



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth 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.

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Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm: 86:5-6, 9-19, 154-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13: 24-43

Saturday, July 18

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm John McKeon *by the Detectives of the
4th Precinct*

**Sunday, July 19—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00am Vincent Zullo *by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro*

9:15am Bill Eyring *by the Dowd family*

10:45am Paul Kanischak *by Ross & Marie Bracco*

12:15pm Robert Dacey *by Ross & Marie Bracco*

Monday, July 20—St. Apolinaris

9am Gina Gabriel *by Lou & Ann Anatrella*

Tuesday, July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

9am People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene

9am Thomas Murphy *by Frank Bayer*

Thursday, July 23—St. Bridget

9am Debra Cameron *by Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Stuart*

Friday, July 24—St. Sharbel Makhlf

9am Gloria Kreider *by family*

Saturday, July 25—St. James

9am Gloria Kreider *by family*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Ernie Hoffman *by the Eyring family*

**Sunday, July 26—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00am Deceased members of the Kalenty &
Mayeski family *by Chet & Lottie*

9:15am Paul Kanischak *by the Eyring family*

10:45am Eileen Sansone *by Donald & Rosemarie
Flore*

12:15pm People of the Parish

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`

1 Kings3:6, 7-12

Psalm: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew::

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied,

“Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA
GENERALATE HOUSE
PO BOX 62
YAUCO, PUERTO RICO 00698-0062

July 7, 2020
Prot. N. 80 /20
Fr. Antony Asir
St. Thomas More Church
115 Kings Highway Hauppauge, New York 11788-4204

Dear Father Antony and St. Thomas More Parish members:

Greetings of peace and joy in Christ, our Savior! Praying and hoping that when you receive this letter, you have surpassed, with God's grace, all of these events by which we, and all humanity suffer because of the coronavirus pandemic. Nevertheless, it has been a time to stop, reflect, pray and discover God's will for this time of our lives. All our plans and pastoral projects have been adapted to give new answers to new needs in our society, and we know you haven't been the exception to all of these. You can rely on our prayers and daily sacrifices, asking our Lord to help you discover His daily will.

By this letter, we also want to thank you and your parish for your gestures of love, collaboration and solidarity with our Congregation after the devastating experience of the earthquakes, and now with the coronavirus, by raising funds to help us in all our needs. Thank you for your generosity. Please let all your Parish members know we are whole-heartedly grateful for your efforts, generosity, and your hard work raising funds for us. We received your check for the amount of \$4000.00. You and your Parish are in our daily prayers and sacrifices.

We pray and hope that our presence in the lives of all we serve is of blessing and support for the families, especially those most in need. Thank you helping us, and through us, all the families we serve. Remember, you can always communicate with me or with Sister M. Judith Maldonado, OP, Secretary General and Counselor. Thank you for your generosity! Our foundress, the Servant of God Mother Dominga Guzman, OP said: "Happy for having done something for the poor, happy for having done something for God! You are in in our prayers and daily sacrifices! God bless you!

With gratitude and prayers, Respectfully yours in Christ,


Sister M. Margarita Mangual Colón, OP
Prioress General



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FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A few years ago a friend was in trouble and I helped him out. “I won’t forget you” he vowed. And he didn’t. He’s in trouble again and just called me. My friend made me aware of the truth that “Unless the person helps him/herself no one can help him/her to get out of any trouble; likewise if the person firmly decides to be good, no evil can stop him/her from being good.”

Today’s Gospel explains this in the parables of Jesus. Every farmer removes the weeds in order that the wheat may not be choked by the weeds. But Jesus in his parable allows the weed to grow along with the wheat. The aim of Jesus is not to instruct how to do the farming. Rather He compares it to what could happen in the human heart. The goodness of the human heart is the wheat and the evil the human heart nurtures is the weed. The heart has such a great inner power to grow the goodness (wheat) that no evil (weed) can choke its growth. Unless we prefer willingly to grow in evil (weed) nothing can choke the growth of our good intentions. It is purely our will which empowers the goodness (wheat) to grow and the evil (weed) to wither and die.

Jesus continues to explain the power of goodness in the following two parables. The seed of goodness may look small like a mustard seed but if it is rightly cared for, it will “becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.” The size of goodness, small or big does not matter; its growth cannot be stopped unless we willfully plan to curb its growth.

The growth when we empower it to happen is like the yeast. When it is mixed with wheat flour no one can stop it until the whole flour is leavened.

Goodness has the unstoppable power to grow and change whatever it touches. The challenge of these two parables is, “Are we ready to give a chance to the power of goodness?” Or in the name of weakness do we easily give up our belief in the growth of goodness? Or are we easily incited to react to evil with evil thus curbing the growth of the good in us? Today’s parables empower us to believe in the power of good to overthrow evil. Let us pray for God the Farmer to empower us with the belief in goodness and its power to outgrow the evil.

We have started celebrating the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for the children in small groups. We had two in the past week on July 10th and 11th. We are scheduled to celebrate three more Communion on July 17th, 18th and 25th and three celebrations of Confirmation on July 23rd, 27th and 29th.

Since we are still in the time of Pandemic, all celebrations take place only in small groups with the immediate family i.e. parents and siblings, in order to observe social distance. We are not able to make any exception to this rule. Making exception to this rule does not only jeopardize our health but will be cause to close the church as a place of spreading virus. Please let us help each other to be healthy and to keep the church open .

