



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More
 115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany 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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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge
 Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
 from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
 sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-4
Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—First Saturday—World Day of Prayer for Peace

9am Rosemarie Perez *by Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

5pm—Joel Miller *by Marilyn Miller*

Sunday, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord

8am—William Frederick Breinlinger *by the Breinlinger family*

9:30am—Graziano Zara *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

11:30am—Thomas Zenga *by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

Monday, January 3—Holy Name of Jesus

9am—Elisa Gustam *by Caroline McNeil*

Tuesday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9am—Ann Glanzman *by the McNeil family*

Wednesday, January 5—St. John Neumann

9am—Carol Beck *by Ann & Lou Anatrella*

Thursday, January 6—St. André Bessette

9 am—Michael Seda *by John & Arlene Aspromgos*

Friday, January 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort

9am—Margaret Riordan (healing) *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Saturday, January 8

5pm—Carol Chiffone *by Carl & Maude Torrillo*

Sunday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

8am—Vincent Lucchese *by Denise Abbruzzese*

9:30am—Michael Seda *by the Recce family*

11:30am—Louise Pondt *by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Nachtman*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 4:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-1b, 21-22

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Focus Questions:

1. Relate a way you experience God’s light guiding you in your life.
2. What new signs of the times point you to the presence or absence of God?
3. Describe a time when you searched Scriptures for an answer to something that was happening.

Family and children’s question:

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus. Who or what leads you to Jesus?



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A man was doing his Ph.D. in philosophy. His wife realized how seriously he was taking his studies and she said to him, “Why is it you love me so much?”

Quick as a shot he replied, “When you say “so much,” are you referring to intensity, depth, frequency, quality, or duration?”

Can love be dissected into explainable elements?....By dissecting its petals, no one ever gathered in the beauty of the rose.

This week is the feast of Epiphany. Jesus reveals God’s divinity in his humanity to the three wise men from the east. From three gifts (Gold, frankincense and myrrh) they brought, it is said that they understood this baby Jesus to be God, King and Savior. What would have gone in their mind when they saw this King, God and Savior in a human child, of a poor and simple couple Mary and Joseph?



Revelation of Jesus did not happen in a way we expect a God or a King or a Savior to appear. Jesus chose a simple way, through ordinary people living in regular living conditions. The hearts which are open to God could recognize it. The hearts which associate the divine revelation with the extraordinary events or in the people who try to fit the divine revelation into humanly acceptable rational terms, would miss it.

God’s revelation takes place always, in all places and persons in ways God chooses. God’s revelation is available to those who are open to such ways of God. An open heart is a loving heart which seeks to receive the signals of revelation sent from God. It is not like a rational mind which expects divine revelation in the way it wants. Epiphany asks us to have an open and loving heart to receive God’s revelation, not a closed and confined mind.



“20+G+M+B+21”: You may have noticed when you exit the church the writing “20+G+M+B+21” above the exit door of the Church. Three letters are the initials to the names of three kings Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar and the numbers indicate the running year. This signifies that God is revealing to us who are the present day three kings. God is not a God of Old times, but of our time, now, today of 2021. Epiphany is the time to celebrate our home as the home which recognizes God and invites God’s grace to fill the house. Please write the same inscription inside over the exit door of your home. Every time you exit your home, this will remind you that God is ready to shine upon you with His wisdom and strength as He did to the three kings.

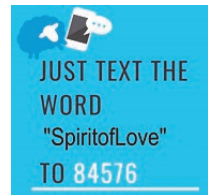
2021 Contribution Statements: We are trying to complete the data entries of 2021 into our system. If you want a record of your 2021 contributions for tax purposes, please complete and return the cut-out in the bulletin and return it to the Parish Office. We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.

Faith Direct and Sacrificial Giving: We thank those who have signed up for Faith Direct as the way to fulfill their way of supporting the parish and other special collections deducted from a checking or saving account and thus transferred to our parish account. The other way is to have the support amount by a credit card of choice. The parish is charged the credit card fee for this type of transaction. Either choice is acceptable and appreciated.

Please find more information about how to do Faith Direct from our Parish Website [“stmli.org”](http://stmli.org). You can find a link to Faith Direct under ‘Parish Life’ in the Home page. At this time of the virus-resurge if you prefer to watch mass on TV or on line, Faith Direct is the convenient way of continuing your support to the parish Thanks again for all your support.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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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

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**

2021 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2021 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of : Dec. 25, 2021 \$13,823.00
 Dec. 26, 2021 \$ 3,653.00

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,

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
 APPEAL 2021**

as of **December 20, 2021**

Our Parish Goal	\$68,000.00
Pledges to date	\$37,437.00
Percentage of Goal	55.05%



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 is on January 10, 2022 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be:

A Patron Saint of Liars by Ann Patchett

Facilitator: Maria Rotolico

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

Melissa Farina’s Level I Confirmation class with the items they donated that went to Long Island Cares



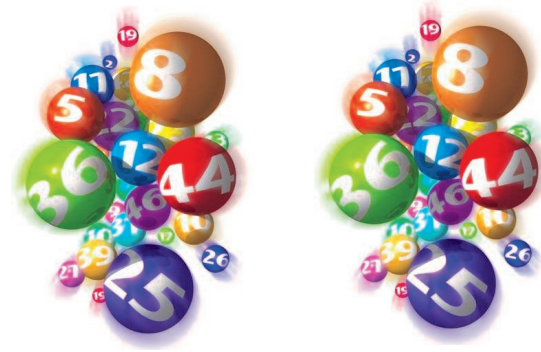
Rose Williamson, Level I Confirmation catechist, picked up toiletry bags, socks, lap blankets, put together by some of the Level I and II Confirmation classes. Rose brought the donations to V.A. Clinics across Long Island.

