

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

Fourth 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 uge **Spiritoflove** to 84576 or sign up @ StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

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 28—Saint Thomas Aquinas (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:000pm—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* **Monday, January 30** 9am—John McLoughlin *by Hauppauge Fire*

Department

Tuesday, January 31—Saint John Bosco 9am—Lucio Toledo Villanueva *by The Domingo Family*

Wednesday, February 1 9am—Ronald Seroda by Joseph & Babs Importuna Thursday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

9am—Richard Stout *by Ellie Stout* **Friday, February 3—Saint Blaise; Saint Ansgar** 9am—Carmine Natale *by Joe & Adriene Natale* **Saturday, February 4** (Anticipated Mass for Sunday) 5:000pm—Paul Kutz *by Laura Alicastro &* Vincent DeRosa Landi

Sunday, February 5—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am—Helen Sambuco *by Valerie Aramini* 9:30am—Lori LaVelle-Jardin *by Marti & John White* 11:30am—Eleanor DeRosa *by Elizabeth Kane*



Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Focus Questions:

1) How are you light and salt in your world?

2) Relate a time when you saw the light of Christ in another person?

3) Relate a time when you hid your light under a bushel basket.

Family and children's question:

Name a good deed you did this week that would be pleasing to God.



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Yuri Gagarin returned from space and Khrushchev asked him a question: "While you were up there, did you see god?" Yuri replied: "Yes."

"That's what I suspected, but don't tell anybody."

Yuri Gagarin traveled to Rome and met the Pope, who asked him a question: "While you were up there, did you see god?" Yuri replied: "No."

"That's what I suspected, but don't tell anybody." This is an imaginary humorous story. Its message is that God is not an abstract reality or a lofty idea to be proved to the satisfaction of the other. God is rather "the spiritual reality and encounter with a person which becomes one's life with a new horizon and a decisive direction." (Pope Benedict)

Today's Gospel portrays God's way of 'ruling' or God's way of building His kingdom among the humans. It enlists at least eight Godly ways of experiencing God's kingdom among us. We call them eight beatitudes. They teach us that God, God's ruling, and God's kingdom are not what we usually imagine them to be. Human Kingdom means a particular territory, certain group of people as citizens, and specific style of ruling.

God's kingdom includes all people, every place on earth and Godly style of ruling. Like St. Paul points out in the second reading that it is not a community of people formed and built by human power but solely gathered by God. It is not any human excellence that keeps the kingdom efficient and alive but their experience of Jesus among them as God's wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption in whatever they think, say, and do. The kingdom is God's choice and not mere human achievement. As Prophet Isaiah would put it, the kingdom's people are enlightened by God to walk in light; filled by God's abundant joy to live in great rejoicing. When God becomes the unifying and enlivening force of His Kingdom among His people God would smash the yoke that burdened them, break the pole on their shoulder, and impede the rod of their taskmaster. (Isaiah 9:1-3)

The Gospel invites us to see God's kingdom from the perspective of its citizens. It demonstrates who the citizens are and what they should do and how they should live in order to feel the presence and benefit of God's Kingdom (ruling). Yes, God's rule includes all, but the poor, the meek, the merciful, the clean of heart and the peacemakers are their citizens. They would inherit and feel the presence of God's Kingdom among them.

God's kingdom belongs to those who live in God's qualities. To be the people of God's Kingdom is not only a privilege but also a responsibility. To enjoy the benefits of God's Kingdom the citizens must qualify themselves. The qualification is not to boast what they can achieve but to open oneself to God to act in them. The citizens should commit themselves to live God's wisdom and humble themselves to God's power to act in them. They should reflect God's mercy in them which makes them merciful to each other. In short, God's ruling among the humans means each person becomes God's presence to the other.

Everyday we pray Jesus's prayer 'Our Father' asking God His Kingdom to come. Let us try to open our heart and employ all our will and power to do His Will as it is done in Heaven. When we become doers of His will, we will experience the presence of God's Kingdom among us.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



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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 17, 2023

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



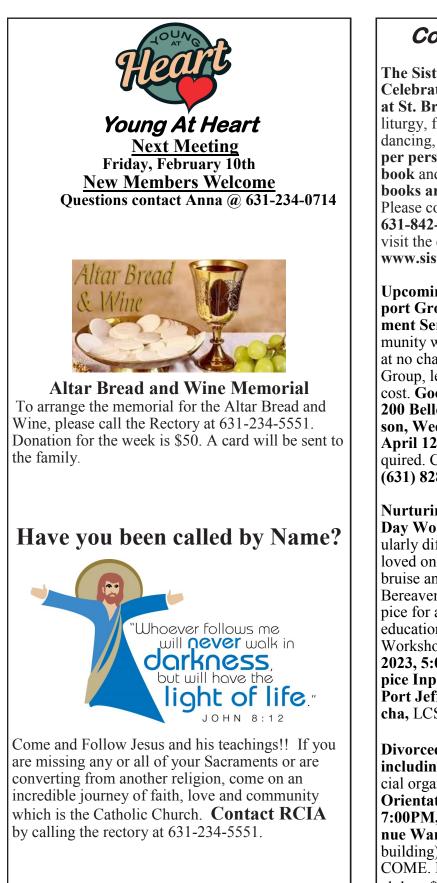
Please remember in your prayers these wonderful couples who are participating in our St. Thomas More Pre-Cana Program.

