

*Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



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**September 24th, 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-Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

## Parish Resources

### Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

### Instagram:

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# Masses September 23rd- October 1st, 2023

## Saturday, September 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina

5pm- Marie Drago *by Emilia & Lou Savarese*

Robert Boston *by Bruce & Joan Cameron*

## Sunday, September 24th: Twenty-Fifth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Robert Boston *by The Citro Family*

9:30am- John Madaio *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Paul Baran III *by Maureen Fallona*

11:30am- Anna Zisa *by Tom & Mary Heaney & Family*

## Monday, September 25th:

9am- Lewis A. Ward *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*

## Tuesday, September 26th:

9am- James J. Murphy Sr. *by Joan Murphy & Family*

## Wednesday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

9am- Umberto 'Al' Rizzi *by The Barr Family*

## Thursday, September 28th:

9am- Ronald J. Massaro *by The Eyring Family*

## Friday, September 29th: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

9am- Siobhan Lonergan (Living) *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

## Saturday, September 30th: St Jerome

5pm- Marie Drago *by Mary Ann Rantz*

Monica Kanischak *by Rita & Bob Bosselman*

## Sunday, October 1st: Twenty-Sixth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Robert Boston *by The Cloke Family*

Samuel Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

9:30am- Jean George *by The Sandbichler Family*

Edward J. Thompson *by Theresa & Will Recce & Family*

11:30am- Margaret Hargreaves *by Elizabeth Kane*

Maria Bullaro *by The Rappa & Mignano Families*

## Matthew 21:28-32 (Ordinary 26)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?' They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

## Focus Questions for 10/1/23

Matthew 21:28-32

- 1: Relate a time when you meant to do something to help another person, but forgot.
- 2: Describe a time when you were given a second chance.
- 3: Who are you more like, the older son or the younger son?

## Family & Children's Question:

Talk about a time when you were asked to help another family member but found an excuse not to.



## Readings for this Week

September 24th, 2023 (Ordinary 25)

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

## Readings for Next Week

October 1st, 2023 (Ordinary 26)

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

# Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

**There was an elderly Lady who said to a little girl,** "How do you do, my dear?" The girl replied, "Quite well, thank you?" After a long pause the woman asked, "Why don't you ask me how I am?" The child paused and said calmly, "Because I am not interested."

Now what shall we say about the little girl's reply? Shall we say she is honest because she said what she felt? Or she is impolite in making such a blunt reply to the lady? Honesty can be hurtful at times and politeness may not reflect honesty all the time.

**In today's Gospel story, what shall we say about God's reply** to the workers? Honest or rude? How does God treat the workers? Justly or generously? Jesus gives the clue to understand this at the beginning of the story. "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard." We have to have a kingdom-mindset to absorb its meaning. This story is not an intellectual exposé to understand and accept God's justice or generosity from the human dry logic. Rather, it is a parable inviting us to experience God's justice and generosity from the faculty of heart, a spiritual experience of God and not an intellectual proof of God's character.

**God is a just God in never denying us what we deserve.** At the same time, God is a generous God in blessing us with more than what we deserve. If we see our life as a blessing we will experience and appreciate it as a generous gift justly given to us. But if we choose to compare what we don't have with what others have, we will see God as unjustly generous.

**The story invites us to experience our life more as God's generosity than mere human fairness.** This is the story of God's kingdom. In the human domain we are paid wages for the work we do whereas in God's kingdom we are graciously dealt according to God's generosity. "If you, LORD, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand?" This line of Psalm 130:3 invites us to experience God's mercy in our life to be bigger than any of our mistakes. (Lamentations 3:22-24) "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." These words of John 1:16 explains that our life is a gift received according to God's standard. As Jesus instructs, why to settle for the usual daily wage when God wants to give us "whatever is right" for our life, and our needs? "Whatever is right" will always be more than fair, more than we could ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

**Let us stop comparing ourselves and our lives to others.** Let us create room for grace to emerge. Let us refuse to compete in such a way that someone must lose for us to win. Let us trust that in God's world there is enough for everyone. Let us let go of expectations based on what we think we or others deserve. Imagine if we all let go of those four things: comparison, competition, expectation, and judgment. Our life would be God-filled, we would make space for the life of another to be God-filled, and the world would, the parable tells us, look a lot like the kingdom of heaven. (Interrupting the Silence -The Journey within – Fr. Mike Marsh)

**Sunday, October 1st is Respect Life Sunday.** As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony



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

## The Mass: Liturgy of the Word Part VI

We are still exploring the second section of the Mass, The Liturgy of the Word. Once the Gospel is proclaimed, everyone is seated, and either the priest or the deacon gives a homily.

