

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 23, 2022

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.

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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge
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To receive texts or emails from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 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

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

Monday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales 9am—Richard Van Stamwitz by John & Marti White

Tuesday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul 9am—Elaine Bode *by the McNeil family*

Wednesday, January 26—St. Timothy and St. Titus

9am—Michael Keohane by Joseph Hickey Sr.

Thursday, January 27—St. Agnes Merici 9 am—Tim McLaughlin *by Chris & Andrew Paino*

Friday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas 9 am—Lubomyr Klymkowych *by the Harten family*

Saturday, January 29

5pm—Jeanne Baer by Ed Baer

Sunday, January 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Ralph Molinaro by Len Munzer

- 9:30am—Patricia Farley by John, Sharon, Campor family
- 11:30am—Patricia A. Surico by Dolly Ward

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum."

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

Focus Questions:

- 1. Relate a time when you spoke the truth and did not receive a welcome response.
- 2. Jesus highlights the healing of a nonbeliever. Describe a time when you were amazed at the faith of a 'nonbeliever'
- 3. Describe a time when you felt that your own family and friends did not understand you.

Family and children's question:

Talk about the importance of being truthful. Share a story of someone who told the truth even when it was difficult.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends.

A man was overheard as he was leaving his companion at the entrance to the Internal Revenue Service Office: "As your tax consultant, I said in case of an audit I would accompany you the IRS. I never said anything about going in with you."

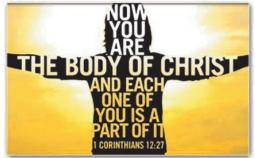
Everyone says they want community and friendship. But mention accountability or commitment to people, and they run the other way. (*Timothy Keller*) Yes, as humans, we are social beings longing for loving and committed relationships, but at the same time each of us is an individual with our own uniqueness.

St. Paul in today's second reading metaphorically explains this human reality. Human society is like the human body. Each of us is individually a member of this human body. We have our own unique value, function and responsibility. But at the same time our own uniqueness would be deadly and of no value if we don't function together as ONE human body. A member has to be connected and synchronize itself to the body in order to be alive. To be healthy and alive means that all the members have to be interconnected and work together harmoniously as a body.



As humans, we would often be tempted to live our own uniqueness in the name of our individual right or personal freedom. Uniqueness is good but it cannot be alive in itself. It will die if it is not united to the body. So we need something very convincing, to bring us together in order to keep us all alive and active. Again St. Paul reminds us that the spiritual reality of Christ's presence among us brings each of us, the individuals together in order to be alive and active, responsible and loving, growing and healthy body.

In today's Gospel Jesus explains the same living reality of harmonious living. Jesus was an individual



human being but His vision and mission were to live His life not for His own selfish satisfaction but as the fulfillment of the Spirit of the Lord. His life is not to live his own whims and fancies but the inspiration and work of the Spirit. He explained that His life is to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives to give recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. His individual uniqueness is lived as social fulfillment. His life is people's liberation, healing and wellness.

We are called to day to find the fulfilment of our individual

uniqueness in the service of others who live with us. In living together harmoniously with others we will find our strength and meaning of living our individual self. The more we have a place for others in our lives the more we will be empowered and enthused to live our own individual lives. Let us pray that Christ the living power among us enlighten us and empower us to live our individual uniqueness.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



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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.

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein
Jessie Bernstein
Joseph Blaugrund
Anthony Broncatello
John Burk
Collin Busto
Collin J. Crean
Eddie Cullum
Eric Cullum
David Cussen
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan
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Major Michael Fantauzzi JT Foltz Mike Foltz Michael Gioia Carl F. Greiner Philip Gudone John Michael Haffner Matthew L. Hamann Sean Hendrikson Tylor J. Hickey John Karies Michael Knipper Dylan Kowalski Thomas LaFemina Alex Lombardi Andrew Lombardi Lt. Clint Lorance

Scott Lovelock Andrew Lynch Troy A. Maida, William Maley Joseph Marziotto Jr. Thomas Migliara Tim Morris Adam Moumine John Nachtman Kaitlyn Nachtman Thomas Nichols Adam Papaizai Michael Poist Michael Polanski Kyle Rathie Antonia Marie Rivera Ann Karen Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Christopher Singer Ryan Smith Anthony Troise Michael White



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 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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of January 16, 2022

\$3,017.00

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%





Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom

"When we assumed the Soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen." George Washington, 1775

Restoring Religious Freedom to Thirty-Five **Members of Military**

More than 12,000 military service members seeking a religious exemption to the Covid vaccine had all been denied an exemption until one resounding victory to 35 Navy SEALs on Jan. 3, 2022. Federal Judge Reed O'Connor found that, "the Covid-19 pandemic provides the government no license to abrogate" the freedoms of any American. "The Plaintiffs' loss of religious liberties outweighs any forthcoming harm to the Navy. Even the direst circumstances cannot justify the loss of constitutional rights." (1)

"No longer can the Navy force service members to choose between their faith and serving their country," said Mike Berry, representing the 35 SEALs on behalf of First Liberty Institute. "If religious freedom means anything, it must mean that those who are sworn to protect our freedoms should not be forced to lose those very same freedoms."(2) "Of the thousands of religious exemptions that have been sought (the military) has not approved a single one. That is textbook discrimination," Berry said. (3)

"My clients believe that the usage of fetal cell lines derived from abortions in the testing and development of any medical treatment is wrong," said attorney R. Davis Younts. "Interestingly, the Covid-19 vaccines have caused many individuals to learn about this unethical practice for the first time and they intend to take a stand against this practice in the future." (4)

Happening Now: Still Waiting for Court Date and Justice for Masked Student (5)

Lydia Booth, a 3rd grader at Simpson Central School in Mississippi in 2020, was forced to remove her mask that said "Jesus Loves Me", even though school officials allowed students to wear a wide variety of other messages on their masks including sports team logos and "Black Lives Matter." (6) Lydia said of the mask, "It makes me feel like I'm protected by Jesus." (7) After Lydia's mother did research, she found there was no school policy against expressing religious beliefs on a mask although school officials told her this is the

policy. Lydia's First Amendment right to free speech and religious freedom had been violated. Their Alliance Defending Freedom counsel said, "We're seeing administrators all over the place trying to shut down speech. They have many different reasons for doing it, but we're seeing a lot of Christian and conservative viewpoints being marginalized." (8)

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"If I can sit down for freedom, you can stand up for children." Rosa Parks

Courtesy Announcements

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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,
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

Robert Nick, Edward McAllister, Gary Ward, Kiem T. Le, Kenneth Kelleher, 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**

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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

In these first weeks of January, through your gifts, our conference of SVdP was able to assist our neighbors with rental, and mortgage assistance. Thank you!

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

^{*}we especially need these items

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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

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

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.careeers.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.

<u>Still Looking - The Paramount Theater (Huntington):</u> Many positions available. Sign on bonuses. Send resume to: <u>kev-</u>

in@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

<u>UPDATE - Northwell Health:</u> 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

<u>Hauppauge Palace Diner:</u> 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.

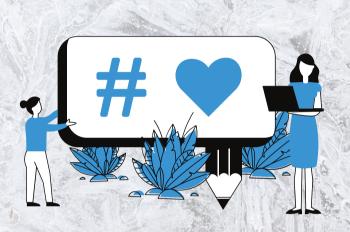
Go to: www.usps.com/careers

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: <a href="mailto:interior.inter

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

Last Sunday's Youth Group

We challenge each other and you to pray for those you scroll past on social media. We are called to see and live through Jesus in EVERYTHING!









Our next meeting theme is another Holy Hour on Sunday, January 23rd. Our meeting is from 12:30 to 2:30pm but we invite you to also attend the 11:30am mass.