

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

"THEN REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT
BELONGS TO CAESAR..."



...AND TO GOD WHAT
BELONGS TO GOD."

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-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses October 21st- October 29th, 2023

Saturday, October 21st:

5pm- Joseph Federico *by The Porretto Family*

Rosemarie Lowery *by her Aunt & Uncle*

Sunday, October 22nd: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Joseph Federico *by Samantha Toto*

9:30am- Gerard Smith *by Joan Smith*

Glenn J DeTurris *by Clayton & Kathleen Chin*

11:30am- Joseph Lombardi *by The Crociata & Lombardi Families*

Monday, October 23rd:

9am- Andres O. Saravia *by Patty Caracappa*

Tuesday, October 24th:

9am- Patricia O'Brien *by Kathleen O'Brien*

Wednesday, October 25th:

9am- Mary Beth Weidig *by Mom & Dad*

Thursday, October 26th:

9am- Anthony Intagliata *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*

Friday, October 27th:

9am- Dorothy Gillan *by John & MaryAnn Egan*

Saturday, October 28th: Sts Simon & Jude

5pm- Michael F. Gavigan *by His Family*

Sunday, October 29th: Thirtieth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy, & Amanda Borowski*

9:30am- Richard Stout *by Mike & Virginia Vecchia*

11:30am- Giuseppina Testani *by Mr & Mrs. Sergio Rafanelli*

Matthew 22:34-40 (Ordinary 30)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Focus Questions for 10/29/23

Matthew 22:34-40

- 1: What tension might you see between Jesus' law of love and the law of the land?
- 2: How do the words of Pope Francis and the bishops about welcoming the stranger challenge the way you look at immigrants?
- 3: Relate a time when you went out of your comfort zone to talk to a neighbor you didn't know well.

Family & Children's Question:

What can you do to show kindness to your neighbors?

We always thank
GOD for all of you
 and continually
 mention you in
 our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV



Readings for this Week

October 22nd, 2023 (Ordinary 29)

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalms 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

Readings for Next Week

October 29th, 2023 (Ordinary 30)

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms 18:2-3,3-4,47,51

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A brand-new reporter was sent out to cover the story of a man who could sing opera without interruption while he was eating seven course meals. The reporter came back and did not write up the story. So, the editor asked him for the details. He said, "Oh, there was not much to it. The guy had two heads. He ate with one and sang with the other." The sole aim of the reporter was to find out the answer to his question, "How could he sing without interruption while eating. His aim to find the answer to his question made him miss the wonder of a man with two heads.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees asks a question to entrap Jesus. Their aim to entrap Jesus failed them to admire Jesus's wisdom. Jesus made them look at Caesar's image in coin and answered their question saying, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Their aim was not to find out the answer to their question, but to entrap Jesus. That is why the answer they got neither made them admire nor helped them spiritually profit from Jesus's wisdom.

Their question was about 'doing'. "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" They just wanted to know what one should do. Their question gave Jesus a choice of doing one of two things; 1) pay tax to Caesar or 2) don't pay tax to Caesar? Jesus did not give them any answer but made them find it for themselves. Their answer is within themselves. It is to be found in their personal claim of who they are. Who are they? Are they People of God or of a State? Their use of the Roman coin made them realize that they owe something to state. Their spiritual conviction that they are God's people, made them realize that they need to support the Temple of God. Jesus inspired them to find the answer from their understanding of who they are. Realization of who we are will make us do what we should do.

The answer from Jesus, "pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", invites us not to exclude God at the cost of Caesar, or the state at the cost of God. We have a duty towards both. Separating them into two different entities means to separate our individual self. We who are created by God are the ones who have formed the state to regulate our social life. Our social life is the way of governing ourselves through fraternal sharing with and caring for all people as God's children.

Social and spiritual aspects of our lives are not opposed to each other. They are two sides of a coin. They are two expressions of one reality, called LIFE. One enriches the other. God and state should empower each other for peace, justice, and prosperity to flourish. All our words and deeds must reflect our integrated individual identity of being a child of God and a citizen of a state at the same time.

During the month of November, we pray for the dead. Starting from Thursday the 2nd of November to Tuesday the 7th of November, we pray the Novena masses, for all the deceased. Please include the names of your beloved deceased in the All-Souls Envelopes and place them in the collection basket by October 31st. All Soul envelopes are found in the Narthex.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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

Eucharist and The Didache

It is both instructive and fascinating to learn how our current liturgies developed, especially in regards to the Eucharist. We have one particular document from the very early years of the Church, called the "Didache" (pronounced *DID-uh-kay*). It is also known as "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." Scholars believe it appeared in its first form around 65 AD, which places it contemporary with the writing of the Gospel of Mark, definitely earlier than John, and quite possibly earlier than Matthew and Luke.

