Catholic Church Community of

Sharing the Spirit

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

September 3rd, 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.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

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StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

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Masses September 2nd-September 10th, 2023

Saturday, September 2nd:

5pm- Marie Drago by Linda & Tom Christy

Peter Nicastro by Geraldine Covino

Sunday, September 3rd: Twenty-Second Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Sheila Samson by STM Golf Committee

9:30am- Nina Chow by Clayton & Kathleen Chin

Graziano Zara by the Zara Family

11:30am- Robert Boston by the Kreider Family

Rosalind Warmuth by Lou & Emilia Savarese

Monday, September 4th:

9am- Robert Arnt Schuler by Lee & Howie

Tuesday, September 5th:

9am- Salvatore Floridia by the Campo Family

Wednesday, September 6th:

9am- Kristi Schoepfer by Ann Lamia

Thursday, September 7th:

9am- Robert Boston by Virginia & John Bolla

Friday, September 8th:

9am- Michael John Perez by Marilyn Miller

Saturday, September 9th:

5pm- Marie Drago by Dottie & Phil Castaldo

Lauren Qualtere by Michael & Vivian Jacobs

Sunday, September 10th: Twenty-Third Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Rose Borowski by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski

Robert Bosselman by Karen & Mark Anderson

9:30am- Angie Bilz by John & Maryann Egan

Robert Boston by Michael & Florence Acquafredda

11:30am- Judith Dollard by Betty Kane

Matthew Crisera by Vivianne & Frank Latorre

Matthew 18:15-20 (Ordinary 23)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Focus Questions for 9/10/23 Matthew 18:15-20

- 1: How easy or hard is it for you to confront someone?
- 2: Describe a time when you gathered with fellow believers and felt Jesus in your midst.
- 3: Relate a time when your prayers were answered.

Family & Children's Question: Talk about the importance of not carrying a grudge.



Readings for this Week

September 3rd, 2023 (Ordinary 22)

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Readings for Next Week

September 10th, 2023 (Ordinary 23) Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9 Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

A parrot was up for sale at an auction. The bidding proceeded briskly, and soon a winner was announced. When paying, the high bidder asked the auctioneer if the parrot could speak. "Sure can," replied the auctioneer, "it was the parrot that was bidding against you." Wow, now he has in the same parrot both a speaking pet to be loved and a competitive bidder to be hated.

In today's Gospel something like this pet story happens. Peter who revealed Jesus as the Messiah in last week's Gospel is hindering Jesus going to the Cross this week. Peter who was praised by Jesus last week, is reprimanded as 'Satan' this week.

Last week Jesus indicated to Peter that his declaration of Jesus as Messiah was his adherence to what God has revealed to him. This week when Peter hinders Jesus' declaration of his death on the Cross, Jesus says that Peter's hindering is not from God - not God's thinking but from human thinking.

Like Peter we can choose to live either God's revelation or human reduction. We can raise up to live up to the standard that God sets for us. Or we can reduce ourselves to the bare minimum with an excuse that we are weak human beings and unable to do all that God expects us to do. We can either choose to expand our humanity to express the divine expectation in us, or treat humanity as an excuse to reduce our capacities to the level of human flesh. Jesus is asking us to follow him...to live the divine expectations in our human capacities.

You are invited to the St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic. Please remember to mark your calendar; September 3rd 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.

Catholic Ministry Appeal 2023: Our Parish's assessment this year is \$69,300. This year we have reached a pledged total of \$26,455 so far, which is 38.17% of our goal. Please consider making your pledge that the mission of serving our poor may continue in the diocese.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony





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

The Mass: Liturgy of the Word Part III

We are still exploring the second section of the Mass, The Liturgy of the Word. After the First Reading, we then enter into the Responsorial Psalm. Liturgically, the Psalms are usually chosen for each Mass based on a connection to and a continuation of the theme of the First Reading.

The Psalms, part of the Old Testament, have much relevance in our lives today. They reflect the gamut of human emotion, ranging from joy to sorrow. They ultimately form our response to God as we live our daily lives. They always were intended to be sung, and in most Masses, the cantor will sing the strophes and the assembly sings back a reply,

which is repeated after each strophe. If they are not sung, then at least they are recited, and the assembly always participates.

Something we might forget about the Psalms is that they have been part of the Jewish tradition for thousands of years. Jesus himself would have prayed these very same Psalms. By the time we complete the three year Lectionary cycle, we will have participated in nearly every Psalm in the Bible at Mass.

