Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

July 9th, 2023
Fourteenth
Sungky
Ordinary
Time

# **Parish Mission**

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.



"Come to me, all you who are weary & burdened

# I Will give you rest.

take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle & humble In heart, and you will find test for your souls. for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

----- Matt 11:28-30 ---

#### **Parish Resources**

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm\_church

@stm\_yg

Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote:

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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# Masses July 8th- July 16th, 2023

#### Saturday, July 8th:

5pm- Marie Drago by Tom & Fran LaFauci

Altha Louise Ditch by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa

Sunday, July 9th: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Monica Kanischak by Connie & Robert Korrow

Julie Prestopino by Vivian & Michael Jacobs

9:30am- Jack Gaudet by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux

Robert B Tringali by Patricia & Charles Warish

11:30am- Giulianna Destefano by Anthony Destefano

Aolis & Gladys Estermann by Andy Gomez

Monday, July 10th:

9am- Marie Drago by Arlene & John Aspromgos

Tuesday, July 11th:

9am- Marie Rapaport by Marie & Carmine Dilullo

Wednesday, July 12th:

9am- Guillermo Morcillo by The Rodriguez Family

Thursday, July 13th

9am- John Shovlin by Arlene & John Aspromgos

Friday, July 14th: St Kateri Tekakwitha

9am- Pantaleo G Alicastro by their Family

Saturday, July 15th: St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

5pm- Marsha Augustyn by Vivian Jacobs

John Garvey by The Garvey Family

Sunday, July 16th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Marie Drago by Karen & Adam Rhoads

Julie Prestopino by Mary Ann Rantz

9:30am- Josephine Testani by The Rahilly Family

Lauren Qualtere by Glenn Hollins & Rosalie Rocchio

11:30am- Steven Parr by Patty Cercone

Nicholas Malin by His Parents

#### Readings for this Week

July 9th, 2023 (Ordinary 14)
Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13-14
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

# Matthew 13:1-9 (Ordinary 15) \*short form

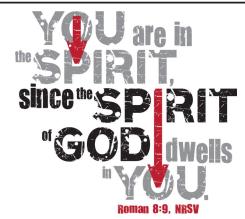
On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

#### Focus Questions for 7/16/23 Matthew 13:1-23

- 1: Relate a time when you found it hard to act on God's word
- 2: What do you do to be open to God's word in your life?
- 3: How can you help others to be receptive to the word of God?

Family & Children's Question: Talk about how you can support local farmers.



#### Readings for Next Week

July 16th, 2023 (Ordinary 15) Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10,11,12-13,14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

# Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

A little girl invited her friend over to her house to play. When her friend said that she needed to use the bathroom the little girl led her to the one her parents used, and then pointed to the scale in the corner. "Whatever you do," cautioned the little girl, "don't step on that thing!" "Why not?" asked her friend.

"I don't know," replied the little girl, "All I know is that whenever my mom gets on it, she starts screaming like mad."

The scale shows how much we weigh – the right number, nothing more or nothing less. It performs just its function. It does not care if we are happy or upset. We too will be exactly like a machine when we perform functions without meaning, or act without love, or live without the right relationship with others. But let us not forget; our heart can transform us from being machines to becoming lively humans.

Especially in our act of forgiving, we can clearly perceive the power of the heart to transform our life. Our brain will find reasons for how right it is to punish the wrong. Our Body will remind the hurtful pain to hold on to the grudge. It is our heart that alone has the power to overrule the brain and body and can freely give the gift of forgiveness. The real power of the heart is forgiveness which can empower us to bear the burden of reasons and heal us from the painful hurts of body.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to learn from Him, the power of the heart. It is neither easy for the mind to accept a yoke easily, nor for the body to bear its burden lightly. But Jesus promises that His meek and humble heart will make our yoke easy and our burden light. May all our worships and prayers be the moments of learning from Jesus' heart to live the power of our heart. May the power of our heart transform us. Let us try to make our yoke easy and burden light from the strength of the heart which is greater than that of the reason and body. Let us pray our traditional prayer every day to the Sacred Heart, "Jesus, meek and humble of HEART make my heart unto thine."

You are invited to the St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic. Please remember to mark your calendar; September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date at Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue, starting with Mass at Noon. A picnic follows the mass. Please, bring lunch and spend some social time after the Mass at the Beach. The Knights of Columbus will keep the grill hot and ready to help those who want to barbecue their food.