The document actually was lost for centuries, and then rediscovered in 1873. It became part of the movement in the Church known as *ressourcement*, which indicated the desire to go back to the origins of our faith (Scripture and the early Church Fathers), in preparation for Vatican II.

This document contains instruction in sixteen chapters. The topics covered include baptism, the Commandments, the Way of Death vs. the Way of Life, prayer, dietary practices (including fasting), and, very importantly, Eucharist.



We learn that one must be baptized in order to receive the Eucharist. This is one of the very first recorded instances of reception of the sacraments and initiation into the Church. We also see that the order of celebrating Communion was first to take the Cup, then the Bread (called the "Loaf"). There is a particular prayer which begins "Blessed are you, God of all Creation." This should sound familiar to us, as it is said still at every Mass we celebrate. We also find the words "Hosanna" associated with the Eucharistic celebration, indicating Jesus comes into the Eucharist at Mass, just like his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

"We give thanks to You, our Father, for the life and knowledge that You made known to us through Jesus, Your Servant. Glory to You forever. As this broken bread was scattered over the hills and was brought together becoming one, so gather Your Church from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for You have all power and glory forever through Jesus Christ."
- *Prayer over the bread, Didache, chapter 9.*

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

Parish Information

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Gregory Bennett
Kathryn Douglas
Barbara & Joseph Cassetta
Pat Golembiewski
Richard Landi
Frank Loporto
George Pflugel
Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Rosalie Rocchio
Noah Simonetti (2 yrs)



*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Tadeusz Pietrzak
Loretta Ricciardelli
Agnes F. Schomber
Walter Markiewicz
Jody Ann Juliano
Patricia Lynch

Donald Ricupero

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:

