

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

October 30, 2022

Thirty-First 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  
 Instagram: stm\_church

To receive texts or emails from us just text

**Spiritoflove** to 84576 or sign up @

[StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](https://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)

## ***Masses for this coming week***

**October 30, 2022**  
**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Wisdom 11:22-12:2**  
**Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14**  
**2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2**  
**Luke 19:1-10**

## ***Growing through the Sunday Scriptures***

**November 6, 2022**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14**  
**Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5**  
**Luke 20:27-38**

### **Saturday, October 29—Saint John Paul II (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)**

5pm—Carol Keidel *by Dr. Henry Keidel;*  
 Andrea Pascucci *by Maxine, Craig & Erica  
 Fischer*

### **Sunday, October 30—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8am—Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy & Amanda  
 Borowski*

9:30am—Vincent Koppelt *by The Sandbichler  
 Family;*

Marie Utter *by Yolanda Schweers*

11:30am—Gary Ward *by Betty Kane;*  
 Peter Pavlonis *by Jennifer & Joseph  
 Redmond*

### **Monday, October 31**

9am—Augie Vrondis *by Betty Vrondis & Family*

### **Tuesday, November 1—All Saints**

9am—Christopher & Mary Beth Weidig  
*by Al & Eileen Weidig*

7pm—All Saints (children welcome with costumes)

### **Wednesday, November 2—All Souls**

9am—All Souls Novena

7pm—All Souls Novena

### **Thursday, November 3—Saint Martin de Porres**

9am—All Souls Novena

### **Friday, November 4—Saint Charles Borromeo**

9am—All Souls Novena

### **Saturday, November 5**

**(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)**

5pm—All Souls Novena

### **Sunday, November 6—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8am—All Souls Novena

9:30am—All Souls Novena

11:30am—All Souls Novena

### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:**

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.*

Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died.

Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

### **Focus Questions:**

- 1) Have you ever been put to a test like Jesus was?
- 2) Describe a time when you tried to convince someone of something you believed in.
- 3) What does Jesus' answer do to help you understand the afterlife?

### **Family and children's question:**

Say prayers this week for family members who have died.

## FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

**Beethoven handled the violin awkwardly** and preferred playing his own compositions instead of improving his technique. His teacher called him hopeless as a composer.

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. Walt Disney also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.

Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four years old and didn't read until he was seven. His teacher described him as, "mentally slow, unsociable, and adrift forever in his foolish dreams. "He was expelled from the Zurich Polytechnic School. It happened more often than we know, that the persons who were considered as valueless have proved themselves highly valuable.

**Today's Gospel story narrates** that Zacchaeus was considered as sinner until Jesus declared him to be a saved one. The story begins describing Zacchaeus as chief tax collector who was grumbled at and branded as sinner and outcast by the people. The story ends by stating Zacchaeus redeemed by Jesus and thus declared by Jesus as a Son of Abraham like everybody else.

**Zacchaeus as a tax collector, was extorting money** from the people by hook or by crook in the name of tax. But his meeting with Jesus transformed him totally into a person who could declare openly, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." The extorting person became a generous donor who not only was ready to repay the extortion-ed money but also (half of his possession) to the poor. He not only converted from his former way of living (tax collector) but promised to live a New way of living by willingly sharing his wealth.

**The whole story ends with Jesus's powerful self-declaration**, "the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." 'To seek and save the lost' is Jesus's mission. 'To be lost' means that the lost person belonged to someone before he/she got lost. 'To save' means that the found person has still possessed something that could be or has to be saved. While others condemned and abandoned him as a lost and unredeemable soul, Jesus sought him by getting Himself self-invited to his house and saved/redeemed in him that which can never be lost, his right of being a descendant of Abraham.

**Zacchaeus story can be the story of us all.** We may forget, deny, or neglect God and prefer to sit on our own tree (convenient zone) like Zacchaeus. Or at times (like Christmas or Easter) we may like to see who Jesus is, like Zacchaeus did out of curiosity. But God in Jesus seeks us, comes to our own comfort or convenient zone to get self-invited to come to our abode. Behold He stands at our door and knocks. If anyone hears His voice and opens the door, [then] He will enter our house and dine with us. (Revelation 3:20)

**Encounter with Jesus and eating with Jesus** can happen today in our lives at the Eucharistic table which is the Holy Mass. The first part of the Mass contains readings. They explain how Jesus comes to us in today's context, to our place where we are. In the readings we can hear His self-invitation to dine with us. After the readings the Eucharistic celebrations starts at the Mass. At this moment, we offer the bread and wine to Jesus, while He offers back to us His body and blood in the forms of bread and wine. At the communion Jesus and we dine with each other. At this dinner time Jesus claims in us, that we are children of God redeemed by Him. At the end of the Mass we return to our life as persons touched by Jesus to live God's way of life in our day to day activities. The Zacchaeus story happens at the Mass for each one of us. Let us come down from our trees and dine with Jesus at the Mass to be sought and saved by Him

