Catholic Church Community of

Sharing the Spirit

## St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



#### **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.

## Thirtieth Sungay in Ordinary Time OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

#### **Parish Resources**

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#### Masses October 28th- November 5th, 2023

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

Monday, October 30th:

9am- Else Davitt by Gary & Linda Masten

Tuesday, October 31st:

9am – Augie Vrondis by Betty Vrondis & Family

Wednesday, November 1st: All Saints Day

9am- Richard Stout by Ellie Stout

7pm- Robert Sztorc by Evelyn & Bob McMahon

Thursday, November 2nd: All Souls Day

9am- All Souls Novena

7pm- All Souls Novena

Friday, November 3rd:

9am- All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 4th: St Charles Borromeo

5pm- All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 5th: Thirtieth-First Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- All Souls Novena

9:30am- All Souls Novena

11:30am- All Souls Novena

#### Readings for this Week

October 29th, 2023 (Ordinary 30) Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

#### Matthew 23:1-12 (Ordinary 31)

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

#### Focus Questions for 11/5/23

Matthew 23:1-12

1: Jesus says that you are great when you serve another. In what ways do you serve others?

2: Relate a time when you acted humbly.

3: Who do you admire because that person practices what they preach?

Family & Children's Question: Talk about the importance of not being a show off.



#### Readings for Next Week

November 5th, 2023 (Ordinary 31)

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10

Psalm 131:1,2,3

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9.13

Matthew 23:1-12

#### Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

Mother: Now remember to put some of your allowance in the offering at church.

Son: Why not buy an ice cream cone with it and let the cashier put it in the offering?

Offering is an expression of Love, not a justification of what one must do to the other. As Paul explains in his first letter to the Corinthians (I Cor 13: 5) "Love does not insist on its own way." Love renders service; it does not establish its right. It offers itself. Mother Teresa explains: When we criticize others, we will have less time to love them.

In the first reading God explains His people not to forget how God was compassionate to liberate them from Egypt. God reminded them to be consciously compassionate to other people as God was to them. In the Gospel Jesus repeats the same duty: the love of God and love of people as the first of the commandments. It is not only a commandment to remind us of our duty, but a lifeline by which one becomes alive. Without love, one is dead. Only through love can one experience God, as the life force among us. Loving God is intrinsically connected to loving others. Without loving others, the love of God remains as a dead letter of law. Love of God is alive only where the love of others lives. Let us love others to experience the love of God. Let us love God to live in love with others.

This Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day. This feast invites us to reflect on the real holy stuff God has created within us. In Jesus the Son of God, God has adopted us as His Children. John explained our identity in his first letter to his Church, "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be, has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Him as He is." (I John 3:2) We are created in God's image, and we are called to share life with God forever, to see God as He is. To be Godly with God forever is the meaning of SAINT. All Saints Day is the feast where we celebrate our God's identity in us, now and forever.

November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day. It is a Day of Obligation. November 1<sup>st</sup> Masses are at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Children are welcome with their Halloween and All Saints costumes to the 7:00 pm mass on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

This Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day. This feast invites us to reflect on our true identity. If we consider that we are no more than a human body, then our end is nothing more than dust, as the body will reduce into dust after death. But if we realize that we are called to live our spiritual identity in our body, then our faith demands that we live beyond death. We carry within us an eternal identity. Jesus who became one of us died and rose on the third day. He is our forerunner, guarantee and hope that we who believe in Him will also rise with Him. For Jesus says, "I am the Resurrection and Life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 10:25-26). Let us celebrate the lives of our beloved brothers and sisters who, though not with us now, live with God forever.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day. Masses are at 9:00 am and at 7:00 pm. At the Evening mass we pray especially for all those who passed away last year.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



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

#### The Sanctuary Lamp

We get so used to our surroundings in the church we sometimes overlook the little but significant things. One of those items I'd like to point out this week is the sanctuary lamp.

Some of us might have forgotten about its existence, while others might not even know about it. This lamp is usually a large candle with a red glass covering over it, found near the tabernacle. In our church you can see it on the back wall of the sanctuary, to the right of the niche where our statue of St. Thomas More is.

Church regulations require that a lamp remain burning whenever the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle. Yes, this light is an indication of the Real Presence in our physical church! It must not be an electric light, but a real candle fed by oil or wax. This lamp remains lit even when the church is locked up for the night. The only time you will not see it lit is when we transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday, and when it is kept in a safe place until Easter Vigil (candles are lit separately in those locations).