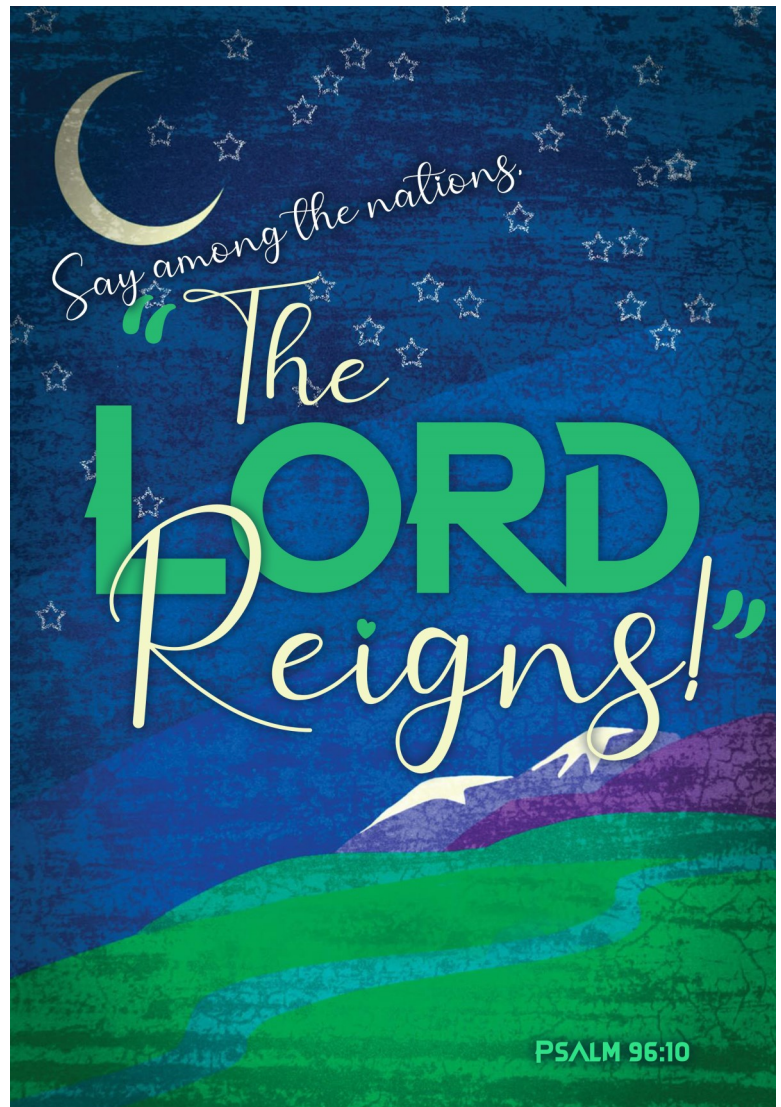


We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial



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



PSALM 96:10

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:
October 14th & 15th

\$5414

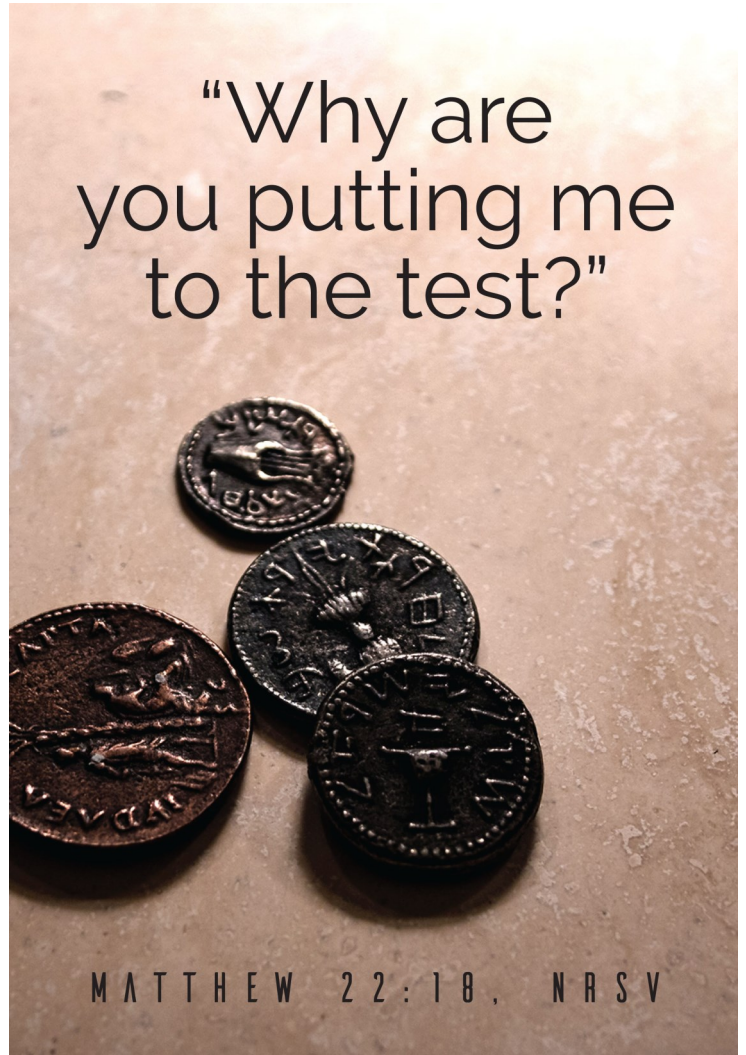
Weekly Goal: \$6700

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.

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

October 16 (\$25): Donna Basile (1169)

October 17 (\$25): Jacqueline Audiino (1009)

October 18 (\$25): Patricia Goodwin (164)

October 19 (\$25): Charles Dorchak (684)

October 20 (\$25): Linda & Rich Ronning (1247)

October 21 (\$25): Rita Malavet (1119)

October 22 (\$50): Barbara Schriefer (389)



Parish Social Ministry



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmilil.org



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

Rice

Cereal

Canned Vegetables

Soup

Juice/Drink Mixes

Coffee/Tea

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.

