

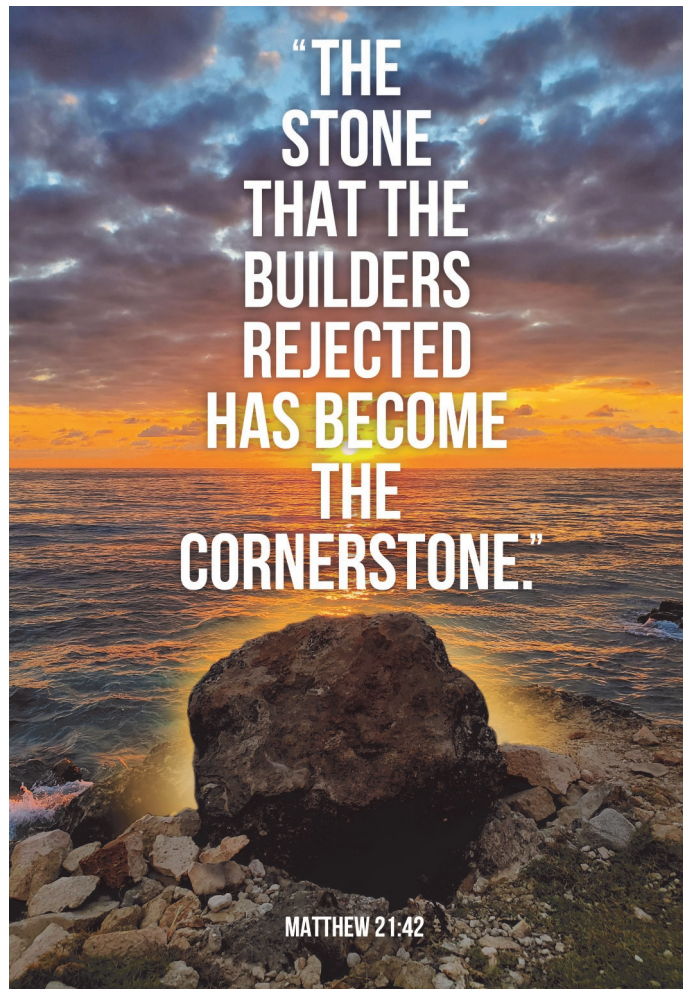
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh 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

Masses for this coming week

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

Saturday, October 3—First Saturday

(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*

Monday, October 5—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

9am Katherine Drechsler *by Kathy Drechsler*

Tuesday, October 6—St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

9am Lisa Codispoti *by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

Wednesday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

9am Sandra Tempesta *by the Powers family*

Thursday, October 8

9am Peter Romano *by Marilyn Miller*

Friday, October 9—St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

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

Saturday, October 10

9am Peter Romano *by John & MaryAnn Egan*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Alfred F. Manzella *by Marianne & Marilyn Manzella*

Sunday, October 11—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Anthony Jerry Heim *by Ginny Heim*

12:00pm Jason Fisher *by John Finocchio;*
James John *by Joan Oscar & family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Psalm: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

Many are invited, but few are chosen."

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A young man asked a successful salesman for the secret of his success. The salesman said, “You just have to jump at every opportunity that comes along.” The young man asked how he would know an opportunity was coming. The salesman responded, “You can’t. You have to keep jumping.” Yes we know life is an opportunity. But is it an opportunity of exploitation or an opportunity of service?

Jesus’ parable of today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on how to live our personal/social life - in exploitation or in service? In the first place the story explains that God wants to save us, humans; but we, humans, throughout our history, failed to cooperate with God and even killed God’s own Son.

On the second level the parable invites us to see that the life we claim to be ours is just a gift. Or to put in the words of today’s Gospel, our life is leased to us so that we bear fruit to the one (God) who leased it to us. Thus we are just servants of our life not its owners to possess it. As long as we claim to possess life, we will be in an endless war with the owner (God). Once we see life as a gift/lease, we will begin to cherish it, cultivate it and make our life fruitful.

If we behave as owners of life, we will begin to do with it whatever “WE” want. We will try to rule and control life without any consideration to anyone who is involved with our life. On the other hand if we realize we are just servants we would treat life according to whatever the owner (GOD) wants us to achieve in our life. We will serve life in combination and cooperation with all who are involved with our life.

We brought nothing with us at our birth and would take nothing with us at our death. Whatever we claim as ours in the interim between birth and death, is the temporary support to make our lives fruitful. Let us serve life. Let God’s will be the goal of life. Let us be servants of life bearing fruit.

October is the month of the Rosary. We pray the rosary every day in the Church at 8:40 am followed by the 9:00 am Mass. We pray the Rosary throughout October because October 7th is the feast of The Lady the Most Holy Rosary and The **Miracle of the Sun**, also known as the **Miracle of Fatima**, which is reported to have occurred on 13 October 1917, attended by a large crowd who had gathered in Fatima, Portugal, in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children, Lúcia Santos and Francisco and Jacinta Marto. In all her monthly apparitions from May 13 to October 13, Our Lady asked the children and all of us to pray the Rosary for Peace. I suggest and request you pray the Rosary every day. If not the full Rosary, at least a decade of it, which is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and a “Glory be.

