

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 6, 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“FOR HE IS NOT
THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR ALL LIVE TO HIM.”**

LUKE 20:38, NKJV

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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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

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

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

November 13, 2022
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Malachi 3: 19-20a
 Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
 Luke 21:5-19

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

Monday, November 7

9am—All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 8

9am—All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 9

9am—James J. Murphy Sr. *by Joan & Family*

Thursday, November 10—Saint Leo the Great

9am—Patricia Melvin *by Amy, Richie & Brendan Hughes*

Friday, November 11—Saint Martin of Tours

9am—Anthony Krol *by Marie Utter & Dottie Lossani*

Saturday, November 12—Saint Josaphat

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Terry Pankus *by Al Pankus;*

Patricia Hughes *by Eileen Ahern*

Sunday, November 13—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Vlady Nikiforov *by The Sandbichler Family*

9:30am—Mary Josephine Moccia *by Angela Scunziano & Family;*

Marie Utter *by Nanette McNamara*

11:30am—Heddy Buecken *by St. Thomas More Choir*



A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here--the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Focus Questions:

- 1) Describe a time when you faced a crisis. What helped you get through it?
- 2) Relate a time when you felt that God was guiding you through a difficult time.
- 3) Do you find Jesus' words troubling or empowering?

Family and children's question:

Take an action that would help a suffering person or our suffering world.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A farmer walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said one of the engineers, "but we don't have a ladder."

The farmer took a wrench from his car, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then with a tape measure, he took a measurement and announced, "Twenty-one feet, six inches," and walked away. One of the engineers shook his head and laughed, "Typical village farmer! We ask for the height, and he gives us the length!" A flagpole is the same and does not change in its measure either in its height or in its length. Our way of setting its position vertically or horizontally make us see its length or height.

In today's Gospel Jesus explains how life is bigger than any institution that we, the humans invented to help flourish it. The main purpose of the Marriage as an institution is to live the commitment of the spouses in love, respect and care for each other and the continuation of their progeny. Among the ancient Hebrews there was a practice that a man's widow must marry his surviving brother in order to continue the progeny for the dead brother. But the Sadducees took this particular use of Marriage Institution in order to prove their particular disbelief in the resurrection of the dead.

We need Institutions in order to help achieve its specific purposes for which they are introduced into the society. But one can also abuse them for their unintended use. For example, the institution of Justice can be used to render justice or be misused to take vengeance.

Unless and otherwise life and the continuation of life for all in all stages and status becomes the sole purpose, any Institution will fall wrongly into the hands of whoever has the power to interpret and decide. Jesus invites us today, to see the institutions as the means of the God of life who provides, promotes, and everlastingly continues LIFE. "He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." (Luke 20:38)

This week we present to you the Financial statement. Please find it in this bulletin. Members of the Finance Council will read it for us from the pulpit and will be available in the Narthex to answer any question we may have. In summary, the Parish has been operating at a deficit of approximately \$150,000, which has been driven by two factors we are all struggling with...INFLATION and EROSION OF INVESTMENT INCOME!

As you can see in the Finance Report,

the total income of the fiscal year 2021-2022 is \$763,000.

The total expense was \$915,000; thus we ran into the NET DEFECIT = \$151,500.

I, along with the guidance and help of the Finance Council and the cooperation of our Staff tried and am trying all my best to cut the spending as much as possible wherever and whenever possible.

Despite taking all the precautions measures of forthcoming expenses, our budget for the running Fiscal year is a \$200,00 deficit budget. *I fully understand the strain on each of you and on your families but if you do have the capability to increase your weekly contribution, please consider the Parish in your planning.* I will keep all of you in my prayers and with our Lord's help we will come through this difficult period.

I am very grateful to all the members of the Finance Committee who have been and continue to monitor our financial profile. We have moved much of our funds to fixed income instruments such as bonds. The remaining funds invested in Equity instruments are also invested into conservative index geared funds. We are maintaining close vigilance and will move our funds to mitigate the uncertainty of the economic conditions.

I thank you all, for reading this and especially for your generosity over the last year. Your love for me and each other is proof of our Living God! God bless you all....

