

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 16th,
2023

*Third
Sunday
of Easter*

**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.



Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

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StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote

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Masses April 15th - April 23rd, 2023

This Weekend:

Saturday, April 15th:

5:00pm: Richard Stout *by Joan Murphy & Family*
 Thomas Kostor *by Maureen Fallona*

Sunday, April 16th: Divine Mercy Sunday

8am– Donal O'Sullivan *by The Horrigan Family*
 Bill Eyring *by JoAnn Eyring*
 9:30– Joseph Amodio *by Marilyn Amodio*
 Michael Hourihan *by The Gillen Cousins*
 11:30– Lelia Espinal *by Her Grandchildren*
 David Mohlenbrok *by John Hendry & Aurelie Miller-Hendry*

Monday, April 17th:

9am– Robert Paternoster *by Ron Martini*

Tuesday, April 18th:

9am– Ana Suarez *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*

Wednesday, April 19th:

9am– Frank Prococini *by Stephen & Melissa Canzoneri*

Thursday, April 20th:

9am- Mary Spinosa *by Sal & Theresa Ferraro*

Friday, April 21st:

9am- Kevin Byrne *by The Horigan Family*

Next Weekend:

Saturday, April 22nd:

5:00pm: Mary Sanfilippo *by The Cherubino Family*

Sunday, April 23rd: Third Sunday of Easter

8am– Marion Infantino *by Christine Barraco*
 9:30– William Rudden Sr. *by The Rudden Family*
 11:30– Paul Rogan *by the STM Choir*
 Annetta Farella

Luke 24:13-35 (Third Sunday of Easter)

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Readings for This Week

April 16th, 2023 (Divine Mercy Sunday)
 Acts 2:42-47
 Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

Readings for Next Week

April 23rd, 2023 (Third Sunday of Easter)
 Acts 2:14,22-33
 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11
 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Luke 24:13-35

Focus Questions for 4/23/23

Luke 24:13-35

- 1: Describe a time when, like the disciples, your heart burned when you heard or read Scriptures.
- 2: Relate a time when you strongly felt the presence of Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
- 3: Tell a time when you walked away from a community after being disappointed. Who tried to bring you back?

Family & Children's Question:

Open yourself to Jesus' presence in the people you meet, in prayer, in nature, in reading the Bible this week.

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

The city editor had just been informed that a wire had fallen across Main Street in a storm. He assigned two reporters to the story. One of the two called the editor and said, "We are here at the spot, but no one knows whether the wire is live or not," The editor replied, "so one of you is to touch it, and the other is to write the story." We know what will happen if one touches the live wire.

Today's Gospel is the story of Doubting Thomas. The Risen and Living Jesus appeared to the disciples, but Thomas was not there. When the disciples told him on his return what he missed, Thomas was not ready to believe their story; he wanted to touch the Risen Jesus to believe that He is alive. Later when Jesus actually appeared and invited Thomas to touch Him, Thomas did not attempt to touch him but surrendered to the live-presence of Jesus crying 'My Lord and my God'.

What is needed is not proof but faith to experience the presence of Jesus. Proofs can establish a fact; but only the faith can make one to feel, relate, communicate, love and enter into the living-presence of the person. Jesus appears primarily to relate with us not merely to prove his presence.

Life is more an experience of oneself and others in faith and love than a bare fact established by proof and evidence. Touching (physical proofs) can make us feel the persons but would not take to the level of believing in that person and entrusting oneself to that person. Love and relationship start from believing in the beloved.

Such a kind of believing does not depend on any physical touch to prove a person's love to the beloved.

Physical touch can be an expression of one's love for the beloved. Believing in a person is the starting point and it can certainly lead to bodily expressions through various senses. Love born out of believing will naturally lead to physical closeness, touch, and intimacy. Love of the heart is freely lived in the senses of the body. Jesus invites us through Thomas to start loving from believing and not merely through physical touch, or emotional sprint, or other bodily senses. Let us pray with Thomas believing in the Risen Lord, "My Lord and my God."

Today, the Sunday following Easter Sunday is called Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Jesus did not go vengefully after those who put him to death. As he pleaded God while hanging on the Cross, for the forgiveness of those who crucified Him, now after the Resurrection Jesus reached out to them in Mercy to offer them peace and forgiveness. He invariably greeted everyone with "Peace be with you" whenever He appeared to them. Resurrection means life, not judgement of what we did or didn't. The Risen Lord invites us to start life with Him in Mercy and Forgiveness.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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Have an idea for a Ministry or Club?

Contact Father Antony at the Rectory to share your idea!

Many of our ministries were formed by a parishioner or employee with an idea.

We are a community of friends brought together through our love of Jesus. It is so special to share time with each other as we do good works, have fun, and praise the name of our Lord.

Ministry

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He has given us ... an
inheritance
that can never
perish,
spoil,
or
fade
— kept in heaven ...

