

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

July 16th, 2023

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.

*Fifteenth Sunday
Ordinary Time*

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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@stm_church

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Masses July 15th- July 23rd, 2023

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 MaryAnn 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*

Monday, July 17th:

9am- Jack Gaudet *by Pat & Joan Shea*

Tuesday, July 18th:

9am- Nicholas Malin *by His Parents*

Wednesday, July 19th:

9am- Joseph, Harry, Josephine Luca; Felicia & Josephine

Farragone; Remo Valeri *by Nella*

Thursday, July 20th

9am- Vincent Zullo *by Ursula Molinaro*

Friday, July 21st:

9am- Marie Drago *by Lou & Ann Annatrella*

Saturday, July 22nd: St Mary Magdalene

5pm- Marie Drago *by Theresa & Will Recce & Family*

Mary Ann Yankowski *by Emilia Savarese*

Sunday, July 23rd: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Marie Utter *by Nana & Jim Dowse*

William Merget *by Paul & Lydia Merget*

9:30am- Eleanor Reeves *by Loretta Hohmann*

John Madaio *by Ann Russo*

11:30am- Jack Gaudet *by John & MaryAnn Egan*

Debra Stuart Cameron *by Her Parents*

Matthew 13:24-30 (Ordinary 16)

*short form

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

Focus Questions for 7/23/23

Matthew 13:24-43

1: Describe a time when something good began as a small thing and mushroomed into something larger than you thought.

2: How do you respond to people who, like the weeds in the parable, keep you from growing?

3: Describe a time when you needed to do more to help the seed of faith grow.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about an action you can take to help take care of the earth.



Readings for this Week

July 16th, 2023 (Ordinary 15)

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 65:10,11,12-13,14

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Readings for Next Week

July 23rd, 2023 (Ordinary 16)

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalms 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Jim went to see a psychiatrist and said that every night he was visited by a twelve-foot dragon with three heads. He was a nervous wreck, could not sleep at all, and was on the verge of total collapse. He had even thought of suicide.

"I think I can help you," said the psychiatrist, "but I warn you that it will take a year or two and will cost three thousand dollars."

"Three thousand dollars!" the man exclaimed. "Forget it! I'll just go home and make friends with it."

Truth is everywhere. We may choose to accept or reject it but cannot get rid of it. To run away from it is like running away from our feet. To accept it is like kissing our lips. The best we need to do is to see, understand, and be at rest to grow in and with it.

Today's first two readings open our eyes and senses to learn from how nature is faithful in living its truth. Nature never fails to be fertile and fruitful. It never disappoints us. The rain and snow come down and do not return till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. So also, the seeds are faithful to the one who sows them, giving them bread to eat. The whole creation is true to its purpose for which it is created.

In today's Gospel Jesus compares the divine truth/reality to a growing seed in each one of us. We have the built-in capacity to grow and bear fruits of truth. Jesus' story explains that divine truth is not an abstract fact that we accept or reject. Rather it is like the seed that can grow in us and make our life bear the fruits of truth. Jesus invites us to make the right choice. He makes us aware of our inner capacity to grow in it.

The growth of truth in us is proportionate to the extent of our willingness to grow in it. We can receive or become aware of the divine truth in one of the following four ways: 1) like a rock with no soil to grow, or 2) like a land covered with bushes to choke the growth, or 3) like a wayside allowing the birds to pick up the seeds, or 4) like a perfect soil allowing the divine truth to grow and bear fruit. Jesus is the seed of truth. It is up to us how rich the seed Jesus must grow in us. Today's parable encourages us not simply to search for truth, but to grow in and become the truth. We are the fertile soil of God and let us be ourselves, pure and organic, allowing the Word and truth of God to grow fully as well.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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

The Mass: Introductory Rites I

The Mass and the Eucharist are forever bound together. Thus it's entirely appropriate that we try to come to a better understanding and appreciation of the Mass during this bulletin series. We will do this in small parts, returning to this topic from time to time.

The Mass is divided up into four main sections: the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Concluding Rites. Today, let's take a look at the first half of the Introductory Rites.

The very first thing we notice is that the Mass starts with a procession. The altar servers, lector(s), deacon(s), and priest (and bishop if there is one present) walk down the center aisle to the altar. Why? Any kind of a liturgical or devotional procession is a representation of us, the People of God, as we journey together towards Jesus. In the entrance procession, the ministers represent all of us. We all turn our focus on the altar, the place where the Sacrifice of the Mass will take place. The ministers, in fact, bow to the altar, and then the priest and deacons kiss it as well.

