

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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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Masses for this coming week

December 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 2-14 Psalm: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke: 2:22-40

Saturday, December 26(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)5pmDorothy Coppola by Pat Nicholson

Sunday, December 27—The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph9:30amRalph & Ursula Molinaro –60th Wedding
Anniversary by the Molinaros12noonJohn Buzzanca by Paul & Rose Marie

Gorton

Monday, December 28—The Holy Innocents

9am Peter Romano by the STM Young at Heart

Tuesday, December 29—St. Thomas Becket9amJudith Lentino by her parents

Wednesday, December 30

9am Peter Romano *by Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz* & family

Thursday, December 31—St. Sylvester

9amRose Milazzo by Ann & Lou Anatrella5pmPeople of the Parish

 Friday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God —First Friday
 9am People of the Parish
 12noon People of the Parish

Saturday, January 2—St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen—First Saturday

9amEarl Miller by the Miller family(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)5pmPeter Romano by Bernard Nagel

Sunday, January 3—Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am Dorothy Frank *by Patty & Joe Citro* 12:00pm Rose Milazzo *by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him,

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

"Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

When the three-year-old son was shown a portrait of his five older brothers, taken when they were much younger, he pointed and said, "Those guys are wearing my clothes." Only in a family one can easily say "in everything and in all respects, what is mine is yours and what is yours is mine". Because in a family, like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet we all have the same roots. We are basically one though we seem different.

Today is the Solemn Feast of the Holy Family. To be human is to belong to a family. That is the reason that when God decided to be a human being, God was born in a family, from Nazareth. born of Mary the mother, and belonging to the family of David through Joseph his foster father. Being a member of a human family God empowers each family to become a Holy family by serving God through each other.

The Holiness of the Human Family is not a single reality but a multifaceted mystery. It is a biological reality if we look at it as where humans breed. It is a social reality setting each of us in a web of relationships. It is a foundational reality for without it we would not become who we are. It is basically a divine reality because, on the one hand God Himself chose to be a member of a family in order to live with humans and, on the other hand, each family in its very nature is creative and of self-sacrificing love like God. In all these aspects families are the compasses that guide us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.

As long as we live, each of us is a living arrow sent from the bow of the family, expressing and experiencing the force of family love. Once the force of love fails to be operative in us, we become a deadly weapon in the hands of whomsoever we relate with. We become who we belong to. Mother

Teresa used to say "What we can do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." Yes, family is the origin and source to supply whatever the world is in need of. The family is the breeding ground of peace, justice, compassion and the noble virtues which alone can promise, promote and actualize all that the world needs for a peaceful and prosperous life. Let us belong to our families. Let us be ready to live our family relationship at all costs. Let us pray that families, especially struggling families, be blessed and guided by God's grace.

Happy and Healthy New Year 2021. May God grant us a new start with health and prosperity, peace and joy. May God fill our families with His Grace to grow in love. May what we rejoice and learn in our families overflow through each of us into





society. Like the Holy Family, let us bring Jesus wherever we go and in whatever we do

Mass timings for New Year:

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00 pm in the Church. January 1:New Year's Day Masses at 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon in the church.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



Masses for New Year

Eve of New Year 2021 5:00 pm in the Church	<u>New Year Day</u> 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon in	
	the Church.	

Few Helpful Instructions

Mass in the Church:

HAPPY New YEAR

To maintain social distance the seats are marked with a pink check mark where you can sit.



To maintain social distance **please don't sit** in the seats marked with a black X mark





In the Parking Lot:

The parking lot mass gets filled early and easily. Please follow the instructions of the Knights of Columbus strictly, both while entering and exiting, so that the traffic may flow smoothly, and to avoid any accidents. You can just remain in your car throughout the mass. Please tune to **100.9 FM** to listen to the Mass. Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass.

I appreciate Your generous contribution which you can drop in the basket at the Exit .

Thank-you for your support.



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 Kevin Ilvichenko 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 Rathje Antonia Marie Rivera Ann Karen Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Christopher Singer Ryan Smith Michael White

Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from Dec. 20–26, 2020

12/20/359	359 \$50	Donna Fortmeyer
12/21/2020	943 \$25	Veronica Young
12/22/2020	688 \$25	Anthony Cassone
12/23/2020	65 \$25	William Tate
12/24/2020	125 \$25	Steven Lott
12/25/2020	884 \$75	Andy & Kathy Turano
		Christmas Day
12/26/2020	80 \$25	Jim & Terri Harrington





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**



2020 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2020 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.



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SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **December 20 \$2,745.00** 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 onetime 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

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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 January 11, 2021at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall. The book for discussion will be <u>The Engagements</u> by J. Courtney Sullivan— Facilitator Barbara Trimarco.

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

2020 Ends: With No End to Discrimination Against Religious Freedom

"Of course, there are dangers in religious freedom and freedom of opinion. But to deny these rights is worse than dangerous, it is absolutely fatal to liberty." - President Harry S. Truman

San Francisco, CA: As new restrictions are imposed on churches that will now ban indoor worship services in some counties, Abp. Salvatore Cordileone said, "Worship is both a natural and a Constitutional right. My people want to receive the Body and Blood of Christ; they need it, and have every right to be free to do so."⁽¹⁾ The new health order treats religious worship as a "non-essential" activity, while allowing hair & nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors to remain open. The Archbishop criticized the government for "demoting worship" and further said, "But the government still chooses to treat worship as less important than shopping for shoes."⁽²⁾ However, in May, 2020, Pres. Trump said, "Today, I am identifying houses of worship, churches, synagogues, and mosques, as essential places that provide essential services." (3)

Mississippi: A 3rd grade girl was banned from wearing her "Jesus Loves Me" mask even though "Other students within the school district have freely worn masks with logos of sports teams or even the words 'Black Lives Matter," said an Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) attorney. ⁽⁴⁾ School administrators forced her to remove the mask because it had a "religious message." ⁽⁵⁾ The school's action was a clear violation of the U.S.

