

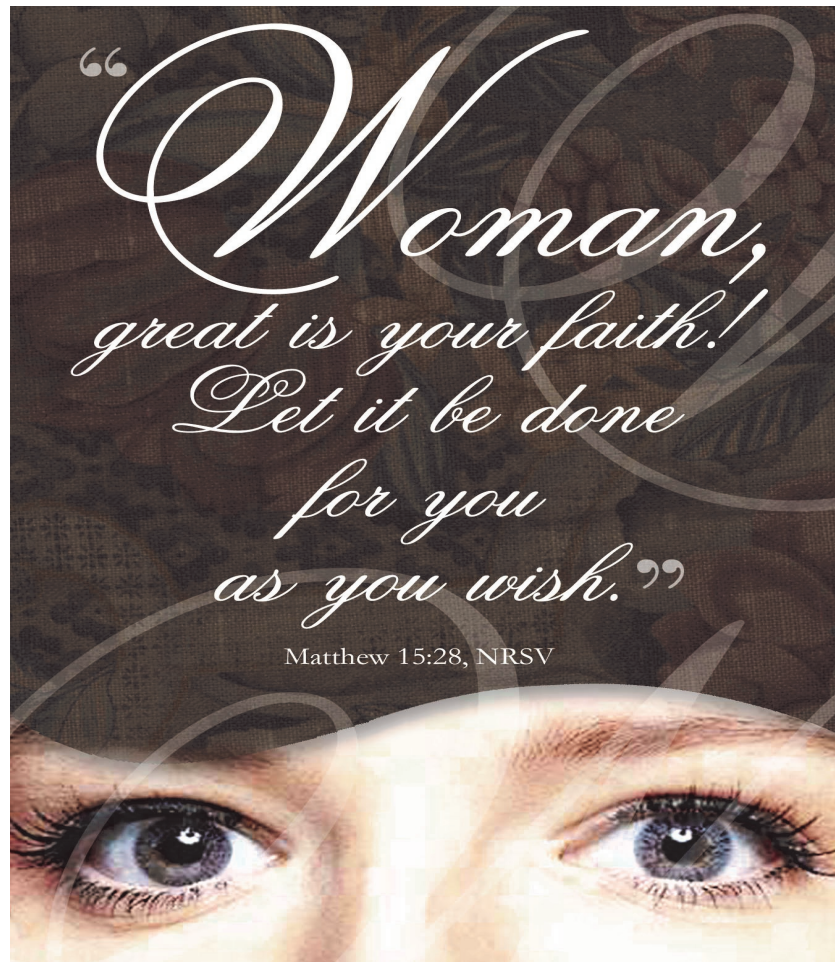


Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

August 16, 2020

Twentieth 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**

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**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 @

[StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](https://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)

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

August 16, 2020  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Psalm: 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15: 21-28

### **Saturday, August 15**

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Frank Pankus *by Al Pankus*

### **Sunday, August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

9:15am Pantaleo G. Alicastro *by Vicki & Jim Regan*

10:45am People of the Parish

12:15pm Bill Eyring *by Marti & John White*

### **Monday, August 17**

9am Fr. Peter Miqueli *by Arlene &  
John Aspromgos*

### **Tuesday, August 18**

9am Billy & Josephine Booth *by Fran &  
Lou Stathis*

### **Wednesday, August 19**

9am Eileen Grippo *by the Grippo family*

### **Thursday, August 20—St. Bernard**

9am Mae Devine *by Barbara Mickelson*

### **Friday, August 21—St. Pius X**

9am Robert Gennari *by the Heberer family*

### **Saturday, August 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9am— Leo Ramos *by Aurora Ramos & family*

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Jaime Rodriguez *by the family*

### **Sunday, August 23—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Paul Kanischak *by Mal & Rita Malavet*

9:15am People of the Parish

10:45am Dolores Esposito *by the Cangialosi family*

12:15pm Raymond Willie *by the Long Island  
Swimming Officials Association; Charles & Veronica  
Marsala. Joe & Phyllis Trezza by Jim &  
Marie Marsala, Mary Lilly & Francine Burdi by  
Ken Kowalski & Mary.*

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

August 23, 2020  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 22: 19-23  
Psalm: 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-8  
Romans: 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Dear Friends,

**“Good resolutions are simply checks that people draw on a bank where they have no account.”** (Oscar Wilde) A check that can't pay the stated amount is a piece of paper. A resolution that doesn't become an action is just an empty wishful thinking. Likewise faith without lifelong commitment to the person, who believes, is mental self-cheat of the believer.