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



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**SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL**

**Websites**

[www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org)  
<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmlyouthhauppauge>

**Facebook**

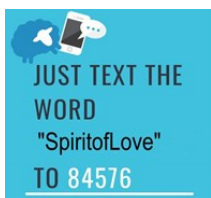
<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following  
Barbara & Joe Fratamico at [BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto: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**

**CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

*Here are the winners from October 30th to November 5th, 2022.*

**Congratulations!**

10/30/2022	563	Lorraine Toomey
10/31/2022	1206	Dottie Lossani
11/01/2022	453	Gregory Napolitano
11/02/2022	481	Virginia Chambart
11/03/2022	756	Stephen & Diane Phelan
11/04/2022	626	John Egan
11/05/2022	875	Wyatt Tate

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022**

as of **October 17, 2022**

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$69,300.00</b>
<b>Pledges to date</b>	<b>\$30,166.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>43.53%</b>

**Starting November 1st**  
**Rectory Office Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call **(631) 234-5551** and choose **option 4**

*All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.*





### Young At Heart

#### Next Meeting

Friday, November 11th

#### Upcoming Events

Luncheon at Golden Dynasty on November 16th

#### New Members Welcome

Questions contact Anna @ 631-234-0714



### Altar Bread and Wine Memorial

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family.

### Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me will **never** walk in **darkness**, but will have the **light of life**."  
JOHN 8:12

Come and Follow Jesus and his teachings!! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love and community which is the Catholic Church. **Contact RCIA** by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

### Courtesy Announcements

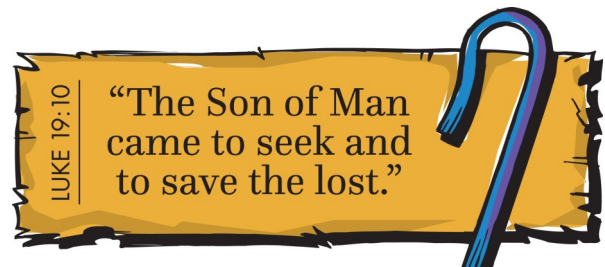
**St. Anthony's High School Christmas Craft Fair.** Saturday, November 5th, 10am till 4pm, 275 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY. Featuring over 175 unique vendors! For more info email: [crafffair@stanthonyshs.org](mailto:crafffair@stanthonyshs.org)

**CYFM and the Women Of The Waters Women's Retreat:** Women in the Genealogy of Jesus; Saturday, November 5, 2022, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, St. Lawrence Retreat Center, Beacon, NY. \$65 includes continental breakfast and lunch; register online by October 31, 2022 at <https://bit.ly/womenofwaters2022>

**Molloy University Fall Open House, Sunday, November 6th, 12:00 PM,** Register at: [www.molloy.edu/openhouse22](http://www.molloy.edu/openhouse22)

**Coping with Loss during the Holidays "The Unwanted Gift of Grief"** Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry Church of St. Mary, East Islip, NY, Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7:30pm to 9:00pm, Sacred Heart Hall, East Islip, NY 11730. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering is appreciated. **Please RSVP to (631) 581-4266 ext. 125 to reserve your seat.**

**Organfest!** Celebrate the pipe organ with a keynote address, breakout sessions, and concert with Dr. Peter Latona, Director of Sacred Music at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC). Saturday, November 19th, 9:00am-3:00pm. St. Joseph's Seminary- Yonkers, NY. Tickets: \$45 (full day with lunch)/ \$25 (student full day-includes lunch/ \$20 (2:25pm concert only)



LUKE 19:10

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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

**SUPPORT COLLECTION**

Collection of October 23, 2022      \$4,667.00

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.

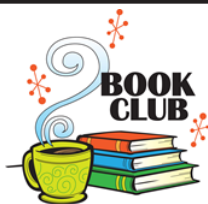
Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY227](https://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

**Bring your own questions or just listen to others...**

**Alpha-  
Returning to STM  
January 12, 2023**



**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 **November 14, 2022** at **2:30 p.m.** Our book for discussion will be:

**We Begin at the End** by *Chris Whitaker*.

Facilitator: Marie Hanna

For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Barbara Foberg, Patty Golembiewski, Linda Heller, Susan Occhuito, Donald Parisi, Frank Petrocelli, Aodan Reddy, Helen Reichert, Lorraine Rouse, Margi Schwarting.