Some of our Level II Communion and Level II Confirmation made cards that were given to residents and patients at the Ross Health Care Center in Brentwood.

Our 5th graders donated cans of vegetables and fruit for our parish food pantry.

Our 6th grade classes donated toys, games and activity books to children who are in the hospital this Christmas.

We thank all the catechists, children and parents for their efforts to brighten the Christmas for so many.

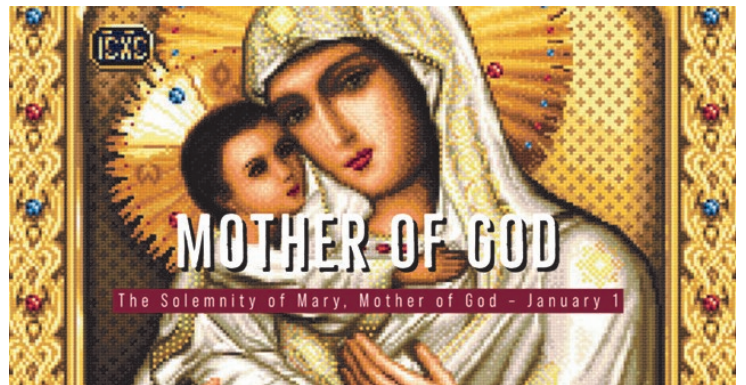


Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for Dec. 19—25, 2021

12/19/2021	\$50	803 Sharon Mills
12/20/2021	\$25	1242 Mary Lou Braun
12/21/2021	\$25	149 Lillian Estelle Margas
12/22/2021	\$50	48 Anthony & Agnes Gandolfo
12/23/2021	\$25	913 Elizabeth Hansen
12/24/2021	\$25	445 Meagan Napolitano
12/25/2021	\$75	595 Ed & Arleen Rogan





PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Ronnie Borgese, Pamela Brosnan, Paul Connors, Angela Convok Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Veronica Corvasce, Marianne Deszcz, Michael Fiorentino, David Gingold, Chet Kalenty, Kevin Kenney, Joe Madonia, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Eleanor Kingsley, Manuel (Mal) Malavet, Ed McAllister, Robert McGurrin, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Ellen Murphy, Philip Pandolfi, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Barbra Mary Sexton, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, 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



Altar Bread and Wine Memorial

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Richard Heller, Mary Moccia, Susan Imandt, Pauline Takach, 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



We would like to extend our gratitude for your generosity this Christmas Season. Because of you we were able to provide Christmas dinner to almost 50 families in our local community as well as gift cards for them to buy gifts for their children. In addition, we collected almost 200 toys, baby clothes, diapers and wipes that we were able to share with those in need in our larger community. On behalf of the volunteers in the pantry and Outreach we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

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: The Catholic Health Services Mobile Health Van will be at St. Thomas More on Tuesday, January 4th to administer flu vaccines to anyone in need

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please consider a gift to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul so that we can continue to bring comfort and peace to others.



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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Ministry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

CALENDAR CLUB 2022

I (We) would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2022.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

PHONE:

ONE number for \$25 OR

FIVE numbers for \$100

(If you return your form and payment by Sunday, December 12, 2021, 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 MOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope Calendar Club 2022).

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW – H & M: Positions available in Lake Grove, Garden City, and Riverhead.

Go to: <https://career.hm.com>

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

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

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

Stop & Shop (East Northport): Looking for deli, cashiers, dairy and overnight shifts.

Go to <https://stopandshop.reidsystems.com> or call: 631-462-5555

Whole Foods (Commack): 15% Store discounts! Apply on line.

Go to: joinwholefoods.com

Dick's Sporting Goods: Hiring Now. Go to: www.dicks.com/jobs

White Castle: Multiple Positions. Apply on line at: <https://careers.whitecastle.com>

Walmart: Adding 100+ P/T and F/T positions in new Yaphank Super Store

Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

Orsted (Wind Farm Operator): Project Managers and Technicians needed. Port Jefferson location. Go to: <https://us.orsted.com/careers/vacancies#>

Chipotle: Apply on line at: Jobs.Chipotle.com (Restaurant Name: Motor Parkway; Restaurant Number: 1634)

Auto Zone: Positions still available. Go to www.autozone.com/careers

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

Maryhaven: Many positions at many locations.

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

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

Still Looking – Brendel's Bagels: 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 - The Paramount Theater (Huntington): Many positions available. Sign on bonuses.

Send resume to: kevin@paramountny.com

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

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

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.

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

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

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

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care 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

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care 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/>

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



Family Mass on Christmas Eve 2021





Holy Hour

New Life in Christ

Tuesday, January 4th
at 7:00 pm

Please join us for a Holy Hour of
adoration, music, and prayer.



St. Thomas More Parish
A Catholic Church Community in Hauppauge, NY
Sharing The Spirit Of Love



A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

“I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future.”

— MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

GET INVOLVED

Contact kbill@thfny.com or call (516) 745-7640



Morning Star Initiative



To make a tax deductible donation, please scan the QR code below or complete this form and mail your check to *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation* with “MSI” written in the memo line.

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553



First, Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____