The Church requires that a homily be given at every Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days of Obligation. The homily is optional, but recommended, during daily Mass. One thing to note is that the Church uses the word "homily" now, rather than the older term "sermon." A subtle difference is that the homily is based on the fixed readings of that Mass, and that it goes beyond mere explanation of the passages. It is meant to evoke the spiritual meaning of the readings and place them in the context of our own lives.

Priests and deacons in their seminary formation are trained in homiletics, which is the practice of developing and delivering homilies. After ordination, a man must receive the faculty to preach by his bishop in order to do so at Mass.

A homily should be derived from one or more of the readings of the Mass, and must be grounded in correct theology and the teachings of the Church. It fre-

quently is influenced by the preacher's own style and personal formation and experiences. It should always be inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.

The most important facet of a homily is how it relates to each of us in the present day. It should be reflective of the personal relationship we desire to have with Jesus, and this ultimately ties it into our experience of the Eucharist.

"The homily is not a trite discourse, nor a catechesis (...), nor is it a conference nor a lesson. (...) It is taking up 'once more



the dialogue which the Lord has already established with his people,' so it may find fulfillment in life. (...) The homily also follows the Word of the Lord and also follows this path in order to help us so that the Word of the Lord may go to the hands, by passing through the heart." - *Pope Francis, General Audience, 7 February, 2018*

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at [eucharist@stmli.org](mailto:eucharist@stmli.org).

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# Prayers for Our Community

## Pray for the Sick

Anabel	Richard Landi
Maggie Andersen	Frank Loporto
Kencito Allaire	Joe Madonia
Mike Babach	Susanne Martin
Gregory Bennett	Kevin McGuinness
Pat Camera	Margaret McGullam
Vincent Carlino	Arlene McPartland
Barbara Cassetta	Len Munzer
Joseph Cassetta	Ellen Murphy
Anthony Ceriello (2yrs)	Carole Nichols
Joseph Codispoti	Deacon Al Pankus
Joey Cullum	George Pflugel
Carolyn D'Amore	Stetson Pignataro (2yrs)
Robert Driscoll	Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Michael Fiorentino	Bob Sawyer
Barbara Foberg	Derrick Simon
Patty Golembiewski	Noah Simonetti
James Hayes	John Spadaro
Linda Heller	Peggy Stepanek
Jean Herlihy	Peter Sturnialo
Jean Kelly	Susan Temistokle
Scarlett LaMariana	Lorraine White
Michael LaMonica	

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

## Pray for the Deceased

Rocco Loccisano

Mary J Paone

Marilyn Manzella

Robert Pondt

WELCOMED HOME

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

## 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



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

THE LORD IS  
**GRACIOUS**  
 AND  
*Merciful*  
 SLOW TO ANGER  
 AND ABOUNDING IN  
*Steadfast Love.*