1 PETER 1:3-4, NIV

Prayers for our Community

Pray for Our Military



To add someone to this list, please fill out a card from the literature rack, or contact the rectory.

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023

Pray for the Sick

Angela Conzo
 Nick Conzo
 Joey Cullum
 Carolyn D'Amore
 Carol Falkowski
 Patty Golembiewski
 Jean Kelly
 Richard Landi
 Joe Madonia
 Ellen Murphy
 Stetson Pignataro
 Helen Reichert
 Noah Simonetti



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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.

Pray for the Deceased

MaryAnne Yankowski
 Joseph Walter Pfeifer
 Jack Gaudet
 Antonia Petrillo
 Monica Kanischak
 King Forbes Pedlar

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and our

Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
3. Person making the Request:
4. Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar 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.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
April 8th & 9th (Easter)

\$23,967

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

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.

(If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the form on the literature rack and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.)

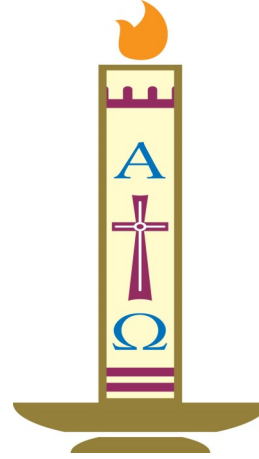
Faith Direct: This offers a safe and secure way to make regularly scheduled donations to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number

Maintenance Collection: We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please take a maintenance envelope from the literature rack.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You.

Paschal Candle 2023

Thank you to everyone who sponsored this year's Paschal Candle. Your support of our church is always appreciated. This year's candle is dedicated to...



The Ferraro Family
The Lovelock Family
Mr & Mrs Brian Fagioli
The Citro Family
The Atkinson Family
Joe & Mary Ann Lilly
The Phelan Family
The Joyce Family
Edward Zebrowski

Offertory Sign-Up Book

Would you like to bring up the gifts during the offertory? It's a great way to participate in the mass with your family!



We have a sign-up book available in the Narthex near the literature rack. Currently available for each weekend in 2023. If you are interested, please sign up and let the ushers know when you arrive at mass.

JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH				
T	W	T	F	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	T	W	T
3	4	5	6	7	2	3	4	5	6	26	27	28	1	2
10	11	12	13	14	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16
24	25	26	27	28	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23
31	1	2	3	4	30	1	2	3	4	26	27	28	29	30
APRIL					MAY					JUNE				
T	W	T	F	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	T	W	T
28	29	30	1	1	7	8	9	10	11	28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8	14	15	16	17	18	4	5	6	7	8

Calendar Club Winners

- Apr 10 (\$25): Brad Fine (479)
- Apr 11 (\$25): Joan & David Marro (682)
- Apr 12 (\$25): Aurelie Miller & John Hendry (56)
- Apr 13 (\$25): Don & Judy Persia (254)
- Apr 14 (\$25): Amelia Cordina (907)
- Apr 15 (\$25): Len Munzer (314)
- Apr 16 (\$50): Barbara Pein (125)

Parish Social Ministry

“He is not here; He is Risen”
~Luke 24:6

As we celebrate this beautiful Easter season and the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on behalf of all the volunteers at Outreach, I would like to express our gratitude for your generous donations of food, gift cards, and Easter baskets. Because of your donations we were able to provide over 50 Easter meals to our neighbors in need, and almost 70 Easter baskets to their children.

In addition, we were able to share extra Easter baskets with the families at one of our local shelters so their children could have a small Easter celebration. There are more than 50 children living in small rooms with only beds, a microwave oven, and a small refrigerator, so the little things bring great joy!

Thank you, and God bless you!



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

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.



One of our STM parishioners is selling fresh eggs, **\$7 per dozen**. To place an order, please call 631-974-2643. Pick up is Saturdays (11:30-1) in the STM parking lot.



We have a parishioner in need of a ride to the 11:30 Mass on Sundays, from the Windwatch complex. If you are able to help, please contact the Outreach office.

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.
Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say, “Peace be with you!” Your gift to our conference of SVdP says “Peace be with you!” to those of our neighbors who are in need.

Join us on April 28th for a fun night of Military Bridge. Check out the flyer in this bulletin.



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

In Our Parish



Second Announcement
Gina Delisi & Steven Ferraro

Young at Heart

Friday April 28th @ 12:30
New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

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 **April 17, 2023** at **2:30 p.m.** Our book for discussion will be: **Women of the Bible Speak** by *Shannon Bream*.
Facilitator: Eileen Santangelo

For further info or to register,
call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805
or Joan @ 631-234-1739



Welcome the Blessed Mother

...into your home with a one-week visit from the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima.



For more information, call Matt
at 631-234-2858

Mary longs to visit you!

Have you been called by name?