*Please see the cutout in the bulletin and kindly submit your requests.*

*The previous listing expired on September 30, 2022  
The new listing will expire on March 31, 2023*



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*



**Jesus Eats With Zacchaeus**

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Joseph Reistetter, 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](http://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>.

**IMPORTANT DRVC INFORMATION**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claims for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found at the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page. The website can be found at: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

# *St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry* **OUTREACH**

“The Lord hears the cry of the poor”

~Psalm 34



Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmilil.org

**Thank you, thank you, thank you... for responding to our needs.  
We are still in need of:**

**Cereal ~ mustard ~ ketchup ~ mayonnaise ~ peanut butter ~ jelly ~ boxed milk**

As always we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans are difficult to distribute.

*Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to*

*Please do not leave any other items such as clothing or household items in the donation bins. Clothing can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot.*

*Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.*

## **Save the Date:**

The Catholic Health Mobile Van will be at STM on Tuesday Nov. 22nd from 10 to 2 to provide flu shots and health screenings to anyone in need. No fee and health insurance is not required.

**HELP WANTED:** We have a parishioner who is in need of child care for 3 children living in Nesconset. Hours are 4:30 to 8:30 AM and again from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Please call Outreach if interested.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully, and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

To contact us, please call 631-648-2760 or e-mail 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 2023

I/we would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2023

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

- ONE number for \$25 **OR**
- FIVE numbers for \$100

*(If you return your form and payment by Sunday, December, 11, 2022, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).*

I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope CALENDAR CLUB 2023).*

# St. Thomas More Employment Services

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**NEW – Bellmore UFSD: Teaching Assistants, F/T Substitutes, Monitors.**

Go to: [bellmore@bellmoreschools.org](mailto:bellmore@bellmoreschools.org)

**NEW Eastern Suffolk Boces: Teachers, Teaching Assistants and other positions available.**

Send resume to <https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

**NEW – FedEx Office: Local positions available.**

Go to: <https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs>

**UPDATE – Northwell Health:** Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

**SUNation:** Solar Customer Representatives, Roofing Mechanics, Roofing Foreman.

Send email to: [careers@sunation.com](mailto:careers@sunation.com) or call: 631-750-9454

**Newsday:** Multiple positions available.

Go to: <https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday>

or send an email to: [NewsdayHR@Newsday.com](mailto:NewsdayHR@Newsday.com)

**Amneal Pharmaceuticals:** Many positions available in Yaphank.

Go to: <https://amneal.com/careers/>

**Pet Smart:** F/T, P/T, Seasonal.

Go to: <https://careers.petsmart.com/>

**Educational Bus Transportation:** Drivers Needed. Call: 631-789-2300

**Dunkin':** Positions available at many locations.

Go to: <https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/careers>

**McDonald's:** Many **LOCAL** positions available.

Go to: [mchire.com](http://mchire.com) or inquire within.

**CVS Health:** Many local positions available.

Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

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

Go to: [www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com)

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

Go to: [www.catholiccharities.cc/careers](http://www.catholiccharities.cc/careers)

**BJ's:** Local jobs available.

Go to: [BJs.com/careers](http://BJs.com/careers)

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

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

**Walmart:** Positions available.

Go to: [www.careers.walmart.com](http://www.careers.walmart.com)

**Catholic Health Services:** Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

**Nassau County:** Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: [www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment)

**Suffolk County:** Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment) or call: 631-853-6540

**Stony Brook Medical Center:** Multiple health and non-health job opportunities available.

Go to: <https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers>

**United States Postal Service (USPS):** Many career opportunities available.

Go to: [www.usps.com/careers](http://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](mailto:jmtwhite@optonline.net)

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

New



Choir Members  
Welcome!

Adult Choir News

The Fall Season is now upon us!!!

Since COVID our choir has lost a few members and we are in need of re-building our group.



We invite all singing voice parts to join us and help in this endeavor.

We meet once a week for about 1 1/2 hrs. on Thursday evenings and sing at the 11:30 Sunday Masses.

Please consider joining and raising your voices to God in song. It's fun too!

For info please call Emilia @ 631-724-8820. Thank you & God Bless!

Children's Choir Update:

Now that the summer is over and school has started, we will once again resume church related activities!

I invite 3rd grade and up children to consider becoming part of the family liturgy choir.

Since COVID our members have dropped & we would like to rebuild our group.



If you have heard Noelle, Rose, Angelica or Sarah this summer, you should know their service to community began in 3rd grade.

