



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

Contact Numbers

Website: <https://stmli.org>

To receive texts or emails from us just text

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StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20,
Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Saturday, January 23

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Patricia Fabiano *by Frank & Vivianne
Latorre*

Sunday, January 24—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Joseph Lombardi *by the Phelan family*

12:00pm William Link *by Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz
& family*

Monday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul

9am Daniel Buynak *by Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Buynak*

Tuesday, January 26—St. Timothy; St. Titus

9am Elaine Moccia *by Marie & Ross Bracco*

Wednesday, January 27—St. Angela Merici

9am Frances (Cookie) Beattie *by Andrew &
Rhonda Tortorici*

Thursday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas

9am Mass of Thanksgiving *by the Eyring family*

Friday, January 29

9am Jess Warren *by Betty Ann & Joe
Codispoti*

Saturday, January 30

9am Elizabeth Hansen *by Mr. & Mrs. M.
Carrano*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm William Link *by Martha & Vincent
Merra*

Sunday, January 31—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Jack Crociata *by the Phelan family*

12:00pm Howard Spegman *by Robert & Louisa
Sanfratello*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark:

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this?"

A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Jim said to Ken, “My wife talks to herself a lot.”

Ken answered, “Mine does too, but she doesn’t know it. She thinks I’m listening.”

How to show oneself listening without actually listening? Does it not happen often that our eyes are wide open but not actually seeing anything particularly?

In today’s second reading Paul invites “those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully.” We may wonder if it is possible to live like this. Paul’s reason to propose such a living-style is inspired from the spiritual realization that God calls each one of us with our own unique purpose to live. We are not called to live a ‘herd-mentality’. We are not one of the many molded in the same mold. We are not called to be copycats of imitating or repeating what others do.

Today’s Gospel reading explains how God calls disciples and changes their living-style. The first disciples Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John could not see in themselves beyond what they learnt from their family. They were considered to be fishermen, continuing their family trade. But Jesus saw in them God’s unique purpose for them, to become “Fishers of Men” As Paul explained, they are fishermen not catching fish but people. Their life is not anymore just to bring fish from sea to shore but fulfilling God’s purpose of bringing people to Jesus.



Jesus passes by each of us. In our prayer, meditation and in our worship Jesus calls us to live God’s specific purpose as the disciples did in today’s Gospel.

When we respond to Jesus’ call and begin to live God’s purpose, our regular words and deeds will be to carry God’s message and power. Others will see in us ordinary persons but will experience in us God’s presence and power. As Paul said we will live our ordinariness but our ordinariness will not be seen, rather God’s extraordinariness will be seen, heard, and sensed by the people. Let us hear God’s calling. Let us live God’s purpose.

Prayer to St. Joseph: During this year dedicated to protection and intercession of St. Joseph, the Holy Father Pope Francis asked us to pray the following Prayer through the year. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries*.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.



Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

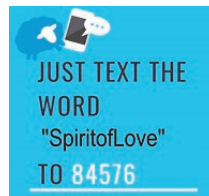


PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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
 Tylor J. Hickey
 Kevin Ilyichenko
 John Karies

Michael Knipper
 Kevin Ilyichenko
 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

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.



*“It isn't
 what we say
 or think
 that defines
 us, but what
 we do.”*

JANE AUSTEN

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **January 17, 2021** **\$3,108.00**

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,

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

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

Facebook

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

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- stmreligioused
- stm_yg

Email

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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 February 8, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

At our next meeting we will discuss Book Selection. Please bring a book which you would like to facilitate.

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

***"America didn't create religious liberty.
Religious liberty created America."***

Gov. Bobby Jindal

America As a Religious Refuge in the 17th Century - Part 2

The Jews first migrated to the American colonies when they fled from Brazil where they had settled upon fleeing the Portuguese Inquisition in the 1500's. But a Portuguese conquest of their area of Brazil in 1654 confronted the Jewish population with the prospect of a new Inquisition. Avoiding this new threat, a shipload of 23 Jewish refugees arrived in New Amsterdam (soon to become New York) that same year. This small community attracted more refugees and in the following decades, still seeking religious freedom, Jewish communities grew in Newport, RI, Philadelphia, PA, Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA.

An Independent Spirit Grows in the Colonies:

Over the next 100 years, diverse circumstances and ideas converged to inspire colonists to believe that individual freedom, not government domination dictated by powers far removed from their circumstances, was their God-given right.

Increasing population and prosperity, religious freedom in the individual colonies, the philosophy of the Enlightenment that men had certain fundamental rights which no government had the right to infringe upon, plus the 15 year long spiritual revolution of the First Great Awakening, all came together to form a new sense of identity. By the mid-1700's, colonists had been living in America for 150 years, each colony had formed its own government and people were used to a great degree of freedom.

However, the British Parliament was incrementally passing more trade laws, taxes, and restrictions to benefit Britain more than the colonies. While the colonists had asked for the

same political rights as people in Britain, the king had refused. Thomas Paine, political philosopher and activist, wrote,

"It is repugnant to reason to suppose that this continent can longer remain subject to any external power ... there is something absurd in supposing a Continent to be perpetually governed by an island."

Paine also wrote,

"Let a crown be placed thereon, by which the world may know, that so far as we approve of monarchy, that in America the law is King. For as in absolute governments the King is law, so in free countries the law ought to be King; and there ought to be no other."

(wikipedia.org/history of Jews in Brazil; myjewishlearning.com/Jewish-immigration; loc.gov/exhibits/religion; lotusarise.com, 4/18/20; charismamag.com, 7/31/19)



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of January 19, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$42,142.00
Percentage of Goal	59.88%



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Jerry Smith, Joseph DiMarco, Vincent Benintendi, Harold Macholz, Robert Reimers, 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

Toilet Paper**

****We are especially in need of these items.**

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

Beginning this week Outreach will be open

Monday through Thursday

10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Your generosity enables your conference of SVdP to assist our neighbors with rent, utility, car maintenance, and other bills.

May God Bless You!

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