Summer rest and planning: Summer activities are in full swing. As much as we spend time in fun and relaxation, let us also take some time in planning to engage our children in some spiritual activities during the forthcoming school year... like doing some service such as altar servers, lectors, choir members, or in youth ministry... Education and sports will nurture their body and intellect, but church activities will feed their spirit, which is the basis of both mind and body.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



# His Presence Is Real - Reflections on the Eucharist by Deacon Matt

#### St. Cyril of Jerusalem

One aspect of the Eucharist we'll touch on from time to time in this bulletin series are the saints who are particularly associated with the Eucharist. One of the most important of these is St. Cyril of Jerusalem. St. Cyril comes from an era of the Church known as the Patristic Period. This was the first four centuries of the Church, when the Fathers of the Church laid the initial groundwork for doctrine and theology that carries us forward to this day.

St. Cyril was born around the year 315 in Jerusalem. He was eventually named bishop of Jerusalem in 350 and died in the year 386. His feast day in the Catholic Church is celebrated on March 18. In his younger years, after becoming a priest, he was asked to begin to instruct catechumens (those who are not yet baptized) to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Some of the most powerful of these teachings concerned the Eucharist.

When it came to matters of theology, St. Cyril didn't really have many other teachers or works to fall back on. He simply had Scripture and only about 200 years of development of understanding of Christ and his teachings, as well as the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

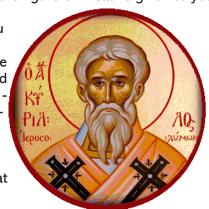
His teachings emphasized the Eucharist as Sacrifice, Communion and Real Presence in a clear and uncomplicated way. He supported the belief that a priest was given the power to confect the Eucharist during Mass.

In our prayers today, let us ask for the intercession of St. Cyril for all those who are the catechists and coordinators of our young students of the Eucharist. Let's also lift up in a prayer of thanksgiving all those who taught each of us to love and respect the True Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion, no matter how long ago.

"Wherefore with full assurance let us partake as of the Body and Blood of Christ: for in the figure of Bread is given to you

His Body, and in the figure of Wine His Blood; that you by partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, may be made of the same body and the same blood with Him." - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lecture 22, no. 3

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at <u>eucharist@stmli.org</u>.



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# **Prayers for Our Community**

#### Pray for the Deceased

Charles Dorchak

Patricia Ann O'Halleran

Patty A Gaudio

Ann B Chiuchiolo

WELCOMED HOM

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

#### Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

This is an alternative option to having a Mass said in memoriam. To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family, and the name will be published in the bulletin.



### **Pray for Our Military**

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

#### Pray for the Sick

Anabel Kencito Allaire Mike Babach Pat Camera Vincent Carlino Barbara Cassetta Joseph Cassetta Anthony Ceriello (2yrs) Angela Conzo Nick Conzo Joey Cullum Carolyn D'Amore Charles Dorchak Robert Driscoll Carol Falkowski Michael Fiorentino Barbara Foberg Patty Golembiewski

Linda Heller

Jean Herlihy Jean Kelly Susanne Martin Scarlett LaMariana Richard Landi Joe Madonia Ellen Murphy Deacon Al Pankus Stetson Pignataro (2yrs) Nunzio (Steve) Puleio Helen Reichert **Bob Sawyer** Derrick Simon **Noah Simonetti** John Spadaro Peter Sturnialo Lorraine White Denise Zappia

\*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023



# 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: July 1st & 2nd

\$ 5053

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 want to receive envelopes, please fill out the form on the literature rack.)

Faith Direct: Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/ NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. More information is available in the literature rack

#### **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.



# **MATTHEW 11:29**

#### 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**

#### This week we are very low on...

Cereal
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Juice/Drink Mixes
Non-Dairy Creamer
Paper Towels
Canned Soup
Microwave Rice
Canned Vegetables
Chef Boyardee Meals
Pasta Sauce

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.

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!





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.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

That there are about 500 families that are homeless (about 2500 individuals) in Suffolk County, of which half have a source of income but are still unable to afford housing or rent costs, according to current reports.

Almost 20% of our neighbors who are helped by St. Thomas More Outreach live in homeless shelters.