Psalm 145:8, ESV

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:  
September 16th & 17th

**\$ 5948**

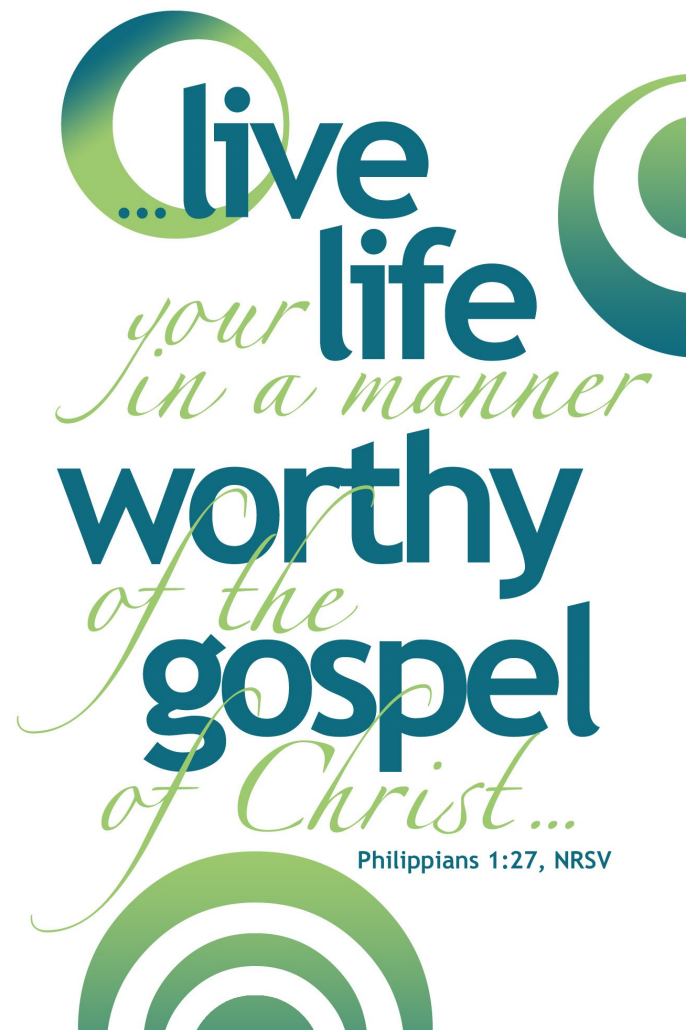
Weekly Goal: \$6700

*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](http://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.*

## 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.

## Calendar Club Winners

- September 18 (\$25): Rosalie Rocchio (1100)
- September 19 (\$25): Steven J Lott (295)
- September 20 (\$25): Andy & Kathy Turano (1054)
- September 21 (\$25): Frederick Hegner II (247)
- September 22 (\$25): Linda & Rich Ronning (563)
- September 23 (\$25): Allison & Kevin Felice (864)
- September 24 (\$50): Joseph Fratamico (983)



# Parish Social Ministry

"If you can't feed a **hundred people**, then feed just one."  
~St. Mother Teresa

Our cupboards are low and we have had to purchase many items that are typically donated. Even 1 or 2 items are a help.

## Our immediate needs...

Syrup  
Juice/Drink Mixes  
Cereal  
Canned Fruits  
Cookies  
Paper Towels  
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**

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@stmilil.org

## Did you know...

Child poverty in the United States more than doubled and the median household income declined since the coronavirus pandemic benefits expired. (Newsday 2023)

The official poverty rate in the United States for 2022 is 11.5%. This is due to multiple factors including increases in housing costs, homelessness, and cost of living.

The current poverty rate on Long Island is 5.9% (6.5% in Suffolk) which translates to approximately 166,000 people living below the national poverty line.

A family of four living on Long Island needs to earn \$11,629 per month (\$139,545 annually) to live comfortably.

## St. Vincent de Paul



On September 27th, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor."

Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. We can only do so with your help and prayers. Thank you!

We can be reached at (631) 648-2760 or svdp.stm@aol.com

## In Our Parish

# The Parables of Jesus

## BIBLE STUDY

### WITH FATHER ANTONY

September 11th, 18th,  
25th, and October 2nd



6:30pm in the Church  
Bibles provided



Contact the Rectory to register  
(631) 234-5551

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

### Children's Liturgy Crew

*Sundays @ 9:30*



*Children ages 4-8 are invited to join  
our team to learn all about our faith  
during the 9:30 Mass on Sundays*

**Join us starting 9/24!**

# Banns of Marriage

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



### Second Announcement

Olivia Flynn & Dominick Mark  
October 6th

Daniel Cummings & Dayna DiBiasi  
October 7th

Noelle LaFontaine & Alex White  
October 7th

### Third Announcement

Kerri Salmon & Michael Vigliarolo II  
September 30th



### Hospitality Sundays Return

Hospitality Sunday returns starting on October  
15th. This is a great opportunity to socialize with  
your fellow parishioners after mass while enjoying  
some delicious coffee and treats.

The Hospitality Ministry is always looking for help.  
They need people to bring treats, and to help set  
up and run the events.

If you would like to help, or receive more infor-  
mation, please contact Ellie Stout at  
gram11@optonline.net or (631) 974-3986



# In Our Parish

## Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome  
Next Meeting: October 13th @ 12:30  
Guest Speaker on CPR

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

## 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.

### Believe

*Blessing Offor*

Nashville based and Nigerian born, Offor produces music that brings together soul, pop, R&B, and more to create a sound he dubs "The Genre of Humanity". Will be believe in His love?

### Be Kind to Yourself

*Andrew Peterson*

As our youth are returning to the hustle and bustle of school, with all the teen stresses and worries that exist, this song is a beautiful reminder to them all (and us adults as well). Remember to be kind to yourself, God made us just as we are.



Join us for a night of games!

SAVE THE DATE

**MILITARY**  
*Bridge*

OCTOBER  
21ST, 2023

BACK BY  
POPULAR  
DEMAND!

