

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

October 24, 2021

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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To receive texts or emails

from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

October 24, 2021 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Saturday, October 23

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Robert F. Covino Sr. by Geraldine Covino

Sunday, October 24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Patricia A. Surico by Carolyn & Tom Coyne 9:30am Margaret Delahunt by the Hughes family 11:30am Gail Audiino by the St. Thomas More Choir

Monday, October 25

9am Mary Beth Weidig by Al & Eileen Weidig

Tuesday, October 26

9am Mary Varghese by Dolly Rodriguez

Wednesday, October 27

9am Nicholas Malin by the STM Religious Education Office

Thursday, October 28—St. Simon and St. Jude 9am Raymond Jabbour *by Judy & Fred Kouhi*

Friday, October 29

9am Louise C. Pondt by Frances & Peter Foti

Saturday, October 30

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*

Sunday, October 31—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Christine Dold by Margaret & Fintan
Stapleton

9:30am Minnie Gima by the Cocozzelli family 11:30am Pat O'Connell by the St. Thomas More Columbiettes

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

October 31, 2021 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark:

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

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

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him.

"Well said, teacher. You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Focus Questions:

- 1) How does it make you feel when you imagine a world filled with love?
- 2) What steps do you take to ensure you keep God's greatest commandments?
- 3) What are the obstacles to keeping God's greatest commandments?

Suggestion for Action:

Invest in the future of the planet by donating to the Nature Conservancy. When you make a tax-deductible donation to The Nature Conservancy, you are supporting the most effective solutions to the environment's most pressing challenges. Go to www.nature.org to learn more.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends.

A woman complained to the customer service, "Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha; I can't print from my computer. Every time I try, it says "Can't find the printer". I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says it can't find the printer..." It may have happened to many of us many a time that we would be looking for a misplaced object in all the places only to find at the end that it was lying just in front of our eyes. The fact that the eyes are open and the object is in front of them, does not ensure our ability to see the object.

Today's readings open our eyes to see the wonder that God is ready to do for His people at a time and place in an unexpected way. In the first reading Jeremiah prepared his people in exile to praise God and pray for the time of coming back to their land for a prosperous and peaceful time. Those who believed in God's guidance were able to see the new future was coming in reality.





The second reading tunes the eyes and senses of the hearers not to skip God's great wonder that was happening right before their eyes in the person of Jesus Christ. Yes Jesus appeared as just an ordinary man from Nazareth "beset with weakness". But God revealed Jesus as God's beloved Son and the People's High Priest. God sent Him as His Son who in turn like a High Priest offered Himself as the "sin offering for the people". Both these readings encourage our ability to see the wonder of God in ordinary and unexpected places, persons and time. The Gospel narrates the story of Jesus actually opening the eyes of a blind man to see. Even though the

crowd tried to discourage him, the blind man never stopped calling Jesus to get His attention. When at last he was brought to Jesus, it is strange Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want me to do for you?", as if He did not



know that the blind man would ask Jesus, "Master, I want to see." By asking the blind man's wish to see, Jesus only implies that seeing happens not simply by opening the eyes but only at the seeker's internal willful choice to see. Eye only sees what the heart and mind want to see. If heart and mind decide to ignore, the eye would not be able to see even though the person or object is just in front of the eyes.

Many things may appear in front of us but our eyes would see and look at only those things on which our heart focuses. If the heart fixes itself to see a thing, it would employ the eyes to look for it, or search for it, or go after it, even if the thing is hidden or buried. Sometimes the heart would even keep awake the eyes and wait in patience for the arrival of the person. Let us pray to God to inspire our hearts with His truth and love that our eyes may see, look for and wait for the moments and persons when and where God appear to us.

Halloween - November 1st All Saints. The origin of the word Halloween is Christian. Halloween falls on the evening before the Christian holy day of All Hallows' Day (also known as All Saints', Hallowmas or Hallow tide) on November 1. October 31st, Eve of All Hallows in popular use became *Halloween*. When we celebrate our inner power and identity of being saints on November first, we rightfully ridicule and make fun of evil on the eve (October 31st) of 'All Saints' feast. The Halloween costumes are geared towards making fun of evil only to highlight the Goodness and the Saintliness we carry within.

