



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

September 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"...how often should
I forgive?
"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,
**SEVENTY-
SEVEN**
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

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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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge
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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

September 13, 2020
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 27: 30—28:7
 Psalm: 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
 Romans 14: 7-9
 Matthew 18: 21-35

Saturday, September 12

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Rosemarie Migliara by *Bruce & Joan
Cameron*

Sunday, September 13—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Priscilla McAllister & Mae Mc Nerney by *Ed
& Judy;*

Mickelson & Williams families by *Barbara
Mickelson*

12:00pm Daniel Powers by *Marilyn Miller;*
 Susan Wilcox & Susan Barr by *the Barr
family*

Monday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9am Mae Devine by *Judy Coyle*

Tuesday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

9am Dorothea Cosentino by *Chris & Andrew
Paino*

Wednesday, September 16—St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

9am People of the Parish

Thursday, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine

9am People of the Parish

Friday, September 18

9am Gerard S. Delano by *the Beach family*

Saturday, September 19—St. Januarius

9am People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Elaine Hahn by *Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, September 20—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Robert Sauchelli by *Dottie Lossani*

12:00pm Marilyn Falusi by *Evelyn & Bob McMahon;*
 Susanna Bernard by *the Paino & Lewis
families*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

September 20, 2020
 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 55: 6-9
 Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
 Matthew 20: 1-16a

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’

So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them,

‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,

‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’

When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’

He said to one of them in reply,

‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A wall-hanging at a manager's office read, "To err is human but to forgive is not our policy." In the world of policy, forgiveness has no place. Policies are rules and stipulations which define or describe situations and consequences. They reward the observers and punish the transgressors. Forgiveness does not fit into this frame work.

Today's Gospel is the story of forgiveness. The king was right and just in all measures to punish his servant for not having paid back his debt. But as Jesus mentions, the compassion moved him to let the servant go, forgiving the loan. Forgiveness means a willful action of foregoing one's own right and just demand on the other. Forgiveness begins the relationship anew and afresh unconditionally.

But if a person sticks to his right to demand the dues to be paid by others, that person does not exercise his/her unique divine gift of forgiveness. This is the second part of today's Gospel story. The servant who was forgiven by the king was not ready to forgive his fellow servant because he was not ready to forego his right to get back the money owed him. He had all the right for his money. He was not wrong to demand his money back. But he failed to give up his right as the king did for him. He did not forgive as he was forgiven. That is why the king ordered the servant to pay back the money. When one does not forgive he cannot expect to be forgiven.

If we begin to live life in terms of right and dues then life will be served without mercy, compassion and forgiveness. But Jesus explains that the unique gift of forgiveness would lift up humans to experience the divine in them. Yes it is true, "To err is human and to forgive is divine." To those who exercise forgiveness, life would be a divine gift. To those who forgive life opens its abundant side. But to those who live life on the plains of right and dues, it will end up in judging, condemning and punishing each other. Let us pray for a generous heart to grow and live with the divine gift of forgiveness.

Religious Education is registering Children of all grades. Religious Formation classes are taking place in various ways, like outdoor classes, indoor classes, virtual classes and home-schooling type of classes. Registration of the first graders is not as high as it used to be. Please spread the news to young parents and encourage them to register their children for the First Communion program.

As Schools and colleges have started, we wish and pray for our children to be healthy and industrious. Our Parish Patron, St. Thomas More is the Patron Saint of families. So we start the Novena Mass of St. Thomas More this Tuesday, September 8th to pray for our children and families. You can leave your written petitions in the Petition-box by St. Thomas More niche. All your intentions will be prayed for every Tuesday at the Novena Mass of St. Thomas More at 9:00 am.

We begin Youth Ministry with mini-golf on September 27 at 1:00 pm. We are also sending invitations through social media and snail mail. We also have planned to conduct the meetings every Sunday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, both virtually and in person in alternative weeks – one week in person and the following week virtually. Please spread the news and encourage the young people to attend the meetings.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Constitution Day - Sept. 17 - Join the Learning!

“Preserve your government with the utmost attention and solicitude, for it is the remarkable gift of heaven.” - Rev. Samuel Langdon, 1788

In recent decades, many have felt that government has departed from the Constitution, become less limited and our liberties less secure. Some in Congress noted that true civics education had largely died out.

In 2004, under the guidance of Sen. Robert Byrd, Congress mandated that schools receiving federal funds - virtually all of them - must offer an educational program about the Constitution on September 17 to commemorate its signing on this date in 1787.

