

*Sharing
the Spirit
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

NOVEMBER 12, 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.

*Thirty Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Parish Resources

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Masses November 11th- November 19th, 2023

Saturday, November 11th: St Martin de Tours

5pm- Terry Pankus *by Al Pankus*

Sunday, November 12th: Thirty-Second Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- The Molinaro & Zullo Families *by Ursula Molinaro*

9:30am- Georgine Schaefer *by Joseph Schaefer*

11:30am- Charles Stepanek *by Peggy Stepanek & Family*

Jean Noschese *by The Friendship Circle*

Monday, November 13th: St Frances Xavier Cabrini

9am- Jack Pinto *by Lisa, Thomas, & Bryanna*

Tuesday, November 14th:

9am- Paddy & Biddy Flynn (50 yrs) *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Wednesday, November 15th:

9am- Joseph Terriaca *by The Castaldo Family*

Thursday, November 16th:

9am- Dorothy Gillan *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Friday, November 17th: St Elizabeth of Hungary

9am- Maria Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

Saturday, November 18th:

5pm- Robert B Tringali *by Donna & Fred Robinson*

Sunday, November 19th: Thirty-Third Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Marion Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

9:30am- Sister Julie Houser *by Joe Houser*

11:30am- Eleanor Thompson *by Alex & Noelle White*

Don Friedman *by Mary Friedman & Family*

Matthew 25:14-30 (Ordinary 33)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

Readings for this Week

November 12th, 2023 (Ordinary 32)

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalms 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Readings for Next Week

November 19th, 2023 (Ordinary 33)

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalms 128:1-2,3,4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Focus Questions for 11/19/23

Matthew 25:14-30

- 1: How have you made the most of your personal gifts?
- 2: What talent have you buried?
- 3: Share a time when you regretted not taking a risk.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how you can be more generous.

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

In a small town everyone made fun of a small boy who, according to them, is mentally challenged. They would hold out a dime and nickel to him and ask him which he wanted. He would always choose a nickel. One day someone asked him why he always chose the nickel. The boy replied, "If I ever took a dime, they'd quit giving me nickels." Now, who is mentally challenged in getting the best for their life? The people of the town or the boy? Wisdom does not consist of how we live at another's cost, but to awaken to one's own potential and to live one's life in all its potential.

Today's Gospel is the story of the ten virgins. Jesus narrated this parable to say how one should be ready and prepared always to welcome the Lord because one knows not when and how the Lord will come to visit each of us. The story speaks to all of us. We can also see in this story a message for day-to-day life. We should be ready to welcome and live the moments the Lord has coming to us in the everyday context of here and now. We should never take for granted our time, talents, and treasures to invest in life's opportunity to welcome the Lord into our lives.

As the ten virgins waited for the party to start at the arrival of the bridegroom, we too wait for the best to come in our lives. Five of them are called foolish because they were not even aware that they did not have enough oil. Waiting is not a waste of time. It is the time we gather and prepare all our (oil) potential to look for the opportunity and be fully ready to enter into life when it is offered to us. Waiting is the time when we prepare ourselves to open our heart and mind to discern the ways and means in which the Lord comes to us to celebrate life with us.

Life is not a magic show that we watch without participating. Life that God offers to us, is a mystery waiting to happen to us in a bigger measure than what we expect and at a time when we don't expect it. We are called to live this God-given-Life with all our potential whenever it happens. We have to be vigilant so that we don't miss it when it knocks at our door. We must be ready to engage ourselves totally in it before it closes its door upon us. Let us not be drowsy and fall asleep. Let us be vigilant and ready.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



“FOR THE
LORD
HIMSELF
WILL COME
DOWN FROM
HEAVEN, WITH A
LOUD COMMAND.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16, NIV



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

Homebound Communion

For our brothers and sisters who cannot attend Mass due to infirmity, homebound Communion is a greatly appreciated service. One of the reasons why each Catholic church has a tabernacle is to reserve some of the Blessed Sacrament for those who are confined to their home, a hospital or a nursing home.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive special training from the diocese in order to bring Communion to the sick. My personal experience of doing this both before I became a deacon and now is one of great joy.

