

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent



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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To receive texts or emails from us just text uge **Spiritoflove** to 84576 or sign up @ StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

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

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 Monday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe 9am—Kathleen Compitello by Frank & Mary Scorsese Tuesday, December 13—Saint Lucy 9am—Christine Hludzinski by Robert & Louise Sanfratello Wednesday, December 14—St. John of the Cross 9am—Priscilla McAllister & Gary Pazolt by Ed McAllister & Family **Thursday, December 15** 9am-Scott E. Smith by Donna & Sid Smith Friday, December 16 9am—Christine Hludzinski by Lew Bernard Saturday, December 17 (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5pm—Rob Mohlenbrok by Lois Mohlenbrok & Family Sunday, December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent 8am—Brian Higgins by Howard &Lee Nordin; Frank DiChristina by The Torquato Family 9:30am-Kiem T. Le by Joe & Betty Ann *Codispoti*: Marie Utter by Willy & Jerry Ferrara 11:30am—Kenny Rantz by Vivian & Michael Jacobs; Richard Heller by Pat & Frank Lewis

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 11:18-24

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Focus Questions:

1) Describe a father you know who was faithful and good like St. Joseph?

2) Joseph's empathy saved Mary. When have you experienced the empathy of another person?

3) Describe a time when all you could do was trust.

Family and children's question:

What can your family do to help other families who are struggling this time of year?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

At a Sunday school the children had a discussion how God has created everything good. Each child began to find good reasons for clouds, trees, rocks etc. One of them said, "If God has good purpose for everything, then why did he create poison ivy?" While the teacher struggled to answer the question another child said, "The reason God made poison ivy is that He wanted us to know there are certain things we should keep our hands off of."

The third week of Advent invites us to cherish the good in everyone and refrain from evil at all times. Today's Gospel narrates about John the Baptist's dilemma. He was imprisoned by Herod and was sure soon he would meet his death. Before dying he wanted to quiet his troubling conscience if he did his ministry of introducing Jesus as the Messiah. He sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus cleared his doubt not with a simple "Yes I am the one and no other". Rather Jesus indicated to John's disciples that He was doing all what the prophecy of Scriptures foretold to happen at the time of the Messiah. "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." Thus, Jesus not only cleared John's doubt but confirmed him to have done all what God called him to do according to the scripture.

Like John the Baptist, we too may start our journey with God in doubt or with minimum faith. But if we allow God to explain to us about Himself as John did. God would both confirm in our faith by clearing all our doubt and reveal to us His plan of journeying with us towards the fullness of life. As it happened to John in prison, the evil and death around us can easily have a negative impact on us which in turn create doubt about oneself and others. But when we allow God to influence our mind and spirit, and God to deal with our fears and questions as John did, we will be encouraged by God how God's plan is being fulfilled in all what we say and do. God will show in each of us how the blindness can regain sight, the lameness can walk, leprosy can be cleansed, the deafness can hear, that which is dead can be made alive. May Advent give us the opportunity to walk with God who can bring us out of our doubt and fears. May the birth of Jesus open our senses to all the good that happen in and around us.

On Saturday, December 10th after the 5:00 pm mass is the Christmas Tree lighting. St. Nicholas (Santa) will join us in celebrating the mass and lead us to food and picture-taking. I thank all the volunteers whom Justin Monsee coordinated in decorating the trees with lights. I appreciate all the Knights who served food and the Hospitality ladies for the brownies and Hot Chocolate. God bless all who help us in preparing the way for the Lord to be born among us.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

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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 11th to December 17th, 2022.

Congratulations!

| 226 51 | Victoria Marini Youth Group |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 106 | (gift of Holdorf) Geraldine Covino |
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| 1091 | Lou & Diane |
| | DeBenedittis |
| 458 | John & Sheila |
| | McCabe |
| 1066 | Mark & Annette Vinelli |
| 935 | Elaine Liberti |
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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES **APPEAL 2022**

as of November 28, 2022

| Our Parish Goal | \$69,300.00 |
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| Pledges to date | \$33,048.00 |
| Percentage of Goal | 47.69% |

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.



