



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth 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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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
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StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

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Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm: 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday, August 1

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Josephine McGuire *by the McGuire family*

Sunday, August 2—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Peter & George Molinaro *by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro*

9:15am Paul Kanischak *by Joan & David Martin*

10:45am People of the Parish

12:15pm People of the Parish

Monday, August 3

9am Mae Devine *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Tuesday, August 4—St. John Vianney

9am Marian Long *by the Barr family*

Wednesday, August 5—The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

9am Mae Devine *by Marilyn Miller*

Thursday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord

9am Fr. Peter Miqueli *by Lou & Ann Anatrella*

Friday, August 7—St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan—First Friday

9am Sean O'Connor *by Mary P. Ryan*

Saturday, August 8—St. Dominic

9am People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Stanley R. Hludzinski *by Robert & Louisa Sanfratello*

Sunday, August 9—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Robert Algar *by Judy Coyle*

9:15am Attracta Fallon *by Margaret & Fintan Stapleton*

10:45am People of the Parish

12:15pm Patricia O'Connell *by Marti & John White*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm: 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14: 22-23

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew::

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

“It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter said to him in reply,

“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

He said, “Come.”

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

After they got into the boat, the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A patient in a psychiatric unit of a hospital placed his ear to the wall of his room, listening intently.

“Quiet,” he whispered to an orderly and pointed to the wall.

The attendant pressed his ear against the wall, listened, and then said, “I don’t hear anything.”

“I know,” replied the patient. “It is awful; it’s been this way for days.”

Have you ever tried to hear the silence? Or are you uncomfortable with silence either when you are alone or in the company of others, as happens in the elevators, uncomfortable silence with strangers around you? Has your own shadow ever scared you?

Today’s Gospel shows how silence can be a moment of new vision (power), and the shadow becomes real only when we turn our back to light. When the apostles brought to Jesus the problem of how to feed the hungry crowd of over five thousand people, Jesus asked them to feed the people. God solves human problems through human hands. It is not because, as Isaiah says, “the hand of the LORD is too short to save, or his ear too dull to hear” (Is 59:1). But God wants us to realize that we must start to solve the problems and God would abundantly bless our every small step towards the solution.

According to the disciples, the problem of feeding over 5000 in a deserted place is huge and humanly impossible to solve. But according to Jesus the solution is not dropped from heaven as a finished product that the humans would have no part in it. The solution for any human problem starts from humans in a small way. The food for the 5000 and over starts from the donation of ‘five loaves and two fishes’ they had. Once they began the solution in their small way, Jesus blesses their small endeavor and multiplies it to be food for 5000 and more.

At the time of problems, we must have felt that God seems to be silent or to have closed His ears. But let us remember that God’s silence invites us to take the first step of solution. When we start first with our ‘five loaves and two fishes’, God would multiply it to abundance. Being frustrated with silence if we turn our back to God and turn elsewhere we will end up being scared of the shadow of our own problems. Let us remember the powerful words of St. Paul, the Apostle, “I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.” (Letter to Philipians 4:13). Let this be our prayer every day to begin to be a solution in our every small step.

During the past three weeks we celebrated the Sacrament of First communion for 77 children of our Parish in five small groups, and the Sacrament of Confirmation to 121 teenagers of our Parish in three small groups. We thank all the families for having cooperated observing all the guidelines to celebrate the sacraments in a healthy and safety way.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



Focus on Religious Freedom

Singing, Bible Study, Fellowship & Worship Banned - Again!

A network of California churches filed a lawsuit in July against Gov. Gavin Newsom after he re-imposed a coronavirus lockdown with orders against holding church services and bans on singing, chanting and all private home religious gatherings. "We've been essential for 2,000 years," said a CA Pastor, Che Ahn. ⁽¹⁾

"Newsom encourages tens of thousands of people to gather for mass protests, (but) he bans all in-person worship and home Bible studies and fellowship. Such repression is well-known in despotic governments and it is shocking that even home fellowship is banned in America," said Matt Staver, chairman of Liberty Counsel. "This outrage will not stand." ⁽²⁾

Gov. Newsom is not the only governor unconstitutionally restricting church activities. Federal lawsuits are also pending in Courts of Appeal against Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, and Virginia. However, federal courts around the country are split on whether religious liberty protections of the 1st Amendment will stand during a pandemic. It is troubling that court in New Mexico recently ruled against the First Amendment.