**Today's Gospel story explains the power of the Canaanite woman's faith.** Though her request to heal her tormented daughter was ignored, denied, and to a certain extent degraded by Jesus, her faith in Jesus is so committed that Jesus not only appreciates her faith but also shatters His own restrictions and heals her daughter immediately. **Faith is not a mental exercise** or a psychological attitude but a lifelong commitment in a loving relationship with God whom the believer believes. Faith empowers the believer to engage and surrender his/her whole self (life) to God. In turn Committed-Faith of the believer entreats God to favor the believer beyond all barriers. Committed-Faith in God develops a creative relationship between God and the believer. This kind of faith grows the believer to be his/her best in God and allows God to achieve his best in them. When we respond to God in a faith-filled relationship God takes a wonderful delight in the believer, as Jesus did in today's Gospel. Let us pray for the gift of faith in God. Let us live by the faith in God to be our best.

**Thank you very much for all your financial support to our Parish.** You have been so faithful in sending your weekly offering envelopes even when the church was in lock-down. I am very much appreciative of your continuing support for the church to continue God's mission and service to his people. Now when we are partially opened with caution and social distancing, I admire how people help volunteering on weekends and every day in seating the people, in sanitizing the church after the worship, in preparing the parking lot and directing the cars before and after the parking lot mass.

**Before the lock-down we used to have five masses during the weekends.** Now during the partial opening we have just three masses: Saturday 5:00 pm in the Church, Sunday 9:30 am in the parking lot and 12:00 noon in the Church. About 75 to 90 people attend the masses in the Church. About 75 to 100 cars are present at the parking lot mass. The attendance is slowly but steadily increasing. The collection is not as it used to be; it is about 65% of what it used to be before the lock-down.

**Please take your time to embolden and encourage yourself to join the worship.** In order to help exercise and grow your faith we record Holy Mass every day and post it on our parish website “stmli.org”. Also we live stream the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and post it on our parish website for you to watch and pray at your convenient time on Sunday.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



### Focus on Religious Freedom

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

### Slavery Today: Religious & Ethnic Minorities Targeted

From China to Great Britain, millions of religious & ethnic minorities are held in slavery - politely called "forced labor" in many reports.

According to the Global Slavery Index, there were over 40 million slaves in over 100 countries in 2019. The International Labour Organization estimates that 26% of modern day slaves are children. Some countries with the most slaves are China, N. Korea, India, Iran, Cambodia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Central African Republic.

Slaves are gleaned from minority populations of Christians, Uyghur Muslims, Yazidis, Hindus, and other religious/ethnic minorities. These people are used for a wide variety of purposes: factory and agriculture workers, organ harvesting, girls & women are sex-trafficked, and boys & men are forced to fight in government-backed militias that are engaged in civil wars.

**Present-day slavery is both cheap and disposable. In 1850, an average slave in the American South cost today's equivalent of \$40,000. Today, a slave costs \$90 on average worldwide.**

"The U.S. will not stand by as any government with a policy or pattern of human trafficking subjects its own citizens to this kind of oppression," said Secretary of State Pompeo at the July, 2020 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report conference. "We will work tirelessly in the U.S. to free those who are still enslaved."<sup>(1)</sup>

"The TIP report takes modern-day slavery head on, providing a measuring stick for progress - or for regression, and sanction," said Rep. Chris Smith, N.J.<sup>(2)</sup>

The Slave-Free Business Certification Act, introduced by Rep. Josh Hawley, would require every American business that takes in \$500 million worldwide to certify to the Dept. of Labor that their companies are not using slave labor in their supply chains or face substantial fines. A recent study revealed 83 well known worldwide companies have "directly or indirectly" profited from slave labor.<sup>(3)</sup>

(worldatlas.com, 6/10/19; washingtontimes.com, 7/1/20; metrovoicenews.com, 7/23/20; freetheslaves.net; angelusnews.com, 7/2/20(1)(2); christianpost.com, 7/24/20(3))

### Be 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."

- USCCB's *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*

Elected officials and their staff listen to, read and tabulate citizens' concern 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 values. \*Call Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to any Representative or Senator's office \*Email: Find Representative's email at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) Find Senator's email at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."* Edward Everett Hale

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)

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### Congratulations!