In this lamp, we are reminded of God's command in the Old Testament to have a lamp which is filled with pure olive oil

remain lit near the tabernacle, a tent of cloth for the presence of God (*Ex. 27:20-21*). For us, the sanctuary lamp represents Christ, our light, and his never dimming presence not only in the Tabernacle, but also in our lives.

My recommendation for all of us is to take time either today or in the coming week to be in the church and find the sanctuary lamp, then prepare for some quiet reflection. Take a

few minutes to sit before it and pray. Let us thank God for loving us eternally and for sending his only Son for our sake, and pray that we may come closer to Christ through his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

"May the fire of God's love burn brightly and steadfastly in our hearts like the golden light within the sanctuary lamp." -Prayer of St. Columba in the Dubh Regles ("Black Church") of Derry.

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



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#### Parish Information

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#### **Prayers for Our Community**

#### Pray for the Sick

**Gregory Bennett** 

Kathryn Douglas
Barbara & Joseph Cassetta
Barbara Foberg
Pat Golembiewski
Linda Heller
Richard Landi
Frank Loporto
Jim Marquette
George Pflugel

Nunzio (Steve) Puleio

Rosalie Rocchio

Noah Simonetti (2 yrs) John Spadaro

Lorraine White

\*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

#### **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.

#### Pray for the Deceased

Patricia Gadis

Lena Trano

Thomas Saeli

Tadeusz Pietrzak

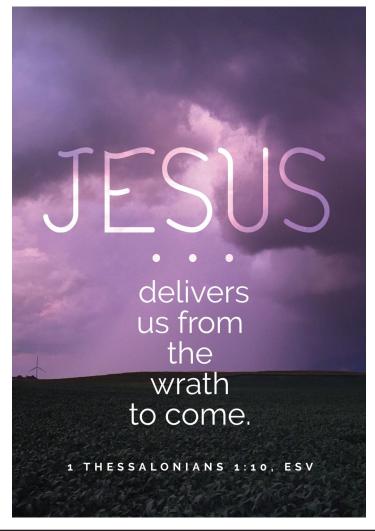
Loretta Ricciardelli

Walter Markiewicz

Jody Ann Juliano

Agnes F. Schomber

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: October 21st & 22nd

\$5057

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
Mo n day-Friday
9:3 O A.M. - 3:0 O 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.



MATTHEW 22:37

#### 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 23 (\$25): Joyce Miller (151) October 24 (\$25): Maureen Fallona (467) October 25 (\$25): Theresa & Al Haas (1059) October 26 (\$25): Len Munzer (1037) October 27 (\$25): Paul & MaryAnn Gruner (696) October 28 (\$25): Michael O'Brien (403) October 29 (\$50): Brian Eyring (1159)

#### Parish Social Ministry

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

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

#### Our immediate needs...

Syrup
Ketchup
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.





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

### \*\*Please see our flyer for Thanksgiving donations\*\*

We are requesting all donations for Thanksgiving by the weekend of November 4th/5th so our volunteers have time to pack them up.



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!

#### State Aid for Heating Bills:

Applications open November 1st for NYS
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
which helps low-income households pay for
heat. Starting 11/1, call 631-853-8825 to
find out if you are eligible. Applications for
the *emergency* HEAP benefit - for households that risk a lack of fuel or utility shut-off
- open Jan 2nd, 2024

#### St. Vincent de Paul



In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that I must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

A sincere thank you to all who heard our plea for donations in last week's bulletin, and to all who supported our Military Bridge fundraiser. On behalf of our neighbors in need, THANK YOU!

#### 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: November 10th @ 12:30pm

Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

#### Packed Children's Liturgy!

Some 70 children turned out to learn all about our faith! Kids ages 4-8 are invited to join us every Sunday at 9:30 Mass







#### Military Bridge Success

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our local St. Vincent de Paul Chapter during their Military Bridge fundraiser. Snacks and games, fun and community. A fun evening for all involved. Keep your eye out for more fundraisers in the community.