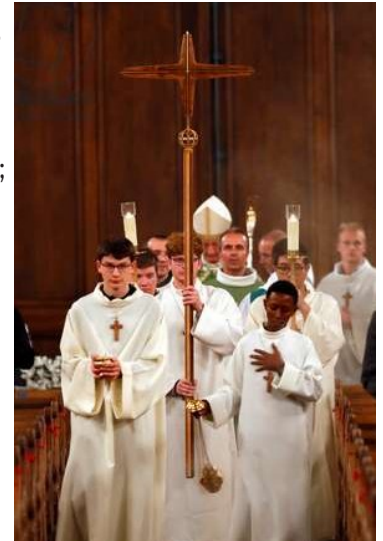
The priest then greets the assembly and we all make the Sign of the Cross. This is public worship, done together as the Body of Christ, in union with the Trinity. While individual

worship away from church is important for developing our relationship with God, liturgy reminds us that we are meant to be in communion with each other, and with God.

We then perform the Penitential Act, reciting "Lord/Christ have mercy". In order to worthily receive Jesus, we recognize that we are sinners. We ask his mercy upon us that no matter what we might have done since the last time we encountered him, that our hearts, souls and minds now be directed toward him, and that he in turn may fill us with his grace.

"The Church [...] earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at [Mass], should not be there as strangers or silent spectators; on the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration." - *Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 48.*

Questions? Comments? Contact me at eucharist@stmli.org.



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Deceased

Daniel Sommo

Carol Falkowski

Derrick James Ries

Norman Wagner

Antoinette Dove

WELCOMED HOME

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

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

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

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

In Memory Of

Edward Zabrowski

By Mary Lou Braun

Week of July 16th



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

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 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 8th & 9th

\$ 5704

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



“A sower went out to sow.”

MATTHEW 13:3, NRSV

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.

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				
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3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	26	27	28	1	2
10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	12	13	14	15	16
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Calendar Club Winners

July 10 (\$25): Janet & Mike Daly (300)

July 11 (\$25): Eileen Stuart (461)

July 12 (\$25): Joyce Miller (364)

July 13 (\$25): Dakota Chin (1046)

July 14 (\$25): Michele Cloke (453)

July 15 (\$25): John & Denise Zappia (270)

July 16 (\$50): Susan Dennehy (118)



Parish Social Ministry

This week we are very low on...

Toothpaste
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Juice/Drink Mixes
Non-Dairy Creamer
Paper Towels
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.

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

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. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †



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...

Long Island Cares has a free farmers market for seniors in need of locally sourced nutritious produce and lean proteins. Mondays, July 24th, August 7th, August 21st @ Long Island Cares, 75 Davids Drive Hauppauge

The Town of Islip has transportation services for Islip seniors who have no access to private or public transportation and cannot afford private taxi fare. Must be a Town of Islip resident. Please call at least 2 weeks before the service is needed: 631-224-5686

The Town of Islip provides small household repairs that the homeowner/renter cannot manage: 631-224-5424 choose between putting food on the table or paying their rent/mortgage/utilities.

Smithtown Senior Citizens Dept offers in-home medical alert monitoring services to residents 62 and older. For more information on this and other programs, call the Senior Center at 631-360-7616

St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today we hear the story of the sower and we know that “some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.”

Whenever you donate to St. Vincent de Paul, know those gifts will produce fruit a hundred fold by reducing the critical effect of the trauma the person/family is facing. Thank you.

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

In Our Parish

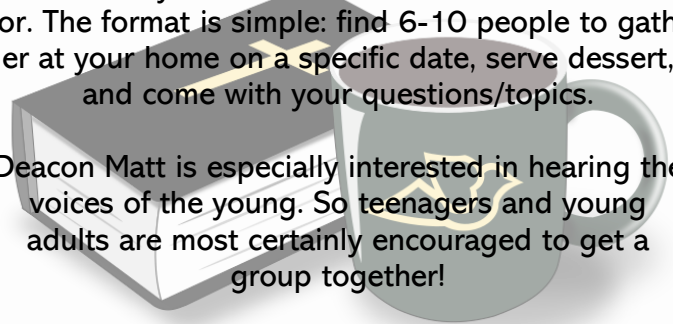
This & That with Deacon Matt

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 ThisAndThat2023@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.



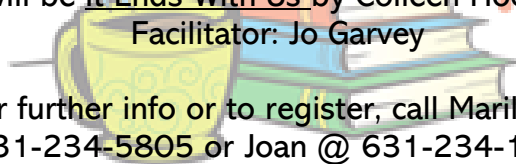
Circle of Women

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



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome

BBQ August 11th!