This school year millions of parents are supervising or monitoring their children's academic lessons each day as children from grades K-12 learn "remotely" or "on-line." Rather than viewing this interruption to in-school learning as a negative, parents can now join the teacher's lessons with their child and become re-acquainted with the "Miracle that Changed the World"(1)

The framers of the American Constitution combined the best political ideas of the past with an improved science of politics that included federalism, separation of powers, and checks and balances. They created a form of government which had, in the words of James Madison, "no model on the face of the earth."(2)

The moral foundation of the Constitution is the principle of equal rights and the purpose of government was to be limited to protecting those rights.

Many students are encouraged to memorize the Preamble to the Constitution since this communicates the intentions of the framers and purpose of the document:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure

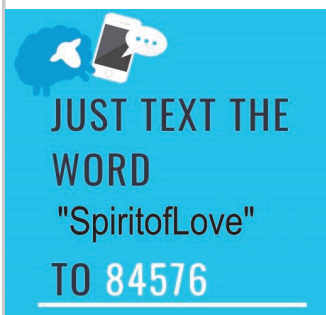
domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of(3)

(*The 5000 Year Leap* by W. Cleon Skousen(1); Declaration of Independence & Constitution, Hillsdale College(2); Preamble of Constitution(3); uscourts.gov; 2.ed.gov; dar.org/constitution-week; wikipedia.org/constitutionday)

“...Young Friends, remember that this Constitution, thus wise, thus just is your birthright...prize it as you ought. It is yours, no human power can deprive you of it, but your own folly and wickedness. To undervalue is one of the surest ways to lose it.”

- Arthur J Stansbury 1828; *Elementary Catechism of the Constitution of the United States*

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**



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| Ethan Bernstein | Dylan Kowalski |
| Jessie Bernstein | Thomas LaFemina |
| Joseph Blaugrund | Alex Lombardi |
| Anthony Broncatello | Andrew Lombardi |
| John Burk | Lt. Clint Lorance |
| Collin Busto | Scott Lovelock |
| David Chester | Andrew Lynch |
| John Chester | Troy A. Maida, |
| Nicholas Chester | William Maley |
| Theresa Chester | Thomas Migliara |
| Collin J. Crean | Tim Morris |
| Eddie Cullum | Ryan Murphy |
| Eric Cullum | John Nachtman |
| Adam Cussen | Kaitlyn Nachtman |
| David Cussen | Thomas Nichols |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | Adam Papaizai |
| P. J. Erskin | Michael Poist |
| Timothy Fallon | Michael Polanski |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi | 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 | |
| Michael Knipper | |

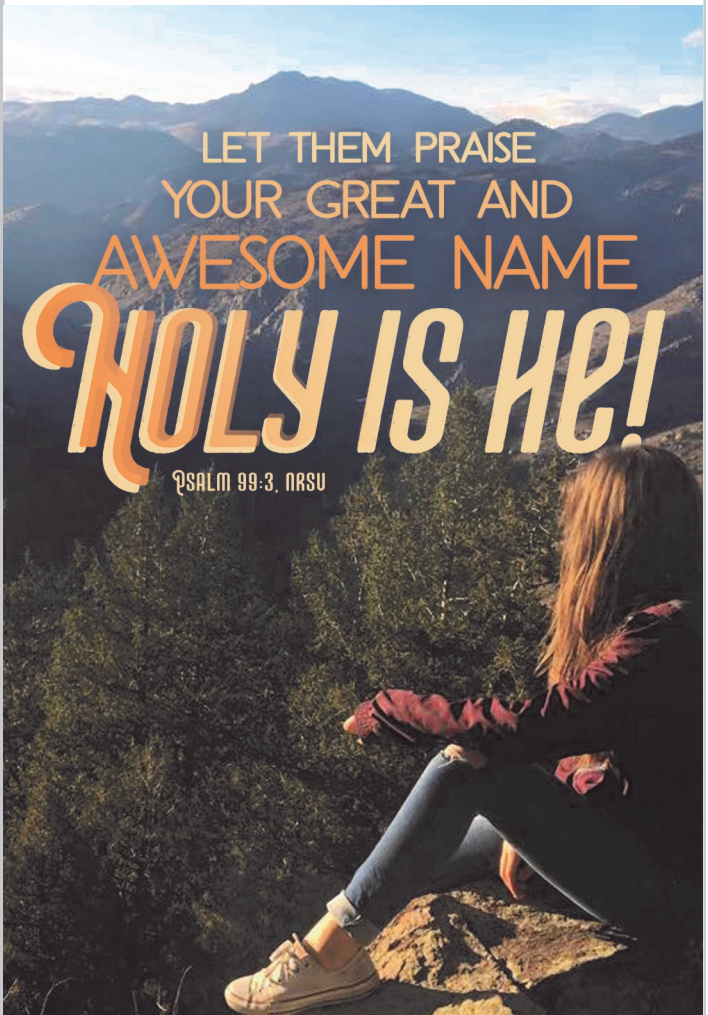
Courtesy Announcements:

First Notice:

Long Island Coalition for Life, Inc.