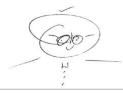


This year Halloween Oct. 31st falls on Sunday: In the background of what I explained above, teens and adults are invited with Halloween costumes to attend the 9:30 am Mass. Thus we can celebrate Trick or Treat our potential to be saints by ridiculing all that is non-saintly and evil.



November 2nd Friday, All Souls Day: At 7:00 pm is the memorial mass praying for all those whose funerals were held in our church since past November. Letters of invitation have been sent to the families. Please feel free to join us to pray for the deceased in our families.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the

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Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net





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

See above or go to StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

as of October 18, 2021

Our Parish Goal \$68,000.00 Pledges to date \$34,822.00 Percentage of Goal 51.21%



I. & II—Michelle Eyring & Christopher Edsell

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

J.T. Foltz
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Michael Gioia
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Michael Knipper
Dylan Kowalski

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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. Out next meeting is on November 8th at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be:

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **October 17, 2021** \$4,842.00

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

Calendar Club Winners Congratulations!

Here are the winners for October 3-9, 2021

10/10/2021	\$50	189 Mr. & Mrs. Amadeo
		Fasolino
10/11/2021	\$25	166 Len Munzer
10/12/2021	\$25	994 Mr. & Mrs. C. Castellano
10 /13/2021	\$25	626 Andy & Kathy Turano
10/14/2021	\$25	988 Donna Basile
10/15/2021	\$25	638 Mary Ellen Skrzypek
10/16/2021	\$25	868 Janet Crawford



Focus on Religious Freedom Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"You shall have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3

Parents Sue California Over Mandated Chants to Aztec Gods

A group of parents and the Californians for Equal Rights Foundation (CFFR). a civil rights group, have sued the state of CA over a new public school curriculum, "Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum" that includes teaching the state's high school students how to pray and chant to Aztec gods and invoking an ancient Nigerian Yoruba religious prayer.

"The curriculum's unequivocal promotion of 5 Aztec gods or deities through repetitive chanting and affirmation of the symbolic principles constitutes an unlawful government preference toward a particular religious practice," said the CFER president. (1)

"Can you imagine if elements of the Christian faith were proposed to be included in the public school curriculum? What if a class incorporated praying to the Blessed Virgin Mary or even reciting the Lord's Prayer? How would that be received?" said attorney Paul Jonna. (2)

The Importance of Faith to America's Founders: Benjamin Franklin

During the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Franklin became frustrated at the lack of progress during the deliberations and delivered this famous plea:

"...how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understanding?"

"I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build they labor in vain." (3)

(washingtontimes.com, 9/3/21(1); dailywire.com, 10/4/21 (2); thecentersquare.com,

9/8/21; joshuatcharles.com, 12/10/18; americanrhetoric.com, 8/14/18(3); history.com,



Please remember the following couples in your prayers as they participate in our St. Thomas More Pre-Cana Program.

Elizabeth Coopersmith & Bryan Foti Elizabeth Vasquez & Erik Limardo Emma Kaufman & David Dunn Danielle DeMaio & Shutel Paquiyauri Lauren Crosby & Michael Bosi Lauren Walsh & Michael Mazzi

Courtesy Announcements

1st announcement

Starfish Coffee House Young Adult Group Upcoming Events=St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Basement—29 Northgate Dr. Greenlawn, NY-

Rosary Daily 9:15pm on Zoom (ID 3456337563).

The following events will be at 7:30 pm -

Nov. 4-Career Goals with Andres Lopez on Zoom.

Nov. 5 - Young Adult Mass in Main Church.

Nov.11-Evangelizing in the Everyday with Mari Wagner on Zoom.

Nov. 18—Prepare Your Mass on Zoom.

Nov. 19—Thrive! By Jeff Froh in Coffee House.

Nov. 26—Men's Group in the Lower Church.

