



Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 16, 2022

Second 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

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Social Media

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 16, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3,7-8,9-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Saturday, January 15

5pm—Patricia O’Connell *by Matt & Nancy
O’Connell*

Sunday, January 16—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Ralph Molinaro *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

9:30am—Patricia Farley *by Paula & Sal Campo*

11:30am—Jaime Rodriguez *by his family*

Monday, January 17—St. Anthony

9am—Elena LaSala *by the McNeil family*

Tuesday, January 18

9am—David Richard Blot *by Dennis & Patricia
Sheridan*

Wednesday, January 19

9am—Dolores Liverano *by the Citro family*

Thursday, January 20—St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

9 am—Alojzy Pienkowski *by the Eyring family*

Friday, January 21—St. Agnes

9 am—Vincent Armino *by the Harten family*

Saturday, January 22

5pm—Ralph Molinaro *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, January 23—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Thomas Clarke *by the Chin family*

9:30am—Louise Pondt *by the STM Columbiettes*

11:30am—John Fattorusso *by Kasey Schook*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1;1-4, 4:14-21

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us,

I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to
the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Focus Questions:

1. Where in your life, family or wider community can you make more room for joy?
2. Describe the ways you/parish continue the work of Jesus to bring glad tidings to the poor.
3. Jesus announced His ministry of bringing about God’s reign. Where do you see signs of the reign of God breaking in around you?

Family and children’s question:

Recall a family story that helps remind you of who you are.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A teenager was with his mother at his uncle's wedding. He appeared unaffected by the ceremony until the bride and groom lighted the unity candle with their candles and then blew out their own. With that he brightened and whispered to his mom, "I have never seen that done before." The mom whispered back, "You know what it means, don't you?" His response: "No more old flames." The family is a living reality and creative flow. In families a new reality is always in view and the old one is ever ready to be transformed.

Today's Gospel is the first miraculous sign of Jesus at the beginning of his ministry. Mary, Jesus and His disciples attended a wedding in Cana in Galilee. Mary noticed that the lack of wine would soon stop the celebration. At her intercession Jesus transformed the water into wine. Mary's intercession and Jesus's gracious presence kept the Wedding celebration to go on from its abrupt end due to lack of wine. The story ends reporting that the people who experienced Jesus's gracious presence in tasting the New and Superior wine, believed in Him.



This first miraculous Sign of Jesus speaks a lively message even today to our families (weddings). We plan our weddings and form our families with all our human care and responsibility. We also know that our human resources and supports can help us fulfill our dreams and desires only to a certain extent. There will come a time when we will run out of wine and the celebration may soon dwindle, shrink and expire.

When we invite Jesus and Mary to be present in our weddings and families we will always have Mary to intercede for us and Jesus to turn our lack of wine-moments into a New and Superior wine-moment. We may

have just water to continue our celebration but the presence of Jesus in our families will turn the water into wine; i.e., our regular and routine moments to celebrative and lively moments.

Jesus's presence in our weddings or families promises TRANSFORMATION. As human beings, the bride and the groom of a marriage union, or mother and father of a family always are imperfect and insufficient. None of us is equipped to satisfy all the needs and to fulfill all the expectations of the other. But all of us should also remember that each of us can grow up to or transform ourselves to be a compatible spouse to the other. **When one allows Jesus to work in our selves,** Jesus will help us to break through our hard-hearted egoistic self-centeredness. Jesus's presence would transform us to see in ourselves a New and Superior self that can celebrate wedding and family in spite of our insufficiencies. Jesus can make us turn our water into wine. Let us avail ourselves to the Presence of Jesus in our weddings and families. Let us pray Jesus to change our water into wine, our insufficient moments to celebrative moments.

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 the cut-out in the bulletin and return it to the Parish Office. We will begin mailing them out towards the end of January.

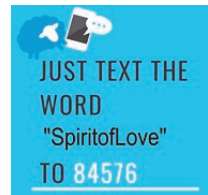
Faith Direct and Sacrificial Giving: We thank those who have signed up for Faith Direct as the way to fulfill their way of supporting the parish and other special collections deducted from a checking or saving account and thus transferred to our parish account. The other way is to have the support amount 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 the Parish Website "stmli.org". You can find a link to Faith Direct under 'Parish Life' in the Home page. At this time of virus-resurge if you prefer to watch the mass in the 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



