

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



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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

December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

Saturday, December 3—St. Frances Xavier (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Joseph Park by Trish Goodwin

Sunday, December 4—Second Sunday of Advent

8am—Patricia Henson by Frank Rudy

9:30am—Robert Nick by Sue Forestiero;

Marie Utter by The Columbiettes

11:30am—Donna Tranchina by Trish Goodwin;

Fred Vollini by Marie & Carmine DiLullo

Monday, December 5

9am—Ellen Cleary by Marilyn Amodio

Tuesday, December 6—Saint Nicholas

9am—Lisa Codispoti by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti

Wednesday, December 7—Saint Ambrose

9am—Donna Marie Orofino by Jeanne Duffy

7pm—Lauretta Ragone by Arlene Block

Thursday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am—Joseph Amodio by Michele Brosnan

7pm—Eleanor A. & Edward J. Thompson

by Will & Theresa Recce & Family

Friday, December 9—Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9am—Ryan L. Dupuis by John Burke

Saturday, December 10

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Peter Slear by Howard & Lee Nordin

Sunday, December 11—Third Sunday of Advent

8am—Gary R. Bruno by The Eyring Family;

Vita Borowski by Paul, Kathy & Amanda

Borowski

9:30am—Donald Wieman by Joe & Betty Ann

Codispoti;

Marie Utter by The Recce Family

11:30am—Doris Maynor *by Elizabeth Kane*; Edward Zebrowski *by Hospitality*

Peace

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Focus Questions:

- 1) Relate a time when you second guessed yourself?
- 2) Describe a time when fear or doubt impacted your ability to make a decision.
- 3) Who has pointed you to God?

Family and children's question:

Talk about how Jesus healed so many people. Who are the healers today who act like Jesus?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

John Holt wrote, "Not many years ago I began to play the cello. Most people would say that what I am doing is "learning to play "the cello. These words carry into our minds the strange idea that there exists two very different process: (1) learning to play cello and (2) playing cello. This implies two different stages: first one "learning to play" second "learned to play ... actually playing." ... of course, this is nonsense. There are not two processes but one. We learn to do something by doing it." Playing and learning or learning and playing happen at the same time.

On the Second week of Advent the message comes that every learning is living and every moment of living is new learning. Living is one big moment of learning something new every day. And learning is one big act that never stops as long as we live. Life is not simply a bundle of events one following the other without any connection between them. Life is continuous growth. For those who believe in Jesus, life grows non-stop here on earth and even after death as risen persons eternally in the presence of God.

The first reading explains God's coming to His people in metaphors of a shoot springing from its root and blossoming of a bud; God's presence among them will bring forth a just and peacefully harmonious future in which wolf would become a guest of the lamb, leopard would lie down with the kid, calf and lion would browse together, the cow and the bear would be neighbors, lion would eat hay like the ox. God's presence among us will not leave where we are. It will move us, make us grow for the best we can be.

St. Paul in the second reading writes that this harmonious new future is possible. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant (us) to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord (we) may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." When we allow Jesus to live among us, and if we can empower ourselves in the spirit of Christ's endurance with each other, our lives will grow to the height of God's glory. Our endurance and cooperation with God's Spirit will never leave us to live just what is humanly possible but will make us do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

In the Gospel today the forerunner of Jesus Christ, John the Baptizer invites the people to receive the baptism from him as a sign of welcoming and cooperating with the one who will empower them with the Baptism of "the Holy Spirit and fire." If we accept to be baptized by Jesus's Baptism, its fire will burn out in us our sins and impurities. The gift of the Spirit that His Baptism showers upon us, will empower us to see God's Kingdom in and around us.

The second week of Advent reminds us that we are not the persons of frozen and repetitive habits, but of growing persons always capable of becoming new and lively. May this time of preparation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus among ourselves inspire our inner capacity to grow and become the reflectors of God's glory. May the birth of Jesus fill our hearts and make them new and lively every day.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

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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

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners from December 1st to December 10th, 2022.