We meet once a week for 1 hour, 5:30 to 6:30 on Thursdays.

Please try to fit us into your Fall Schedule.

For info please call Emilia

## **ANNUAL VETERANS DAY MASS**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 5 PM MASS**



**All Veterans are welcome. Please wear Something to identify your branch of service. This year the Honor Core of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus will be in attendance to help celebrate this occasion.**

**After mass, there will be a raising of a new flag that will commence at the flag pole directly after mass.**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



# St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Fiscal Report - September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

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## Where It Came From

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Regular Collection	\$ 574,040	\$ 577,734
Fund Raising	\$ 26,407	\$ 20,404
Parish Programs	\$ 124,164	\$ 146,729
Auxiliary Revenue	\$ 87,118	\$ 128,212
Collection For Others	\$ 13,630	\$ 16,833
Non-Operating Income	\$ (83,241)	\$ 88,225
Extraordinary Income	\$ 20,888	\$ 65,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 763,006</b>	<b>\$ 1,043,797</b>

## Where It Went

Salaries	\$ 325,571	\$ 281,592
Fringe Benefits	\$ 117,205	\$ 110,311
Parish Programs	\$ 28,820	\$ 54,217
Regional School	\$ 69,328	\$ 71,426
Printing & Office	\$ 73,865	\$ 54,341
Auxiliary Expenditures	\$ 72,519	\$ 81,751
Rectory/Household	\$ 3,424	\$ 4,924
Collection For Others	\$ 13,630	\$ 16,833
Bldgs. Util & Maintenance	\$ 193,468	\$ 189,042
Non-Operating Capital Expenses	\$ 16,720	\$ 229,102
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 914,550</b>	<b>\$ 1,093,539</b>

**Net Difference** \$ (151,544) \$ (49,742)

## Summation:

As you may see the parish is experiencing the impact of inflation, erosion of investments and the same economic problems many of you are undergoing in these difficult times. Your generous support may have kept collections fairly close to last year, but we did experience significant impact due to inflation and investment erosion along with losses in major income streams from Parish Programs, Maintenance & Repair funds and the reduction of income from pledges for our Capital Campaign. In summary income decreased nearly \$300,000 year to year. Expenses increased in the salaries we pay staff along with fringe benefits which were the main drivers. Smaller increases were seen in Maintenance and Office expenses. In summary, while expenses overall decreased by nearly \$180,000; we were operating on a deficit of \$151,544. Thank you for your support during this difficult period and with God's help we hope for better news next year. St. Thomas More Church Financial Committee.

*Submitted by Financial Committee, approved by Father Antony Asir*

### **Detail of Where It Comes From**

<b>Regular Collections</b>	\$ 574,040
- Collections for Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter	
<b>Fund Raising</b>	\$ 26,407
- Includes rebates from Catholic Ministries Appeal, Gains and losses from fund-raising events such as Feast Weekend, Calendar Club, Raffle, Golf Outing	
<b>Parish Programs</b>	\$ 124,164
- Funds received from Religious Education fees, Parish Social Ministry, Youth Ministry	
<b>Auxiliary Revenue</b>	\$ 87,118
- Includes Maintenance & Repair Fund; wedding, funeral, and baptism offerings; LI Catholic, donations from societies, bulletin commission	
<b>Collection for Others</b>	\$ 13,630
- All special non-parish collections and special disaster collections that are collected and then forwarded in their entirety	
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>	\$ (83,240)
- Gains and losses from Investment Fund; unrealized gains and losses from investments	
<b>Extraordinary Revenue</b>	\$ 20,888
- Targeted & restricted donations (including Capital Campaign)	

### **Detail of Where It Went**

<b>Salaries</b>	\$ 325,571
- 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)	
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	\$ 117,205
- Includes health & dental insurance, FICA taxes, pension, workers' comp insurance	
<b>Parish Programs</b>	\$ 28,820
- 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	
<b>Regional School</b>	\$ 69,328
- Churches without their own parochial school contribute 15% of regular collections to the Diocesan Education fund, since our regional school closed.	
<b>Printing &amp; Office</b>	\$ 73,865
- Includes postage, printing supplies, phone, payroll fees, computer fees, equipment	
<b>Auxiliary Expenditures</b>	\$ 72,519
- Includes liturgical expenses, choir expenses, diocesan assessment, staff gifts	
<b>Rectory Household</b>	\$ 3,424
- Includes rectory food, household cleaning supplies, newspapers, items needed to maintain a household	
<b>Collection for Others</b>	\$ 13,630
- All monies collected on behalf of others are forwarded entirely to their respective entities (i.e. Missions, Rice Bowl, Peter's Pence)	
<b>Buildings - Utilities &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$ 193,468
- Includes National Grid, LIPA, heating oil, water, contracted maintenance services, ordinary repairs & maintenance, maintenance supplies, minor rectory renovations, insurance premiums	
<b>Non-Operating Capital Expenses</b>	\$ 16,720
- Includes improvements from the Capital Campaign	

