



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord



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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Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

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To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 55:1-11
Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

Saturday, January 9

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Bill Link *by the Cassetta family*

Sunday, January 10—The Baptism of the Lord

9:30am Elizabeth LaFontaine *by the LaFontaine family*

12:00pm Richard Sudler *by Leonard Sudler & family*

Monday, January 11

9am Rose Milazzo *by Lottie & Chet Kalenty*

Tuesday, January 12

9am Carmen Tomashonas *by Patricia Phillips*

Wednesday, January 13—St. Hillary

9am Richard K. O'Donnell *by Robert & Joan Nachtman*

Thursday, January 14

9am Howard Spelman *by John & MaryAnn Egan*

Friday, January 15

9am MaryAnn O'Gara *by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

Saturday, January 16

9am Jaime Rodriguez *by his family*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Mass of Thanksgiving *by Kryisia Weller*

Sunday, January 17—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Anthony G. Rotola *by George Rivera & Family*

12:00pm Patricia O'Connell *by Matt & Nancy O'Connell*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm: 40:2, 43, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

A reading from the Gospel of John:

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —,

"where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

"We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John;

you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

BEHOLD THE
LAMB of GOD

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

There is a story of two tourists who stood before the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, "Why can't we build structures like this anymore?" Her friend answered, "The people who built this had faith. Today we have only opinions. And you can't build a cathedral with opinions." Faith can work marvels.

Today is the Solemn Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the waters of Jordan, a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." A voice from heaven in the Bible means God is speaking. Thus in Baptism God claims Jesus to be His Son. Baptism is the moment Jesus is openly declared to all that this human Jesus of Nazareth is not merely the Son of Man but also the Son of God.

When we are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the same revelation of truth happens to each of us. On the one hand, we are children of a human family of particular parents, and on the other hand, God claims each of us as His own child in the waters of Baptism. As long as we are conscious of this divine truth, we will realize that the grace of God will help us to live as a child of God. But once we allow other persons or possessions to claim us for their plans or advantages, we would not be able to live our original truth of who we can be or what God wants to achieve/accomplish in us.



Our Birth says who we are, and Baptism makes us conscious of who we can be. Baptism makes us what to believe in ourselves. Faith in God informs us who has the claim on us. Without faith in God we can reduce ourselves to any human program as the way of living. Faith alone will free us from anything or any person who can use, misuse or abuse our potential.

Every time we bless ourselves with Holy water we remind ourselves of the Baptismal grace and Baptismal identity of God's claim over us as His child. Let us be conscious of our Godly identity. Let us pray with faith and confidence in God that we may not be easily misled by any false claim. May the gift of faith assure us that we are able to participate in the grace of God as God's child because Jesus shared

his divinity with our humanity by becoming one of us. We become God's children because the Father has benevolently accepted us. We receive the Holy Spirit and thus are forgiven of our Original sin and made a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

2020 Contribution Statements: Soon after the New Year we will complete the data entries of 2020 into our system. If you want a record of your 2020 contributions for tax purposes, please complete and return the cut-out in the bulletin to the Parish Office. We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| Ethan Bernstein | Michael Knipper |
| Jessie Bernstein | Kevin Ilyichenko |
| Joseph Blaugrund | Dylan Kowalski |
| Anthony Broncatello | Thomas LaFemina |
| John Burk | Alex Lombardi |
| Collin Busto | Andrew Lombardi |
| David Chester | Lt. Clint Lorange |
| John Chester | Scott Lovelock |
| Nicholas Chester | Andrew Lynch |
| Theresa Chester | Troy A. Maida, |
| Collin J. Crean | William Maley |
| Eddie Cullum | Thomas Migliara |
| Eric Cullum | Tim Morris |
| Adam Cussen | Ryan Murphy |
| David Cussen | John Nachtman |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | Kaitlyn Nachtman |
| P. J. Erskin | Thomas Nichols |
| Timothy Fallon | Adam Papaizai |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi | Michael Poist |
| J.T. Foltz | Michael Polanski |
| Mike Foltz | Kyle Rathje |
| Michael Gioia | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Carl F. Greiner | Ann Karen Sanchez |
| Philip Gudone | Justin Schneider |
| John Michael Haffner | Christopher Sidor |
| Sean Hendrikson | Christopher Singer |
| Tylor J. Hickey | Ryan Smith |
| Kevin Ilyichenko | Michael White |
| John Karies | |

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.



