

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Mission Statement:

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.

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Instagram: stm_church

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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

September 12, 2021
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50: 5-9a
Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
James 2:14--18
Mark 8: 27-35

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

September 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Saturday, September 11

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Fabio & Anna DiMeglio by *Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, September 12—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Nicolas Lorusso by *Annette & Robert Mroczkowski*

9:30am Gail Audiino by *the Johnsons*

11:30am Peter Romano by *Mary & the Romano children*

Monday, September 13—St. John Chrysostum

9am Priscilla McAllister & May McNerney by *Ed McAllister & family*

Tuesday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9am Lodovico Mattessich by *Steve & Toni Mattessich*

Wednesday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

9am Sheldon Anthony Goldberg by *JoAnn Eyring*

Thursday, September 16—St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

9am June Fusco by *Maria & George Murphy*

Friday, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine

9am June Fusco by *Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

Saturday, September 18

9am Joan Rouse by *the Prayer Group*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Msgr. Thomas Spadaro by *Fr. John Rufus & Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, September 19—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am June Fusco by *the Cassetta family*

9:30am Gail Audiino by *the STM Columbiettes*

11:30am Peter Romano by *Christine, Bob, Nicholas & Brendan Novak*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark:

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them,

“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”

But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,

he began to ask them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them,

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Focus Questions:

1. Is there anything that makes you feel truly great while doing God’s work?
- 2) How difficult is it not to compare yourself to others?
- 3) When has a child taught you a Christian lesson?

Suggestions for Action:

Help an elderly person on a fixed income this season by doing chores around their house for them.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

My friend told me he doesn't trust doctors.

When I asked why, he said, "I developed pain in my leg and began to limp. My doctor told me that one of my legs was shorter than the other, and that I would need to wear special shoe inserts to even them out."

I replied, "That doesn't sound crazy. Why would that make you distrust doctors?"

He said, "Well, I wanted a second opinion, so I went to another doctor and he told me I had the exact opposite problem that one of my legs was *longer* than the other!"

Opinions are like the burning torches that throw a small circle of light around them and everything outside the circle is darkness. We have to move with the light to see anything beyond the given circle of light.

In today's Gospel Jesus starts with the opinion of who others say He is. Then He asked His disciples, the close circle of friends, for their opinion about Him. Then he ends up saying openly His own expression of who He is. He is the Son of Man, who would suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

His own description of who He is, is completely different from the people's opinions about Him. That is why Peter rebuked Jesus for having such a wrong opinion about Himself. But Jesus rebuked him back saying that Peter is like Satan influencing Him to live according to people's expectation and not God's revelation. Then Jesus instructed all His followers, that if one want to live one's own God given identity, that person has to take up their cross and follow Jesus.

Our identity is not what others or our own close family or friends say about us. But as Jesus does in today's Gospel, it is what each of us say about our individual selves.. If we live according to what others would say, our life will be shaped according to the poll number we like to see.



But when we begin to live from the realization of our inner self identity, our life will be more meaningful, joyful living, empowering us and others around us. Let us prayerfully ask ourselves individually "what do I say about myself?"

This weekend, Saturday is September 11 is the 20th anniversary of the tragedy that took place on 9.11.2000. "During the September 11 attacks in 2000, 2,977

people were killed, 19

hijackers committed murder–suicide, and more than 6,000 others were injured. The immediate deaths included 265 on the four planes (including the terrorists), 2,606 in the World Trade Center and in the surrounding area, and 125 at the Pentagon. The attacks remain the deadliest terrorist act in world



history." (Wikipedia). **Its direct and indirect consequences** are still seen in the physical and mental health of the affected families, economics, world politics, peace and security. On this day of the painful memory, let us pray and make a pledge. Let us light a candle and pray for the repose of all those who lost their lives and for the comfort of the families who still suffer from it in many different ways.

Let us also make a pledge that we will be instruments of peace imitating St. Francis of Assisi, "where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." We know, "An eye for an eye" makes the whole world blind. So be the change that you want see in the world."