Stand Up for Life on Respect Life Sunday—October 4, 2020, 2—5 pm, Rain or Shine. Please join us in Huntington at Routes 110 and 25 (near the Whitman Mall) or at Manorville, LIE Exit 70S on County Road 111. We stand about 10 feet apart, using only approved signs, on the public sidewalk. These signs are available at the site. You do not have to bring anything. You can come for part of the time or the whole time. For more information or questions, please contact AOH11@Live.com.

Second Notice:



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
2020**

as of September 8, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$33,547.00
Percentage of Goal	47.65%

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
- 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



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 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

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.

Congratulations!

Calendar Club Winners

Here are the winners from Sept. 6—12, 2020

9/ 6/2020	515	\$50	Donna Fortmeyer
9/ 7/2020	953	\$25	Ellie Stout
9/ 8/2020	724	\$25	Louise Soldo
9/ 9/2020	279	\$25	Walter Brennan
9/10/2020	110	\$25	Mary E. Conway
9/11/2020	867	\$25	Ellen & William Lentino
9/12/2020	393	\$25	Ellen Skrzypek

- 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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DESIGNS

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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, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Lauren Lossani, Robert McGurrin, Sharon Mills, Melissa Mock, Joan Nachtman, Mary Ann O'Gara, Al Pankus, Rita Platia, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Jerry Smith, Howard Spegman, 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. 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

Craig Sudbrink; David Thomas, Robert Sauchelli, John Buzzanca, James McNamee, Mary Moran, 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>.

**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)

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. **Please check the Expiration date before donating.**

We are always grateful for your generosity!

Outreach is now open Monday and Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our school supply drive. Your generosity made it possible for us to help more than 25 families and almost 70 children with supplies for the new school year!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

As Vincentians, we attempt to live our lives with a focus on God and bringing God's love to those in need. Please consider making a donation to SVdP so that we might continue our efforts

***PRAYING FOR THE SICK
— Adding a name Request —***

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO
THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO
ARE ILL:**

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:
TODAY'S DATE:

*(Please place in collection basket or drop off
at Church Office)*

CHURCH MINISTRIES

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A
LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO
SHARE YOUR TALENTS?**

Please complete the following form:
I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/
Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Lending Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Committee |

Name::

Address:

Phone:

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.

St Thomas More

Religious Education News

We are in the process of registering new and returning students in Religious Education. If you have or know of a child in grades 1-8 who would like to be enrolled in the Religious Education Program this year, please contact us at 631 234-0397 or reled@stmli.org and we will be glad to assist you.

Because of the pandemic Religious Education will look different this year. Beginning the second week of September small classes will meet outside. Catechists and children will wear masks and maintain the correct social distance. We will continue outdoor classes as long as it is safe to do so and the weather permits. After that we will switch to online learning.



We anticipate that we will be able to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation later next spring or early summer as we did this past July when we celebrated the sacraments in smaller groups following Diocesan guidelines.

Please pray for the children, their families and catechists as they continue on their journey of faith.

The Youth Ministry ZONE



**You are invited to our
Mini-Golf Kick Off!
All High Schoolers are
Welcome!**

Come out for a Day of Fun

Sunday, September 27th @ 1:00pm

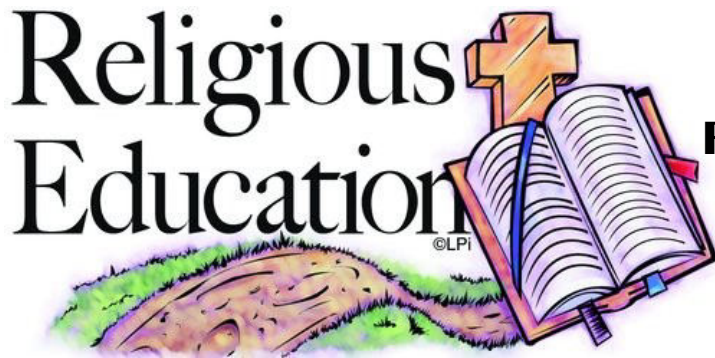
St Thomas More Church Parking Lot

**Our Youth Ministry will meet on
Sundays from 1pm to 2:30pm
throughout the year alternating weeks
one week in person
followed by a
Virtual meeting.**



Event COVID Policies:

- 1. Social distancing will be enforced at all times.*
- 2. Masks will be required at all times*
- 3. Hand sanitizer will be provided.*



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.

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

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

Just follow this link

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