To be received into the home of someone who longs to be with the rest of the community, but can't, is so uplifting. A visit to the sick may take on several forms. Generally time is spent listening to Scripture (especially readings from the Mass of the day), praying, and simply conversing. Those who make a homebound Communion call are performing at least two acts of corporal mercy. Not only are they visiting the sick, but they are feeding those who hunger for health and community with the most important food, Christ himself.



During these visits, the strength that comes from Jesus, the Divine Physician, and the hope our Lord imparts to the communicant through the Eucharist is always palpable. This is only possible because of Christ's True Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please remember those confined to their homes, nursing homes and hospitals in your regular prayers. Please also pray for the good health and safety of our homebound ministers of Communion. Let us be grateful for those who bring Jesus to those who are ill, in the spirit of the Blessed Virgin Mary's visit to Elizabeth while Mary was carrying Jesus in her womb.

"Because the sick are prevented from celebrating the Eucharist with the rest of the community, the most important visits are those during which they receive Holy Communion. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the sick are united sacramentally to the Lord and are reunited with the Eucharistic community from which illness has separated them." - *Pastoral Care of the Sick, No. 51*

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

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick



Gregory Bennett
Joey Cullum
Kathryn Douglas
Barbara & Joseph Cassetta
Barbara Foberg
Pat Golembiewski
Linda Heller
William Hoell
Jim Iardi
Richard Landi
Frank Loporto
Jim Marquette
Matt O'Connell
Al Pankus
Joanne Pelletier
George Pflugel
Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Rosalie Rocchio
Noah Simonetti (2 yrs)
John Spadaro
Lorraine White
John Zuzzolo