*Here are the winners from August 9—15, 2020*

8/ 9/2020	583 \$50	Virginia Zablocki
8/10/2020	728 \$25	Keith & Lois Christianson
8/11/2020	817 \$25	John Egan
8/12/2020	655 \$25	Jeff & Mary Hegner
8/13/2020	723 \$25	Donna Basile
8/14/2020	875 \$25	Phyllis Sivori
8/15/2020	442 \$50	Ellen & Don Cleary—Feast

**of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ethan Bernstein          | Michael Knipper      |
| Jessie Bernstein         | Dylan Kowalski       |
| Joseph Blaugrund         | Thomas LaFemina      |
| Anthony Broncatello      | Alex Lombardi        |
| John Burk                | Andrew Lombardi      |
| Collin Busto             | Lt. Clint Lorance    |
| 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              |                      |



Assumption statue, 1808 by [Mariano Gerada](#), [Ghaxaq](#), [Malta](#)

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

***August 15, 2020***

***Mass at 9:00 am & at 5:00 pm***

The Catholic Church teaches as [dogma](#) that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
2020**

as of August 7, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$32,127.00
<i>Percentage of Goal</i>	<i>46.63%</i>

## ***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](https://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](http://www.stmli.org)

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

### **Facebook**

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

### **Instagram**

- stm\_church
- stmreligioused
- stm\_yg

### **Email**

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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)

## **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.

**- Mass Times -**

**Saturdays**

5 pm in the church  
(live streamed as well)

**Sundays**

\*9:30 am parking lot\*

12 pm in the church

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jaclyn Aloï, ASB, Brian B, Louise Beltrani, Pamela Brosnan, Erin Burke, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Ginny Desierio, Diane DiChristina, Walt Drechsler Jr., Sr. Alexius Fitzgerald, Michael Fiorentino, Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Gail, Laurie Holmes, Richard Kane, 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

*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](http://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

Robert Gennari, 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](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>.



## **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

Bread

Pasta

Spaghetti

Tomato Sauce

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

**Canned Fruit\*\***

**Peanut Butter (smaller jars)\*\***

**Rice\*\***

**Canned Vegetables\*\***

**Apple Juice\*\***

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tea Bags

Mustard/Ketchup

Soup (18-22 oz)

Soup

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**

*Just a gentle reminder—we are collecting Target and Walmart gift cards for our neighbors to use for school supplies.*  
*Your generosity is always greatly appreciated!*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use....and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**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 min-  
istry:

- 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 pro-  
cessing.*



# The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## Upcoming Workshop

### **Basic Virtual Religious Studies Course (2020)**

#### **Via Zoom**

##### New Testament

August 17 – August 20, 2020

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

##### Church

August 24 – August 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

##### Christology

August 31 – September 3, 2020

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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### **Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers**

#### **Via Zoom**

##### Evening

Oct 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, and 9

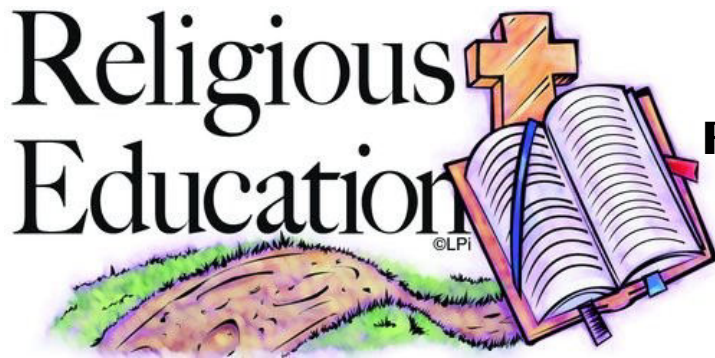
7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

##### Mornings

Oct 13, 20, 27; Nov 3, and 10

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,  
please visit [drvc-faith.org/event](https://drvc-faith.org/event)



**St Thomas More**  
**Religious Education Registration**  
**2020/2021 School Year**  
**— Sharing the Spirit of Love —**

Registration  
information



For families with a child entering First Grade or are new to the parish—  
Please call 631-234-0397 so we may mail you the forms for registration.

It is required that we have your child's baptism certificate on file  
if they were baptized in another parish.

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We will mail the re-registration materials home to families whose children  
are already in our program.

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Online registration is available to families who are already in the program

Just follow this link

**<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/4843>**