(Mahatma Gandhi)

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmlyouthhauppauge>

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[https://](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/)

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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net



Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what's happening in our Parish?

See below or go to

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

***CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2021***

as of September 6, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$68,000.00
Pledges to date	\$33,997.00
Percentage of Goal	50.0%

New Pastoral Letter from Bishop Barres.

Our Holiness and Mission in the Changing World of Work.

A Pastoral Letter Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker on Labor Day. In this pastoral letter, Bishop John Barres examines what St. Joseph teaches us about the true nature of human labor in God's plan for our happiness. The pastoral letter extolls the role of hard work in building families, businesses and our country and gives some thoughts, inspired by St. Joseph's example, on how work forms our character and influences our relationship with God and neighbor.

Visit www.drvc.org/ignatianyear to read this new pastoral letter.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ethan Bernstein | Thomas LaFemina |
| Jessie Bernstein | Alex Lombardi |
| Joseph Blaugrund | Andrew Lombardi |
| Anthony Broncatello | Lt. Clint Lorance |
| John Burk | Scott Lovelock |
| Collin Busto | Andrew Lynch |
| David Chester | Troy A. Maida, |
| John Chester | William Maley |
| Nicholas Chester | Thomas Migliara |
| Theresa Chester | Tim Morris |
| Collin J. Crean | Ryan Murphy |
| Eddie Cullum | John Nachtman |
| Eric Cullum | Kaitlyn Nachtman |
| Adam Cussen | Thomas Nichols |
| David Cussen | Adam Papaizai |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | Michael Poist |
| P. J. Erskin | Michael Polanski |
| Timothy Fallon | Kyle Rathje |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| J.T. Foltz | Ann Karen Sanchez |
| Mike Foltz | Justin Schneider |
| Michael Gioia | Christopher Sidor |
| Carl F. Greiner | Christopher Singer |
| Philip Gudone | Ryan Smith |
| John Michael Haffner | Michael White |
| Sean Hendrikson | |
| Tylor J. Hickey | |
| John Karies | |
| Michael Knipper | |
| Dylan Kowalski | |

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **September 9, 2021 \$5,159.00**

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.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You,
Fr. Antony



CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives. Out next meeting is on September 13th at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be **Snow in August by Pete Hamill—**
Facilitator: Caroline DeSantis
We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739

Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for Aug. 29—Sept. 4 2021

8/29/2021	\$50	85	Dottie Lossani
8/30/2021	\$25	714	Marie Utter
8/31/2021	\$25	422	Jim & Marie Marsala
9/01//2021	\$25	1244	Walter Brennan
9/02/2021	\$25	1116	Christine Noschese
9/03/2021	\$25	576	Joe & Betty Ann Codispoti
9/04//2021	\$25	570	Ed & Laura Vigneaux



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom

"The happy union of these states is a wonder; their Constitution is a miracle; their example the hope of liberty throughout the world." - James Madison

Celebrating Constitution Week, September 17-23, in All Schools

"The U.S. Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights." ⁽¹⁾ Then, in 2004, Sen. Robert Byrd, correctly believing that American school children lacked significant knowledge regarding the Constitution, proposed an amendment, passed by Congress, requiring that all educational institutions receiving federal funds implement educational programs relating to the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 every year, celebrating the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

Since federal law requires schools, colleges and universities to observe Constitution Day with appropriate programs, those schools failing to observe the day or week, risk losing their federal funds.

Some of the original delegates to the states were troubled that the original Constitution lacked a description of individual rights. In 1791, Americans added the first 10 Amendments known as the Bill of Rights. The first and foundational right is: **"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; ..."** ⁽²⁾

([dar.org\(1\)](http://dar.org(1)); [ciis.edu\(2\)](http://ciis.edu(2)); nationalday.com; us-code.house.gov; Constitution of the United States)

"Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands.

Miracles do not cluster and what has happened once in 6,000 years may not happen again.

Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail,

there will be anarchy throughout the world." - Daniel Webster, lawyer and statesman (1782-1852)

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF
BBQ ~2021~

We're back and ready for a
fun and faith filled year!

Sunday, September 19th

Join us at the 11:30 a.m. mass,
activities and food until 2:30pm!



Introducing our
new Youth Minister:
Noelle LaFontaine





PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Beissel, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Joseph Christiana, Paul Connors, Nick Conzo, Veronica Corvasce, Joey Cullem, Pat Delamer, Marianne Descze, Catherine Desolo, Michael Fiorentino, Linda Heller, John La Femina, Catherine Regina Jeskie, Jean Kelly, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Walter Knell, Michael Lai, Robert McGurrin, Kieko McKeon, Charles Mallon, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Nicola & Jean Narciso, Kathy Orta, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Roseann, John Santangelo, Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs), John Spadaro, John Thompson, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Fred Wheeler, Edward Zebrowski,

This listing will expire on September 30, 2021.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org until August 8th. The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Carol Ann Chiffone, Anna Maria Butera, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to Support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.

St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry
OUTREACH



“The closer we live to God, the closer we are bound to our neighbor”
—Fulton Sheen

Our current needs include:

Boxed Milk**

Bread
Canned Fruit and Vegetables
Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)
Cereal
Macaroni & Cheese
Pancake Mix
Pasta/Spaghetti
Peanut Butter (smaller jars)
Rice
Soup (18-22 oz)
Spaghetti Sauce
Tuna

Syrup **

Mustard/Ketchup
Mayonnaise**
Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)
Tea Bags
Apple and other juice **
Toothpaste\
Shampoo
Hand Soap
Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent (small)
Paper Towels **

****we especially need these items**

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

Outreach is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM
Phone: 631-234-3149

Thank you for all your support and donations to our school supply drive!
We are so grateful to have such generous parishioners!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me,"

The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of job or an illness? Please leave a message for your conference of St. Vincent de Paul (at 631 648 2760)...we want to help!

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- Altar Server Hospitality
- Usher Greeter
- RCIA Liturgy with Children
- Lector Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Ministry
- Rosary Altar Society Pre-Cana
- Caring for Altar Plants FOCCUS
- Landscaping/Planting Choir
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY’S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at the Rectory)

REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

I/we would like to register in the parish.

Please send contribution envelopes.

I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.

Other _____

(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021.

NAME(s) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: \$ _____

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I/We would like to pay the rest in

_____installments.

Please return to the Rectory for further processing.

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Applebee's (Commack): Positions available. Inquire within.

Auto Zone: Drivers needed. Go to www.autozone.com/careers

BJ's: Local jobs available. Go to: BJs.com/careers

Still Looking– Brendel's Bagels. Deli Clerks,Catering, Kitchen Staff Drivers. P/T & F/T. Call 631-656-6828.

Candlelight Diner: All positions available. Call 631-499-3918 or stop in.

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available. Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health care positions. Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

Community Care Home Health Services: HHAs and PCAs. Call: 516-965-2809

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

Still Looking: Dunkin' Donuts/Subway: F/T and P/T Flexible positions available. Call: 718-820-6112

GEICO Insurance: Service and sales positions available. Go to: <https://careers.geico.com/us/en>

Hauppauge Palace Diner: Wait Staff – Hostesses – Line Cooks. Go to their Facebook page or stop in person

Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue): Multiple positions available. Go to: <https://licommunityhospital.org/careers/>

Nassau County: Many P/T & F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/334/Employment.

Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available.

Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/>

Panera: Positions available. Go to: <https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results>

NEW—PC Richards: Many positions available. Go to: <https://careers.pcrichard.com/>

Rite-Aid: Long Island positions available for Pharmacy Technicians and Shift Supervisor s. Go to: <https://careers.riteaid.com/jobs>

Safelite Auto Glass: Multiple Long Island jobs open, including the Hauppauge location:

Go to: www.safelite.com/careers

Monsters Needed!! - Schmitts Farm: Go to: <https://schmittsfarmhaunt.com/>

7-Eleven: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home>

Shop Rite: Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://shop.shoprite.com/careers>

Stony Brook Medical Center: Multiple health & non-health job opportunities available.