Your donations allow us to support over 80 families in our neighborhood who have to choose between putting food on the table or paying their rent/mortgage/utilities.



# St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens. Thank you!

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

# In Our Parish

#### This & That with Deacon Matt

In July and August, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home. Do you have questions about our faith? Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, or suggestions you'd like to make? The floor is yours! Deacon Matt will be the facilitator. The format is simple: find 6-10 people to gather at your home on a specific date, serve dessert, and come with your questions/topics.

Deacon Matt is especially interested in hearing the voices of the young. So teenagers and young adults are most certainly encouraged to get a group together!

In general, late afternoons/early evenings during the week, and possibly Saturday mornings, are available. To discuss a specific date, you can send an email to ThisAndThat2O23@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.

#### Golf Outing Raffle!

Raffle tickets for the Parish Golf Outing are now being sold after all masses. \$10 each, 3 for \$20, 9 for \$50. Please help support our parish.

In addition to our cash prize raffle, we are holding a raffle for a twosome for the Golf Outing.

These tickets are \$10 each. We will only sell #40.

Once all 40 are sold, a winner will be drawn and receive passes for two people to play golf at the Parish Golf Outing on September 11th.

Tickets sold after all masses.

# **Linen Ministry Opportunity**

The St. Thomas More Linen Ministry is looking for new members. This ministry takes care of washing and ironing the linens used during Masses and Baptisms. Your commitment can be for once a month, or once every two months. Call Patti Surico at 631-366-2004 for more information.

#### 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.

We do not meet in July and August. Our next meeting is 9/18/2023. Our book discussion will be It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover Facilitator: Jo Garvey

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



### 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

#### The Music Corner

Here are some more songs to check out. These songs can be found on YouTube, or your favorite streaming app.

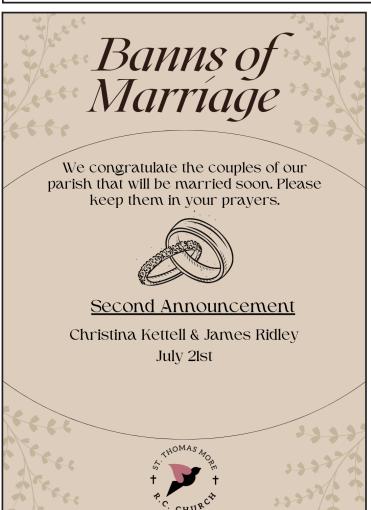
#### Your Labor Is Not in Vain

The Porter's Gate ft. Paul Zach
Our work, our labors, our struggles are all for the
Lord. A peaceful song by The Porter's Gate worship
collective brings this point home.

#### His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell ft. Boyce College Choir "Our sins they are many, His mercy is more." It is always helpful to be reminded that God's mercy is limitless, far stronger than the darkness's we face.

## In Our Parish



#### Young at Heart

Friday July 14th at 12:30pm New Members Always Welcome Save the Date! BBQ August 11th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

#### 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!



# In Our Community

#### **Bereavement Support Group**

For the recently bereaved and those still struggling with unresolved loss
St. Joseph RCC
45 Church St, Ronkonkoma
9 week program begins Tues 7/11, 10am or 7pm. Registration \$25 (includes book)
Call Michele Nappi @ 631-588-8456 or Email michele@stjoronk.org

#### Hauppauge High School Class of '78 Reunion

45th Reunion is on 7/22/23 from 7-11pm, with Pre-Reunion party on 7/21 at 7pm and Reunion Picnic on 7/23 at noon. For more info, email HHS Class of '78 Reunion Committee at HHS197845th@gmail.com