Family
is what happens
when two people fall in
Love

Rectory Phone: 631-234-5551**Pastor**Rev. Antony Asir *ext. 14***Deacons**Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico
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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	Scott Lovelock
Jessie Bernstein	Andrew Lynch
Joseph Blaugrund	Troy A. Maida,
Anthony Broncatello	William Maley
John Burk	Joseph Marziotto Jr.
Collin Busto	Thomas Migliara
Collin J. Crean	Tim Morris
Eddie Cullum	Adam Moumine
Eric Cullum	John Nachtman
David Cussen	Kaitlyn Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Thomas Nichols
P. J. Erskin	Adam Papaizai
Timothy Fallon	Michael Poist
Major Michael Fantauzzi	Michael Polanski
J.T. Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Mike Foltz	Antonia Marie Rivera
Michael Gioia	Ann Karen Sanchez
Carl F. Greiner	Justin Schneider
Philip Gudone	Christopher Sidor
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Singer
Matthew L. Hamann	Ryan Smith
Sean Hendrikson	Anthony Troise
Tylor J. Hickey	Michael White
John Karies	
Michael Knipper	
Dylan Kowalski	
Thomas LaFemina	
Alex Lombardi	
Andrew Lombardi	
Lt. Clint Lorance	

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of January 9, 2022 \$3,588.00

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 January 10, 2022

Our Parish Goal	\$68,000.00
Pledges to date	\$37,487.00
Percentage of Goal	55.13%

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Friday, January 14th at 12:30 pm in Walden Hall. Besides the meeting, there will be games, coffee and cake.



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 February 14, 2022 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be:

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Facilitator: Marti White

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



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom

Let's Celebrate! Religious Freedom Day is Here!

The President has declared January 16 as Religious Freedom Day every year since 1993 in commemoration of the 1786 Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom. This legislation, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, was the model for the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution.

.All presidents, since 1993, have issued a Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day:
 "Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives ...that January 16, 1993, is designated as Religious Freedom Day (and the President calls on) all people of the U.S. to celebrate their religious freedom..."
 President George H.W. Bush, 1993 Proclamation

"Religious freedom helps to give America's people a character independent of their government, fostering the formation of individual codes of ethics, without which a democracy cannot survive
 President Bill Clinton, 1994 Proclamation

"Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our Republic, a core principle of our Constitution, and a fundamental human right."
 President George W. Bush, 2002 Proclamation

"Faith can bring us closer to one another, and our freedom to practice our faith and follow our conscience is central to our ability to live in harmony."
 President Barack Obama, 2010 Proclamation

"From its opening pages, the story of America has been rooted in the truth that all men and women are endowed with the right to follow

been rooted in the truth that all men and women are endowed with the right to follow their conscience, worship freely, and live in accordance with their convictions."
 President Donald Trump, 2020 Proclamation

(gogateways.org/religiousFreedomDay (1); religiousfreedomday.com; nationaltoday.com; cffor.org)

O God our Creator,
 We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened, give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
 USCCB—Prayer for Religious Liberty

Courtesy Announcements

1st Announcement

The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America and Catholic Cruises and Tours—Holy Land Discovery (Israel)—Take your faith on a Journey on this 8-day experience—April 8, 2022—April 15, 2022. Included destinations: Tel Aviv, Israel—Jaffa—Caesarea—Megiddo—Nazareth—Bet She'an—Magdala—Sea of Galilee—Capernaum—Mount of Beatitudes—Cana—Bethlehem—Jerusalem—Masada and the Dead Sea. Mass will be offered on your journey. Land prices begin at \$2289 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of \$549 per person will reserve your space. For further info. contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
St. Patrick School, Smithtown—Open House and Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year—Sunday, January 30. Please check the website for further details or contact the school office at 631-724-0285



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Ronnie Borgese, Pamela Brosnan, Paul Connors, Angela Convok Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Veronica Corvasce, Marianne Deszcz, Sal Ferraro, 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, Arlene Osieckui, Philip Pandolfi, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Barbra Mary Sexton, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Mary Anne Walker, 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

Kiem T.Le, Kenneth Kelleher, Arthur Bienz, 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



“Give and gifts will be given to you—a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

—Luke 6:38

Our current needs include:

Boxed Milk
Bread
Canned Fruit
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 juice**
Toothpaste
Shampoo**
Bar Soap**
Toilet Paper**
Laundry Detergent (small)
Paper Towels**

*we especially need these items

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they begin to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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

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 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)

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 – LA Fitness (Commack): Housekeeping Staff needed. Speak with Operations Manager or submit resume at website. 631-623-5216

NEW – U-Haul (Smithtown): Positions available. Sign on bonuses.

Inquire within: 771 Nesconset Highway

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

Still Looking - Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available. Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

Whole Foods (Commack): 15% Store discounts! Apply on line. Go to: joinwholefoods.com

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

Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

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

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

UPDATE - 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.

UPDATE - 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

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>

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).

Last Sunday's Youth Group

Our topic was Miracles! We attended mass, learned about Carlo Acutis, reviewed how to become a saint, and did a short meditation on one of Jesus' miracles.



Our next meeting is Sunday, January 16th. Our meeting is from 12:30 to 2:30pm but we invite you to also attend the 11:30am mass.