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased



Robert Aberle
Kencito Allaire
Patricia Gadis

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

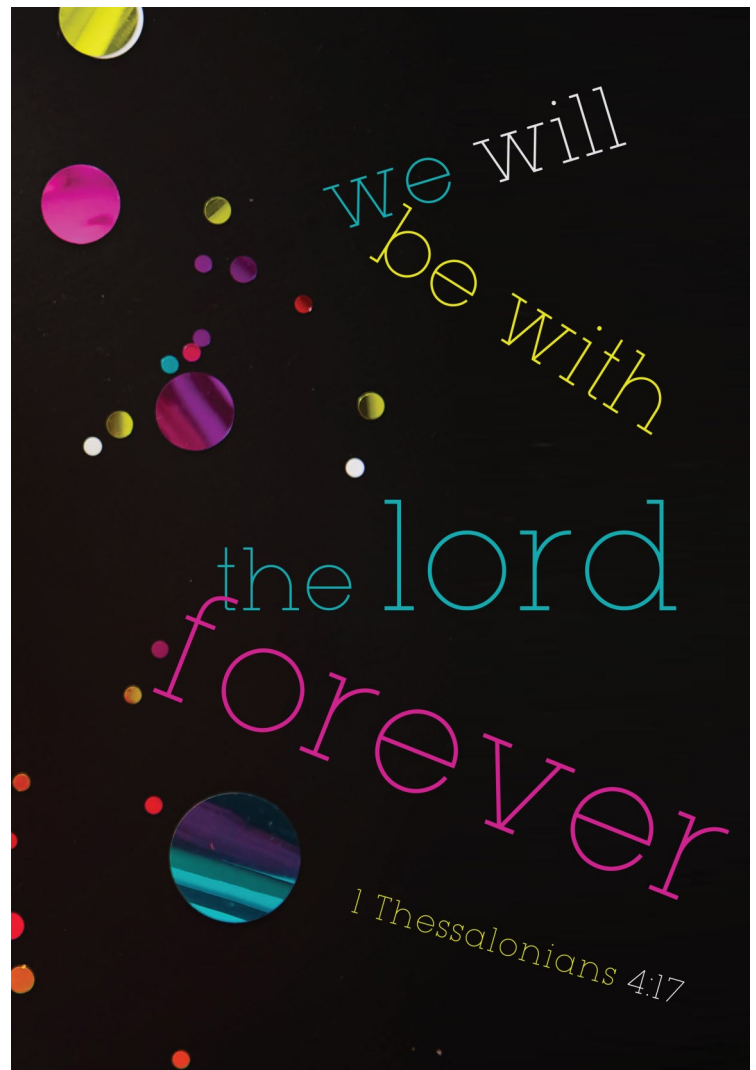
In memory of 11/13-11/19



Edward Skrzypek

By Mary Ellen Skrzypek

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



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:
November 4th & 5th

\$6625

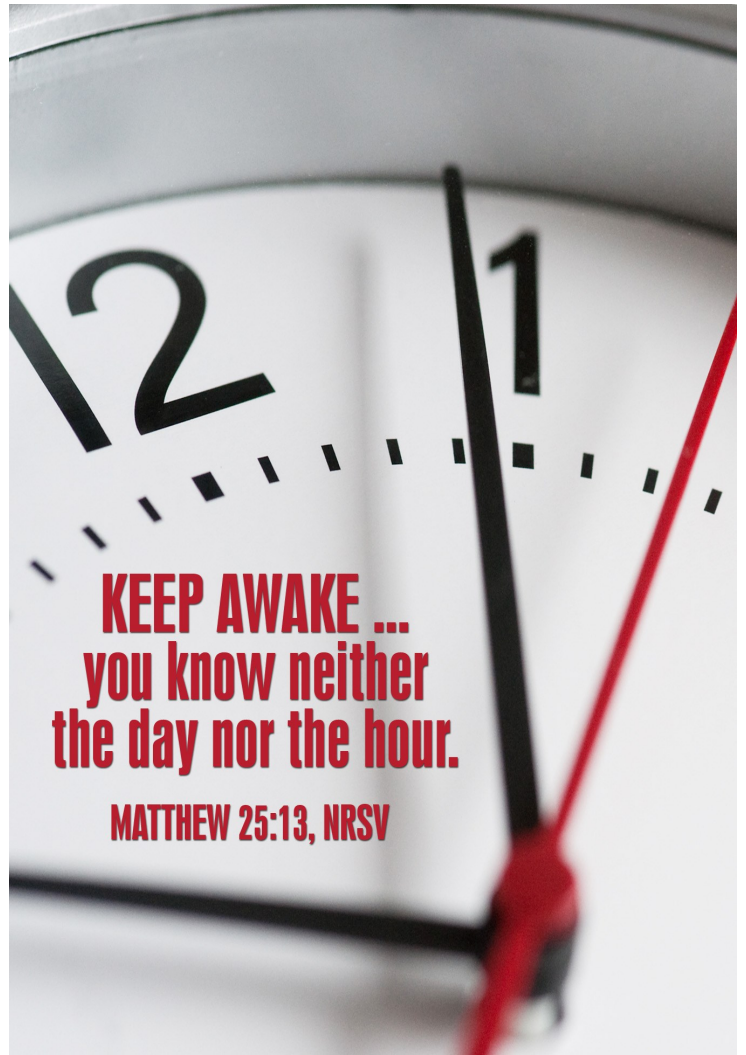
Weekly Goal: \$6700

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



**KEEP AWAKE ...
you know neither
the day nor the hour.**

MATTHEW 25:13, NRSV

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.

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

We are requesting all donations for Thanksgiving by the weekend of November 11th/12th so our volunteers have time to pack them up.

Calendar Club Winners

- November 6 (\$25): Walter Brennan (935)
- November 7 (\$25): Matthew Balsara (1085)
- November 8 (\$25): Joseph Gill (1130)
- November 9 (\$25): Frances Dia & Arlene Block (949)
- November 10 (\$25): Andy & Kathy Turano (870)
- November 11 (\$25): John & Marie Reddy (490)
- November 12 (\$50): Ann Russell (689)



Parish Social Ministry

"Whoever humbles himself will be exalted"

~Matthew 22

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...

