Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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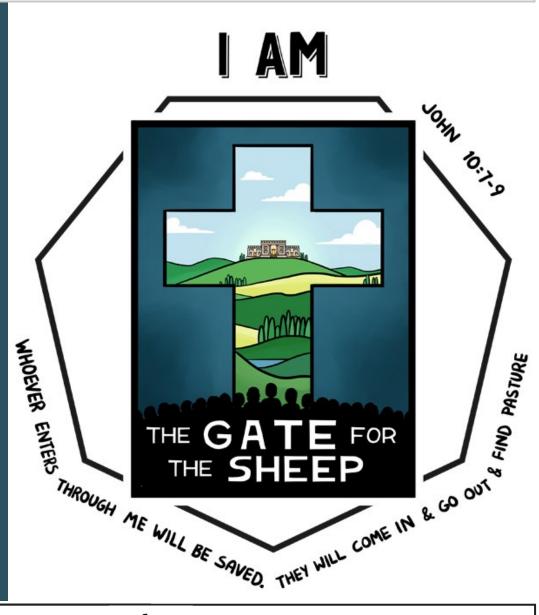
## April 30th, 2023

Fourth

Sunday of laster

#### 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

#### Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

#### **Flocknote**

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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### Masses April 29th - May 7th, 2023

#### This Weekend:

#### Saturday, April 29th:

5:00pm- Georgine Schaefer *by James & Michael Jacobs* 

Sunday, April 30th: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am- Helen Bagadonas by Al Pankus

9:30- Jack McLoughlin by The Felice Family

11:30- Rev. Donald E Babinski by Joanne Eyring

Lillian Rossillo by MaryAnn & Ralph Rantz

Monday, May 1st:

9am- Josephine Booth by The Ratisardi Family

Tuesday, May 2nd:

9am- Rosa Amalia Banguera by The Rodriguez Family

Wednesday, May 3rd:

9am- Michael Dennehy by Patrick & Susan Dennehy

Thursday, May 4th:

9am- Jenny Zicaro by Frank & Molly Prisinzano

Friday, May 5th:

9am- Casey McDonald by Chris & Andy Paino

#### **Next Weekend:**

#### Saturday, May 6th:

5:00pm- Debra Stuart Cameron by their Parents

Marie Drago by Michael & Vivian Jacobs

Sunday, May 7th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am- Rita Hines and Edward Borowski by Kathryn,

Paul. & Amanda Borowski

9:30- Gerard Smith by Joan Smith

Joseph Pfiefer by Judy Coyle, Janet Rylander, & Leslie

**Buttles** 

11:30- Patricia O'Connell by Matt & Nancy O'Connell

#### Readings for This Week

April 30th, 2023 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm 23:1-3a,3b,4,5,6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

#### John 14:1-12 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen. amen. I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

#### Focus Questions for 5/7/23

John 14:1-12

1: How do you live out Christ's trust in you to do great things?

2: Relate a time when a teacher or mentor told you that you were ready to be on your own. How did you react?

3: What do the words of Jesus, that he is the way, the truth, and the life, mean to you?

Family & Children's Question:
How do you carry on Jesus' mission by helping others, taking care of those in need, and forgiving those who hurt you?

#### **Readings for Next Week**

May 7th, 2023 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

#### Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A man's car stalled in the heavy traffic as the light turned green. All his efforts to start the engine failed, and a chorus of honking behind him made matters worse. He finally got out of his car, walked back to the first driver, and said, "I'm sorry, but I can't seem to get my car started. If you'll go up there and give it a try, I'll stay here and blow your horn for you." When one gets stuck in midst of a mess, how can we help that person to get out of it?

In the first reading we read that people were cut to the heart and asked Peter and other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" They realized that they were wrong in condemning Jesus. So, they wanted to get out of the mess they had created for themselves. Peter explained to them the way-out that God has set before them. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Jesus is the way-out. His gift of the Holy Spirit is the leading force to guilt free life of God's grace of forgiveness and peace.