\$25 per person

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

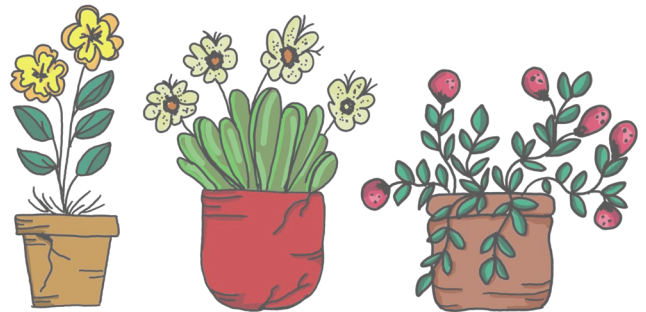


Golf Outing Raffle!

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.



The Music Corner

There is a rich tradition of religious folk music. Here are a couple options to check out. These songs can be found on YouTube, or your favorite streaming app.

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

The Hillbilly Thomists

A group of actual Dominican friars, they have been recording bluegrass standards since 2017. You can see them perform in NYC this August

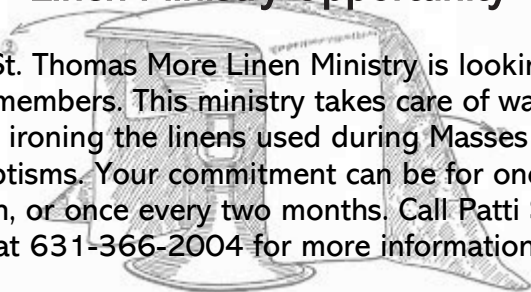
Ain't No Grave

Crooked Still

An exiting bluegrass arrangement of this traditional spiritual. Johnny Cash famously recorded this song in '03 before his death.

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.



In Our Parish

Banns of Marriage

We congratulate the couples of our parish that will be married soon. Please keep them in your prayers.



Third Announcement

Cristina Kettell & James Ridley

July 21st



Blessing the Babies!

Please keep these beautiful children and their families in your prayers as they approach their Baptisms. We are always excited to welcome new children into the faith.



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

Hosting Sri Lankan Marian Festival

Many saw the colorful flags across our parking lot this weekend at masses. Father Antony hosted a group of Sri Lankan Catholics as they celebrated Our Lady of Madhu.

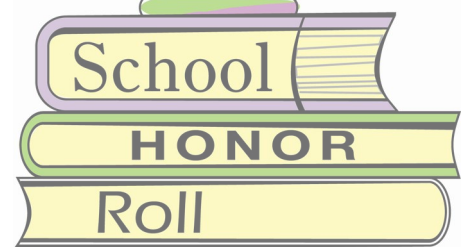


Chaminade Honor Roll

Congratulations to our parishioners who have achieved the Honor Roll for the end of the year.

Timothy Sandbichler
Freshman

Robert Carboy
Junior



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

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



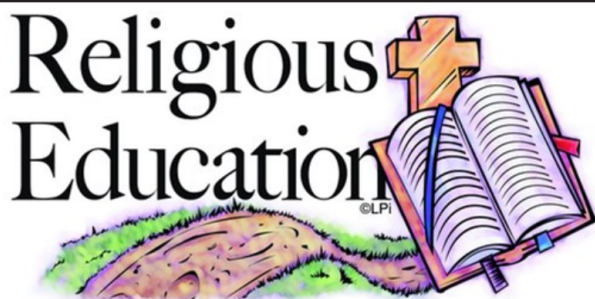
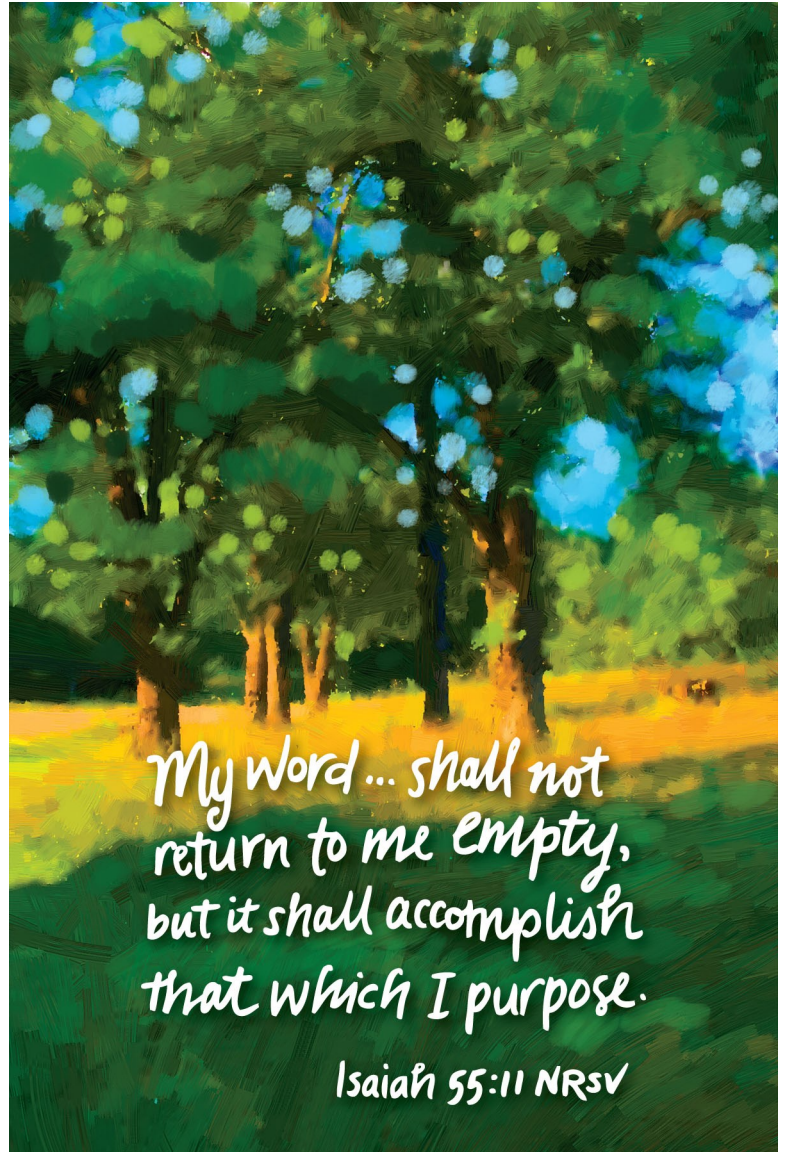
Weekly Mass Schedule

