

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth 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.

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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

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StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

October 25, 2020 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 22: 20-26 Psalm: 18;2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22: 34-40

Saturday, October 24

(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

Monday, October 26

9am Peter Romano by Lou & Ann Anatrella

Tuesday, October 27

9am Peter Romano by Chris & Andrew Paino

Wednesday, October 28—Saints Simon and Jude

9am Peter Romano by Betty Ann &

Joe Codispoti

Thursday, October 29

9am Patrick Kinane by Amy, Richie & Brendan

Hughes

Friday, October 30

9am Kent Basich by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti

Saturday, October 31

9am Augie Vrondis by Betty Vrondis & the

Holdorf family

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm August A. Vrondis *by Agnes Schomber*

Sunday, November 1—All Saints

9:30am Robert Sauchelli by Betty Kane & family

12:00pm Theresa Marvelli by Egon, Joan & Niccona;

Patricia O'Connell by Vivian & Michael

Jacobs

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer

my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge

my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalm: 24-1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12a

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for

righteousness,

for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,

for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of

righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you

and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward will be great in heaven."



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

On visiting a seriously ill lawyer in the hospital, his friend found him sitting up in bed, frantically leafing through the Bible.

"What are you doing?" asked the friend.

"Looking for loopholes" replied the lawyer.

The Bible is not merely a book of laws where one can find loopholes. Nor is it merely a book of instructions which one can conveniently handle according one's own whims and convenience. Rather the Bible is the record of how God operates. It inspires the believers to realize how God continues to operate in their lives.

In today's Gospel a scholar of the law asked Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" As the Gospel exposes, the purpose of the question was not to know the right answer but to trick Jesus. They were ready to have a legal dispute with whatever answer Jesus would give them. Jesus took the word "greatest" not to mean any gradation in the commandments of the Law. For Him all the commandments are equally great. No law is greater or lesser than any other Every law in some way or other reflects the wish and wisdom of God.

Jesus Himself preached the importance of all the laws. "Heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law. Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law." (Mat.5: 17-19) Jesus takes the word; "Greatest" to mean the essence that ties all the laws together as the expression of God's will and covenantal love. Thus His answer places the love of God and love of neighbor as the greatest expression and aim of the laws.

His answer explains the aim of the laws is the relationship with God and the people. Law must promote not legality but the relationship. The observer of the law must be interested not in mere observation of the laws but in living the relationship with God and neighbor. Jesus answered the scholar of the law, "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."

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 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 All Saints Day the 9:30 am Mass is the Costume Mass for Children: This year, All Saints Day, November 1st falls on a Sunday. It is our parish tradition that children come to the All Saints Mass (the Day after Halloween) in their costumes. This year we encourage families to bring their children in their costumes to the 9:30 am Mass in the Parking Lot on Sunday, November 1st,. After the homily we will give the children an opportunity for photographs and for a parade before the congregation gathered in the cars. Later after 12:00 noon Mass the high schoolers will have the youth meeting with Halloween All Saints celebration..

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

Dylan Kowalski Thomas LaFemina Alex Lombardi Andrew Lombardi Lt. Clint Lorance 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 Rathie Antonia Marie Rivera Ann Karen Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Christopher Singer Rvan Smith Michael White



Tylor J. Hickey

John Karies

Kevin Ilyichenko

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 <u>Fatima</u>, <u>Portugal</u>, in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children, <u>Lúcia Santos</u> and <u>Francisco and Jacinta Marto</u>. 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

Collection of **October 18, 2020 \$3,522.00** 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

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

The book for discussion will be <u>I'll Push You</u> 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

"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

"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" from USCCB

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, as individuals or as a society, 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." (4) 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." (5)

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." (6)

(usccb.org/forming consciences, p.18, (1); usccb.org/

consciences, p.19 #22(2);usccb.org/consciences, p.16 (3); usccb.org/consciences, #20(4); ccc2240 (5); Evangelii Gaudium, #64 (6); lifesitenews.com, 9/21/20 (7)

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."

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!

