

#### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

##### Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry -

*A workshop addressing the changing cultural landscape in our Faith Formation Programs.*

##### St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Thursdays, February 27; March 12, and 19, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Or

##### Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Mondays, February 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

##### Basic Religious Studies Course Series

##### St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset

3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

##### Old Testament

Mondays, February 24; March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020



#### FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

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.



**Focus on Religious Freedom**  
[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

**Anti-Catholic 1889 Blaine Amendment  
 Goes to U.S. Supreme Court**

"The case before the Supreme Court today (*Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*) concerns whether the Constitution offers states a license to discriminate against religion," said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "Our country's tradition of non-establishment of religion does not mean that governments can deny otherwise available benefits on the basis of religious status.... This is an issue of justice for people of all faith communities." <sup>(1)</sup>

Montana created a program where people who donated to private-school funding organizations received a modest \$150 tax credit. However, the Montana Dept. of Revenue cited the state's anti-religious Blaine Amendment to exclude those donors whose money went to religious private schools but allowed non-religious private-school donors to benefit. Therefore, children who attend religious schools were stripped of their right to participate in the scholarship program.

The Blaine Amendments - found in 37 state constitutions - originated in the late 1800's to block Catholic demands for equal treatment of their schools. The anti-legal immigrant, anti-Catholic provisions aimed to bar public funding of so-called "sectarian" schools of which over 2/3 were Catholic schools.

"But this case is not only about constitutional law... Blaine Amendments ... were expressions of hostility toward the Catholic Church. We hope that the Supreme Court will take this opportunity to bring an end to this shameful legacy," wrote the USCCB.<sup>(2)</sup>

(usccb.org(1)(2); ij.org; becketlaw.org; caton.org;  
 detroitnews.com,  
 1/17/20; newsmax.com, 1/28/20)

*"Blaine amendments ... have the effect of excluding people of faith from participating in benefits that should be publicly available to everyone. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer."*

USCCB Fact Sheet, Office of Religious Liberty, 2018



*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.

Our next meeting will be on March 9, 2020 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be

**Educated** by Tara Westover—

Facilitator: Aurelie Miller-Hendry

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room. For further and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

**SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL**

**Websites**

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

<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

**Facebook**

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

**Instagram**

stm\_church

- stmreligouised
- stm\_yg

**Email**

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Mary Ellen Carroll:

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Outreach:

[outreach@stmli.org](mailto:outreach@stmli.org)

Dan Haggerty:

[youthminister@stmli.org](mailto:youthminister@stmli.org)

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)

**PARISH OUTREACH**  
“Give us this day our daily bread”



Our current needs include:

- Canned Fruit
- Tomato Sauce\*\*
- Canned Tomatoes\*\*(28 Oz)
- Jelly\*\*
- Canned Vegetables\*\*
- Mustard/Ketchup
- Spaghetti\*\*
- Individual Canned Meals  
(i.e., Chef Boyardee)
- Tuna\*\*

- Coffee/Tea\*\*
- Soup\*\* (18-22 oz)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Boxed Milk\*\*
- Cereal\*\*
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter\*\*
- Liquid Laundry Detergent\*\*
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste\*\*

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

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

**Outreach is open Monday to Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM**  
**Phone: 631-234-3149**

**We will be starting our Easter food and basket drive at the end of the month. If you are in need of empty baskets, please contact the Outreach office. We received a generous donation of baskets.**

**Everyone Counts – Census 2020**

**Will my information be kept confidential?**

Strict federal law protects your census responses. Census employees take a **lifelong** pledge of confidentiality to keep information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect." Strong words that each of us will hear very differently but no matter what you hear, just know that your ongoing support and donations to our conference enable our church community to help our neighbors in need.

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Game Day at our next meeting on February 28th at 12:30pm . Please sign up for the St. Patrick’s Day catered lunch (corned beef or chicken plus Irish soda bread etc.) which will be on Friday, March 6th. Members only.