In the second reading, we hear from the same Peter who showed the way-out to his contemporaries, inviting the believers of his church to walk with Jesus, to come out of any mess they might be in. Jesus "himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness." It applies to us also. We might have gone astray like sheep, but Jesus is our Guardian and shepherd to safely bring us back to His fold.

In the Gospel today Jesus says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus is the gate for those who seek an opening to get out of the mess. He is the gate just in front of us, the opened GATE inviting us to walk into a safe and secure place. Jesus as the gate is not only a way out of our mess but also an opening to enter into great pasture for a better life. Jesus is both the destination and way to that destination. He is not only a teacher who teaches what is the way but also companion who walks with us to the destination. Jesus is the path itself on which you can walk.

Today's responsorial psalm (Psalm 23) sings the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus the Shepherd goes before us showing the way and accompanies us even in the valley of the shadow of death. The Risen Jesus is our Good Shepherd promising us, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Let us hear Jesus's invitation to enter through the Gate which is Jesus Himself. Let us be led by Him to cherish His gift of life in abundance.

I invite you for the Bible Study that will start on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in Walden Hall on four Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will explore the Resurrection Narratives. During this Easter Season it will be a great experience of delving into the mystery of Resurrection, which can enlighten and empower us. All are welcome.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



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Young at Heart
Anna Beltrani 631-234-0714

# 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.

#### 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



#### **Prayers for our Community**

#### **Pray for Our Military**

#### 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
Deacon Al Pankus
Stetson Pignataro
Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Helen Reichert
Sheila Samson
Derrick Simon
Noah Simonetti
John Spadaro

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

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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

Anthony Ferrara

Marie Drago

MaryAnne Yankowski

Joseph Walter Pfeifer

Jack Gaudet

Antonia Petrillo

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

#### 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 22nd & 23rd \$ 5481

Weekly Goal: \$6700

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

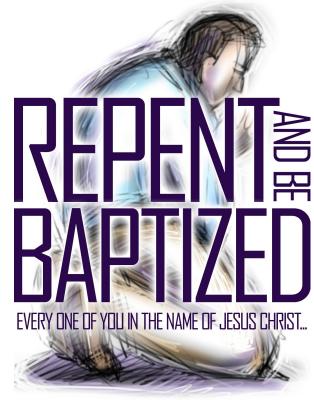
**Envelope users:** Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

(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.



**ACTS 2:38** 

#### 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.

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#### **Parish Social Ministry**

"It is in giving that we receive"

This week we are very low on...
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Boxed Milk
Pasta Sauce
Instant Oa tmeal
Juice/Drink Mixes
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Tissues
Laundry Detergent

As always, we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans can be difficult to distribute.



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.



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.

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

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."



Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you all for your gifts to our Lenten Project. With your help, we continue to reach out to those in need.

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

#### In Our Parish

#### Save The Date!

Feast Weekend is coming!

June 2nd-4th 2023

Surf's Up Dinner Dance June 3rd



#### Young at Heart

Friday May 12th @ 12:30 Friday May 19th: Communion Breakfast New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions



#### 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 May 15th, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Our book for discussion will be:

Women in Sunlight by Frances Mayes

Facilitator: Katharine Kane

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





#### **Bible Study**

...with Father Antony!

The Resurrection Stories of the Gospels

Come and learn with us!

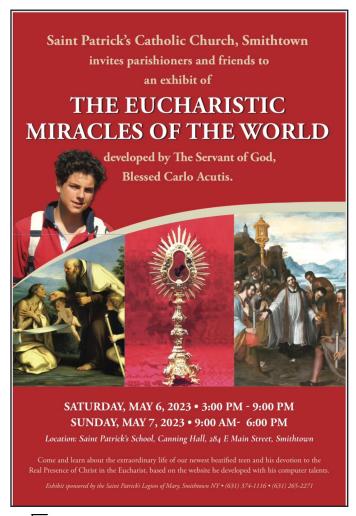
When: Four Thursdays, starting May 4th

from 6:30-8pm

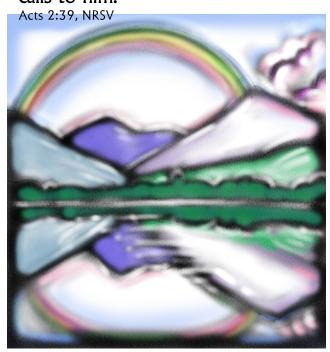
Where: Walden Hall (White Room)

Call or email the Rectory to sign up!
(631) 234-5551
rectory@stmli.org

#### In Our Community



For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.