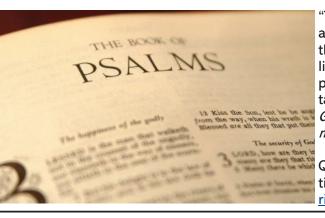
It's therefore fitting that the Church desires a Responsorial Psalm to be celebrated at every Mass. In the Psalms, we have a connection to the Eucharist, because they give us a connection to Jesus. This connection is historical as well as actual. The more we enter into the Psalms at each Mass, the more we are immersing ourselves into Sacred Scripture, when God speaks directly to each of us. And therefore, we also are preparing ourselves to encounter Jesus, truly and completely, in the Eucharist.

May each of us focus our hearts and minds on the words of the Psalm at every Mass, both in those that are are proclaimed and in the responses we offer, so that we may more completely receive Jesus.

> "The Responsorial Psalm (...) is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and which has great liturgical and pastoral importance, since it fosters meditation on the Word of God." -General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 61

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

631-234-0714



Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani

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Prayer for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Anabel Maggie Andersen Kencito Allaire Mike Babach **Gregory Bennett** Pat Camera Vincent Carlino Barbara Cassetta Joseph Cassetta Anthony Ceriello (2yrs) Joseph Codispoti Joey Cullum Carolyn D'Amore Robert Driscoll Michael Fiorentino Barbara Foberg Patty Golembiewski James Haves Linda Heller Jean Herlihy

Jean Kelly

Scarlett LaMariana

Michael LaMonica Richard Landi Joe Madonia Susanne Martin Kevin McGuinness Margaret McGullam Arlene McPartland Len Munzer Ellen Murphy Carole Nichols Deacon Al Pankus Stetson Pignataro (2yrs) Nunzio (Steve) Puleio **Bob Sawyer Derrick Simon** Noah Simonetti John Spadaro

Peggy Stepanek Peter Sturnialo

Susan Temistokle

Lorraine White

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023

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.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

In memory of

9/4-9/10

Nick Liberatoscioli

by his loving family

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

Pray for the Deceased

Brian O'Neill

Louis Petrozza

Nicholas Conzo

WELCOMED HOME

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.



To submit a prayer request, fill out the card in the Literature Rack. Return it to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket during mass.

We bring all prayers to Him, even those said in silence.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: August 26th & 27th

\$ 5545

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

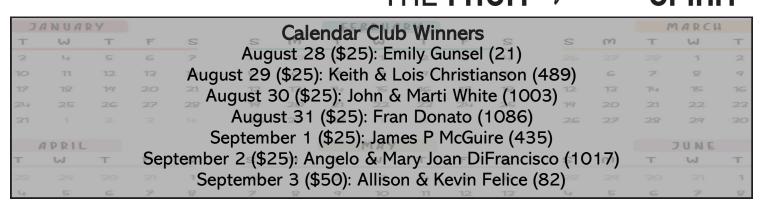
Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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.







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Parish Social Ministry

Gifts given without an ask are the best gifts.

This week we are very low on...

Syrup Juice/Drink Mixes **Boxed Milk** Cereal Non-Dairy Creamer **Paper Towels** Body Wash/Shampoo **Toothpaste**

We appreciate all of your donations! Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.

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!

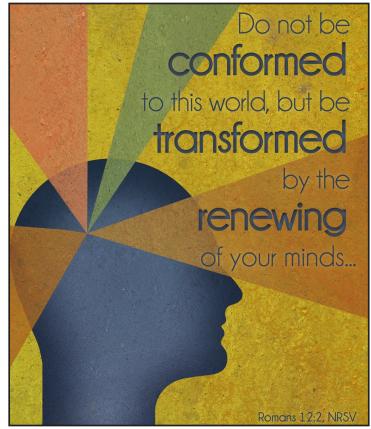




ST. THOMAS MORE **†**PARISH OUTREACH**†**

> 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.

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





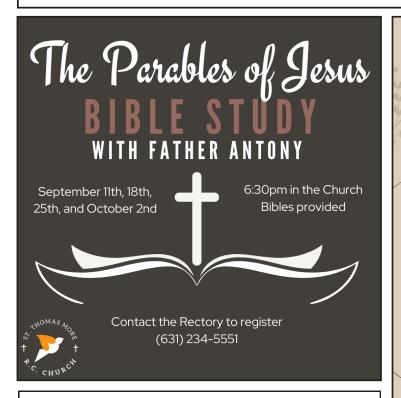


Today we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

Your ongoing support of our minister enables us to aid your neighbors and, on their behalf, we say thank you!

Call (631) 648-2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish



Golf Outing Raffle!

Raffle tickets for the Parish Golf Outing are still available and are being sold after all Masses.

Time is running out to get your chance to win big! \$10 each, 3 for \$20, 9 for \$50.