Boxed Milk
Cereal
Canned Vegetables
Soup
Ketchup
Oatmeal
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-



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †



Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmlil.org

THANK YOU for your generosity with our Thanksgiving food drive.



We are still accepting food donations and gift cards!



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!

We have received a generous donation of KateFarms adult standard complete plant-based, organic, sole-source nutrition formula. If you know someone who is using nutritional supplements, please give the Outreach office a call!

St Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself "what would Jesus Christ do?" to help our neighbors in need. The answer is usually a simple "yes", a little word that leads to big changes.

A special thank you to the children enrolled in the First Grade Religious Ed program. They donated \$66 to our recent fundraiser. Their willingness to help, and participation, is a positive sign for our future Church!

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 OCIA by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551

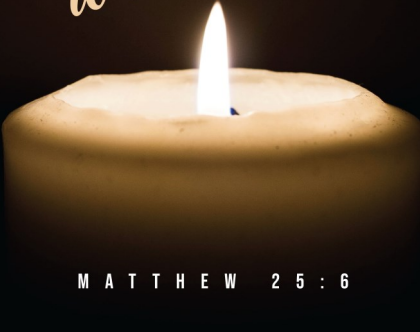
Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!
Next Meeting: Fri December 8th @ 12:30

December 13th: Christmas Luncheon at the Garden Grill
RSVP to Anna @ 631-234-0714

"HERE IS THE BRIDEGROOM!

Come out to meet him."



Got questions about life?

Alpha-
Returning to STM
January 8th, 2024

Alpha



St Teresa of Calcutta

Father Antony acquired a statue of St Mother Teresa, which has been placed opposite St Therese of Lisieux. We encourage everyone to take a moment out of their day to visit the garden and pray with these amazing women (just outside the Saints Chapel)

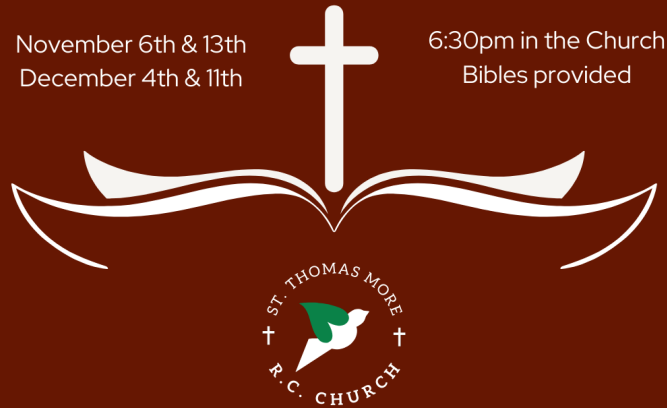
Tales of the Nativity

BIBLE STUDY

WITH FATHER ANTONY

November 6th & 13th
December 4th & 11th

6:30pm in the Church
Bibles provided



In Our Community

Holiday Visit to Calverton

Branch Funeral Home is sponsoring a free trip to visit Calverton National Cemetery on Tuesday December 5th.

Coach bus with lavatory. Coffee and donuts will be served on the way there, with pizza served on the way back.

Pick up: 7:45 @ Branch Commack
8:15 @ Branch Smithtown
8:30 @ Smithtown Senior Center

Call (631) 724-9500 or visit
BranchFH.com/Calverton-Bus-Trip
to reserve your seat on the bus!
Space is limited!



Annual Craft & Vendor Fair

Presented by the Hauppauge High School PTSA.

Saturday and Sunday
November 11th and 12th
10am-4pm
Hauppauge High School Gym
500 Lincoln Blvd

Great event to start your holiday shopping and support our students!

“Shop till you drop!”
Over 90 vendors to choose from!

