

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 1, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary



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.

Contact Numbers

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Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 1, 2023
The Solemnity of Mary
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday, December 31

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm—Robert F. Barnett *by Marie & Jim Marsala*
 Mary F. Scimeca *by The Scimeca Family*

Sunday, January 1—The Solemnity of Mary

8am—Claudine Dold *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

9:30am—People of the Parish

11:30am—Joel Miller *by The Miller Family*

Monday, January 2—Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9am—Gelsy Petrocelli *by Mary Romano &
Judy Coyle*

Tuesday, January 3

9am—Victor J. Fumuso, MD *by The Acostas'*

Wednesday, January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9am—Frances Musanti *by Andrew & Rhonda*

Thursday, January 5—Saint John Neumann

9am—Rose Corso *by Geoffrey & Phyllis Cohl*

Friday, January 6

9am—Marie Utter *by Marti & John White*

Saturday, January 7

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm—Richard Stout *by Terry & Walter Happe*

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord

8am—Frances Tringali *by Andrew & Rhonda
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9:30am—Marie Utter *by Marilyn Amodio*

11:30am—Ed Zebrowski *by Eileen Santangelo*



A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Focus Questions:

- 1) How had God helped you when you had to make an important decision?
- 2) What has been your guiding star?
- 3) Describe a time when your family faced danger together?

Family and children's question:

What gifts would you bring to the Christ child?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Question: May I ask you the secret of your success?

Answer: There is no easy way. You just jump at your opportunity.

Question: But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?

Answer: You can't. You have to keep on jumping.

2023, NEW YEAR is another opportunity to jump. 2022 leaves us with lots of good and bad, happy and sad, sweet and bitter, sick and healthy memories. When we recall them back, we would be filled with mixed feelings like blessings and pains, gratitude and guilt, gladness and regrets. When we reflect what we did or what happened to us in 2022, we might now realize that we could have done better certain things or we might stubbornly reaffirm that we had no choice to have done any different than what we did.

What is gone is gone. 2022 has become a History. We cannot rewrite the History but be cautious not to repeat it. 2022 can serve as a springboard to jump into a new opportunity of 2023 to avoid all the dangerous waters which would drown us. Our past life experience can throw some new light on the present day-today living of 2023. May the close of 2022 end all that is negative in us. May 2023 begin in us everything new. May every moment of 2023 be an occasion of jumping from the negative to the positive side of our life.

2023 begins on January 1st. 2023 would be another set of 365 days. It has nothing new in it to offer unless we make it new. Its newness depends upon how we want to make it new by our way of living the positives around us. On January 1st the new set of 365 days invite us to begin a new set of life-values. You and I can make our way of living the situations of 2023 in a new positive way.... New way of respecting and relating with people.... New way of being responsible of the situations. Unless we bring the newness by our way of living, the New Year will be just a repetition of the old year 2022 with the same number of minutes and hours, days, weeks and months.

May God who lives forever and new always, renew our vision and strength, focus and enthusiasm of our life. May we bring our newness into 2023. In the name of our Parish-Family of St. Thomas More I wish you and your families **"A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2023"**. May the light of Christ born among us, shine upon us, guide us throughout the New Year 2023. May we find His Favor flourish every day of 2023 leading us to be prosperous, peaceful, healthy and happy. May His Grace fill you and permeate every moment of 2023.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



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Pastor

Rev. Antony Asir *ext. 14*

Deacons

Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
Deacon Robert D. Weisz

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Religious Education Staff

Joanne Anelli *ext. 21*
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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

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

Facebook

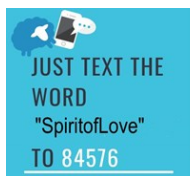
<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

stm_church
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stm_yg

Email

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Youth Ministry: youthgroup@stmli.org
Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
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

Next Set of Winners
to be Posted in February!

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2022**

as of December 19, 2022

Our Parish Goal \$69,300.00
Pledges to date \$34,673.00
Percentage of Goal 50.03%



3rd Announcement

Bridget McBrien & Nicholas Circharo

**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, January 13th

New Members Welcome

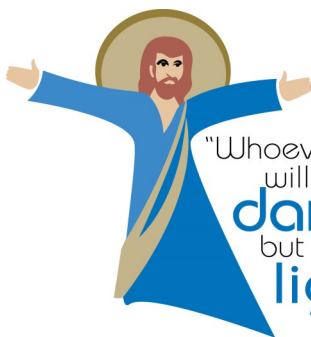
Questions contact Anna @ 631-234-0714



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

The Parish of Good Shepherd in Holbrook presents **The Christmas Presepio**. Come visit this traditional Neapolitan Nativity and enjoy some quiet moments. Located in the Chapel of Good Shepherd Church. **It is one of the largest of its kind in the world and contains many thousands of figures, buildings, miniature and relics.** Open every day from 9:00am-9:00pm. (Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.)