Courtesy Announcements

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

> ST. PATRICK SCHOOL **Tours and Registration** SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH Tours: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein Jessie Bernstein Joseph Blaugrund Anthony Broncatello John Burk Collin Busto Collin J. Crean Eddie Cullum Eric Cullum David Cussen Capt. Sean Michael Dolan 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 Alex Lombardi Andrew Lombardi Lt. Clint Lorance Scott Lovelock

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 Rathje Antonia Marie Rivera Ann Karen Sanchez Justin Schneider Christopher Sidor Christopher Singer Rvan Smith Anthony Troise Michael White

BOOK CLUB

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: <u>The Violin Conspiracy</u> 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 December 4, 2022 \$5,945.50

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, Catherine DeSola, Marianne Deszcz, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Barbara Foberg, Patty Golembiewski, Geri Grincavitch, Richard Gutmann, M.L. Harvey, Linda Heller, Joseph Lagomarsine, Frank Macchio, Don Marsh, Ellen Murphy, Al Pankus, Donald Parisi, Aodan Reddy, Helen Reichert, Lorraine Rouse, Greg Sandbichler, Margi Schwarting, John Spadaro, Lorraine White, 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

Thomas Holt, Mary Lou Wilk, Frank Petrocelli, Salvatore Maggio, Eleanor Thompson, 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 <u>www.FaithDirect.net</u> 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."



Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM 631-234-3149 Outreach@stmlil.org

~Mother Teresa

We are currently collecting food for our Christmas dinner distribution. Donations of yams, vegetables, stuffing, gravy, fruit and desserts are greatly appreciated!

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

To contact us, 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 |
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| (|) Usher | () Greeter |
| (|) RCIA | () Liturgy with Children |
| (|) Lector | () Eucharistic Minister |
| (|) Consolation M | linistry |

-) Rosary Altar Society
- () Pre-Cana) Caring for Altar Plants
-) Landscaping/Planting () Banner Committee
- () FOCCUS () Choir

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, 18, 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 <u>POSITIONS AVAILABLE</u>

| <u>UPDATE - Eastern Suffolk Boces:</u> School Psychologists, Registered Nurses, Speech and Language Teachers. |
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| Send resume to <u>https://esboces.recruitfront.com/</u> |
| Shoreham-Wading River CSD: F/T & P/T positions: Cooks, Monitors, Substitute Guards |
| Send resume to: <u>bheyward@swr.k12.ny.us</u> |
| Dollar Tree: Text DOLLAR to 58046 or go to: DollarTree.com/careers |
| Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available. |
| Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers |
| 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: Newspaper Delivery Opportunities. See ad in Sunday's paper for locations and contact information. |
| Newsday: Multiple positions available. |
| Go to: https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday |
| or send an email to: <u>NewsdayHR@Newsday.com</u> |
| 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: <u>https://jobs.cvshealth.com/</u> |
| United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville. |
| Go to: <u>www.upsjobs.com</u> |
| 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: <u>BJs.com/careers</u> |
| Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available. |
| Go to: <u>http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs</u> |
| Walmart: Positions available. |
| Go to: <u>www.careeers.walmart.com</u> |
| Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions. |
| Go to: <u>https://jobs.chsli.org/</u> |
| 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: **<u>imtwhite@optonline.net</u>**

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 St. Thomas More parish family!



Thank you and God Bless you and your families this Christmas season! Please submit all donations by December 11th



Lorie Adams and Lois Christianson were commissioned as new Eucharistic Ministers. **Congratulations & God Bless**



CHRISTMAS EVE





Second Week of Advent 9:30am Mass















Michele Schroeders level I confirmation class

The 6th grade and Level I and II Confirmation classes made Christmas cards for the elderly Sisters of St. Joseph. We are thankful to all the classes who participated in this project!



II.4.22 during the 9:30am mass

We had 68 children at the Children's Liturgy this Sunday! They learned about John the Baptist and Advent. It was wonderful to see so many second graders at the Masses this Sunday.

Interfaith 2022 at Temple Beth Chai

Pictured Clergy & Musicians: Rabbi Alan Stein, Reverend Barbara Whitlow, Pastor Zachary Dean, Father Antony Asir, Deacon Matthew Surico, Deacon Edward Vigneaux, Hazzan Stein, Erik Tjersland, Emilia Savarese, and Alex White.





















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Mail completed Order Form to: Assumption Council K of C, PO Box 9, Islip Terrace, NY 11752 Include a Check payable to: Assumption Council, 5252

LABEL ORDER FORM

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Youth Group- Advent! December 4th, 2022







Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

Dec. 11th- Joy Dec. 18th- Xmas

Follow us on Instagram! @stm_yg @stm_church











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 <u>alpha2023@stmli.org</u>

ALPHA begins January 12th at 6:30pm

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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!

<u>Requirements:</u> 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

ST. THOMAS MORE † R.C. CHURCH **†** *Spots are limited. Names will be accepted in the order they were received