#### **Bereavement Support Group**

Many of us have suffered the loss of someone dear to us - perhaps a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or friend. Grief can leave us feeling lost and alone. We invite you to join our bereavement support group, which provides members an opportunity to understand grief in a way that rebuilds our identity and strengthens our faith in ourselves and the Lord.

Grief is experienced differently by each person, and the pain often take a long time to heal. Participants learn how to deal with grief and will receive (and give) valuable support and fellowship through healing. There is no charge.

When: Wednesdays at 2pm, 5/3-6/21
Where: St Anthony of Padua Parish Outreach
Liturgy Room
Sign Up: Please call 631-336-9922 or 631261-1695



#### Events at St. Thomas More

#### This Week @ STM

Sun Apr 30th, 12:30pm Youth Group

Tues May 2nd, 7:00pm Holy Hour

Wed May 3rd, 7:00pm Knight's of Columbus Business Meeting

Thur May 4th, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 4th, 6:30pm Bible Study

Thur May 4th, 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sat May 6th, 10:00am 8th Grade Community Day

Sun May 7th, 12:30pm Youth Group

#### 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 H ours 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.

# The Lord shepherd, is my shepherd, shall not want.

#### St. Thomas More Employment Services

<u>UPDATE - Town of Islip:</u> P/T Summer Job Opportunities. Walk-In interviews: June 1st, Brookwood Hall, East Islip. Or apply

on line at: <a href="https://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs">https://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs</a>

STILL LOOKING - United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville. Go to:

www.upsjobs.com

NEW - IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

<u>NEW – Eastern Suffolk BOCES:</u> Many new positions starting September 1<sup>st</sup>: TAs, Special Ed Teachers, Nurses, Physical Therapists

Go to: <a href="https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities">https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities</a>

<u>Autozone – Local (Hauppauge and Central Islip):</u> F/T, P/T, Drivers, Sales

Go to: AutoZone/Careers.com

Pelican Pools: Pool Cleaners and Repair Persons.

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

Levittown Public Schools: Bus Drivers Needed. Full Time.

Go to: <a href="https://levittown.schools.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities">https://levittown.schools.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities</a>

Fairfield Properties: Super, Asst. Super, Maintenance Personnel

Send resume to: <a href="maintenence@fairfieldproperties.com">careersmaintenence@fairfieldproperties.com</a>

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

Go to: <a href="https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/">https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/</a>

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: <a href="https://dol.ny.gov/career-development">https://dol.ny.gov/career-development</a>

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

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Newsday: Multiple positions available.

Go to: <a href="https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday">https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday</a>

OR send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

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

<u>Newsday:</u> 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: <a href="https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers">https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers</a>

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: <a href="https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs">https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs</a>

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

<u>Dunkin':</u> 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

<u>Suffolk Transportation Services:</u> Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: <a href="http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs">http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs</a>

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careeers.walmart.com

<u>Catholic Health Services:</u> Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions. Go to: <a href="https://">https://</a>

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

<u>United States Postal Service (USPS):</u> 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: <a href="mailto:imtwhite@optonline.net">imtwhite@optonline.net</a>

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



Music in the theme of Peace in Jesus by Alex & Noelle!



Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm





Celebrate STM at our annual

# Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, June 4th after the 8, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses





# **DINNER AND DANCING**

SAT, JUNE 3RD \$30/ PERSON DOORS @ 6:30PM ADULTS ONLY





Return the slip with your payment to the Rectory, or table in Narthex, by Friday, May 26th!

Number of attendees:

Name(s) of attendees:

Phone Number:

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please pay in Cash or Check made out to St. Thomas More Church