

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

October 1st, 2023

“I
WILL
NOT”



“YES,
SIR”

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-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Parish Resources

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Masses September 30th- October 8th, 2023

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*

Monday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

9am- Michael Gallagher *by Rosemarie, Nick, & Family*

Tuesday, October 3rd:

9am- Georgine Schaefer *by Ann Russo*

Wednesday, October 4th: St. Francis of Assisi

9am- Gloria Traverso *by Tom & Fran LaFauci*

Thursday, October 5th:

9am- Dorothy Gillan *by The Iadanza Family*

Friday, October 6th:

9am- Ana Cecilia Castro *by The Castro Family*

Matthew 21:33-43 (Ordinary 27)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them,

"Did you never read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Saturday, October 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary

5pm- Leopold Family (living) *by Their Family*

Robert Covino Sr *by Geraldine Covino*

Sunday, October 8th: Twenty-Sixth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Anna LoCastro *by Rosalie Rocchio*

9:30am- Francis J Keltos *by The DeFelice Family*

Jack Gaudet *by Theresa & Will Recce & Family*

11:30am- Christopher Loring *by Joan Loring*

Focus Questions for 10/8/23

Matthew 21:33-43

- 1: Describe a time when someone reached out to you when you had been rejected.
- 2: Relate a circumstance when you were so set in your ways that you weren't open to new ideas.
- 3: What gets in the way of you seeing the good things God provides each day?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how you can be more grateful to God for all the good things he brings.

Readings for this 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

Readings for Next Week

October 8th, 2023 (Ordinary 27)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

D. L. Moody, who is estimated to have preached to more than 100 million people, was criticized by a woman for his methods of evangelism. Moody replied, "I agree with you. I don't like the way I do it either. Tell me please, how do you do it so that I can learn from it." The woman replied, "I don't do it." Moody retorted, "Then I like my way of doing it better than your way of *not* doing it."

Today's Gospel story is about two sons and how they reacted to their father's command. The first refused to go then later changed his mind and went, while the other son agreed to go right away but never went. Through this story Jesus made His listeners understand that doing the will of the father has to be lived in action not in words alone. Jesus asked the people to do the same at the end of the sermon on the Mount. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." Hearing His words would do no good if those words in them would not give birth to deeds.

The simple definition of Spirituality according to Jesus is it begins with thoughts and words from the lover's heart towards the beloved and gets fulfilled in the deeds. Deeds without proper inner disposition will make life dry and burdensome. Thoughts and words without their fulfilment in deeds would make life baseless; it would be like writing a promise on the running water. Words become alive in deeds. Deeds are supplied life by the words from the heart of love.

Jeus explained the interpersonal relationship between word and deed with a simple parable. "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." (Matt. 7:24-27)

The whole mystery of Jesus becoming a human among us expresses the same truth. Jesus is the Word of God and was with God. When God showed His Love, "His Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us... that we may see His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1,14) God promised His Love throughout human history. When the time was right, He fulfilled His promise in His great deed of giving His whole self in His Son Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) Our life is a love expression of our Hearts towards God and others. It must be lived in the deeds of everyday life in order that life becomes fulfilled, meaningful, and lively.

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.

October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. We will pray the Rosary every day in the Church before the mass. Rosary is a very easy way of praying not only in the Church but also wherever we are, at home, while travelling or just before falling asleep. We pray each decade of the Rosary meditating upon an event from the life of Jesus and Mary. Rosary is a simple way of experiencing the grace of Jesus and the help of Mary for us. Just google 'Rosary'. You can download apps to pray the rosary in various forms. Let us pray the Rosary every day.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



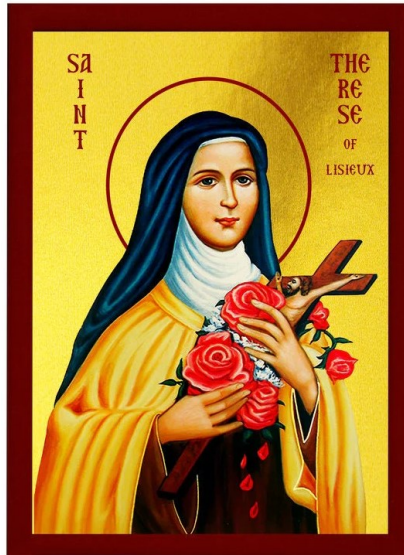
His Presence Is Real - Reflections on the Eucharist by Deacon Matt

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

We're going to take a pause in our exploration of The Liturgy of the Word due to a special occasion. Though today, October 1, is a Sunday, it is also the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "The Little Flower." She is a saint who is closely associated with the Eucharist.

Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin was born to her parents, Louis and Zélie, in Alençon, France, on January 2, 1873. Unfortunately, little Marie was a frail infant. Her survival did not look hopeful. However, she defied the odds and grew into a faithful young woman, surrounded by the love of her family.

Devoted to Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, she was admitted to the Carmelite order in Lisieux at the age of fifteen. Her life story is beautifully depicted in her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. In one part, she wrote of a visit to the Holy House of Loreto, the traditional home of the Holy Family in Nazareth. This entry about attending Mass there and receiving Holy Communion shows her love of the Eucharist:



"It was a totally heavenly happiness which words cannot express. And what shall our happiness be when we receive Communion in the eternal abode of the King of Heaven? Then we shall see our joy never coming to an end; there will no longer be the sadness of departings, and it will be no longer necessary to have some souvenir to dig fervently into the walls sanctified by His divine presence, for His home will be ours for all eternity."

Unfortunately, she contracted tuberculosis and died way too soon on September 30, 1897 at age of only 24. She was canonized on May 17, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. On October 19, 1997, St. Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church because of her wonderful writings and strong spirituality.

St. Thérèse, pray for us, that we too may strongly believe what you believed: that receiving the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is an important way to prepare ourselves to join him in the everlasting home he has prepared for all of us.

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

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Frank Loporto
George Pflugel



*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

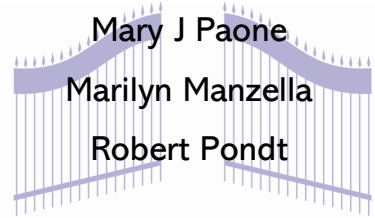
Pray for the Deceased

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.

In humility
regard others
as better
than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, NRSV

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 23rd & 24th

\$4121

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



Philippians 2:5, NKJV

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 25 (\$25): Donna & Gary Fortmeyer (830)

September 26 (\$25): Ralph Marcello (781)

September 27 (\$25): Kelly & Greg Kelly (124)

September 28 (\$25): Eileen Jacobi (658)

September 29 (\$25): Diane Thomas (1210)

September 30 (\$25): Mary Ellen Skrzypek (1005)

October 1 (\$50): Pat & Frank Lewis (17)



Parish Social Ministry

"Good and upright is the Lord"

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!

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



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.

Repost from Facebook:

Comments from people using food banks....

- Everyone donates Mac & Cheese in the box. This needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
- Boxed milk is a treasure as kids need it for cereal.
- Everyone donates pasta sauce and noodles.
- They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup when they don't have a can opener (pop top cans are best).
- Oil is a luxury, but needed for Rice-a-Roni.
- Spices or salt & pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
- Sugar and flour are treats.
- Tuna and crackers make a good lunch
- Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
- They get lots of PB&J, but not bread.
- Cake mix & frosting makes a child's birthday cake a possibility.
- Feminine hygiene products are a luxury (and expensive)!

St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

As you consider donating to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul, know that your gift, in any amount, is putting your faith into action.

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.



Third Announcement

Olivia Flynn & Dominick Mark
October 6th

Daniel Cummings & Dayna DiBiasi
October 7th

Noelle LaFontaine & Alex White
October 7th

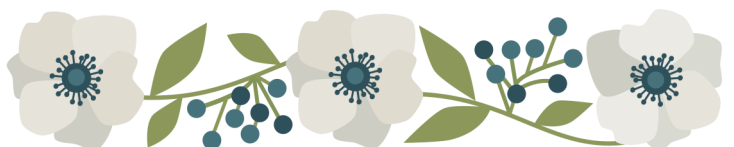


Hospitality Sundays Return

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

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.



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



In Our Community

Icon Painting Class

Offered at St. Patrick's Smithtown by Janine Manheim, an artist with 25 years experience creating icons.

Learn how to paint like the ancient masters using egg tempera, and gild with real gold leaf on wooden panels. No experience necessary!