Here are the winners from Oct. 18-24, 2020

10/18//2020	820 \$50	Donna Basile
10/19/2020	930 \$25	Joseph Beltrani
10/20/2020	456 \$25	Andy & Kathy Turano
10/21/2020	653 \$25	Ed & Arleen Rogan
10/22/2020	982 \$25	Elena & Ernie LaFontaine
10/23/2020	877 \$25	Ed & Mary Ann O'Gara
10/24/2020	38 \$25	John & Marie Reddy

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of October 13, 2020

Our Parish Goal \$70,400.00 Pledges to date \$36,832.00 Percentage of Goal 52.32%



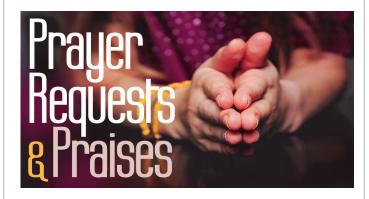
Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloi, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano,
Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Michael Fiorentino,
Richard Fiorentino, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan,
Grace Harold, Kevin Kenney, 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, Julia Westbrook.

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. 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

Rose Milazzo, William Link, Jo Ann Lynch, 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 supportSt. 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**

Jellv**

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!

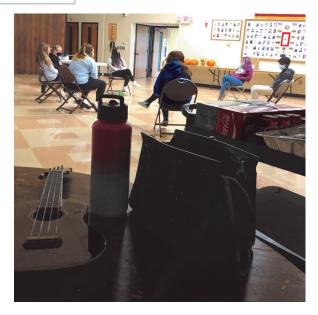
Outreach is now open Monday and Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM Phone: 631-234-3149

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

Each month, through your gifts, we are able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting them in various ways (utility bills, auto insurance and repairs, rent arrears, etc.)

Thank You!



The Youth Ministry continues to meet once every two weeks. Pictured above a group of teens discussing their life issues at an Alpha gathering on Oct. 18", 2020

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





Courtesy Announcements:

First Notice:

salute-to-service

St. John the Baptist DHS presents a "SALUTE to Service". This will allow St John's and the Long Island community to recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. The Hardship and Incentive Scholarships at St. John's are subsidized from fundraising events held throughout the school year. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all major fundraising events have been cancelled yet the requests for financial assistance have increased greatly. In this connection, St. John's is hosing their First "SALUTE to Service" Fundraiser to supplement the financial shortfall. For further information. Please contact Joanne Jones at 631-587-8000 ext. 176.

The "SALUTE to Service" campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 5' x 5' American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of St. John the Baptist DHS the week of November 9th through November 15th in honor of Veterans' Day. 3' x 5' Flag on a 10' pole—\$50.00 Flag with Personalized Ribbon—\$75.00 Flags are limited to the first 200 and will be given on a first come first serve basis. To reserve your flag and ribbon please visit https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/

Molloy College—Fall Open House—Sunday, November 15th, 2020—1:00 pm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Open House will be hosted virtually via Zoom. To register please visit www.molloy.edu/openhouse. Once you register you will receive a Zoom link. Second Notice:



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 () Eucharistic Minister () Lector () 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.

Saint Thomas More Parish

All Saints Costume Mass



PLEASE WEAR

A MASK

Children are invited to attend the

9:30am Drive-in Mass in their

Halloween costumes on

Sunday - Nov. 1st



Youth Ministry (all students in grades 9 through 12) are all invited to a Halloween / All Saints Celebration on Sunday, Nov 1st in the Parish Center following the 12 noon mass All are invited....costumes are optional





BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 13, 2020 1:00pm – 7:00pm

St. Thomas More RC Church

115 Kings Highway. Hauppauge, NY 11788 Walden Hall

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing

Appointment Preferred

Walk- ins welcome if drive capacity permits

To make an appointment please visit our website www.nybc.org/donate or call (800)933-BLOOD. You can also contact Michelle Torres (Account Manager) 646-983-0661, mtorres@nybc.org

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- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we
do NOT test for COVID-19. You should
contact your health care provider if
you want to be tested.



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 <u>reled@stmli.org</u> 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 Communions 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.