Long Island Coalition for Life

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 17, 2021, from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center ([2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow](#)), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL ([631 243-1435](#), info@prolifeLI.org).

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **January 1, 2021** \$ 270.00
January 3, 2021 \$3,156.00

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

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

for recording your contribution.

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/)

[www.facebook.comStThomasMoreHauppauge/](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/)

Instagram

- stm_church
- stmreligioused
- stm_yg

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Youth Ministry youthminister@stmli.org

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 January 11, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

The book for discussion will be **The Engagements** 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

www.cffor.org

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Matthew 5:14

What Are the Origins of America's Unique Freedom & Judeo-Christian Principles?

Almost 400 years ago, in 1630 aboard the *Arbella*, Gov. John Winthrop wrote a now famous sermon titled, "*A Model of Christian Charity*" to his fellow Puritans to prepare them for planting a new society in a perilous environment. These brave people, fleeing from religious persecution in Britain, would understand from the very beginning the standards and principles that they would live by to ensure the success of the colony. Winthrop preached the importance of Christian virtues of faith, charity and love as a foundation bedrock upon which to build their new society. "When God gives a special commission, He looks to have it strictly observed in every article.... We are entered into covenant with Him for this work. We have hereupon besought Him of favor and blessing." ⁽¹⁾

The Puritan settlement was an experiment. If the colony failed, not only functionally but especially morally, Winthrop feared they would lose the grace of God. But, should they succeed, they would become a beautiful beacon of religious piety and freedom. He wrote:

"For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world." ⁽²⁾

Does Freedom Matter?

Too often Americans take freedom for granted but it is never guaranteed. The restrictions upon freedoms of individuals, groups, schools, businesses, and houses of worship during the current pandemic have highlighted how fragile

freedom really is. Today, some retain their freedoms and others are denied. "While the pandemic poses many grave challenges, there is no world in which the Constitution tolerates color-coded executive edicts that reopen liquor stores and bike shops but shutter churches, synagogues and mosques," wrote Justice Neil Gorsuch. ⁽³⁾ Yet, ignoring the Constitution and restricting freedom, especially religious freedom, has become commonplace in America.

landmarkevents.org (1)(2); thefederalist.com/ john winthrop; medium.com, 3/15/15 (2); arcofhistory.org; thefederalist.com, 12/1/20(3)

Happening Now: Honoring Religious Liberty Martyr, St. Thomas Becket

"Thomas Becket's death serves as a powerful and timeless reminder to every American that our freedom from religious persecution is not a mere luxury or accident of history, but rather an essential element of our liberty." "It is our priceless treasure and inheritance. And it is bought with the blood of martyrs.

President Trump's "Proclamation on 850th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket."

Issued Dec. 29, 2020

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of January 5, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$39,117.00
<i>Percentage of Goal</i>	55.56



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Robert Reimers, Elaine Moccia, Robert J. Kelly Jr., Hazel Van de Walle, 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 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**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our STM families who so generously donated food, gift cards, toys and money during this Christmas season. Through your generosity we were able to help 53 families have a Christmas meal and purchase some gifts for their children. In addition we were able to donate toys and gift cards to some other agencies in our community who are struggling during this pandemic.

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

Beginning this week Outreach will be open

Mondaythrough Thursday

10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

As we give to the poor, we can also hear these same words.

As you give to our conference of SVdP, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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 OR
- () FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, December 20, 2020, 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.

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
- () 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:

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/T and 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: <https://jobs.target.com/>

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/careers>

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: jmtwhite@optonline.net

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

- 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