

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

September 27, 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Which of the two  
did the will of  
his father?"

Matthew 21:31, 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.*

#### Contact Numbers

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##### Social Media

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from us just text

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sign up @

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

September 27, 2020  
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Ezekiel 18:25-28  
 Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Philippians 2:1-22  
 Matthew 21: 28-32

### **Saturday, September 26**

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

5pm James Bell *by Philip & Antoinette  
 DeGruccio & family*

### **Sunday, September 27—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am Joseph J. Wooley *by Lindsay, his daughter;*  
 Jack Slawinski *by JoAnn Eyring  
 and family*

12:00pm James T. Murphy *by Ellie Stout;*  
 Virginia Sanders *by Lew Bernard;*  
 Marisel Lugo *by Betty Kane*

### **Monday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**

9am Mae Devine *by Joe & Betty Ann Codispoti*

### **Tuesday, September 29—Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

9am Thomas Sconzo *by Chris & Andrew Paino*

### **Wednesday, September 30—St. Jerome**

9am Robert Sauchelli *by Gerard & Joan Smith*

### **Thursday, October 1—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

9am Anastasia Kruk (living) *by the Ungarten  
 family*

### **Friday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels— First Friday**

9am Fr. Peter Miqueli *by Joe & Betty Ann  
 Codispoti*

### **Saturday, October 3—First Saturday**

9am Glen Fine *by the RCIA Team*

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

5pm Robert Covino Sr. *by Geraldine Covino*

### **Sunday, October 4—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am Bob Druckenmiller *by Betty Vrondis*  
 12:00pm Francis Carlo *by Bob & Evelyn McMahon;*  
 Bernard James Fucci *by Gina, Stu & Ben  
 Sklar*

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

October 4, 2020  
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Isaiah 5: 1-7  
 Psalm: 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
 Philippians 4: 6-9  
 Matthew 21: 33-43

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:  
 "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted  
 a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and  
 built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a  
 journey.

When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the  
 tenants to obtain his produce.

But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat,  
 another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first  
 ones, but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect  
 my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,  
 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his  
 inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the  
 vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the  
 vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and  
 lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the  
 produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:  
*The stone that the builders rejected*

*has become the cornerstone;*

*by the Lord has this been done,*

*and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken  
 away from you and given to a people that will produce its  
 fruit."

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

Dear Friends,

**An employee looked at his paycheck** and found that he had been overpaid, but he did not report the error. The next week, the accountant, correcting the error, deducted the same amount from the employee's pay. This time the employee complained. When asked by the accountant why he had not complained the previous week, the employee responded, "I can overlook one error, but when it happens two times in a row, it's time to complain." When an error happens to our advantage, we take it in good faith. But when it hurts us, we begin to question our faith.

**In today's Gospel Jesus tells another parable about two sons.** One of them promises to do the work but does not do so.. While the other son initially refuses to do the work but later has a change of heart and actually does it. It does not matter if the sons say 'yes' or 'no' to their father's wish. Rather what really matters is whether they did or not do the work requested by the father . What they profess to do must be supported by what they actually do. Faith is not one of the many opinions we nurture in our brain. Faith is the power of believing. It empowers the believer to become the living witness in action of what the person believes.

**Faith must help the action and action should reflect the faith.** "Faith and action are inseparable" is the Gospel today. Faith would be just a sweet vapor if it is not expressed in acts. Likewise an act will be a burden or a mechanical manipulation if it is not inspired by faith. As James wrote in his letter to his first century church, "If someone says he has faith but does not have works, can that faith save him?... Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." (James 2: 14, 17-18) May God help us increase our faith. May faith inspire and empower our actions. May our actions express and witness our faith.

**And every day the Lord added to their number....(Acts2:47)** What happened to the First Century Church is happening to our St. Thomas More Church in Hauppauge. When we opened the Church for public worship, in the first week 45 people attended the indoor mass and people in 65 cars participated in the Parking Lot Mass. Last Sunday, 75 people worshipped at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and 125 at the Noon Mass of Sunday, and 165 viewers participated virtually in the Saturday 5:00 pm Live Stream Mass . People in 125 cars attended last Sunday's Parking Lot Mass. As we welcome and eagerly pray with those attending in person, we pray for those who are worshipping with us from home. May God strengthen you and encourage you to join us at your own pace one day in person .

**Youth ministry starts this week.** We take all the safety measures of wearing masks, social distancing, sanitizing and other health precautions. Our meeting time is 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm soon after the 12:00 noon Mass. Please encourage the young to this fun and faith formation time.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein  
 Jessie Bernstein  
 Joseph Blaugrund  
 Anthony Broncatello  
 John Burk  
 Collin Busto  
 David Chester  
 John Chester  
 Nicholas Chester  
 Theresa Chester  
 Collin J. Crean  
 Eddie Cullum  
 Eric Cullum  
 Adam Cussen  
 David Cussen  
 Capt. Sean Michael Dolan  
 P. J. Erskin  
 Timothy Fallon  
 Major Michael Fantauzzi  
 J.T. Foltz  
 Mike Foltz  
 Michael Gioia  
 Carl F. Greiner  
 Philip Gudone  
 John Michael Haffner  
 Sean Hendrikson  
 Tylor J. Hickey  
 Kevin Ilyichenko  
 John Karies  
 Michael Knipper

Dylan Kowalski  
 Thomas LaFemina  
 Alex Lombardi  
 Andrew Lombardi  
 Lt. Clint Lorange  
 Scott Lovelock  
 Andrew Lynch  
 Troy A. Maida,  
 William Maley  
 Thomas Migliara  
 Tim Morris  
 Ryan Murphy  
 John Nachtman  
 Kaitlyn Nachtman  
 Thomas Nichols  
 Adam Papaizai  
 Michael Poist  
 Michael Polanski  
 Kyle Rathje  
 Antonia Marie Rivera  
 Ann Karen Sanchez  
 Justin Schneider  
 Christopher Sidor  
 Christopher Singer  
 Ryan Smith  
 Michael White

### Courtesy Announcements:

*First Notice:*

*Second Notice:*

**St. Dominic High School—2020 TACHS—Exam Prep Course—September 26 and October 3, 17, 24 & 31—9am—11:30am. Course Fee \$250. Contact Mrs. Stutzmann at 516-922-4888 ext. 5241.**


**Hauppauge Public Library—Census Awareness Day—Tuesday, September 22, 10am-2pm.**

US Census Response Representatives will be in the library parking lot on Suffolk County Library System's mobile bus to help you complete the 2020 Census and answer your questions. You can register to vote too!

## RITE OF CHRISTIAL INITIATION OF ADULTS



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

  
**JUST TEXT THE WORD**  
 "SpiritofLove"  
**TO 84576**

  
**flocknote**  
 Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The seekers will be accompanied on the journey by the community of Saint Thomas More in the spirit of love.

Do you know of a family member or friend who needs to complete one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?

Do you know a family member or friend who has been a member of another faith tradition who wants to become a catholic?

To find out more about the faith journey or to join us on the journey please call the rectory at 631-234-5551.

## 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](http://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)



## 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 October 12, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

The book for discussion will be **Educated** by Tara Westover—Facilitator Aurelie Miller-Hendry..

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. 20-26, 220

9/ 20/2020	204	\$50	Marybeth Holdorf
9/21/2020	269	\$25	STM Outreach— Gift of Joseph Citro
9/22/2020	635	\$25	Andy & Kathy Turano
9/23/2020	544	\$25	Clara & Tom Datre
9/24/2020	632	\$25	Elaine Moccia
9/25/2020	742	\$25	Dakota Chin
9/26/2020	664	\$25	Steve Lott

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of September 16, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$33,647.00
Percentage of Goal	47.79%

**- 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

1967 • CELEBRATING 50 YEARS • 2017  
**ST. THOMAS  
MORE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
United in the love of Christ

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Weather permitting.



## 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, Mel Smith, 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](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

Peter Romano, Evelyn Izzo, 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>.

***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 Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

By donating to your conference of SVdP, you are putting your faith into action.

Thank you for your help .





**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 processing.*

**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**2020 FALL PLANT SALE**



Hardy Garden Mums 9" pot \$6.00 each

Red \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
White \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Purple \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Montauk Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Pansy \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00  
Ornamental Cabbage \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 (Purple)  
Ornamental Kale \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 (Purple)  
Total Ordered \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to order by telephone, please call either the Rectory at 631-234-5551 or Steve Mattessich at 631-623-6063

**All orders have to be in by October 5, 2020**

Orders will be ready for pick up on October 10 & 11, 2020.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

Check No \_\_\_\_\_ Please make all checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**

# 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.*

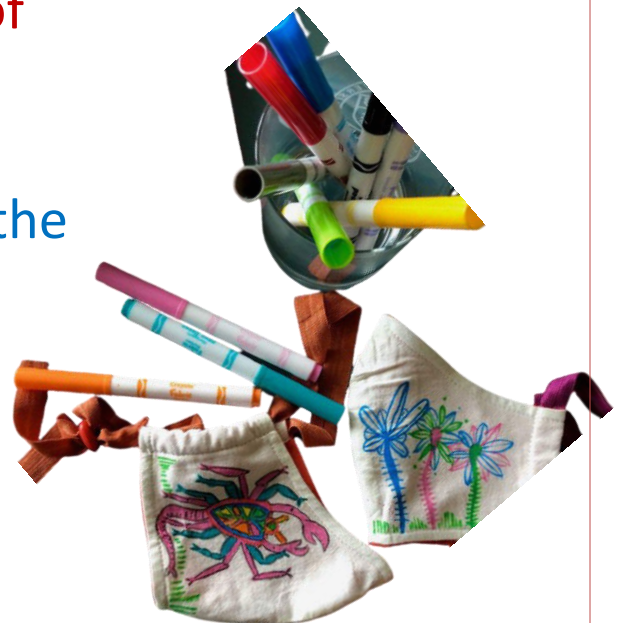


# St Thomas More Youth Ministry

is in action. We invite you for the  
October 4th Youth Meeting

We are planning a fun afternoon of  
mask decorating

Time: 1pm to 2:30pm following the  
12:00 noon Mass  
Sunday October 4th



# 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](mailto:reled@stmli.org) and we will be glad to assist you.

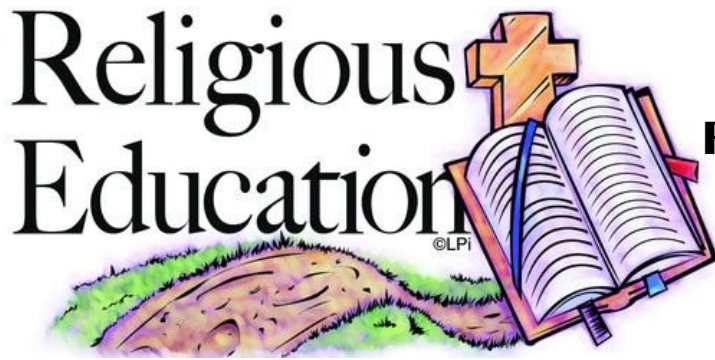
Because of the pandemic Religious Education will look different this year. Beginning the second week of September small classes will meet outside. Catechists and children will wear masks and maintain the correct social distance. We will continue outdoor classes as long as it is safe to do so and the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





**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>**