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

SUPPORT COLLECTION

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.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Fr. Antony

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

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

Facebook

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

Instagram

- stm_church
- stmreligiousd
- stm_yg

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 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

THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE

We pray for all who cannot receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist. The Catechumens, those needing Baptism, and Candidates, those previously baptized who have hit a roadblock on their way to join the community at the table of the Lord. They have followed your example to remain faithful and on the spiritual path. We ask all parishioners of Saint Thomas More to continue to support those who are journeying to join us to be nourished at the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Catechumens are, Zhiping Fennekohn, Anthony and Rick Vigo. The Candidates are Marissa Abram, Eric Abram, Aiden Lepore, Nina Latchman, and Cynthia Leon



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 September 14, 2020. The book for discussion will be **Circling the Sun** by Paula McLain—Facilitator Marti White.

We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of July 7, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$27,512.00
<i>Percentage of Goal</i>	39.08%

- Mass Times -

Saturdays

5 pm in the church
(live streamed as well)

Sundays

9:30 am parking lot

12 pm in the church



* Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Erin Burke, Veronica Corvasce, Diane DiChristina, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Gail, Laurie Holmes, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Lauren Lossani, Jim Marsala, Joan Nachtman, Mary Ann O’Gara, Al Pankus, Rita Platia. Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Jerry Smith, Peggy Stepanek, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman, Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky, Denise Zappia

Please re-submit names of those people you wish to put on our Sick List.

This listing will expire on September 30, 2020.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Mary (Mae) Devine, Mary Leddy, Fr. Peter Miqueli, John McColgan Jr., for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, 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 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 to schedule a tour of the parish’s regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com



Focus on Religious Freedom

Does America Need a Third Great Awakening? Part 2

Today, many from all faiths and from no faith, see a malevolent force that has gripped our nation and the world that leaves many people feeling helpless and hopeless. They often look only for political solutions to this present darkness. But, at times of significant societal change, where uncivilized and often barbaric behaviors are seen daily on TV news and the internet, a spiritual/religious revival is called for to point the way to a more devout, more free, more kind and meaningful society.

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously," said Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (future Pope John Paul II), 1976 in Philadelphia for the bicentennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. ⁽¹⁾

"Millions of Americans are alarmed over our current cultural and political climate but are afraid to speak out. They feel bullied into accepting a cultural and political outlook sharply different from what they believe," from Rabbi Aryeh Spero, *Push Back, Reclaiming the American Judeo-Christian Spirit*. ⁽²⁾

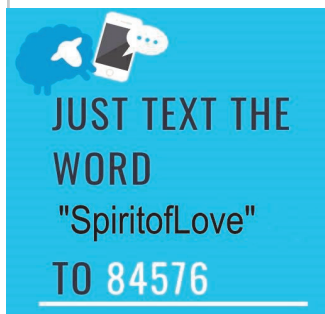
Archbishop Carlo Vigano, former Apostolic Nuncio, wrote, "In recent months we have been witnessing the formation of two opposing sides that I would call Biblical: the children of light and the children of darkness. The children of light constitute the most conspicuous part of humanity, while the children of darkness represent the absolute minority. And yet, the former are the object of a sort of discrimination which places them in a situation of moral inferiority with respect to their adversaries, who often hold strategic positions in government, in politics, in the economy and in the media. In an apparently inexplicable way, the good are held hostage by the wicked and by those who help them either out of self-interest or fearfulness."

"However, it is important that the good - who are the majority - wake up from their sluggishness and do not accept being deceived by a minority of dishonest people ... It is necessary that the good, the children of light,

come together and make their voices heard. What more effective way is there to do this ... than by prayer, asking the Lord to protect ... all of humanity from this enormous attack of the Enemy?" ⁽³⁾

(catholiconline/st.johnpaulwarning(1); *Push Back* by Rabbi Aryeh Spero(2); lifesitenews.com, 6/7/20(3)

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



Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. This collection has been rescheduled from June 28 to July 26.

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 Lorange
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	Ryan Murphy
David Cussen	John Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Kaitlyn Nachtman
P. J. Erskin	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Major Michael Fantauzzi	Michael Poist
Nicholas W. Flanary	Michael Polanski
J.T. Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Mike Foltz	Antonia Marie Rivera
Michael Gioia	Ann Karen Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Gudone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Singer
Sean Hendrikson	Ryan Smith
Tylor J. Hickey	Michael White
Kevin Ilyichenko	



For I know
 the plans I have
 for you,
 declares the LORD,
 plans for welfare
 and not for evil,
 to give you a future
and a hope.
 Jeremiah 29:11

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from July 12—18, 2020

7/12/2020	317	\$50	Mal & Rita Malavet
7/13/2020	632	\$25	Elaine Moccia
7/14/2020	827	\$25	Lou & Diane DeBenedittis
7/15/2020	917	\$25	Joe & Barbara Fratamico
7/16/2020	404	\$25	Bob Aberle
7/17/2020	669	\$25	Chris & Gert Hirsch
7/18/2020	449	\$25	Elizabeth Carraba



St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry**OUTREACH**

“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Canned Fruit	Coffee/Tea
Tomato Sauce	Soup (18-22 oz)
Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)	Macaroni & Cheese
Jelly	Boxed Milk
Canned Vegetables	Cereal
Mustard/Ketchup	Pasta
Spaghetti	Peanut Butter
Individual Canned Meats (i.e. Chef Boyardee)	Liquid Laundry Detergent
Tuna	Shampoo
Rice	Toothpaste

Our neighbors continue to need food. Please help if you can!

Non-perishable foods may be left in the bins at the entrance to the Narthex.

We are always grateful for your generosity!

**Outreach is now open Monday and Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM
Phone: 631-234-3149**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that He will mercifully gather us into His kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

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:

- Altar Server Hospitality
- Usher Greeter
- RCIA Liturgy with Children
- Lector Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Minister Landscaping/
Planting
- Rosary Altar Society Pre-Cana
- Caring for Altar Plants FOCCUS
- Adult Lending Library 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.