#### In Our Community



Sponsored by The Bereavement Ministry Church of St. Mary, East Islip NY

> Thursday November 9th, 2023 7:30pm-9:00pm Sacred Heart Hall East Islip NY 11730

Refreshments will be served RSVP: 631-581-4266 x125

## 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



#### 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?

#### <u>Retrouvaille</u> 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



Presented by St Anthony's High School Mother's Guild

Saturday Nov 4th, 2023 10am-4pm 275 Wolf Hill Road Melville NY 11747

For more info, email craftfair@stanthonyhs.org

#### Happening at St. Thomas More

#### Coming Up @ STM

Sun Oct 29th, 12:30pm Youth Group

Wed Nov 1st, 7:00pm All Saints' Day Costume Mass

Wed Nov 1st, 8:00pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

Thur Nov 2nd, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Nov 2nd, 7:00pm All Souls' Day Mass

Thur Nov 2nd, 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sun Nov 5th, 12:30pm Youth Group

Tues Nov 7th, 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration



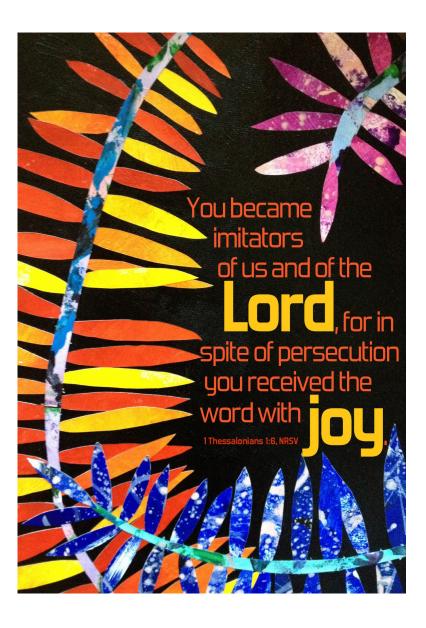
#### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

> Saturday 5:00 PM

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

Confes sions
Every Saturday
4:00 PM-4:45 PM



## 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











## VETERANS DAY

ANNUAL MASS

#### 11TH NOVEMBER @ 5PM

All Veterans are welcome. Please wear something to identify your branch of service. This year our Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More/Msgr Midura Council #6062 will take part in the ceremony. After mass, there will be a raising of a new flag that will commence at the flag pole directly after mass.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA** 





**Parish Outreach** 

# THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING







Please donate food items and/or gift cards to pay for turkeys as we are not accepting donated turkeys!

#### We Are Collecting The Following Items:

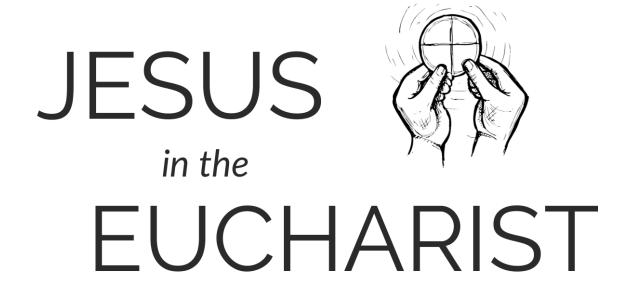
Yams
Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned veggies
Applesauce
Coffee & Tea
Desserts

\$25 Gift Cards
(ShopRite or Stop & Shop)

Cards/Cash donations can be sent to Outreach or put in the collection basket at mass.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

631-234-3149 outreach@stmli.org



a study on Christ in Communion by the NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Led by SISTER DOROTHY SCONZO O.P.

#### Hosted by:



631.864.1623



(a) 631.864.8891



www.ctkrcc.org

#### \*No registration required

A 7-session study through a dynamic video & discussion course designed to deepen your understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



IN PARISH HALL

**THURSDAYS** 

**7:30**PM

**OCTOBER 26 NOVEMBER 30 JANUARY 25 FEBUARY 29** APRIL 11 **MAY 30 JUNE 6** 

#### **Youth Group - Church Tour!**

October 22nd, 2023















#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sundays 12:30-2:30** 

October 29th-Halloween November 5th-TBD

### Saints of October



St Francis of Assisi
Feast Day: October 4th
Mystic & Friar
Patron: Poverty, Ecology, Animals

Founded the order of the Franciscans. devoted to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Received the stigmata during an apparition of an angel. Heavily associated with animals and the environment.