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



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 - Newsday: Many, many positions available.

Go to: <https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday>
or email: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

NEW – Hengstenberg’s Florist: Floral Designer, Assistant Florist. Send resume to: Hengstenberg’s Florist, Attn: J Zimmerman, 735 Franklin Ave, Garden City, NY 11530

Shoprite (Hauppauge): Multiple Positions.

Call: 631-979-0110, ext3901

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: www.upsjobs.com

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

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

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

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>

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

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).

Saints of July



Feast Day: July 3rd
Apostle, Preacher, Martyr
Bishop of India
Patron: Architects

Known as Didymus or Doubting Thomas. In the Gospel of John, Thomas doubts Jesus' return, but later confessed his faith.



Feast Day: July 11th
Abbot, Exorcist, Mystic
Founder: Benedictine Order
Patron: Europe

Founded a number of communities for monks in Italy. Fr Antony is known as Benedict in India (Asir)



Feast Day: July 14th
Virgin
First Native American Saint
Patron: Environment

Algonquin-Mohawk born in present day NY. At 19 she was Baptized and moved to a Jesuit Mission Village.



Feast Day: July 15th
Friar, Doctor of the Church
Seraphic Doctor
Patron: Bowel Disorders

A prolific writer who was known to reconcile diverse traditions in theology and philosophy. Staunch defender of the Franciscan tradition.



Feast Day: July 22nd
Apostle to the Apostles
Patron: Pharmacists, Converts, Women

Travelled with the Jesus and the Apostles. First person to witness the Risen Christ, brought news of the resurrection to the Apostles.



Feast Day: July 25th
Apostle and Martyr
"Son of Thunder"
Patron: Spain

Brother of John the Apostle, and taller or older (greater) than the other James. Executed by Herod in Acts, first Apostle to be martyred.



Feast Day: July 26th
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of Jesus Christ
Patron: Grandparents

Wealthy couple from the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Unable to conceive, they prayed for a child, promising to dedicate them to God's service.



Feast Day: July 29th
Members of the House of Bethany
Friends of Jesus Christ
Patron: Siblings

Welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha was active, preparing. Mary anointed His feet. Lazarus was raised from the dead.



Feast Day: July 31st
Priest
Founder: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
Patron: Jesuits, Basque Region

Convert to Catholicism after an injury. Founded the Jesuit order and through that, many schools. "Go, set the world of fire."

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 11TH
9:00AM GUN START

**RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE!**

\$175 per golfer
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing- 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 or Tom Prunty @ (631) 682-4177

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL OR FIND REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE LIT RACK

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 Number
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

Please fill out a separate form for each Foursome. Singles or Twosomes will be paired with other golfers.

Include a check for **\$175.00** per golfer made out to: St. Thomas More Parish

Please include Shirt size for each golfer

Med **Large** **X-Large** **XX** **XXX**

Registration begins at **7:30 AM** with coffee and donuts.

Dinner Only Patrons: Please include a check for **\$80.00** per person made out to St. Thomas More Parish

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.