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 that is the Catholic Church. Contact RCIA by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551



For you are **receiving**
the outcome of your **faith**,
the **salvation** of your **souls**.

In Our Parish

Blessing of the Easter Food



On Holy Saturday, parishioners were invited to bring their food and Easter baskets to be blessed by Deacon Matt and Father Antony. Thank you to everyone who came.



In Our Community


RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do You Want a Better Marriage?

Do you feel alone, frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other to avoid a fight?

Retrouvaille (Retro-vi) helps couples get through the difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage to rediscover themselves, their spouse, and build the loving relationship they desire.

Our next Weekend is
April 21-23, 2023
At the Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington

Visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or

THE LORD
HAS DONE IT THIS
very day;
LET US REJOICE TODAY
AND BE GLAD.

PSALM 118:24

Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proof of claims for victims of sexual abuse who were 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.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

Events at St. Thomas More

This Week @ STM

Sun Apr 16th, all day
Hospitality Sunday

Sun Apr 16th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Mon Apr 17th, 2:30pm
Circle of Women Book Club

Wed Apr 19th, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting

Thur Apr 20th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Apr 20th, 6:30pm
Alpha Reunion

Thur Apr 20th, 7:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sun Apr 23, 1:30pm
Community Baptisms

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

Confessions
Every Saturday
4:00 PM-4:45 PM

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.



St. Thomas More Employment Services

UPDATE - Autozone – Local (Hauppauge and Central Islip): F/T, P/T, Drivers, Sales

Go to: [AutoZone/Careers.com](https://www.autozone.com/careers)

NEW – IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location.

Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

NEW – Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Many new positions starting September 1st Teachers, TAs, Special Ed Teachers, Social Workers, Nurses

Go to: <https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

STILL LOOKING - Pelican Pools: Pool Cleaners and Repair Persons.

Send resume to Pelican Pools, 509 Country Road 39, Southampton, NY 11968

Town of Islip: P/T Summer Job Opportunities

Apply on line at: <https://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs>,

Levittown Public Schools: Bus Drivers Needed. Full Time.

Go to: <https://levittownschools.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

Fairfield Properties: Super, Asst. Super, Maintenance Personnel

Send resume to: careersmaintenance@fairfieldproperties.com

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

Farmingdale Schools: Head Custodians. 3PM – 11PM

Go to www.farmingdaleschools.org or call 516-434-5170

NYS Dept. of Labor: Skills Workshops: Interviewing, Resume Development, Time Management, Communication Skills, etc.

Go to: <https://dol.ny.gov/career-development>

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

Newsday: Multiple positions available.

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

OR send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

Chipotle: Local Positions. Go to: jobs.chipotle.com

Newsday: Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

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>

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

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

Educational Bus Transportation: Drivers Needed. Call: 631-789-2300

Dunkin': Positions available at many locations.

Go to: <https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/careers>

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

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://](https://jobs.chsli.org/)

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).

Easter Vigil 2023

Congratulations to Mr. David Barshay on receiving his Sacraments!



Mass of The Supper of The Lord and Solemn Procession to The Altar of Repose

Maundy (Holy) Thursday



Fall in for

Military Bridge!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,



April 28, 2023

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Instructions: 6:45pm

Game Begins: 7:00pm

ATTENTION!

This is a simple card game that everyone can learn.
A great way to mix & mingle with your parish friends
(and you don't even have to SALUTE!)

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Raffles and 50/50
- Wine, Cheese & Crackers
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person
*Adults Only



**Fall in and march...
to get your tickets NOW!**

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 4/15 and 4/22

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-265-2753 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

Spring Flower Sale 2023

Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next to the color options. Write the total in the box on the bottom with your name & phone number, and place this form with your payment, cash or check, in an envelope marked "flowers" (if using, make checks payable to St. Thomas More). **Return the envelope to the collection basket or rectory by April 23rd.**

**LAST
CHANCE**

Million Bells Petunia
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

Pink Yellow
 Purple/ Blue

New Guinea Impatients
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

White Salmon
 Lavendar

Balkin Ivy Geraniums
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

Pink

Begonia

\$20.00/ flat

Green Leaf
 Bronze Leaf

Geraniums
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Salmon White
 Pink Red
 Blue Violet

Marigolds

\$20.00/ flat

Large Yellow
 Dwarf Yellow
 Dwarf Mixed

Impatients

\$20.00/ flat

Purple Red
 Mixed

New Guinea Impatients
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Red White
 Pink Orange

Total Enclosed:

Name:

Phone #:

All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend
of May 13 & 14 before and after all masses!

TENEBRAE

GOOD FRIDAY



A reading of the Passion according to John, as the church falls deeper into darkness. Between readings the Miserere Mei Deus was sung, a traditional Tenebrae hymn

After each reading a candle is extinguished. This candelabra is called a "hearse"



The Way of The Cross

Wednesday of Holy Week