- 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.



Courtesy Announcements

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.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2023

Upcoming Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group, Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming Bereavement Support Group, led by a Bereavement Specialist @ no cost. Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, Wednesday Evenings, February 22 thru April 12 - 5:00PM-6:30PM. Registration required. Call Maribeth Mckeever, LCSW-R @ (631) 828-7628.

Nurturing Your Grieving Heart – Valentine's Day Work Shop, Valentine's Day can be a particularly difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Intended to celebrate love, this day can bruise an already grieving heart. Please join the Bereavement Specialists of Good Shepherd Hospice for a free workshop offering encouragement, education, coping strategies and support. The Workshop will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, 5:00PM-6:30PM, Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jeff, NY, RSVP Required: Call Yamith Soacha, LCSW @ (631) 655-7569.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including widows, widowers and singles, A social organization for single persons New Member Orientation Meeting, Tuesday February 21st at 7:00PM, St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue Wantagh, NY 11793, (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. ALL ARE WEL-COME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Terry at 516-650-5528 or Janet 516-579-4016.

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



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: <u>The Barbizon by Paulina Bren</u>. 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 January 21/22 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

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

Thomas J. Brady, Josephine Blatt, Eugene Kline, Robert W. Aramini, 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

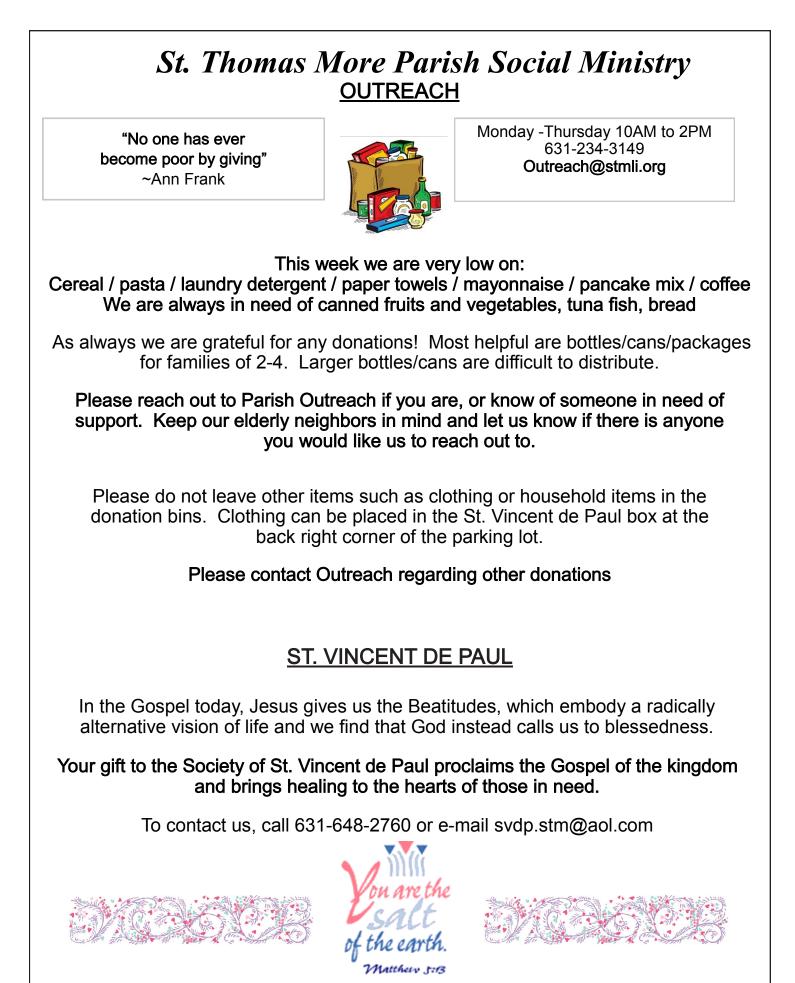
We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

