

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

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To receive texts or emails from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

***Masses
for this coming week***

January 22, 2023
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Matthew 4:12-23

***Growing through the
Sunday Scriptures***

January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday, January 21—Saint Agnes
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)
 5:00pm—Richard Stout *by Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Landi*

Sunday, January 22—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8am—Patricia Flynn *by Eileen & Mike Grant & Family*
 9:30am—William Skeats *by Kathleen Daly & Family*
 11:30am—Rose Corso *by Frank & Vivianne Latorre*

Monday, January 23
 9am—Richard Stout *by Judy Coyle & Dottie Lossani*

Tuesday, January 24—Saint Francis de Sales
 9am—John Fragipone *by JoAnn Eyring*

Wednesday, January 25
 9am—Tom & Margaret Riordan (living) *by Finton & Margaret Stapleton*

Thursday, January 26—St. Timothy & St. Titus
 9am—Martin Casey (living) *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Friday, January 27—Saint Angela Merici
 9am—Terry Boland (living) *by Finton & Margaret Stapleton*

Saturday, January 28—Saint Thomas Aquinas
(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)
 5:00pm—Jean O’Connell *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa Landi*

Sunday, January 29—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8am—Alfred Grieco *by Donna Crecca*
 9:30am—Joseph Amodio *by Marilyn Amodio*
 11:30am—Marie Utter *by The Kane Family*



A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Focus Questions:

- 1) How do you put the care for the poor into your daily life?
- 2) How important are power and reputation in your life?
- 3) Describe a time when you showed mercy to another.

Family and children’s question:

Talk about the importance of being a peacemaker in whatever setting you find yourself—family, friends, school, work, etc.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Son: I have Got hundreds of Instagram friends whom I've never met.

Father: When I was young, we called them imaginary friends.

- A Twitter friend wrote to her other friends, "Let us be clear. We are only 'friends' on Twitter not in real life. Got it."

- Teacher to her student, "Having a lot of Facebook friends does not mean you are popular in real life. It only means you spend way too much of time on Facebook."

We live in a digital world which easily and instantly helps us connect to many people but sadly and unconsciously leads us to be away from the real touch of our next-door neighbors.

Today's Gospel invites us to live a real life not a digital life with God and others. It narrates that Herod threw John into prison and thus ended John the Baptist's ministry of announcing about Jesus's arrival. Then began Jesus's mission. Jesus came out of his town of Nazareth and began to travel various regions announcing the arrival of God's kingdom. John preached to repent so that the people may recognize Jesus and believe in Him. Jesus also invited the people to repent, so that they might consciously and personally be aware of the kingdom of God in and around them.

Jesus's way of announcing God's kingdom is very personal. The Kingdom of God is not a thing one can possess nor system that one could adopt to. Rather it is a spiritual reality that each of us can enter, feel, live and be in. God in Jesus became the living part of our human History. Jesus's living among the humans, his going around their places, and his living their lifestyle invited them to see a new reality of God's kingdom being present and alive in and among them. His invitation was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 'Repent' is the personal invitation to change our focus from our regular and convenient way of seeing the things and people, to Jesus's way of seeing the presence of God among them and God's way of running our human history.

That is the reason Jesus called first four people, Peter and Andrew, James and John, (and later they became 12) to follow Him, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Their following is not like their job of catching fish but a new mission of catching people which is to live God's kingdom as a community. The followers of Christ are not entities or members of a group or club but loving and living persons growing together as God's kingdom, in which God's presence is their ultimate living experience.

As Paul says in the second reading, that we may be different from each other due to various reasons, but it is fundamentally Christ in whose name we recognize each other as our brothers and sisters. The experience of Jesus in each of us makes us agree in what we say that there be no divisions among us, and that we be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

Let us strive to focus the presence of God's kingdom (God's ruling) among us in our personal relationship to each other. Let us come out of the digital concept of relating; let us become the real world of love and living relationship. We are not put together as a system each one mechanically doing our parts in order that the social engine is kept running. We are not a web electronically or digitally communicating with each other. We are the lively Kingdom of God, growing together organically as brothers and sisters experiencing Jesus Christ in our living together.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



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Pastor

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Deacons

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Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux
Deacon Robert D. Weisz

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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

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

Facebook

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

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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net



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 **January 9, 2023**

Our Parish Goal \$69,300.00
Pledges to date \$36,138.00
Percentage of Goal 52.15%



Please remember in your prayers these wonderful couples who are participating in our St. Thomas More Pre-Cana Program.

