



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

October 18, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"GIVE...
TO GOD**

**THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, 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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Spiritoflove to 84576 or
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StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

October 18, 2020

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Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Psalm: 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22: 15-21

Saturday, October 17

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Robert Algar *by Jo Hauk*,
Mae Devine *by Jo Hauk*;
Robert W. Gennari *by the Faber family*;
Elaine Hahn *by Marsha Augustyn*;
Stanley Rich Hludzinski *by Lew Bernard*;
Peter Romano *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

**Sunday, October 18—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

9:30am Bob Sauchelli *by Ross & Marie Bracco*
12:00pm August A. Vrondis *by Agnes Schomber*;
Patricia O'Connell *by the Kane family*

**Monday, October 19—St. John de Brébeuf,
St. Isaac Jogues and Companions**

9am Chet & Lottie Kalenty—Wedding
Anniversary *by Lottie & Chet*

Tuesday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross

9am Edward Skrzypek *by Mary Ellen Skrzypek*

Wednesday, October 21

9am Peter Romano *by Veronica &
Roger Corvasce*

Thursday, October 22—St. John Paul II

9am Eleanore Porter *by Judy Coyle*

Friday, October 23—St. John of Capistrano

9am Gerard & Joan Smith—60th Anniversary
by Gerard & Joan Smith

Saturday, October 24—St. Anthony May Claret

9am Brian Blombergano *by the Ahearn family*
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Intentions of the living members of the
Leopold family *by family*

**Sunday, October 25—Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

9:30am Fr. Peter Miqueli *by Patti & Joe Citro*
12:00pm Jason Fisher *by Kathryn Schook*;
Mary Beth Weidig *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalm: 18;2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

1 Thessalioians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

“All you need to grow fine, vigorous grass is a crack in our sidewalk.” If you read this proverb to mean that the grass messes up the sidewalk then it would sound as a pessimistic proverb. But if you read it to mean that the grass (life) can survive even with a little chance (crack) to spring up, then it would sound optimistic. We, humans have such a creative power that we can transform pessimism to optimism and the negative to the positive. At the same time we should acknowledge that we can be so cunning and hypocritical that we can change even the positive to negative or optimism to pessimism.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees try to entrap Jesus with a tricky question about the legitimacy of paying tax to Caesar. Their question is framed in such a way that Jesus' answer would have to reflect a refusal to pay tax to Caesar in the interest of paying tax to the Temple (God), or a refusal of paying to the Temple (God) in choosing to pay Caesar. A choice of one would make Him the denier of the other. They expected Jesus to choose either civic duty or religious duty – one of the two.

Jesus, the Wisdom of God did not choose one answer at the cost of the other. He did not even give his answer to the question, rather inspired the questioner not only to find the answer for himself but also to live the answer he found. After looking at the coin, Jesus answers, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” This answer sent the questioner back with the decision to pay the tax according to what extent he owes his life to God or Caesar.

Jesus is the teacher who instructs and the God who inspires and empowers. If we come to Jesus with questions, issues or problems of life, He would make us find both the answer to life's question and the power to live them, to spring them from our own heart. Let us pray in the presence of Jesus not to trick Jesus with our questions like the Pharisees did. Let us humbly surrender our problems and issues to Jesus who would inspire and empower us to live them with God's wisdom and power.

In two weeks we will celebrate ‘All Souls Day’, the day we remember and pray for all who lived with us and have gone to live with God for ever. Please send the All Souls Day envelopes with the names of those we would pray for during the All Souls Novena Masses. Envelopes are also found on the bulletin stands in the Narthex of the church.

November 1st at 9:30 am is the All Saints Day Costume Mass for Children: This year's, All Saints Day, November 1st falls on Sunday. It is our parish tradition that children come to the All Saints Mass (the Day after Halloween) with their costumes. This year we encourage families to bring their children with their costumes to the 9 30 am Parking Lot Mass on Sunday, November 1st. After the Homily we will give the children an opportunity for photographs and a parade before the congregation in their cars.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Dylan Kowalski
Jessie Bernstein	Thomas LaFemina
Joseph Blaugrund	Alex Lombardi
Anthony Broncatello	Andrew Lombardi
John Burk	Lt. Clint Lorange
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	



Why we pray the Rosary:

We pray the Rosary throughout October because October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of 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.

How to Pray the Rosary

Begin the Rosary by making the sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then say the Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Then say one Our Father, three Hail Marys (for the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity) and one Glory Be:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lord.