Nov.26—Women's Group in Coffee House.:

2nd announcement

Good Shepherd Hospice –Join us as we remember our loved ones during this season at the 21st Annual Good Shepherd Hospice Virtual Lights of Love Event—Virtual Presentation-Tuesday, November 30, 2001, 6:00 pm or Thursday,

November 30, 2001, 6:00 pm or Thursday, December 2, 2021, 6:00 pm. YouTube video recording link will be sent by email only. To attend this virtual event, please contact the Development Department at (631) 828-7691 or email gshospice.events@chsli.org

Molloy College—Fall Open House—Sunday, November 7th, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Register at

www.molloy.edu/admissions/open-house.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Marianne Descze, Michael Fiorentino, Chet Kalenty, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Eleanor Kingsley, Robert McGurrin, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reinchert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Edward Zebrowski,

This listing will expire on March 31, 2022.



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. 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

Gennaro Bruno, Tim McLaughlin, 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.

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



"Ask Him to help you appreciate the reality that love is an action word"
—Jane Trufant Harvey, Ask Him

Our current needs include:

Boxed Milk**

Bread
Canned Fruit and Vegetables

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)

Cereal

Macaroni & Cheese

Pancake Mix**
Pasta/Spaghetti

Peanut butter (smaller jars)

Rice

Soup (18-22 oz)**

Spaghetti Sauce

Syrup**

Mustard/Ketchup

Mayonnaise**

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tuna

Apple and other juices**

Toothpaste Shampoo Hand soap Toilet Paper

Laundry Detergent (small)

Paper Towels**

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

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

Save the Date:

St. Vincent de Paul is holding a clothing drive on October 31st

From 9AM to 1PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

Your gifts to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul enable us to assist our neighbors with utility, rent, and other bills. Often, a little help prevents the crisis of eviction, loss of employment, etc.

To contact us, call 631 648 2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com

^{**}we especially need these items

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 Child () Lector () Eucharistic Minister () Consolation Ministry () Rosary Altar Society () Pre-Cana () Caring for Altar Plants () FOCCUS () Landscaping/Planting () Choir () Banner Committee	
Name::	
Address:	
Phone:	

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

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)						
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021 I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021.						
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processing.

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<u>NEW - Chipotle:</u> Apply on line at: <u>Jobs.Chipotle.com</u> (Restaurant Name: Motor Parkway; Restaurant Num-

ber: 1634

<u>UPDATED – Auto Zone:</u> Positions still available. Go to <u>www.autozone.com/careers</u>

<u>NEW - Updated Phone – Pete the Greek:</u> New restaurant in Hauppauge. Positions needed. Call: <u>(631) 623-</u>

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NEW – Handyman Needed: P/T, Smithtown, Private Home. Call 631-656-9106

NEW – Maryhaven: Many positions at many locations.

Go to: https://maryhavenjobs.chsli.org/search-jobs

Monsters Needed!! - Schmitts Farm: Go to: https://schmittsfarmhaunt.com/

NEW – WB Mason: Drivers and Warehouse personnel needed. Go to: www.wbmason/careers

PC Richards: Many positions available. Go to: https://careers.pcrichard.com/

<u>Still Looking – Brendel's Bagels:</u> Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff Drivers. P/T & F/T.

Call: 631-656-6828

Still Looking - Dunkin' Donuts/Subway: F/T and P/T Flexible positions available.

Call: 718-820-6112.

Still Looking – Nosh (new Hauppauge restaurant): Call: 631-761-6378

Western Suffolk BOCES: Special Education Aides. Go to: wsboces.org/team

Top Golf: Many positions available at the new facility in Holtsville (on the LIE).

Go to: https://topgolf.jobs/

<u>SUNation Solar Systems:</u> Sales Representatives, Service Technicians, Installers, other positions. Send contact information and resume to: Marketing@sunationmarketing.com

Tropical Smoothie Café: Apply within at Hauppauge location.

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

Target: Multiple positions at all LI locations. Text "JOBS" to 827438

The Paramount Theater (Huntington): Many positions available. Sign on bonuses.

Send resume to: kevin@paramountny.com

Applebee's (Commack): Positions available. Inquire within.

Walmart: Go to: www.careeers.walmart.com

Community Care Home Health Services: HHAs and PCAs. Call: 516-965-2809

Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available.