- Jessica Ferris & Joe Ferro
- Gina Delisi & Steve Ferraro
- Dionna Keeler & Robert Walters
- Noelle LaFontaine & Alex White
- Kelly Davanzo & Joseph Cimmino

**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 27th

New Members Welcome

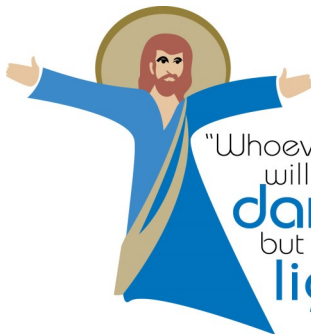
Questions contact Anna @ 631-234-0714



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 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**.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night, Saturday, March 4, 2023 at St. Brigid's in Westbury, NY. Beginning with liturgy, followed by a joyful evening of music, dancing, and Irish spirit! Tickets to attend are **\$45 per person or \$100 for 2 people AND one raffle book** and can be purchased online. **Raffle chance books are \$10 each (12 chances per booklet)**. Please contact the Advancement Office at **631-842-6000 ext. 246** for more information or visit the event website at **www.sistersofst dominic.org/irishnight2023**

St. John the Baptist DHS presents its Annual **"Pack-Out" for the Troops**. A campaign in which donated items are assembled into Care Packages that are sent to those men and women serving our country. **Excepting donations now through January 23rd**. For suggested items to donate and more info please call **Joanne Jones at 631-587-8000 ext. 176** or via email: **jones@sjbhs.org**

Congratulations!

**First Trimester Honor Roll
Chaminade High School**

Freshman

Timothy J. Sandbichler

Junior

Robert J. Carboy

Senior

Matthew P. Masaitis



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 Papaizzi
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 **February 13, 2023** at **2:30 p.m.** Our book for discussion will be: **The Barbizon** by *Paulina Bren*.
Facilitator: Marie Bracco

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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for Jan. 14/15 \$5,600.00

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

OFFERTORY SIGN-UP BOOK
Would you like to bring up the gifts during the offertory?



We have a sign-up book available in the Narthex of the church for each weekend Mass for 2023. If you are interested in bringing up the gifts during the offertory please sign-up in the new book .



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, TPB, Caiola Family, John Caliendo, Joseph Cassetta, Linda Cook, Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Catherine DeSola, Marianne Deszcz, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Barbara Foberg, Jack Gaudet, Patty Golembiewski, Geri Grincavitch, Richard Gutmann, Theresa Haas, 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

Eugene Kline, Robert W. Aramini, Annunzio Colucciello, Josephine Testani, Carol Crusi, Loretta R. Schweizer, Stephen E. Dutton Sr., 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 2PM
631-234-3149
Outreach@stmli.org

This week our needs include:

Peanut butter / toothpaste / laundry detergent / paper towels / toilet paper
We are always in need of canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta and sauce, tuna fish, bread

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 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 this Sunday’s Gospel, we find that Jesus”....went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.”

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to families in need.

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 – Newsday: Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required.

See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

NEW – Town of Islip: Snow Plow Drivers/Owners.

Call: 631.595.3500 ext. 1288

Target: Multiple locations.

Go to: www.target.com/careers

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: Multiple positions available.

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

or send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.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).

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

Presentation Of Babies



Deacon Matt blesses a baby that is scheduled to be baptized at St. Thomas More next month.

The Knights of Columbus donation to Gigi's Playhouse in Patchogue!



Please Join Us

Children's Liturgy of the **Word**



Every Week
9:30 am Family Mass

Children will celebrate and discuss the Liturgy of the Word
in Walden Hall with a team of volunteers.
Children will return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children Ages

4-8 yrs old
(Older siblings welcome)

Questions?

Please call Religious Ed. Office
631-234-0397

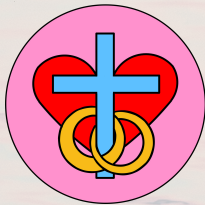
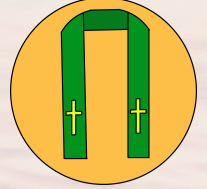
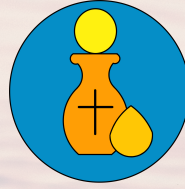


YG - The Seven Sacraments

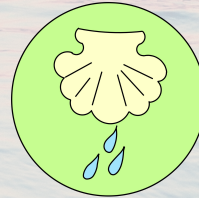
January 15th, 2022



Delivering the Outreach donations.



The Seven Sacraments presentation and Catholic Central Videos. They're worth a visit on YouTube or their website found on this page.



Our beloved Youth Group candle that we light during closing prayer.

Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

Jan. 22nd- 8th Gr. Games

Jan. 29th- "The Chosen"

February 5th- The Mass



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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