Classes meet the first Monday of the month starting 10/2, 10am-3pm. Supplies: \$120 includes panel, gold leaf, pigments, and brushes. Class fee: \$60 per session.

Call Janine at 631-663-5017 to enroll.

Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun Oct 1st, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Mon Oct 2nd, 6:30pm
Parables of Jesus w/ Fr Antony
Fourth Session

Tues Oct 3rd, 7:00pm
Holy Hour

Wed Oct 4th, 4:30pm
Blessing of the Animals

Wed Oct 4th, 7:30pm
Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting

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

Thur Oct 5th, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

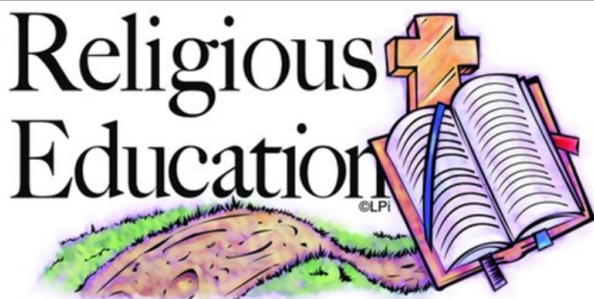
Weekly Mass Schedule

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

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

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

Mercy Haven: Many positions available.

Go to: 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.

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

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

or email: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

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

Go to: 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

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).

Holy Hour

"Love is All Around"

Contemporary
music by Alex
and Noelle!



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, October 3rd
at 7:00 pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

Youth Group - The Heavenly Truth

September 24th, 2023



We learned about Eschatology and the Catholic beliefs about death and Heaven!



Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

October 1st-
Why We Have Mass
October 22nd-
TBD

Follow us on Instagram! @stm_yg @stm_church

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 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!



ANIMAL BLESSING

At STM!

October 4th
at 4:30pm

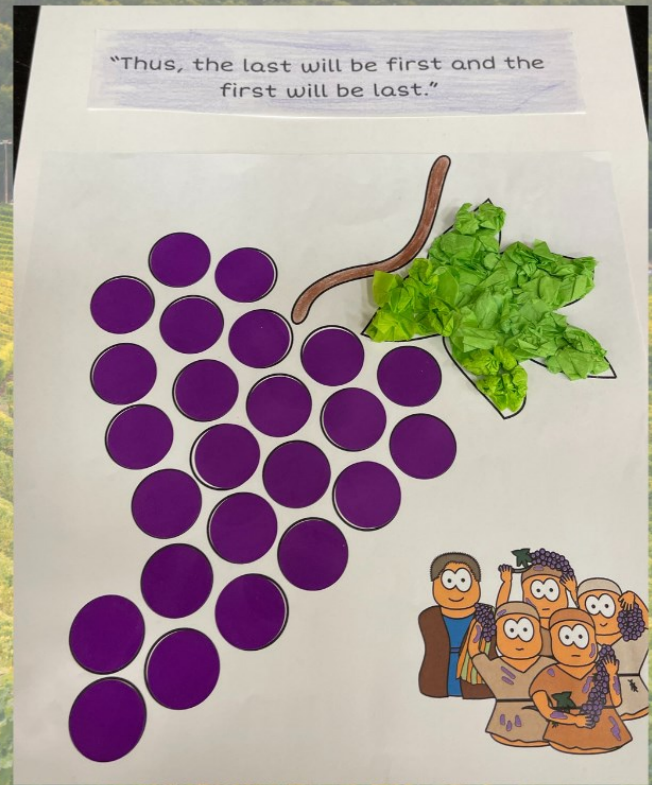


At the St. Francis Garden, by the east
entrance of the parking lot.

(If it rains, meet by the entrance of the church)



Children's Liturgy Sept. 24th 9:30am Mass





Catholic
Health

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

BACK by Popular Demand...

Military Bridge!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,

October 21, 2023

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Instructions: 6:45pm

Game Begins: 7:00pm



ATTENTION!

This is a simple card game that everyone can learn.
A great way to mix & mingle with parish friends

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Raffles and 50/50
- Wine, Cheese & Crackers
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person

*Adults Only



At St. Thomas More Church
(Following the 5pm Mass)

Get your tickets NOW!

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 10/1, 10/8, and 10/15

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