Congratulations!

12/1/2022	735	Elena & Ernie
12/2/2022 12/3/2022 12/4/2022 12/5/2022 12/6/2022 12/7/2022 12/8/2022	509 156 1064 1223 834 1191 944	LaFontaine Ed & Arleen Rogan Richard Soldano Joanne Leocadi Joanne Aloi Arthur & Kathryn Ulsh Terry Wolf Bill & Loti Rudden
12/9/2022 12/10/2022	118 489	Suzanne Lefebvre Andraia & Mike Miller

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022

as of November 21, 2022

Our Parish Goal \$69,300.00 Pledges to date \$31,498.00 Percentage of Goal 45.45%

> 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, December 9th
Upcoming Events

Christmas Luncheon at Mama Sbarros on December 14th 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?



Come and Follow Jesus and his teachings!! It 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

Christmas Craft Fair, Sunday, December 4th, 2022 9:00am to 4:00pm-Parsh Hall, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 800 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma. Crafts, Gifts, Christmas Items, Refreshments, Raffles.

Maria Regina Residence at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, is a 188-bed skilled Nursing Facility currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Currently seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons/week.) Current priority needs: transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic Ministers, helping in the gift shop and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? For information please leave your contact information for Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ at 631-299-3288. She will respond the next office day.



CONGRATULATIONS!

JENNIFER VAUGHAN AND JOSEPH BENDER

Married at St. Thomas More November 26, 2022



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 P. J. Erskin Timothy Fallon Major Michael Fantauzzi J.T. Foltz Mike Foltz Michael Gioia Carl F. Greiner Philip Gudone John Michael Haffner Matthew L. Hamann Sean Hendrikson Tylor J. Hickey John Karies Joseph Kirsch Michael Knipper Dylan Kowalski Thomas LaFemina

Andrew Lynch Troy A. Maida, William Maley 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



Alex Lombardi

Andrew Lombardi Lt. Clint Lorance 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 **December 12, 2022** at **2:30 p.m**. Our book for discussion will be: **The Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocumb. Facilitator: Marilyn Miller

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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of November 20, 2022 \$4,598.50 Collection of November 27, 2022 \$5,908.50

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Caiola Family, John Caliendo, Linda Cook, Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Marianne Deszcz, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Barbara Foberg, Patty Golembiewski, Geri Grincavitch, Richard Gutmann, M.L. Harvey, Linda Heller, Joseph Lagomarsine, Ellen Murphy, Al Pankus, Donald Parisi, Aodan Reddy, Helen Reichert, Lorraine Rouse, Greg Sandbichler, Margi Schwarting, Mark Zlatniski.

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

Frank Petrocelli, Salvatore Maggio, Eleanor Thompson, Georgine Schaefer, 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

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

~Mother Teresa



Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM 631-234-3149

Outreach@stmlil.org

Although Thanksgiving is over our neighbors continue to need your support on a weekly basis. We can always use cereal, pasta, sauce, canned fruit & vegetables, boxed milk, peanut butter & jelly

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.

Columbiette President Linda Dowling presented Fr. Antony and Marti White with a \$4350 check, a donation to Outreach from the proceeds of the Marie Utter Supermarket Bingo Fundraiser. Marie was a long-time Columbiette and active volunteer at the Outreach pantry. Also pictured is Marie's son, Robert, and Past Columbiette President, Willy Ferrara.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call or e-mail us at 631-648-2760 or svdp.stm@aol.com, so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

() Altar Server () Hospitality

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:

() Usher () Greeter
() RCIA () Liturgy with Children
() Lector () Eucharistic Minister
() Consolation Ministr	ry
() Rosary Altar Societ	y () Pre-Cana
() Caring for Altar Pla	ints () FOCCUS
() Landscaping/Planting	ng () Choir
() Banner Committee	
Name::	
Address:	
Phone:	

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:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

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
CALENDAR CLUB 2023
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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, 18, 2022, you will receive a total of SIX

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in

Collection Basket marking envelope

CALENDAR CLUB 2023).