Reflections on Poverty

Last week I had an opportunity to participate in a “poverty simulation” sponsored by Catholic Charities. I would like to share with you some of my observations and feelings as it was an eye-opening experience for me. Each participant was given the role of a person in a family and we spent the next hour navigating through the social services system. I was a 9 year old girl living with my grandparents and younger, 7 year old brother. My mother had been deported, my grandfather was disabled and did not speak English, and my grandmother who spoke limited English worked 40 hours per week in a minimum wage job. My family was given 5 transportation vouchers which my grandmother needed to use to get to and from work. In addition, she needed to get to various places to pay bills, cash her paycheck, access other benefits, and get to the doctor. My grandfather could not travel in the community unless I was with him (remember I am 9 years old) and I was also responsible for getting my younger brother to and from school. He was diagnosed with ADHD, had behavioral issues, and ran out of his medication. While I did not have the direct experience of navigating through the social services system I did experience the stress and pressure of having responsibilities no 9-year-old child should ever have. Even though my situation was a “simulation” I felt the disconnect and difficulty concentrating when I went to school. I witnessed the difficulty my grandparents had putting food on our table, caring for 2 young children, paying bills, and dealing with the other random problems that came our way (the policeman who arrived at our door when I was left alone because my grandfather took my brother to the doctor or the extra money I needed for a school project). Although this was a “simulation” for me, it is reality for many others on a daily basis. They need to decide whether to pay a bill or buy food, figure out how to get from one place to another without transportation, and cope with problems such as potential evictions, child care needs, and loss of weekly salaries. Despite the perception of Long Island as an affluent region poverty exists and affects more of our neighbors than we realize. Your weekly contributions of food allow us at Outreach to make a small difference in the lives of many of our neighbors.

Thank you! **Marti White Parish Outreach**

St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today Jesus says: “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps your neighbor who feels hopeless and frightened to know they belong to God.

Presently our checkbook has a Very Low Balance. We are in that awful situation of saying NO to anyone who presently asks for help.

PLEASE consider making a donation to our conference of SVdP.

Checks can be made out to “SVdP, St. Thomas More Conference” (cash is also welcome).

Leave at the rectory, or drop in next week’s collection basket. Thank You!

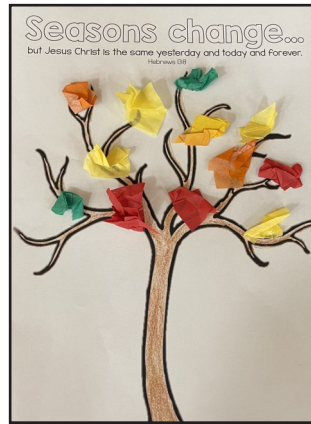
Contact us at (631) 648-2760 or svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

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



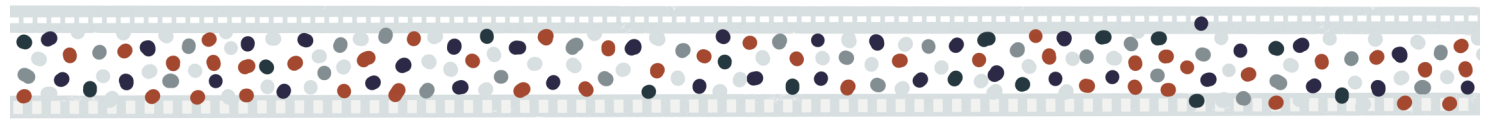
Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: October 27th, 12:30pm
Meeting With Pizza & Halloween Party!

RSVP to

Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions



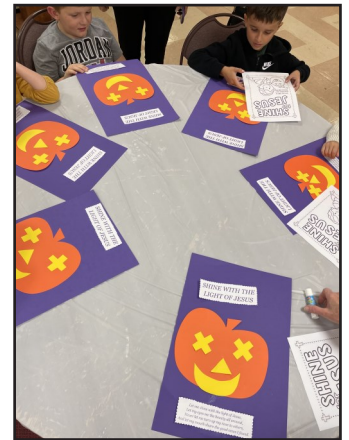
Children's Liturgy Crew

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!



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun Oct 22nd, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Mon Oct 23rd, 9:30pm
Catholic Heath Bus

Thur Oct 26th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Oct 26th, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

Fri Oct 27th, 12:30pm
Young at Heart
Halloween Pizza Party

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



**"GIVE...
TO GOD**

**THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

In Our Community

CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC AWARDS
HONOR PINS

CONGRATULATIONS
St. Thomas More Parishioners

Robert J. Carboy
Timothy J. Sandbichler



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A marriage-saving program here in the
New York/Metropolitan Area.

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
November 3-5, 2023
at The Immaculate Conception
Seminary, Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**
Designed and created by the Servant of God *Carlo Acutis*

Hosted by
Saint Joseph Parish, Kings Park
Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 2 - 7 PM
Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday Closing: 3 PM - Healing Holy Hour in the Church
LOCATION: St. Joseph's Parish, Travis Hall — 59 Church Street, Kings Park, NY

Exhibit sponsored by:
Knights of Columbus Father Seyfried Council #821 | Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Ave Maria #832



Declare his glory among
THE NATIONS,
his marvelous works among
ALL THE PEOPLES!