# CONGRATULATIONS FR. ALEX

*WHO WILL BE IN RESIDENCE WITH THE POPE*



**Cordial Greetings to my St. Thomas More Family,**

It's nice to talk to you. I have been invited by His \*Eminence Most Rev Arthur Cardinal Roche\*, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of Sacraments to work in the Dicastery. I will be staying in Casa Santa Martha - which is Pope's quarters. I have to assume my duties in the second week of November.

Thanks for your support and accompaniment. Please continue to pray for me

In Christ  
**Fr Alexander**

## **Bake Sale Fundraiser**

**For David Holdorf's Eagle Scout Project**

**Cookies, Brownies &  
Gluten Free Items!**



**Prices will be on  
individual packaging!**



**David will be fundraising  
this weekend!**




**David's Eagle Scout Project is  
fixing up the overgrown  
pergola on our Parish grounds.**



**Come see David at the  
Bake Sale to discuss his  
project! (Donations are  
welcome)**



The background is a detailed religious illustration. At the top center is the Holy Trinity: the Father as an old man with a white beard, the Son as a young man with a halo, and the Spirit as a white dove with wings spread, all within a golden triangle. Below them are numerous saints in various poses, some holding crosses or staffs. At the bottom, there are depictions of the four Evangelists: a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle. The entire scene is set against a backdrop of soft, white clouds.

# *Holy Hour*

## *"Kingdom of Heaven"*

Contemporary  
music by Alex  
and Noelle!



Adoration and  
Benediction led  
by Deacon Matt!

**Wednesday, November 2nd**

**Immediately following our  
7:00pm All Soul's Day Mass**

**Celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day**





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## St. Thomas More/ Francis S. Midura Council 6062

Are you a Catholic gentleman in the parish, age 18 and older, interested in being a part of serving the community of St. Thomas More Parish and beyond?? Knights of Columbus Council 6062 can be the answer! Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are the benchmarks of our council. You give of your time what you can ,when you can.

If interested, you can reach Grand Knight Ernie LaFontaine at 516-526-5710 or Chancellor Lenny Carlino at 516-810-3548. Membership drive at masses weekend of November 5/6.





ST. THOMAS MORE, MSGR. MIDURA COUNCIL 6062



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# *Spaghetti Dinner*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 6PM**  
**AT ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH**

**Dinner, Drinks,  
Music and More**



**Auction, Raffles,  
and Door Prizes**

**TICKETS ARE STILL \$15 PER PERSON!**  
**AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES**

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*Questions & ticket sales...*

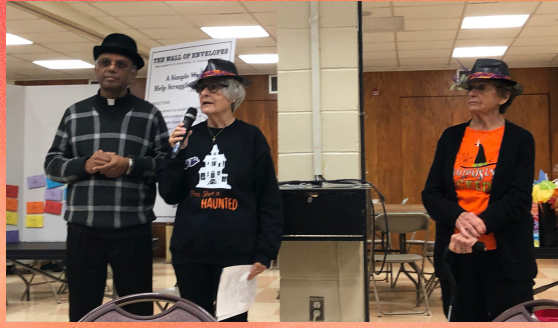
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# TRICK-OR-TREAT TEA 2022





# Last Sunday's Youth Group

October 23rd, 2022



**Snacking and socializing.**



**Gathering the donations for Outreach.**



**Learning about Moses and 10 Commandments.**



**Taking the donations to Outreach.**



**Unloading the food donations.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Sundays 12:30-2:30**

*October 30th*

*November 6th*



# Liturgical Minister Training – Fall 2022

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

**Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

## Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

**Tuesday, Oct. 25** - St. Elizabeth of Hungary / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors\*  
\*This is the only Lector Workshop being scheduled at this time

**Saturday, Oct. 29** – St. Rosalie / Hampton Bays – Community Center; 9 am – noon.  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A ONLY\*

**Saturday, Nov. 5** – St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 9 am – noon.  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A ONLY

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

**Saturday, Oct. 29** - St. Rosalie / Hampton Bays – Community Center; 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm\*

**Tuesday, Nov. 15** - St. Elizabeth of Hungary / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Saturday, Nov. 19** - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 9 am – noon.

\*This is the first time we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.

**A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Thank you for your interest!**