# Happening at St. Thomas More

# Coming Up @ STM

Tues July 11th, 7:00pm Adoration

Fri July 14th, 12:30pm Young at Heart

Sun July 16th, 12:30pm Youth Group: Alpha

#### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM

**Saturday** 

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

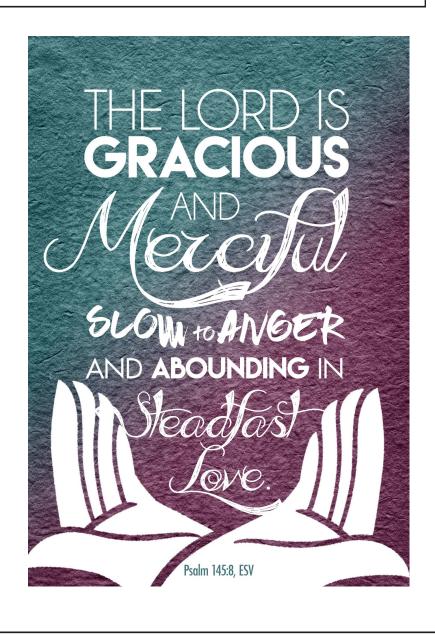
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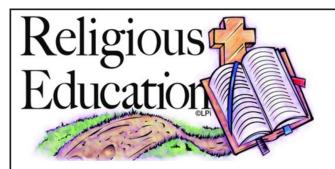
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Confessions

**Every Saturday** 

4:00 PM-4:45 PM

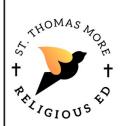




# St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration 2023/2024 School Year

-- Sharing the Spirit of Love --



If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



# St. Thomas More Employment Services

NEW - Housekeeper - Island Environmental Services: 11PM-7AM (M-F); Health Care Facilities.

Send resume to: A Sparacio, Island Environmental Services, 6 Tee View Ct, Manorville, NY 11949

<u>NEW - Pomodoro (Huntington):</u> Restaurant Manager. Send resume to Fabio Machado, Pomodoro Suffolk,

55 Wall Street, Huntington, NY 11743

NEW - New Energy Education Center (Syosset): Computer and Robotics Teacher.

Send resume to: <a href="mailto:newenergyedu@gmail.com">newenergyedu@gmail.com</a>

NEW - Shoprite (Hauppauge): Multiple Positions.

Call: 631-979-0110, ext3901

<u>NEW - Carson Optical (Ronkonkoma):</u> Public Relations and Marketing Lead. Promotion of brand to Latin America military. Spanish proficiency and travel to Latin America.

Send CV to: Sharon Barnhart at: <a href="mailto:sbarnhart@carson.com">sbarnhart@carson.com</a>

NEW - Media Placements, Inc (Islip): Marketing Director (BRG Restaurants).

Go to: <a href="mailto:brgroup.biz/career">brgroup.biz/career</a>

<u>Eastern Suffolk BOCES:</u> Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers, other positions.

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

Mavis Discount Tires (Maple Avenue, Smithtown): Apply within or call: 844-375-3995

<u>Catholic Charities:</u> Budget and Claims Analyst, Hicksville.

Go to: jobs@catholiccharities.cc

Catholic Charities: P/T Social Worker, Residential Services (10 hrs/wk).

Go to: <a href="mailto:jobs@catholiccharities.cc">jobs@catholiccharities.cc</a>

NY State Dept of Labor: Summer Jobs! Park rangers, lifeguards, adventure trail guides, and golf course maintenance. Visit seasonal works.labor.ny.gov

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

Go to: <a href="https://www.upsjobs.com">www.upsjobs.com</a>

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

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>

<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

Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

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

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

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

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: <a href="https://jobs.chsli.org/">https://jobs.chsli.org/</a>

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

<u>Suffolk County:</u> 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>jmtwhite@optonline.net</u> Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

# St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

# **Annual Golf Outing**

# 9/11/23 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start





# Registration Form

Golfers:	Name		Contact Nun	nber
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Please fill o	ut a separate form for $\epsilon$ golfers.	each Foursome. Sing	gles or Twoso	mes will be paired
Include a ch	neck for <b>\$175.00</b> per go	lfer made out to: St	. Thomas Mo	re Parish
Please inclu	de Shirt size for each go	olfer		
Med	Large	X-Large	xx	xxx
Registration	n begins at <b>7:30 AM</b> wit	h coffee and donuts	5.	
<b>Dinner Onl</b> y Thomas Mo	y Patrons: Please includ ore Parish	le a check for <b>\$80.0</b>	<b>0</b> per person	made out to St.
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Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.





# ALPHA

SUMMER SERIES

**AGES 14-21** 

# LIFE: IS THIS IT?



SUNDAYS 12:30-2:30PM

July 16, 30, August 13, 27

7/16/23 Topic- JESUS: WHO IS HE?

# Haly Haur " "Inshackle the Soul"

Songs of freedom through Christ by Alex & Noelle!



Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm



\*please note the change in date for the month of July. Happy Independence Day