St. Thomas More Employment Services POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW – Shoreham-Wading River CSD: F/T & P/T positions: Cooks, Monitors, Substitute Guards

Send resume to: <u>bheyward@swr.k12.ny.us</u>

NEW – Dollar Tree: Text DOLLAR to 58046 or go to: Dollar Tree.com/careers

UPDATE - Eastern Suffolk Boces: School Psychologists and other positions available.

Send resume to https://esboces.recruitfront.com/

UPDATE - Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

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

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

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

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

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

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.careeers.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 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).



St. Thomas More Outreach Giving Tree



Our Giving Tree can be found in the Narthex and is filled with tags for gifts and gift cards. We invite you to help us make Christmas special for those less fortunate by donating gift cards, toys, baby clothes, or diapers for our families and those who are in need in our community. Gift cards to Walmart or Target allow our families to shop for their children and cards to Shop Rite or Stop and Shop can be used to add something special to their Christmas dinner table.

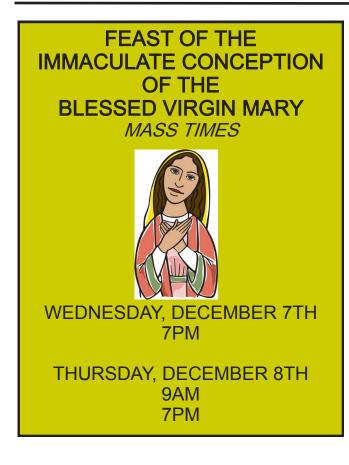
There is a table set up in the Narthex for your donations as well as a basket for gift cards. Please attach the tag to your donation. You can also put gift cards in the weekly collection basket or drop them off at the Outreach office.

There is no need to wrap toys, gifts or put gift cards in special envelopes. Your generosity is always appreciated and is a clear reflection of who we are as a 5t. Thomas More parish family!



Thank you and God Bless you and your families this Christmas season!

Please submit all donations by December 11th







CHILDREN'S ADVENT MASS

9:30am Mass



Nov. 27, 2022

















Boy Scout's of America Troop 343

WREATH SALE

November 26th and 27th, 2022













Would you like to be an Angel or Shepherd?

This is an exciting opportunity for your child to become an active part of the Nativity story!

Requirements:

At least 5 years old Available for rehearsal on 12/17 Available for mass at 3:30 on 12/24



Email theresa@stmli.org to participate. Please include... Child's name
Child's age
Guardian's contact info

*Spots are limited. Names will be accepted in the order they were received



Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 10th Immediately following the 5pm mass



Holy Hour "The National Night of Prayer for Life"

Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt!



Contemporary music by Alex and Noelle!

Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm



Spaghetti Dinner

Thank you to and from the Knights...

A big thank you to those who attended the 17th Annual Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, November 19. There was great food, fun, and entertainment! There were lots of winners of baskets during the auction. One lucky person won \$1000 in the 50/50 raffle, and two more won \$250 in the Share the Wealth raffle. Also, many thanks to the St. Thomas More Columbiettes who helped serve, clean up, and provide delicious desserts! Finally, a BIG thank you to Father Antony for his continued support and guidance.

We hope to see you all again next year!!

















DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

YOU'RE INVITED TO TRY ALPHA AT STM

EXPLORE LIFE...FAITH...MEANING

ALPHA: an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment.

ALPHA: go on a personal journey which can lead to a personal encounter with Jesus.

ALPHA: ask questions, share ideas, build friendships, and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- gather once a week for a delicious dinner and dessert. And IT'S FREE!
- ■watch a short video featuring inspiring stories and interviews about faith
- have a conversation with your group members about questions related to our faith
- ■take time to take care of your spirit with the gift of **ALPHA**
- ■bring a friend or make some new ones
- ■come try the introductory session on January 12th

For more information or to sign up, call (631-234-0397) or email us at alpha2023@stmli.org

ALPHA begins January 12th at 6:30pm