Go to: https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/

Safelite Auto Glass: Multiple Long Island jobs open, including the Hauppauge location.

Go to: www.safelite.com/careers

Hauppauge Palace Diner: Wait Staff – Hostesses – Line Cooks.

Go to their Facebook page or stop in person.

Stop & Shop (Long Island): 700 P/T job being sourced. Many positions.

Go to: stopandshop.reidsystems.com

Candlelight Diner: All positions available. Call 631-499-3918 or stop in.

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs

BJ's: Local jobs available. Go to: BJs.com/careers

Starbucks: Positions available. Go to: www.starbucks.com/careers

Rite-Aid: Long Island positions available for Pharmacy Technicians and Shift Supervisors.

Go to: https://careers.riteaid.com/jobs

<u>Catholic Health Services:</u> 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 or call: 631-853-6540

Panera: Positions available. Go to: https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results

7-Eleven: Local positions available. Go to: https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home

Shop Rite: Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available.

Go to: https://shop.shoprite.com/careers

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/

Suffolk County Water Authority: Several management and entry level positions available. Go to

www.scwa.com/careers. All applications and résumés should be submitted online.

<u>United States Postal Service (USPS):</u> 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).





ALL SOULS DAY MASS TUESDAY, NOV 2 AT 7PM

At 7pm we will be having a Memorial Mass here at St Thomas More praying for all those whose funeral was held in our church since last November. Letters of invitation have been sent to the families. Please feel free to join us to pray for those deceased from our Parish families.



St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Fiscal Report - September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021 Fiscal Report - September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020

Where It Came From

	This Year	Last Year
Regular Collection	\$ 577,734	\$ 595,219
Fund Raising	\$ 20,404	\$ 4,677
Parish Programs	\$ 146,729	\$ 142,222
Auxiliary Revenue	\$ 128,212	\$ 81,127
Collection For Others	\$ 16,833	\$ 22,109
Non-Operating Income	\$ 88,225	\$ 103,207
Extraordinary Income	\$ 65,660	\$ 105,896
Total	\$ 1,043,797	\$ 1,054,457
Where It Went		
Salaries	\$ 281,592	\$ 300,624
Fringe Benefits	\$ 110,311	\$ 103,798
Parish Programs	\$ 54,217	\$ 46,466
Regional School (Holy Family)	\$ 71,426	\$ 38,566
Printing & Office	\$ 54,341	\$ 45,049
Auxiliary Expenditures	\$ 81,751	\$ 88,291
Rectory/Household	\$ 4,924	\$ 2,836
Collection For Others	\$ 16,833	\$ 22,109
Bldgs. Util & Maintenance	\$ 189,042	\$ 176,214
Non-Operating Capital Expenses	\$ 229,102	\$ 235,681
Total	\$ 1,093,539	\$ 1,059,634
Net Difference	\$ (49,742)	\$ (5,177)

Summation:

Before summarizing this statement, acknowledgement should be granted to all of the STM family for the patience, generosity, and ingenuity shown of the last year in keeping our faith alive and strong during a very challenging time, THANK YOU ALL!!!

That said, this financial statement reflects much of what we as a community, as well as our world, have experienced over the last 20 months... the impact of COVID 19! While the impact caused by this pandemic can be overstated, the reality is that several major sources of income were significantly impacted. As you can see, there is a significant growth in our Operating Loss in 2020 of nearly \$45,000.

The causes of this deficit are from several areas of concern. Some of these contributing elements caused by the pandemic that come to mind include loss of attendance at Mass resulting in lower income from collections, cancellation of the Golf Outing which averaged \$15000 per year, and reduced non-operating income such as loss of Knights of Columbus donation from Spaghetti Dinner which was cancelled in 2020.

Regarding Operating Expense, the bottom line shows a reduction of expenses, but several cautionary factors need to be highlighted. Fringe benefits such as Insurance increased along with costs associated with maintenance, utilities, and Parish programs. NOTE OF CAUTION: the impact of current and anticipated inflation could be a major cost driver in 2021.