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/>

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 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 November 9, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

The book for discussion will be **I'll Push You** by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck—Facilitator Jo Garvey

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

Embracing Goodness & Truth

“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”
from USCCB

“Woe to you that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.” Isaiah 5:20

Political and social questions require citizens to develop a well-formed conscience. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a 'feeling' about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good and shunning evil."⁽¹⁾ "There are some things we must never do because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor and are called 'intrinsically evil' actions." These actions must always be rejected and opposed.⁽²⁾

In “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.”⁽³⁾

"As we all seek to advance the common good - by promoting religious freedom, by defending human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless - it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable."⁽³⁾ The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Some things are always wrong and no one may deliberately vote in favor of them. Citizens support these evils indirectly if they vote in favor of candidates who propose to advance them."⁽⁴⁾

Pope Francis said, "We are living in an information driven society which bombards us indiscriminately with data - which leads to superficiality in the area of moral discernment. We need to develop critical thinking and encourage development of moral values."⁽⁵⁾

(usccb.org/forming-consciences, p.18, (1); usccb.org/consciences, p.19 #22(2); usccb.org/consciences, #20(3); ccc2240 (4); Evangelii

Gaudium, #64 (5); lifesitenews.com, 9/21/20 (6)

Happening Now: San Francisco Archbishop Denounces Draconian Restrictions

"One person at a time inside this great Cathedral to pray? What an insult! This is a mockery," said Archbishop Cordileone on Sept. 20, 2020. "Why can people shop at Nordstrom's at 25% capacity but only one of you at a time is allowed to pray inside this great Cathedral? ... I never expected that the most basic religious freedom, the right to worship - protected so robustly in our Constitution's First Amendment - would be unjustly repressed by an American Government."⁽⁶⁾

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.

Congratulations!

Calendar Club Winners

Here are the winners from Oct. 11-17, 2020

10/11//2020	773	\$50	Theresa A. Lilly
10/12/2020	359	\$25	Mary E. Conway
10/13/2020	180	\$25	Helen Barbarito & Peter Stouffer
10/14/2020	77	\$25	Michael & Kathleen O'Brien
10/15/2020	955	\$25	Mal & Rita Malavet
10/16/2020	495	\$25	Steve & Lela Gabrielli
10/17/2020	349	\$25	Mary Romano

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of October 6, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$36,682.00
Percentage of Goal	52.11%

- 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

Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Kevin Kenney, Bill Link, Michael Manoussos, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Al Pankus, Robert McGurrin, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, 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

Jo Ann Lynch, Dorothy Ida Frank, 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.

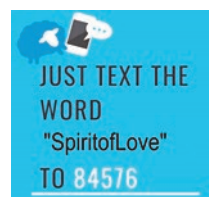
USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.

Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what's happening in our Parish?

See below or go to

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com



**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 2 PM
Phone: 631-234-3149**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

**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.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Parishioners of St. Thomas More gathered at the Dennison Building parking lot at 12 noon on Saturday, October 10th, 2020 to pray the Rosary for America. Our Blessed Mother at the apparitions at Fatima asked the faithful to pray the Rosary publicly for peace in families, nations and the world. Our thanks to Margaret and Fintan Stapleton for coordinating this event.



Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2020

“Here I Am, Send Me” (Isaiah 6:8)

Five spiritual dimensions from the message of Pope Francis for the celebration of World Mission Sunday 2020.

Missionary Journey of the Church Continues, Despite Crisis

“In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: ‘Here I am, send me’ (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ (ibid.). This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis.... The call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.”



Jesus sends us because He is sent by God – God’s Missionary

“(God) asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because He Himself is Love, Love that is always ‘on mission,’ always reaching out in order to give life. Out of His love for us, God the Father sent His Son Jesus (cf. Jn 3:16). Jesus is the Father’s Missionary: His life and ministry reveal His total obedience to the Father’s will (cf. Jn 4:34, 6:38, 8:12-30, Heb 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into His mission of love, and with His Spirit which enlivens the Church, He makes us His disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.”

Our Personal Response to God’s Call, “Whom Shall I Send?”

“Mission is a free and conscious response to God’s call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in His Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our lives as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life?”

Hearing God’s Call During This Time of Pandemic

“Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church’s mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us.... This situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others.... The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: ‘Here I am, send me’ (Is 6:8).”

Sending Ourselves to Mission Through Prayer and Charity

“The celebration of **World Mission Sunday** is also an occasion for reaffirming how **prayer, reflection, and the material help of your offerings** are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in His Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October (**10/18/20**) is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the **Pontifical Mission Societies**, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.”

Read the Holy Father’s complete message at this [Vatican website](#).

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.