Please help support our parish!

Congratulations to our twosome winner



«Banns of «Marriage

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



Third Announcement

Dionna Keeler & Robert Walters September 8th



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome Next Meeting: September 8th @ 12:30 Cutco Demo by Geno

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.

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

In Our Parish

The Music Corner

As school begins, it can be hard to get amped for the new year. Check out these metal tracks that are sure to fill you up with energy from God.

Awake and Alive Skillet

From Tennessee based Christian rock band, this song goes hard, reminding us that God breathes life into us, wakes us from our slumber.

Christus Victor Sleeping Giant

Hailing from the West Coast, the simplicity of the lyrics in this song drive home the simplest point: "Now You reign". He rules over sin and death, and He rules over us all.



In Our Community

Troop 343 Reunion

In honor of the Troop's 55th anniversary, there will be a Reunion and Court of Honor on September 22nd in Walden Hall. All current and former scouts and leaders of Troop 343 are welcome.

Please RSVP to Phyllis Stein thecameralady@verizon.net (631) 265-8141

Hallow: Catholic Prayer App

Hallow is an app featuring Catholic prayer, readings, music, and meditations. Listen to the daily readings with your morning coffee, check out Bible-In-A-Year on your commute to work, or perhaps try night prayer or some Marian meditations before bed. There is a paywall (\$6-9/month), but there is more than enough free content available as well.

Available on Google Play and App Store.

*your bulletin editor has been using this app for over a year and has found it spiritually and intellectually stimulating. I cannot recommend this app enough. 10/10.

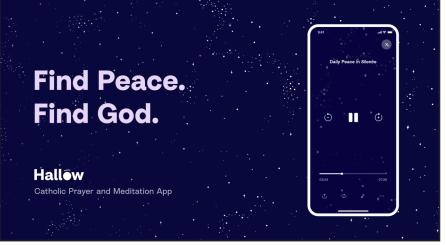
Bereavement Support Group

Eight week group beginning Tuesday September 12th at 7pm, St Mary East Islip
No cost, preregistration is required. Loss must have occurred before 6/12/23.
Call (631) 581-4266 x125 to register.

St Anne's Columbiettes Garage Sale

Sat October 7th, 9am-4pm
KoC Hall, 96 Second Ave, Brentwood NY
Vendors Wanted!
Contact Viviana Garamy for more info
(631) 231-1859





Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun Sept 3rd, 12:00pm Beach Mass

Mon Sept 4th Labor Day: Offices Closed

Tues Sept 5th, 7:00pm Adoration

Wed Sept 6th, 7:00pm KoC Business Meeting

Thur Sept 7th, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

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Sun Sept 10th, 12:30pm Youth Group

Mon Sept 11th, 6:30pm Bible Study w/ Fr. Antony

Weekly Mass Schedule

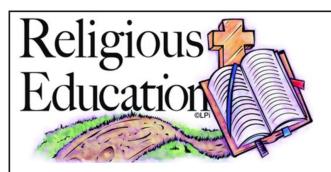
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

> Saturday 5:00 PM

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

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

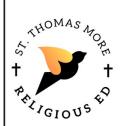




St. Thomas More

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 - Town of Islip Job Search Bootcamp: 8 week course via Zoom and Job Fair on 10-26-23.

Register at: lslipida.com/jobbootcamp.

NEW - Educational Bus Transportation: Bus and Van Drivers Needed.

Call: 631-789-2300 to speak with a recruiter

Suburban Bus: Part-time Drivers. Go to: www.suburbanbus.net

Or call: 516-781-5151

Long Beach Public Schools: Nurse, Bus Drivers, Sub Teachers, Sub Nurses.

Go to: www.olasjobs.org

Lawrence Public Schools: Substitute Teachers, Teacher Aides, School Nurses.

Contact HR Department at: 516-295-7036 or 516-295-7037.

Chipotle: Great benefits. Go to: jobs.chipotle.com or,

text: "CHIPJOBS" to 97211

Newsday: Many, many positions available.

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

or email: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

Shoprite (Hauppauge): Multiple Positions.

Call: <u>631-979-0110</u>, ext3901

<u>United Parcel Service (UPS):</u> 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/

Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in

Sunday Newsday for locations.

<u>Target:</u> Multiple locations. Go to: <u>www.target.com/careers</u>

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.careeers.walmart.com

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

Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/

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

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

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

Go to: <u>www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment</u> 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).

Heaven on Earth"

Contemporary music by Alex and Noelle!



Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, Setember 5th at 7:00 pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

PRESENTED BY THE ST. THOMAS MORE

COLUMBIETTES

SATURDAY NIGHT BUNCO



Saturday Sep. 23rd 6:00pm

TICKETS ARE \$20/ PERSON

BASKET RAFFLE, 50/50 & DINNER!

Ages 12 and up are welcome!

Contact Pres. Kim Mazziotti at 631-372-922 or krofrano33@gmail.com for tickets/questions

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!



FALL Schedule 2023



Our Youth Group provides teens with the opportunity to know, love, and serve the Lord and their community.



All teens that have received confirmation this past year are invited to join us as new members at any time!

Sundays, 12:30-2:30

September 10th
September 17th
September 24th
October 1st
October 22nd
October 29th
November 5th
November 12th
November 19th

Our mission is to aide high school students in finding their own personal relationship with Jesus and provide them with an inclusive, educational, and fun environment.

Please contact youthgroup@stmli.org
with questions. Registration is required at
the first attended meeting, please have a
parent available to meet our team.

We meet in the small meeeting room in Walden Hall!



Summer is quickly passing and before you know it Labor Day will be upon us! It's time to plan upcoming schedules and activities.

Our two choirs will be restarting September 7th and we look forward to increasing our numbers. We need you!! Children and adults!! No need to read music, we learn as we go. If you can carry a tune we would be so happy for you to join our musical family.

YOUNG PEOPLES CHOIR

REHEARSAL: THURS 5:30-6:30PM

MASS: SUNDAY 9:30AM

ADULT CHOIR

REHEARSAL: THURS 7:00-8:30PM

MASS: SUNDAY 11:30AM

Please consider adding your voices to our singing ministry. For more information, please call Emilia.

EMILIA SAVARESE MUSIC MINISTER (631) 724-8820

ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL

FALL PLANT SALE







HARDY GARDEN MUMS (9" POT)

Total Ordered	\$
(Purple)	
Ornamental Kale	\$8.00 each
(Purple)	
Ornamental Cabbage	\$8.00 each
Pansies	\$8.00 each
Purple	\$8.00 each
Yellow	\$8.00 each
Bronze	\$8.00 each
White	\$8.00 each
Red	\$8.00 each

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 18TH 2023

Flowers will be ready on October 7 & 8, 2023

Name:	 	
Phone #:	 	
Check #:		

(Make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**)





ALPHA YOUTH

SUMMER SERIES



LIFE IS THIS IT?

7/2/23





JESUS8 WHO IS HE?

7/30/23





8/13/23





8/27/23



Saints of September



Feast Day: September 9th Priest, SJ Patron: Slaves, Race Relations, Seafarers, Colombia

Spanish Jesuit who served in (present day) Colombia. Estimated that he baptized over 300k, and heard the confessions of 5k slaves each year.



Feast Day: September 21st
Apostle & Martyr
"Matthew the Evangelist"
Patron: Accountants, Tax Collectors

Tax collector from Capernaum who followed Jesus. Brought the Gospel to the Jews of Judea, before going to Ethiopia where he was martyred.



Feast Day: September 13th Bishop & Doctor of the Church Archbishop of Constantinople Patron: Preachers

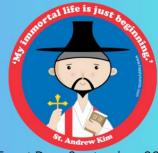
Early Church Father and prolific author in the early Church. Known for his preaching and denunciation of abuse of authority.



Feast Day: September 23rd
Priest
"Padre Pio"
Patron: Adolescents, Stress Relief

Capuchin friar marked by stigmata in 1918. Strong proponent of weekly confession and daily communion.

Encouraged daily meditation.



Feast Day: September 20th Priest & Martyr First Korean Catholic Priest Patron: Korean Clergy

Born in Korea 1821 to secret Christians, his father was martyred. Studied in China, then returned to Korea to preach. Martyred at 25.



Feast Day: September 27th
Priest
Founder: Vincentians (Lazaristes)
Patron: Charities

French Priest with a devotion to the poor. His order took vows of poverty and devoted themselves entirely to the people of small villages.



Feast Day: September 29th Archangels

Michael: "Who is like God?"

Leader of angels, invoked for protection
Gabriel: "God's strength"

Biblical messenger (Jesus's Incarnation)

Raphael: "God has healed"

Healed Tobias' blindness





Feast Day: September 30th
Doctor of the Church
Priest & Confessor
Patron: Archaeologists, Bible Scholars

Translated Bible into Latin (Vulgate) from Hebrew instead of Greek. Known for teachings on Christian moral life, and moving to Jerusalem to learn Hebrew.

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

St. Thomas More RC Church

Thursday, September 21, 2023

1:30PM - 7:30PM

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge

Walden Hall



Please make an appointment by scanning the QR code or call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybc.org

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.