Go to: <https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers>

Stop & Shop (Long Island): 700 P/T jobs being sourced. Many positions. Go to: stopandshopreidsystems.com

Shop Rite: Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://shop.shoprite.com/careers>

Starbucks: Positions available. Go to: www.starbucks.com/careers

Suffolk County: Many P/T & F/T positions available. Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants & Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

SUNation Solar Systems: Sales Representatives, Service Technicians, Installers, other positions. Send contact information and resume to: Marketing@sunationmarketing.com

UPDATED Target: Multiple positions at all LI locations. Text “JOBS” to 827438.

The Paramount Theater (Huntington): Many positions available. Sign on bonuses.

Send résumé to: kevin@paramountny.com

NEW—Top Golf: Many positions available at the new facility in Holtsville (on the LIE). Go to: <https://topgolf.jobs/>

UPDATED: Tropical Smoothie Café. Apply within at Hauppauge location.

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

Go to: www.usps.com/careers

Walmart: Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

NEW WB Mason: Drivers and Warehouse personnel needed. Go to www.wbmason.com/careers

NEW —Western Suffolk BOCES: Special Education Aides. Go to wsbores.org/team

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).



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

GIVE BLOOD.
SAVE LIVES.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas More Church

Friday – September 17, 2021
2:30pm – 8:30pm

115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY

Appointments Preferred

[Click here to make an appointment!](#) or scan and use code 06368



For additional information, please call 516 478-5023 or email ccestaro @ nybc.org.

OR ER ROGAN @ 516-319-8643

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

*Please be aware that we do **NOT** test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.*



#nybloodcenter

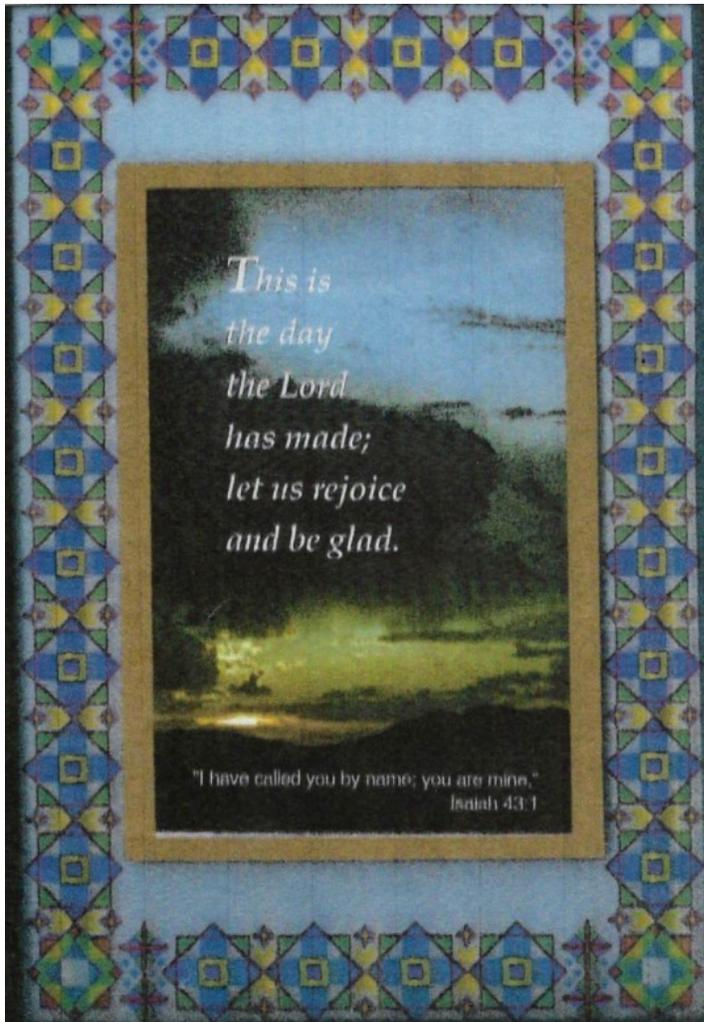
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New York Blood Center