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



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Rev. Antony Asir *ext. 14*

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Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux

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Religious Education Staff

Joanne Anelli *ext. 21*
Linda Ronning *ext. 25*

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org
<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmlyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

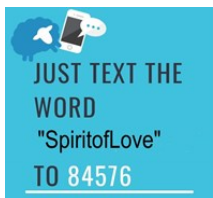
<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

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Email

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Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
Barbara & Joe Fratomico 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

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners from November 6th to November 12th, 2022.

Congratulations!

11/06/2022	554	Ralph Marcello
11/07/2022	988	John Egan
11/08/2022	1117	Robert Utter
11/09/2022	718	Andraia & Mike Miller
11/10/2022	106	David & Nancy Safaty
11/11/2022	603	Barbara Fratomico
11/12/2022	997	Barbara Jones

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022

as of **October 24, 2022**

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



1st Announcement

Jennifer Vaughan & Joseph Bender

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

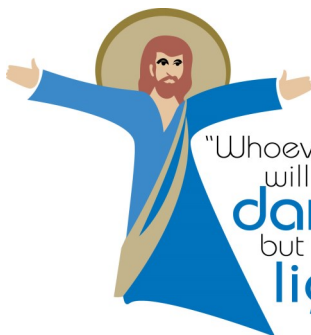
Questions contact Anna @ 631-234-0714



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

Molloy University Fall Open House, Sunday, November 6th, 12:00 PM, Register at: 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.

Annual Craft & Vendor Fair hosted by Hauppauge HS PTSA, **Saturday & Sunday, November 12th & 13th, 10:00 am—4:00pm** Over 90 Vendors to choose from. Great event to start your holiday shopping. **Hauppauge HS Gym, 500 Lincoln Blvd.**

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)

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!

From David Holdorf's Eagle Scout Project



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	



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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of October 30, 2022 \$5,284.00

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish.

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

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You,

Fr. Antony

**Everyone is welcome
to connect, belong,
discover...**

Alpha-
Returning to STM
January 12, 2023





PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

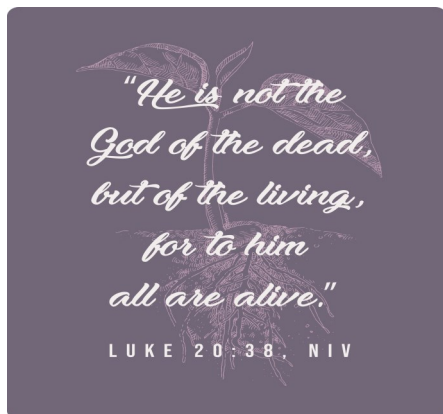
*The previous listing expired on September 30, 2022
The new listing will expire on March 31, 2023*



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



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 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**

Hunger knows no season



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:

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.

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, we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus is risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give furniture, household items and clothing, you are not giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are giving hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

To reach us, please call 631-648-2760 or e-mail svdp.stm@aol.com

The lucky winners of our recent Wall of Envelopes fundraiser are:

- Mary Friedman \$500
- Jean Hirner \$300
- Diana Kane \$200

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 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

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 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

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 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

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

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

BJ's: Local jobs available.

Go to: 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

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

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

Go to: 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

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).

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

Young at Heart Halloween Party



Last Sunday's Youth Group

October 30th, 2022



Snacking and socializing.



Gathering the donations for Outreach.



Taking the donations to Outreach.



Alex taught us some spooky Church facts.

Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

November 6th

November 13th



ANNUAL VETERANS DAY MASS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 5 PM MASS



All Veterans are welcome. Please wear Something to identify your branch of service. This year the Honor Core of the 4th 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



**Knights of
Columbus®**



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 R.C. Church

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

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

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
Total	\$ 763,006	\$ 1,043,797

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
Total	\$ 914,550	\$ 1,093,539

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

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

Detail of Where It Went

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

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**Dinner, Drinks,
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**ST. THOMAS MORE
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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER 2022**

Items needed for the baskets:

Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing,
Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,
Canned Vegetables, Applesauce
Coffee, Tea & Desserts

**THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING \$25 GIFT CARDS
(ShopRite or Stop and Shop)
IN PLACE OF TURKEYS**

**-Cards or cash donations can be sent to Outreach or put in the
collection basket-**



Thank you for your generosity!