HOSTED BY THE SOCIETY  
OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

## LaFontaine-White Wedding

As many know, Noelle LaFontaine (Youth Minister, Cantor) and Alex White (Liturgical Musician, Bulletin Editor, Office Admin) are getting married!

Their relationship would not exist the way it does today without the support of the parish community. Our parishioners have always stood behind the couple and been incredibly supportive, and they are so appreciative.

The whole community is invited to join them in celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday October 7th at 3pm.

## Knights & Columbiettes Installation

On Saturday 9/16 the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes had their installation of officers. The ceremony was beautiful, and the meal that followed was delicious!



# Happening at St. Thomas More

## Coming Up @ STM

Sun Sept 24th, 12:30pm  
Youth Group

Mon Sept 25th, 6:30pm  
Parables of Jesus Pt 3  
w/ Fr Antony

Wed Sept 27th, 7:00pm  
Columbiettes Social Meeting

Thur Sept 28th, 5:30pm  
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Sept 28th, 7:00pm  
Choir Rehearsal

Sun Oct 1st, 12:30pm  
Youth Group

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday  
9:00 AM

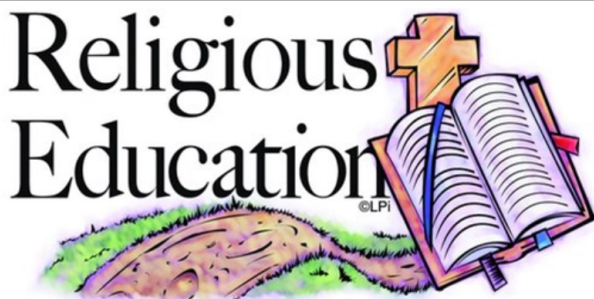
Saturday  
5:00 PM

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

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



*"Seek  
the LORD  
while  
he may  
be found;  
call  
upon him  
while he  
is near."*



## 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](mailto:RelEd@stmli.org) for information about registering for the fall program



# St. Thomas More Employment Services

**STILL LOOKING – Shoprite (Hauppauge):** Multiple Positions. Call: 631-979-0110, ext3901

**Eastern Suffolk BOCES:** Teachers, Psychologists, Social Workers, TAs.

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

**Pollo Campero:** Open positions locally.

Go to: [us.campero.com/careers](http://us.campero.com/careers)

**PetSmart:** Local positions. Text: PUPPIES to 97211 to apply.

**Mercy Haven:** Many positions available.

Go to: [www.mercyhaven.org](http://www.mercyhaven.org)

**Uncle Giuseppe's:** Hiring in Smithtown (and other locations). Many positions available.

Job fairs coming up. Go to: <https://uncleg.com/careers/>

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

Register at: [Islipida.com/jobbootcamp](http://Islipida.com/jobbootcamp).

**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](http://www.suburbanbus.net)

Or call: 516-781-5151

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

or email: [NewsdayHR@Newsday.com](mailto:NewsdayHR@Newsday.com)

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

Go to: [www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment)

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

Go to: [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment) or call: 631-853-6540

**United States Postal Service (USPS):** Many career opportunities available.

Go to: [www.usps.com/careers](http://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](mailto:jmtwhite@optonline.net) Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

# 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 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 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 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 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 27th  
 Priest  
 Founder: Vincentians (Lazarists)  
 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.



# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



**Join Bishop Andrzej**  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
**on St. JOSEPH - Part I**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**  
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

**Bible Study Verses**

**JOSEPH**

**The Man of God**

**Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25**

The Birth of Jesus

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

[westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



STM Youth Group

# 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](mailto: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 meeting room in Walden Hall!*



### Topics of Discussion:

- How do science and scripture exist together?
- What happens to atheists when they die?
- How much of the Bible is covered at mass?
- How is the church funded?



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**Upcoming Meetings**  
**Sundays 12:30-2:30**

**September 24th-**  
The Truth About Heaven  
**October 1st-**  
Why We Have Mass

# ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE



## HARDY GARDEN MUMS (9" POT)

Red	_____	\$8.00 each
White	_____	\$8.00 each
Bronze	_____	\$8.00 each
Yellow	_____	\$8.00 each
Purple	_____	\$8.00 each

Pansies \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each

Ornamental Cabbage \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each

(Purple)

Ornamental Kale \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each

(Purple)

**Total Ordered** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTENDED ONE WEEK!**

**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**)



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# Mobile Outreach Bus Free Health Screenings & Flu Vaccinations

## Coming to STM on October 23rd!

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



### Services for adults (18+):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- **Free flu vaccination** (senior dose available)