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



2022 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST	REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST
I/we would like a record of our 2022 contributions to St. Thomas More:	NAME(s):
Name:	ADDRESS:
Address:	PHONE: E-MAIL: () I/we would like to register in the parish.
	() Please send contribution envelopes.
Phone:	() I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.
Email:	() Other
	CALENDAR CLUB 2023
Please return to the Rectory for processing.	I/we would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2023
PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —	NAME(s)
PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:	ADDRESS: PHONE:
Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:	 () ONE number for \$25 OR () FIVE numbers for \$100
Relationship to the person who is ill:	() 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
Person making the Request:	gifts.
TODAY'S DATE: (Please place in collection basket or drop off at the Rectory)	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 – Research Scientist – Contract Pharmacal – Hauppauge: Send resume to: humanresources@cpc.com. Reference job #6032 NEW - Live-In Nanny Needed - Sag Harbor: Send resume to: lila.beudert@gmail.com **NEW – Nanny Needed – Smithtown:** Send resume to: danielledennisdiaz@gmail.com **NEW – Chipotle:** Local Positions. Go to: jobs.chipotle.com **<u>NEW – ShopRite – Hauppauge:</u>** Many positions. Inquire within Newsday: Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations. 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.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: **<u>imtwhite@optonline.net</u>**

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

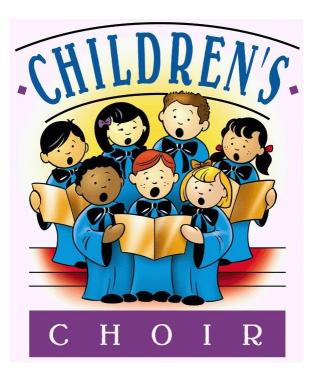
Young at Heart welcomes new members. Next meeting is Friday, February 10th. Questions call Anna at (631) 234-0714



Hospitality Committee graciously gives of their time and talent once a month after each Mass. Join us February 19th for our next Hospitality Sunday. Call the rectory for information on becoming a member.



Children's Choir always welcomes new members. Speak to Emilia after the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday.



Children's Liturgy of the Word continues every Sunday at the 9:30 am Family Mass Children ages 4-8 yrs. old *(older siblings welcome)*



The Alpha Program – Week 2!

Thursday, January 19th



















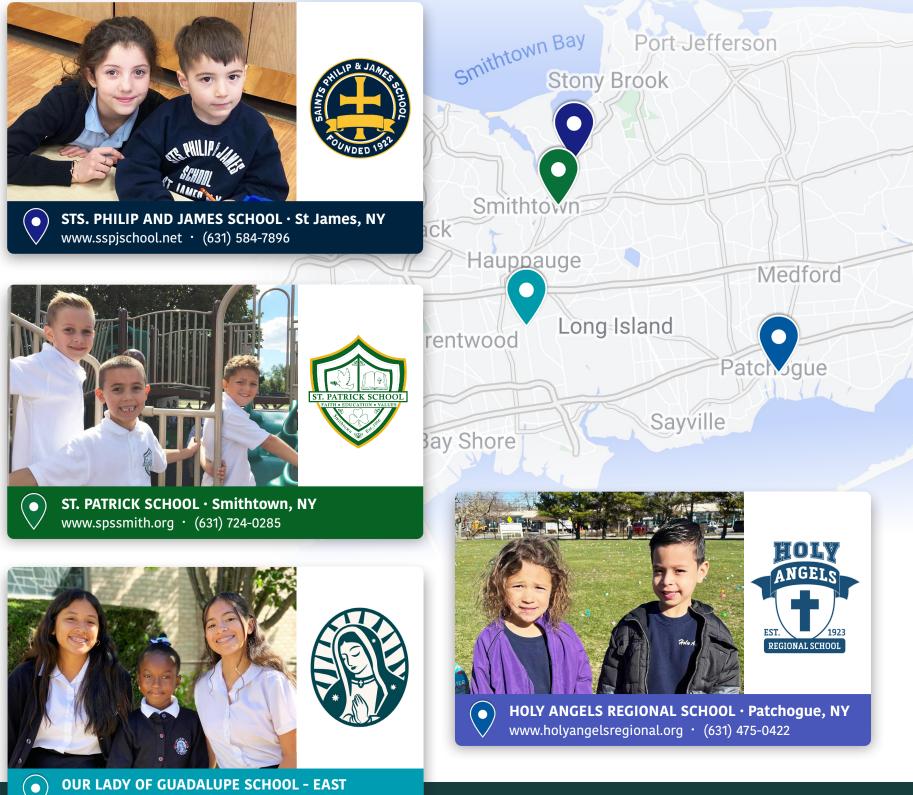


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January 29, 2023 | School Tours & Open Houses | Catholic Schools Week

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YG - The Seven Sacraments Games January 22nd, 2023





Playing 7 Sacraments trivia Bingo.





Watching a video on Sunday's readings.



Playing 7 Sacraments Jeopardy!





Four 8th Grade classes joined us.

Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

Jan. 29th- "The Chosen" February 5th- The Mass February 12th- Mass Trivia