The school's action was a clear violation of the U.S. Department of Education's Guidance on students' religious freedom which states: "Students may display religious messages on items of clothing to the same extent that they are permitted to display other comparable messages."⁽⁶⁾

"Public schools have a duty to respect the free expression of students that the First Amendment guarantees to them. ... No public school student should be singled out for peacefully sharing her religious beliefs with fellow students," said ADF counsel. $^{(7)}$

Kentucky: A Federal Appeals Court recently overturned a lower court's decision that declared Gov. Andv Beshear cannot order private religious schools to stop in-person instruction to prevent the spread of Covid-19. This lower court (U.S. District judge) said the First Amendment protects religious schools' right to make decisions without government interference. "If social distancing is good enough for offices, colleges, and universities within the Commonwealth, it is good enough for religious K-12 schools that benefit from Constitutional protections." (8) However, the new ruling from the Federal Appeals Court stated, "We are not in a position to second-guess the governor's determination regarding the health & safety of the Commonwealth at this point in time." ⁽⁹⁾ thereby denving First Amendment protections to religious schools.

The Kentucky Attorney General who supports First Amendment protections, said, "...we're already hard at work to take this matter to the U.S. Supreme Court." ⁽¹⁰⁾

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of December 15, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$38,177.00
Percentage of Goal	54.23%



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloi, Bill Boyrer, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Ginny Desiderio, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Peggy Fleming, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Tony Hollins, Matthew Inga, Regina Jeskie, Kevin Kenney, Ann Mandel, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Rich Nixon, Bernice Noeker, Al Pankus, Robert McGurrin, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Janet Rodriguez, Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs.) Mel Smith, Jerry Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Jerry Walker, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Julia Westbrook, Dawn Zabbia.

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 <u>www.stmli.org</u>. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on <u>YouTube</u> 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

Hazel Van de Walle, Rocco Masone, 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 <u>www.FaithDirect.net</u> 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 Sauce** Tuna Macaroni & Cheese Mayonnaise** 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

Once again the volunteers at Outreach are overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of our Parish family. Whether you donated food, gift cards, or money please know that your generosity has allowed us to help over 50 families as well as others in need in our community!

The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.-Numbers 6:24-26

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

Your generosity over this difficult year has allowed your conference of SVdP to respond to the needs of our neighbors.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year!

CALENDAR CLUB 2021

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2021.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:()

EMAIL:

() One Number for \$25

() FIVE Numbers for \$100

<u>(If your return your form & payment by Sunday,</u> <u>December 20, 2020</u>, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

() I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

OR

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket).

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 the Rectory)

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*)

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

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() Usher () C	Greeter			
() RCIA () I	Liturgy with Children			
() Lector () E	Eucharistic Minister			
() Consolation Minister () Landscaping/				
Planting				
() Rosary Altar Society	() Pre-Cana			
() Caring for Altar Plants	() FOCCUS			
()Adult Lending Library	() Banner Commit-			
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St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Aides at Home: PCAs and HHAs. P/T and F/T. Call 516-641-2273 Altice (Optimum/Cablevision - Many positions available. Go to: www.alticeusacareers.com **Catholic Charities of Long Island:**—many F/T and P/T positions available. Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers. Catholic Health Services: Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health care positions. Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/ Geico Insurance—Service and sales positions available. Go to: https://careers.geico.com/us/en Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment Suffolk County: Many P/Tand F/t positions available. Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment **Panera-**-Positions available. Go to: https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available. Go to: http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs 7-Eleven Local positions available. Go to: https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home. ShopRite; Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: https://shop.shoprite.com/careers **Stop & Shop:** Long Island positions available. Go to: https://stopandshop.com/pages/careers Developmental Disabilities Institute: Local jobs available. Go to: https://www.ddiny.org/ or call Mary Ann Stein **Brookhaven Laboratories:** Many positions available. Go to: https://jobs.bnl.gov/ Costco: Local positions available. Go to: https://www.costco.com/job-opportunities.html **BJ's:** Local positions available. Go to https://careers.bjs.com/ Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available. Go to: https://jobs.northwell.edu/ Tri-County Nursing Services: Care Manager positions available on Long Island. Go to: https:// www.tricountycare.org/careers/ Ideal Home Care: PCA and HHA positions available. Go to: https://www.idealhcs.com/employment Kohls: Many seasonal positions available on Long Island . Go to: https://careers.kohls.com/ **Lowes:** Positions available. Go to: https://corporate.lowes.com/careers/search-apply Target: Long Island positions available. Go to: <u>https://jobs.target.com/</u> Home Depot: Local positions available. Go to: https://careers.homedepot.com/ **Stony Brook Medical Center:** Multiple health and non-health job opportunities available. Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/carreers Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue): Multiple positions available. Go to: https://licommunityhospital.org/ careers/ **CVS Health:** Many local positions available. Go to: https://jobs.cvshealth.com/ United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available. Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: **jmwhite@optonline.net**

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

With many thanks to all the families whose children gave a beautiful rendition of the Christmas Gospel for Christmas Mass... they made the Gospel come alive when it was read by Fr. Antony and Deacon Matt. We greatly appreciate Theresa Recce who coordinated the families and the event. Patricia Ann McCaffrey was a great help as well. We also thank Linda Ronning who operated the broadcasting and Emilia Savarese and Rose Recce for the liturgical music











- Mass Times -

Saturdays 5:00 pm in the church (live streamed)

Sundays 9:30 am parking lot (weather permitting) 12:00 pm in the church