St Luke the Evangelist
Feast Day: October 18th
Author of Gospel of Luke
Author of Acts of the Apostles
Patron: Artists, notaries, physicians

Unknown whether he was a gentile or Jew, considered to be one of the most highly educated authors of the New Testament. His writings comprise over 25% of the New Testament.



St Ignatius of Antioch
Feast Day: October 17th
Bishop & Martyr
Patron: Church in the Eastern
Mediterranean

Writer in the very early Christian church (first century AD). Very little known about his life, but he was Bishop of Antioch (present day Turkey). Wrote of the importance of the eucharist: "medicine of immortality", and was the first to use the Greek word "katholikos" to describe the Church.



St Simon the Apostle Feast Day: October 28th Apostle, Preacher, Martyr Patron: Curriers, Tanners

Simon Zelotes (not Simon Peter), was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Believed to have preached in Egypt, Persia, and Lebanon. Shares a feast with St Jude as they travelled together.



St Jude the Apostle
Feast Day: October 28th
Apostle & Martyr
Patron: Armenia, Lost Causes

Known as Jude, Judas, or Thaddeus, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Preached the Gospel throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Often depicted with a flame above his head, representing his presence at Pentecost.





## Spaghetti Dinner

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 6PM

AT ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

Dinner, Drinks, Music and More



Auction, Raffles, and Door Prizes

#### TICKETS ARE \$20 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES, NOT SOLD AT DOOR

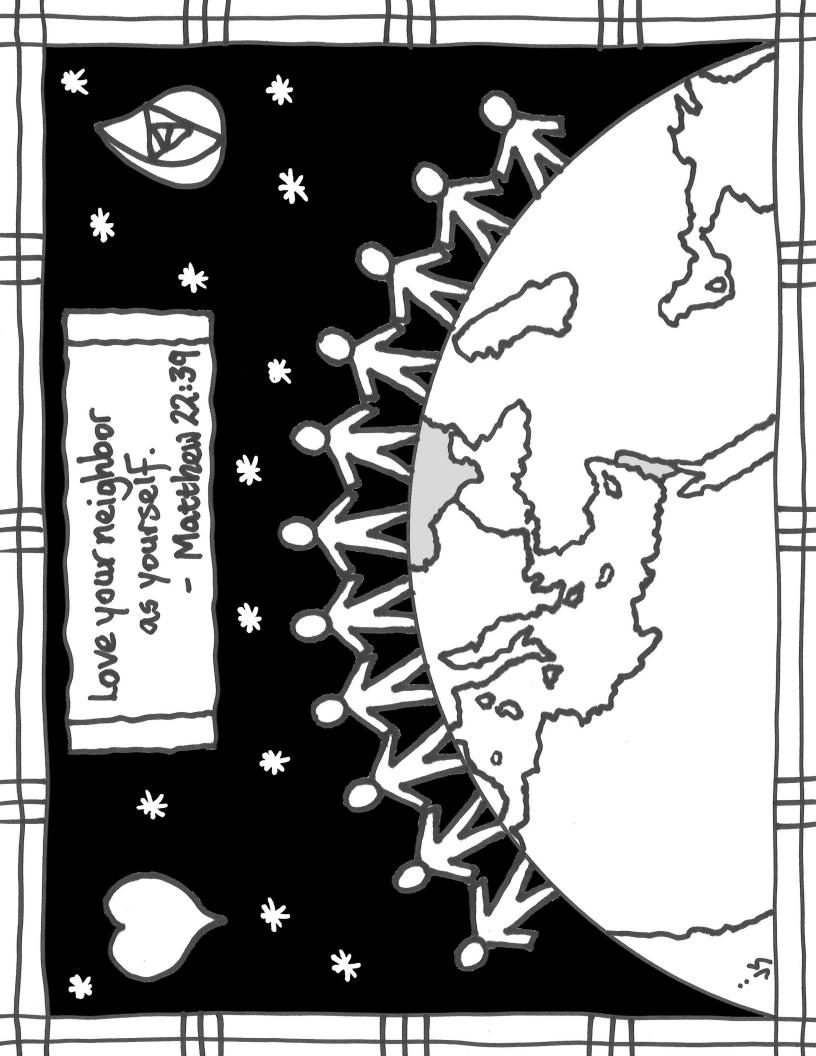
Bring a food donation for Parish Outreach, Get entered into a special raffle!

Questions & ticket sales...

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#### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT WORD SEARCH

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