Today October 4, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. We are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms from birth to natural death. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Our Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

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 |
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| Kevin Ilyichenko | |
| John Karies | |
| Michael Knipper | |

Congratulations!

Calendar Club Winners

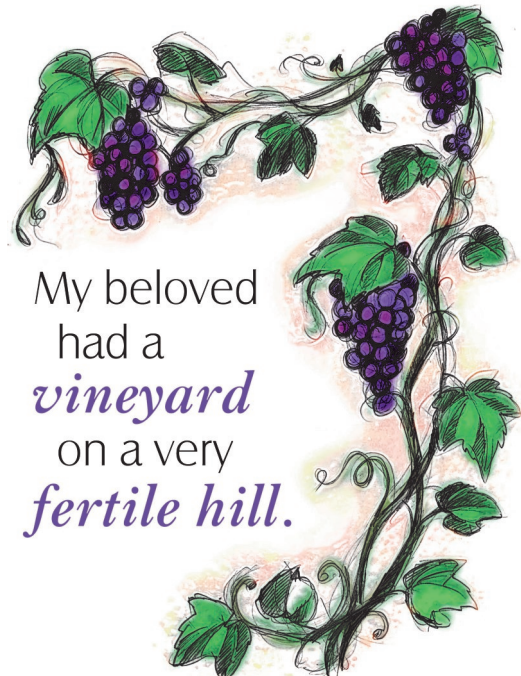
Here are the winners from Sept. 27-Oct. 5 2020

9/ 27/2020	824	\$50	Joan Murphy
9/ 28/2020	102	\$25	Joan & David Marro
9/ 29/2020	76	\$25	Sal & Teresa Ferraro
9/ 30/2020	222	\$25	Joseph Beltrani
10/1/2020	178	\$25	Megan Napolitano
10/2/2020	752	\$25	Ralph Marcello
10/3/2020	431	\$25	Mary Ellen Skrzypek

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
2020**

as of September 29, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$36,657.00
Percentage of Goal	52.07%



My beloved
had a
vineyard
on a very
fertile hill.

Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

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

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"SpiritofLove"
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Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



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



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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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.



Focus on Religious Freedom
www.cffor.org

Keeping the American Republic with Its Judeo-Christian Values

As he walked out of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked, "Dr. Franklin, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" He answered, "A republic, if you can keep it."

The principles of American Judeo-Christian values honor God-given Life and Liberty and are the foundation-stone of our Republic.

Foundational values include:

- #3. Since God gives life, all human life is especially precious, "The Lord called me from the womb; from the body of my mother he called me." (Isaiah 49:1)
- #4. Since God gives Liberty, all rights such as Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech are God-given.
- #5. The Family is critically important and the "building block" of society with parents responsible for raising and educating their children.
- #6. In a Republic, power rests with the citizens and the representatives they vote for, thus supporting a limited central government. ⁽¹⁾

As Catholics obliged to contribute to the public good, we are called to support the principles and public policies that preserve these values. It is our responsibility to think carefully and decide...

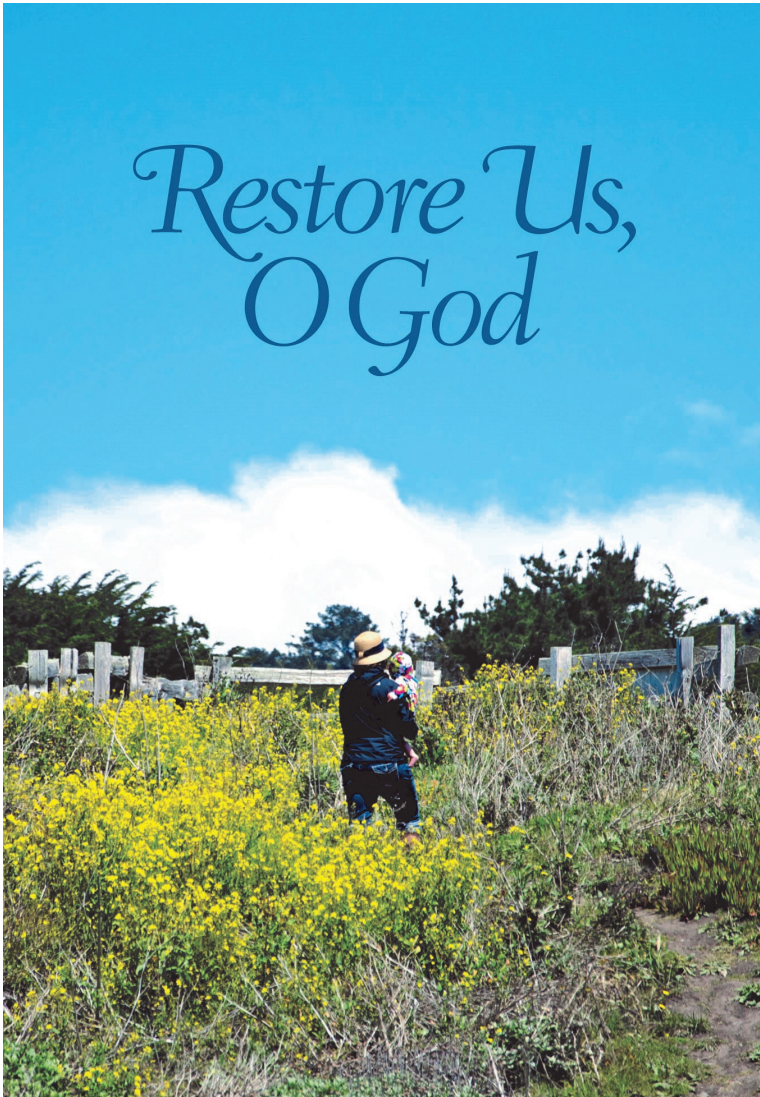
Am I able to look beyond partisan interests and personalities to support policies which:

- Protect the sacredness of life at all stages
- Assert the right to praise God and practice our faith openly without fear
- Support the right to freely assemble for prayer and other peaceful purposes
- Empower parents to choose the best school...public, private, religious, charter...for their children
- Ensure the right of Americans to voice differing opinions freely, without censure or retaliation
- Preserve life and liberty through the rule of law and order
- Secure our borders and safety in accord with Pope Francis' statement on Jan. 22, 2017, that, "Yes, every country has the right to control its border, who comes and who goes and those countries at risk from terrorism or such things – have even more right to control them more."⁽²⁾

judeochristianvalues.info) (1) (Catholicmagazine.com, 2-6-2017) (2)

Be Silent No More!

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 them to 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 Find Senator's email at www.senate.gov





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Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Christine Miller, Al Pankus, Robert McGurrin, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Mel Smith, Jerry Smith, John Spadaro, Howard Spegman, Peggy Stepanek, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil,

This listing will expire on March 31, 2021.



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

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 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 good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help your conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned

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 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.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR 2020-2021

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020



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SOUTH HUNTINGTON
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ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
OYSTER BAY
(516) 922-4888



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MANHASSET
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THE EDUCATION OF A LIFETIME



REGISTER TODAY
www.TACHSINFO.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Oct. 23, 2020

Adoration "One Universal Home"

Tuesday, October 6th
at 7:00 pm

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



St. Thomas More Parish
A Catholic Church Community in Hauppauge, NY
Sharing The Spirit Of Love

The 9:30am Mass in the Parking Lot at St. Thomas More, Hauppauge



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended then ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God". We see suffering from a pandemic, rioting, looting and murder as well as moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request to stop sinning and pray the Rosary for God's blessings. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

JOIN THE 2020 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: Dennison Building (parking lot Vets Highway)

When: October 10th, 2020 at 12 noon.

For more information, contact:

The Stapletons

Phone: 631-582-4779

Why we pray the Rosary:



We pray the Rosary throughout October because October 7th is the feast of Our Lady the Most Holy Rosary, and The **Miracle of the Sun**, also known as the **Miracle of Fatima**, is reported to have occurred on October 13, 1917. On that day a large crowd had gathered in Fatima, Portugal, in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children, Lúcia Santos and Francisco and Jacinta Marto. In all her monthly apparitions from May 13 to October 13, Our Lady asked the children and all of us to pray the Rosary for Peace.

We suggest and request you to pray the Rosary every day;. If not the full Rosary, at least a decade of it, which is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and a Glory be.

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.

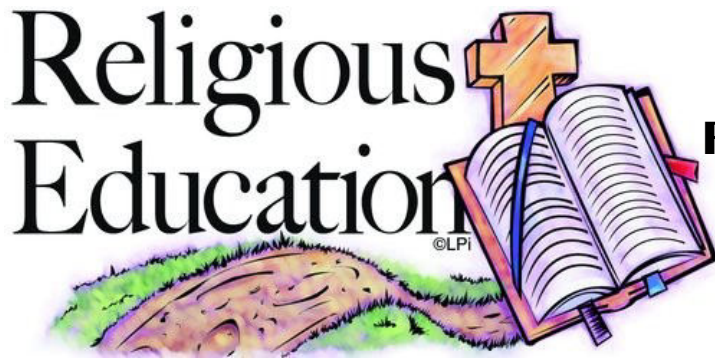
Because of the pandemic Religious Education will look different this year. Beginning the second week of September small classes will meet outside. Catechists and children will wear masks and maintain the correct social distance. We will continue outdoor classes as long as it is safe to do so and the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





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>



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
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**