Defending Religious Freedom

"Gathering, in short, is at the core of faith and religion. ... This time of restriction and confinement has confirmed for me that no freedom is more important than religious freedom," said Elder David Bednar of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. "Protecting a person's physical health from the coronavirus is, of course, important, but so is a person's spiritual health. ... Never again must the fundamental right to worship God be trivialized below the ability to buy gasoline." ⁽³⁾

cbsnews.com, 7/20/20(1); (lc.org,7/17/20(2); news-room.churchofjesuschrist.org, 6/1/20(3); USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (4); washingtonpost.com, 7/17/20; pjmedia.com, 7/13/20

Silent No More!

The Bishops of the United States remind us that, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." ⁽⁴⁾

Elected officials and their staff listen to, read and tabulate citizens' concerns and opinions when making decisions for their state and for the country. Do not be silent. Please

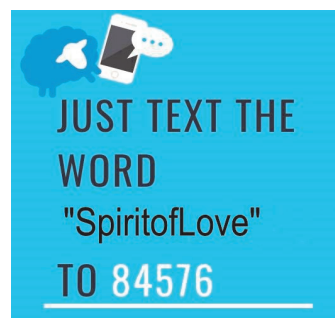
contact one or more Senator or Congressman each week to encourage those who share your Catholic values and to inform others.

***Call** Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to any Representative or Senator's office

***Email:** Find Representative's emails at www.house.gov Find Senator's emails at www.senate.gov

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

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Congratulations!

Here are the winners from July 26 –August 1, 2020

7/26/2020	420	\$50	John & Marie Reddy
7/27/2020	27	\$25	Francine Rosmini
7/28/2020	915	\$25	M/M Anthony Giannelli
7/29/2020	394	\$25	Linda Carlino
7/30/2020	282	\$25	Nanette McNamara
7/31/2020	535	\$25	Theresa Lund
8/1/2020	232	\$25	Mal & Rita Malavet

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of July 22, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$27,862.00
Percentage of Goal	39.58%

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| 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 | |

Congratulations to Ryan DiSilvio who was the recipient of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Thomas More.



God Bless our First Communicants who received the Sacrament in five small groups in July 2020



120 Teenagers who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation in three small groups



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://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

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

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- stmreligioused
- stm_yg

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 Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
 Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net

RCIA NEOPHYTES

Blessings and congratulations to our neophytes (newly initiated) who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please welcome our new brothers and sisters; Anthony Vigo, Rick Vigo, Ping Fennekohl, Cynthia Leon, Nina Leon, Marissa Abram, Eric Abram, and Aidan Lapore. We thank them for enriching our parish with their love, goodness, and faith fullness. The RCIA Team wants to thank all members of Saint Thomas More for sharing the spirit of love with our neophytes throughout their extended journey.

RCIA people who received sacraments plus team members



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.



Pre-Cana Couples

Please remember in your prayers the following couples who are currently participating in our St. Thomas Pre-Cana Program:

- Maggie Beyer & Eric Le Claire
- Patricia McCaffrey & Daniel Sullivan
- Savannah Todaro & Jonathan Marinozzi
- Brittany Nevins & Philip Schaefer.



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Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Brian B, Louise Beltrani, Pamela Brosnan, Erin Burke, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Diane DiChristina, Walt Drechsler Jr., Michael Forentin, Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Gail, Laurie Holmes, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Lauren Lossani, Robert McGurrin, 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

John R. Keane, Stella Cifuni, John P. Falkowski, 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>.

Back to School Assistance Needed for our Families

Our families are in need of school supplies!

In light of the current pandemic and the uncertainty of what school will look like, we are asking for donations of gift cards (Walmart or Target) so our families can directly purchase what they need (supplies, clothing, shoes, etc.)

Any help you can give our families will be greatly appreciated.

St. Thomas More Parish Outreach



St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry
OUTREACH



“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Syrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly**

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)

Paper Towels

Canned Vegetables

Mustard/Ketchup

Spaghetti

Tea

Rice

Canned Fruit

Soup (18-22 oz)

Tomato Sauce

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Cereal

Pasta

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)

Shampoo

Toothpaste

****We are especially in need of these items**

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

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blessed them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to SVdP to help those in need touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

Thank you for your support

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.

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)

Please return to the Rectory for further processing.

Adoration

"Faith and
Community"

Tuesday, August 4th
at 7:00 pm

Please join us and the Young
Professionals for a night of
meditation, music, and prayer.



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Sharing The Spirit Of Love