The Nativity is **open until January 15, 2023.**

All are welcome! **1370 Grundy Avenue, Holbrook, 631-588-7689.**

The Smithtown Adult Basic Education Program at the Joseph M. Barton District Building , **26 New York Ave, Smithtown** is federally funded to provide **English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency and Citizenship Preparation as well as Technology Skills, Health & Financial Literacy, and Workforce Preparation** during the day and evening. **Free classes** are open to all Suffolk residents. For further questions, please call **631-382-2182.**

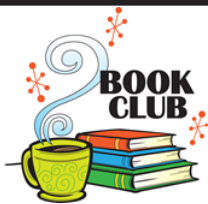
Happy New Year from the Children's Liturgy Crew
Come meet the 3 Kings at the 9:30 Family Mass on the Epiphany (January 8th)
We will resume January 15th.

Please Join Us
Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

Every Week
9:30 am Family Mass

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 **January 9, 2023** at **2:30 p.m.** Our book for discussion will be: **Mercy Street** by *Jennifer Haigh*.
Facilitator: Joan Shea

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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Not available at time of printing

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





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, Jean Herlihy, Monica Kanischak, Joseph Lagomarsine, Frank Macchio, Rev Janusz MocarSKI, 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

Rosalind Warmuth, Donald Marsh, George J. Reuter, Timothy Druckenmiller, 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



Outreach will be closed from Monday December 26th through Monday January 2nd

We wish you a blessed Christmas filled with the peace and love of our newborn Savior!
May you and your family have a happy and healthy New Year!

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

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary, may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

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



**2022
CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/we would like a record of our 2022 contributions to St. Thomas More:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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

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 – Target: Holiday employment. Multiple locations.

Go to: www.target.com/careers

Eastern Suffolk Boces: School Psychologists, Registered Nurses, Speech and Language Teachers.

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

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

Send resume to: bheyward@swr.k12.ny.us

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: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

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

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).

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an **Evening of Prayer and Discernment**

with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS -

**PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT,
to DISCERN where God is calling you!**

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS.**

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—*St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street*

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—*Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue*

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at

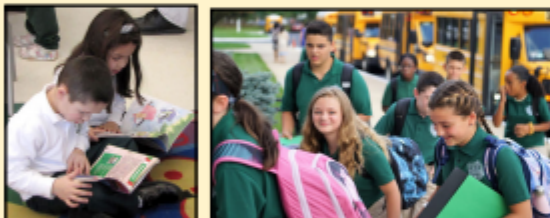
1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue*

RSVP by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.



St. Patrick School Smithtown Open House Sunday, January 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM



- Enrollment of more than 460 students,
- Two classes per grade level.
- Full and half-day Nursery and Pre-K programs.
- Full-day Kindergarten.
- Safe and secure environment with on campus security.
- Catholic values incorporated throughout our curriculum.
- All teachers are New York State certified.
- First Friday Masses, religious education & sacramental preparation.
- Before and after care available.
- Technologically advanced classrooms include, iPads, Chrome-books, SMART Boards, Wonderworks Robotics, Little Bit STEAM sets, flat panels, and document cameras.
- Beautifully situated on 19 acres.
- Active school community offering a varied program of sports, extra-curricular and faith-based activities.
- Secure interactive outdoor playground.
- Full-size modern gym with performing stage.
- Dedicated lunchroom with licensed kitchen staff, hot lunch daily.
- 100% acceptance rate to area Catholic high schools.

For more information, please call (631) 724-0285 or visit spssmith.org

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2023

Please fill this form out and return to the Rectory, or put in the basket in an envelope labeled "Calendar Club 2023".

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Each number is \$25, or five for \$100.
Purchase as many as you'd like!

Total amount enclosed: _____

If you are gifting numbers, please record the name(s) and address of those people below.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

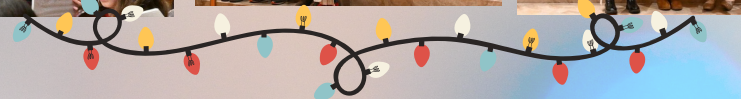
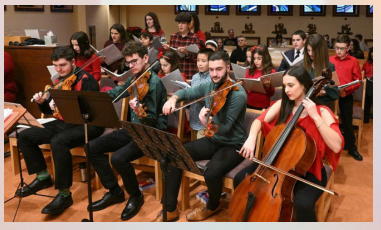
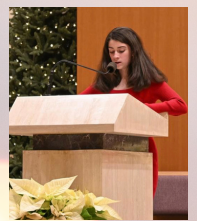
APRIL

MAY

JUNE



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 3:30PM





Holy Hour

"New Life in Christ"

**Adoration & Benediction
led by Deacon Matt!**



**Contemporary music
by Alex and Noelle!**

Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00pm



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