**St. Thomas More RCC**

**115 Kings Highway**

**Hauppauge, NY 11788**

**Monday, October 23rd 2024**

**9:30am-2:00pm**

## Liturgical Minister Training– Fall 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A** - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

### Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

#### **Training in SPANISH:**

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., Sept. 23 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**  
Sat., Sept. 30 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm  
(Please arrive by 8:30 am for either training)

#### **Training in ENGLISH:**

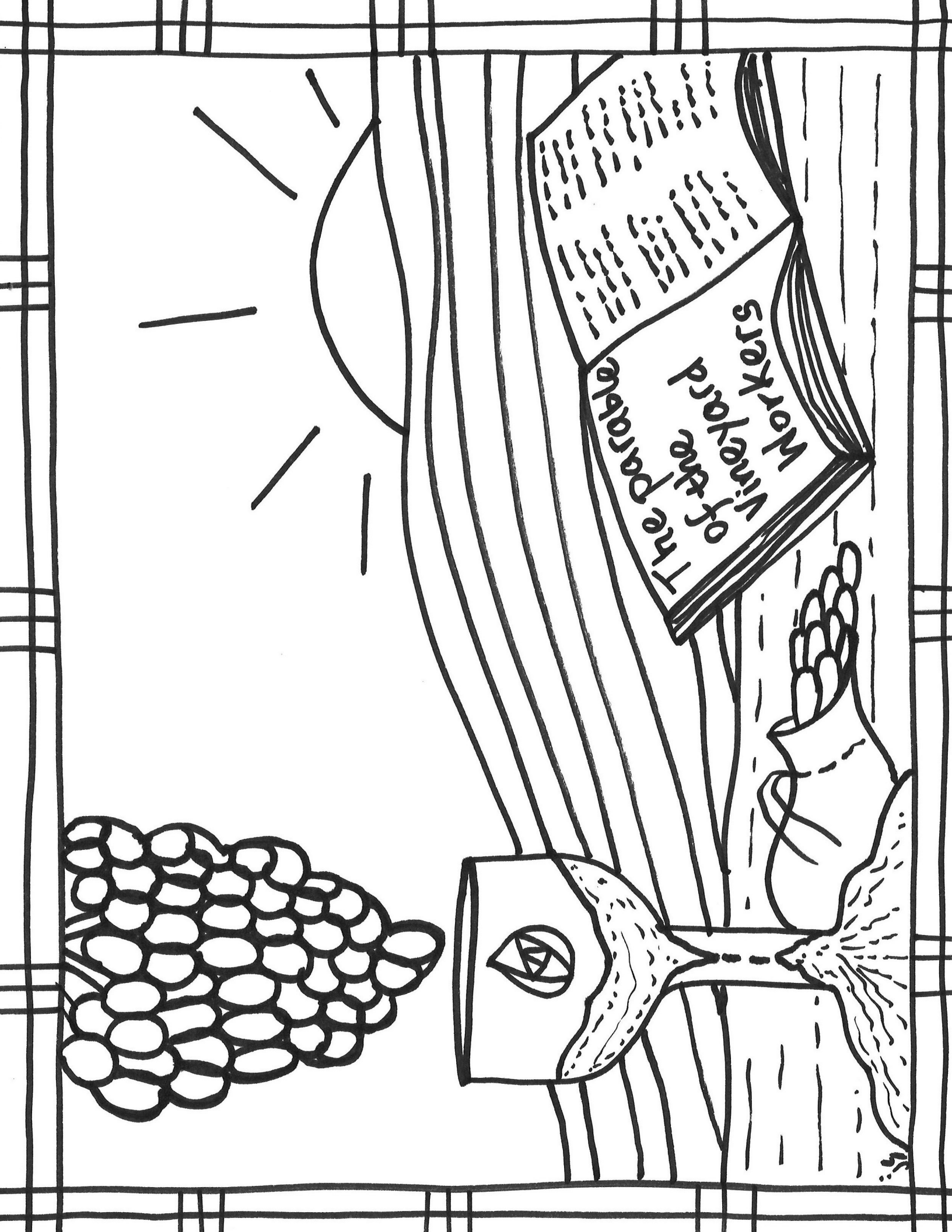
- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**  
**Suffolk:** Tuesday, Oct. 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.  
**Nassau:** Wednesday, Nov. 29 – St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville – Lower Hall; 7 – 10 pm  
You may register for only one training each evening.

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open at 6:30 pm

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B**  
Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:  
Tuesday, Oct. 24 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



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