One of the other factors is the cost of aid to Catholic education which evolved from local to Diocesan levels. While we have adjusted budgetary values it remains to be seen what will be happening with student population attending Catholic Schools in the near future.

Regardless of anticipated challenges, our outlook for 2021-2022 is forecasted to be somewhat more positive. As the pandemic seems to be waning a bit there are some positive signs. Attendance is improving at Church each weekend and we anticipate "normal" attendance during the Christmas holidays, which should yield increases in collections, We anticipate the resumption of Parish functions such as the Golf Outing, spaghetti dinner, normalized Religious Education activities, etc.

In closing, this is a good time to consider FAITH DIRECT monthly collection of your generous donations. The automated method of donating to STM is especially appropriate in these challenging times, Please call the Rectory for further information.

May our Lord continue to bless us all with His gifts and keep us in faith and love as one Parish family.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Submitted by Financial Committee, approved by Father Antony Asir

Detail of Where It Comes From

Regular Collections

577,734

- Collections for Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter

Fund Raising

\$ 20,404

- Includes rebates from Catholic Ministries Appeal, Gains and losses from fund-raising events such as Feast Weekend, Calendar Club, Raffle, Golf Outing

Parish Programs

\$ 146,729

- Funds received from Religious Education fees, Parish Social Ministry, Youth Ministry

Auxiliary Revenue

\$ 128,212

- Includes Maintenance & Repair Fund; wedding, funeral, and baptism offerings; LI Catholic,

donations from societies, bulletin commission

Collection for Others

\$ 16,833

- All special non-parish collections and special disaster collections that are collected and then forwarded in their entirety

Non-Operating Revenue

\$ 88,225

- Gains and losses from Investment Fund; unrealized gains and losses from investments

Extraordinary Revenue

\$ 65,660

- Targeted & restricted donations (including Capital Campaign)

Detail of Where It Went

Salaries

\$ 281,592

- Clergy, church office staff (1 f/t + 2 p/t days. Religious Ed staff (2 + 1 p/t), music ministry (1 + 1 p/t), youth ministry (1 p/t), plant operations (2 p/t)

Fringe Benefits

\$ 110,311

- Includes health & dental insurance, FICA taxes, pension, workers' comp insurance

Parish Programs

\$ 54,217

- Includes religious education non-employee expenses, social ministry non-employee expenses, youth ministry non-employee expenses, adult education (like Bible Study), consolation ministry, RCIA, stewardship, parish retreat

Regional School

\$ 71,426

- Churches without their own parochial school contribute 15% of regular collections to the Diocesan Education fund, since our regional school closed.

Printing & Office

\$ 54,341

- Includes postage, printing supplies, phone, payroll fees, computer fees, equipment

Auxiliary Expenditures

\$ 81,751

- Includes liturgical expenses, choir expenses, diocesan assessment, staff gifts

Rectory Household

4,924

- Includes rectory food, household cleaning supplies, newspapers, items needed to maintain a household

Collection for Others

\$ 16,833

- All monies collected on behalf of others are forwarded entirely to their respective entities (i.e. Missions, Rice Bowl, Peter's Pence)

Buildings - Utilities & Maintenance

\$ 189,042

- Includes National Grid, LIPA, heating oil, water, contracted maintenance services, ordinary repairs & maintenance, maintenance supplies, minor rectory renovations, insurance premiums

Non-Operating Capital Expenses

\$ 229,102

- Includes improvements from the Capital Campaign



Join us on Halloween—Oct 31 at the 9:30am Mass



EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

St. Patrick Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Patrick, St. Luke, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9 AT 7:00 PM

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

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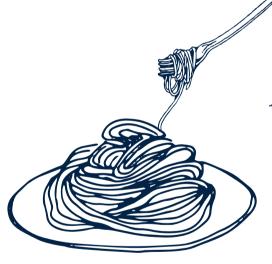


16th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 6PM ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

Dinner, Drinks
and Music



Auction, Raffles and Door Prizes

TICKETS ARE LIMITED, \$15 PER PERSON AVAILABLE AT MASSES

QUESTIONS OR TICKET SALES

GK Ernie LaFontaine 516-526-5710 lafont58@verizon.net PGK Stephen Loccisano 631-357-4122 snlocc@aol.com

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

October 17th, 24th, and 31st





Join us at the 11:30 Sunday mass, then our meeting until 2:30pm!





ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31,2021

9AM - 1 PM

TRUCK WILL BE PARKED IN FRONT OF PARISH OUTREACH GARAGE 119 KINGS HIGHWAY, HAUPPAUGE

Clean, gently used clothing can only be accepted on Sunday October 31st DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE















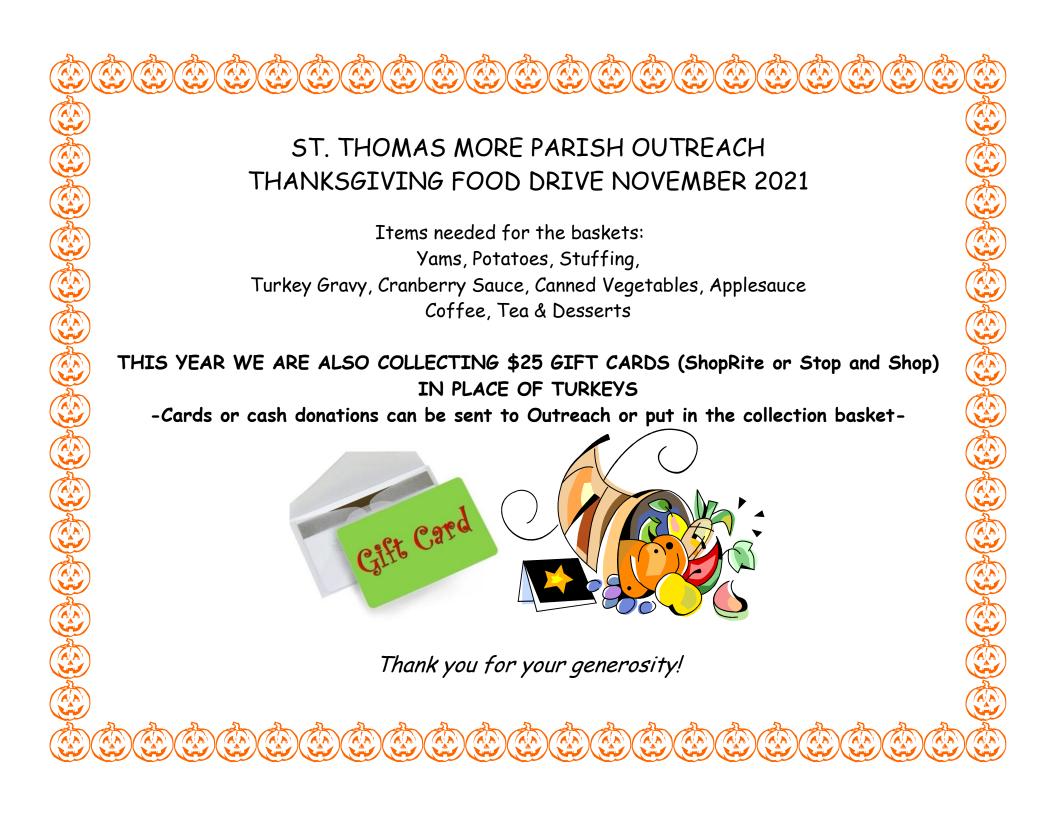
VETERANS DAY MASS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, 5PM

To all Veterans and families—As you know we were unable to have our annual Veterans Mass last year due to the Covid-19 virus. This was the first time in many, many years that we did not have our annual Mass.

I am glad that we will have the opportunity to join once again in celebration of Veterans Day. Please note the date and time.

All Veterans are encouraged to wear their military uniform, hat, shirt etc. See you all there.

Jerry Ferrara Veteran U. S NAVY



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Every Week 9:30 am Family Mass

Children will celebrate and discuss the Liturgy of the Word in Walden Hall with a team of volunteers.

Children will return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children Ages
4-8 yrs old
(Older siblings welcome)



Questions?

Please call Religious Ed. Office 631-234-0397