## ***COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*(First Notice)*

You are invited to attend or support *Hauppauge Educational Foundation's An Evening with Sinatra with sponsors, New Beginnings and the Jazz Loft*—**Saturday, March 14th from 7 to 10pm—Jazz Loft, 275 Christian Ave., Stonybrook, NY.** \$45 per son; Light Refreshments. Purchase tickets through [https://Hauppaugeeducationalfoundation.ticketspice. Com/Sinatra-evening](https://Hauppaugeeducationalfoundation.ticketspice.Com/Sinatra-evening)

*(Second Notice)*

**Good Shepherd Hospice—Brunch for a Cause—Garden City Club—March 22, 2020 from 11am—2pm.** Enjoy the afternoon with popular brunch

## ***Religious Education News***

The sixth graders prepared Valentine kits for children in Stony Brook Hospital and for children living temporarily in a local homeless shelter. After they made the Valentine kits they made Valentine cards for residents of St Catherine's nursing home. Thank you to all the 6th graders and their catechists.



**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/<br>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:

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

**2019 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/we would like a record of our 2019 contributions to  
St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

**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)*

## 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

**Aides at Home Inc.** Home health aides and personal care aides— part & full time. Will provide free certification training. Call Suzanne Dunn at 516-641-2273.

**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

**New Beginnings Pre School in Hauppauge**—needs an Infant and a Toddler Teacher—631-360-0039

**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.

**US Census Bureau**—Census takers for the 2020 Census.. Paid training. Flexible hours, \$23.50 per hr. Contact 1-855-JOB-2020.

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.



**ST. Thomas More**

**Msgr. Francis S Midura**

**Council 6062**

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**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 22nd.

March 13 is the deadline for reservations. Any questions feel free to contact me.

Ed Rogan, PGK

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631-366-1085



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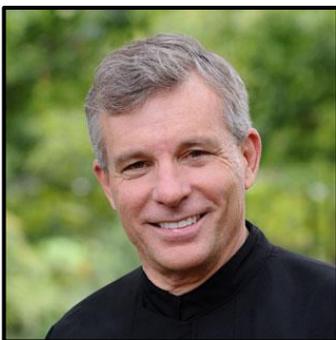


**LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR**

**MARCH 23-25, 2020**

9:00am and 7:00pm

**LED BY FATHER BOB JOERGER, C.P.**



Father Bob is a native of Brooklyn and a member of the Passionist Community. Ordained in 1977, he served as retreat director of Saint Gabriel's Youth Retreat House on Shelter Island before being elected Provincial of the Eastern USA/Canada/Caribbean Passionist Province. He served in that position for sixteen years. He currently preaches Missions and Retreats. In addition to his studies for the priesthood, Father Bob also attended the Institute for Culinary Education in NYC.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

## Spring 2020

1. **BASIC TRAINING** for all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC); *this also includes ministry to the homebound.*
2. **SPECIALIZED TRAINING** for those EMHCs intending to work with the sick in hospitals or nursing homes – **Contact Office of Faith Formation.** (516) 678-5800 x 408. (Note: *Basic Training must be taken prior to registering for Specialized Training*)
3. **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 - Wednesday, 3/11 @ St. Christopher's, Baldwin (7:00-10:00PM)(McGoldrick Hall)  
Nassau - Saturday, 4/25 @ St. Christopher's, Baldwin (9:00AM-1:00PM)(McGoldrick Hall)  
Nassau - Saturday, 5/2 @ Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead (9:00AM-1:00PM) **Spanish only**  
Western Suffolk - Tuesday, 5/12 @ St. Elizabeth's, Melville (7:00-10:00PM)(Msgr. Kane Hall)  
Eastern Suffolk -  
English - Saturday, 5/16 @ St. Rosalie's, Hampton Bays (9:00AM-1:00PM)(Community Center)  
Spanish - Saturday, 5/16 @ St. Rosalie's, Hampton Bays (9:00AM-1:00PM)(Parish Center)

Fees: BASIC TRAINING (\$30 per person); LECTOR TRAINING (\$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:

March 11  April 25  May 2 (Spanish)  May 12  May 16 (English)  May 16 (Spanish)

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 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 nine to ninety 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 2020 dates and locations will be 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)**