PSALM 96:3

The Office of the Protection of Children Virtus Facilitator Trainings:

If you are interested in serving as a Virtus Facilitator, The Office for the Protection of Children/Young People will be hosting two facilitator trainings. For more information please call Theresa @ the rectory
631-234-5551

Trainings will take place
on the following days:
Friday: November 3, 2023
11:00-1:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist: Center Moriches

Monday: November 13, 2023
11:00 -1:00 PM
St. Brigid's: Westbury

How to pray the Rosary



- 1: Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed
- 3: On the first bead, say an Our Father
- 4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each
- 5: Say the Glory Be
- 6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father
- 7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.

8: After finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

1. The Annunciation to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

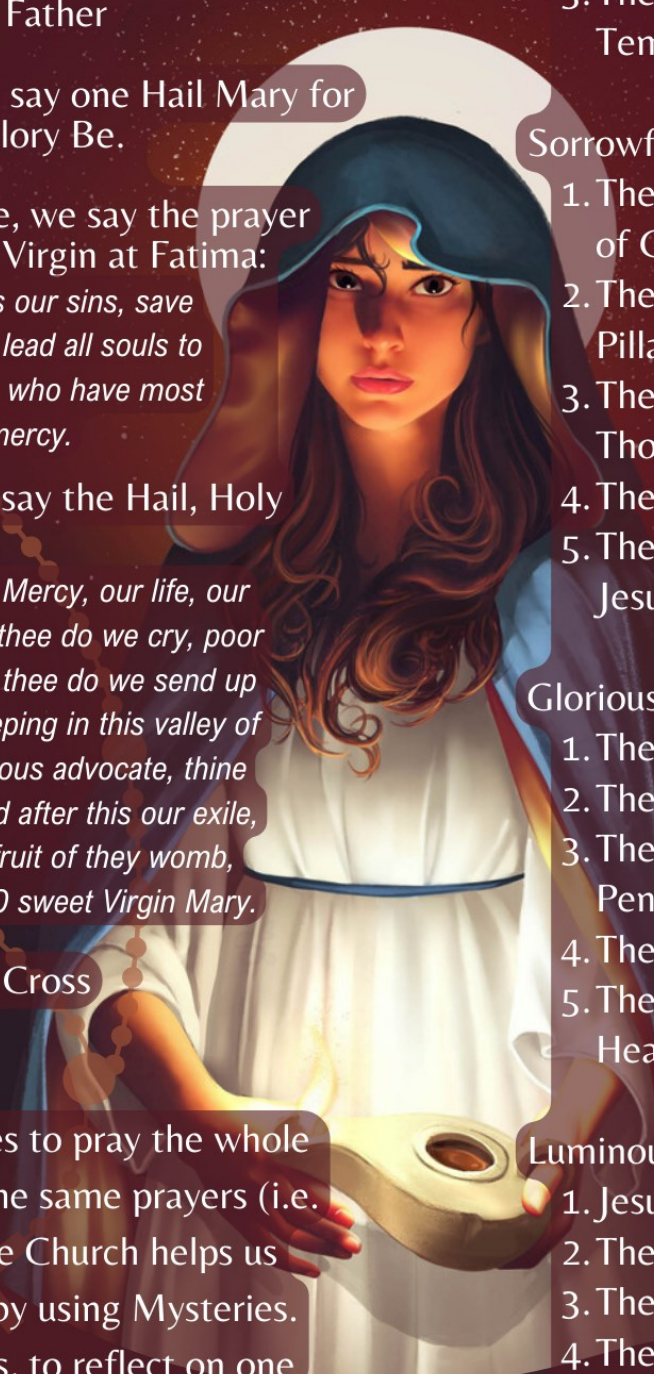
1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist





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.



St. Thomas More RCC
115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Monday, October 23rd 2024
9:30am-2:00pm

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 PARISH OUTREACH
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 2023**

Items needed for the baskets:
Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing,
Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,
Canned Vegetables, Applesauce
Coffee, Tea & Desserts

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING \$25 GIFT CARDS
(ShopRite or Stop and Shop)
IN PLACE OF TURKEYS**

**-Cards or cash donations can be sent to Outreach or put in the
collection basket-**



Thank you for your generosity!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL
ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023

9AM – 1 PM

TRUCK WILL BE PARKED IN FRONT OF
PARISH OUTREACH GARAGE
119 KINGS HIGHWAY, HAUPPAUGE

Clean, gently used clothing
can only be accepted on
Sunday October 30th
DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE