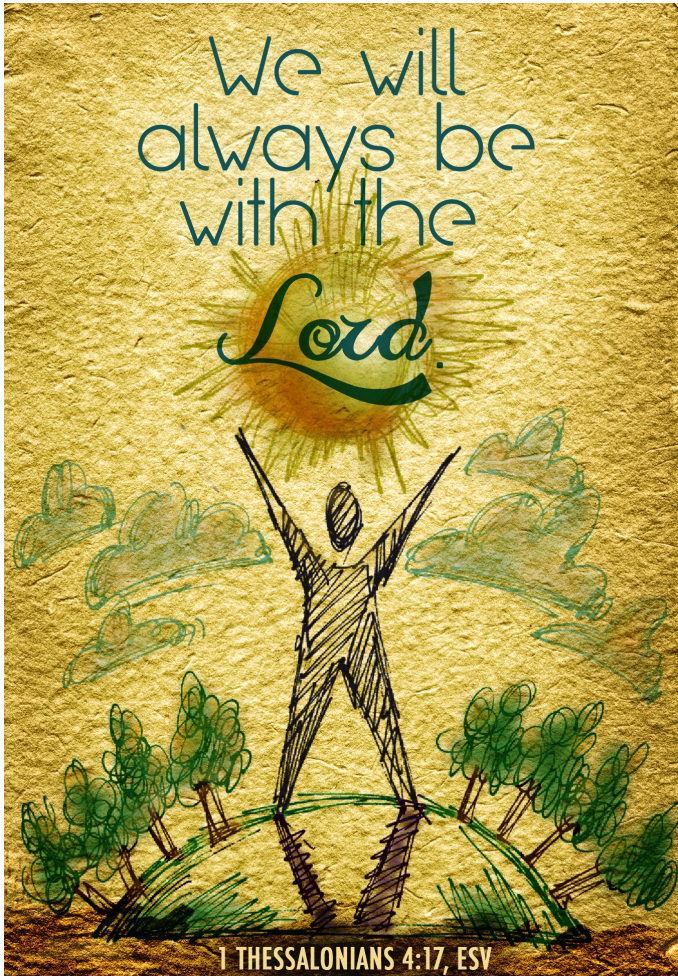


HOLY HOURS
FOR VOCATIONS | 2023-2024 DATES

9.15 // 10.20 // 12.15 // 1.19 // 2.23 // 3.15 // 4.19

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Save the Date!

St. Kilian Christmas

Organ Concert

In Honor of the 35th Ordination Anniversary
of Bishop John Dunne as Auxiliary Bishop of the
Diocese of Rockville Centre



St. Kilian Parish welcomes back Dr. Joseph Woo,
Dean of the Suffolk County American Guild of Organists,
for an afternoon of musical offerings of the
Christmas Season!

Sunday, December 10th at 4:30pm

St. Kilian Church

*Our Christmas Tree Lighting will follow the concert
outside on the Church Lawn!*



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun Nov 12th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Mon Nov 13th, 2:30pm
Circle of Women Book Club

Mon Nov 13th, 7:00pm
Bible Study w/ Fr Antony
Session #2

Wed Nov 15th, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Social Meeting

Sat Nov 18th, 6:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sun Nov 19th, 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



*I will
praise you
as long as I live.*

PSALM 63:4, NIV

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



St. Thomas More EM Annual Meeting & Retreat

A special focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life during this parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00 am -10:45 am

**Mass directly followed by
Brief Rite of Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
Breakfast/ Refreshments
EM Meeting
Mini-Retreat (prepared and led by Deacon Matt
especially for the EMs of our parish)**

All currently active EMs and those who have served in the past are welcome.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 27, 2023

email: pcitro78@yahoo.com

lmvigneaux@aol.com

or call: Patty Citro (631) 979-6926

Laura Vigneaux (631) 234-6719

Youth Group - October Saints

November 5th, 2023



Saints of October And Pope Francis' favorite Saints!



Sunday
Nov. 5th



12:30-
2:30pm



Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

November 19th-
Thanksgiving Meal
December 3rd-
Advent Games

Follow us on Instagram! @stm_yg @stm_church

ST. THOMAS MORE, MSGR. MIDURA COUNCIL 6062



Knights of Columbus®
18th Annual

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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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.