RCIA

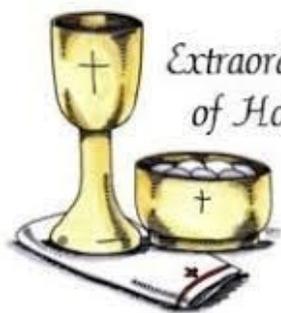
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Have you been called by Name? Do you want to Know Jesus!!
Do you feel like there is more? Then step into the light and join us at
the RCIA where your faith journey leads those seekers to meet Jesus
in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
The RCIA team is comprised of committed individuals who are
entrusted to share our faith with those adults who express a desire to
become a Catholic or to complete one or more of the sacraments. To
find out how to start this faith journey call the rectory at 631-234-5551.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Training Opportunities—Fall 2021



*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

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

Plans for SPEICALIZED training will be shared in a separate communication

How to Register for Extraordinary Minister Training

Each pastor who has qualified candidates he wishes to be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must send a nomination letter to Bishop Barres requesting the training. One letter from each parish is fine, as long as each individual attending is named on it. This letter must should be received one week prior to the training date requested. This letter must indicate the date and location of the training session each person(s) will attend.

Dates and Locations for Ministry Training

Nassau County: St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville: Saturday, September 25, 2021	9:00 am—12 noon
St. Christopher / Baldwin: Wednesday, September 29, 2021	7:00 pm—10:00 pm
Suffolk County: St. Elizabeth of Hungary / Melville: Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
St. Rosalie / Hampton Bays: Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021	9:00 am—12 noon

Doors will open one half hour prior to start time so that attendees can check-in and pick up materials.

Fees and Contact Information

The registration fee for this training will be \$25 per attendee. Each parish will be billed after the training sessions have been completed. Once the training has been paid for, the Pastor will be issued identification cards for those who have been trained. These cards may then be distributed to the newly trained Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at a commissioning ceremony at a time of the Pastor’s choosing.

Please send your nomination letters to Suzanne Lynn at the Office of the Western Vicariate. These letters can be emailed to slynn@drvc.org; faxed to 516-746-6900 or mailed to 42 Dover Street, Williston Park, NY 11596. You can reach Suzanne at 516-744-6850 if there are any questions.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

STM Adult Choir

We sing at the 11:30am
mass on Sundays



Rehearsals are
Thursday's 7:00-9:00pm

STM Children's Choir

Children 3rd grade through
High School age are invited!

We sing at the 9:30am mass on Sundays
Rehearsals are Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm



(If you are interested or have questions please call
Emilia at 631-724-8820 or speak to us at any mass)

ST. THOMAS MORE
2021 FALL PLANT SALE



Hardy Garden Mums 9" pot \$6.00 each

Red _____ x \$6.00

White _____ x \$6.00

Bronze _____ x \$6.00

Yellow _____ x \$6.00

Purple _____ x \$6.00

Pansy _____ x \$6.00

Ornamental Cabbage _____ x \$6.00 (Purple)

Ornamental Kale _____ x \$6.00 (Purple)

Total Ordered \$ _____

If you wish to order by telephone, please call either the Rectory at 631-234-5551 or Steve Mattessich at 631-623-6063

All orders have to be in by September 11 & 12, 2021

Orders will be ready for pick up on October 2 & 3, 2021.

Name: _____

Telephone No _____

Check No _____ Please make all checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**



SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

**St. Thomas More
Annual Beach Mass**

Sunday, September 12th

12:00 Noon

Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue

*****Please bring a chair and/or blanket for the Mass
and pack your own food for afterwards*****

Come meet the Children's Liturgy Crew on 9/19/2021



Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

Beginning 9/19/2021 at 9:30 am Family Mass

*New
Format*

No More Carpet!

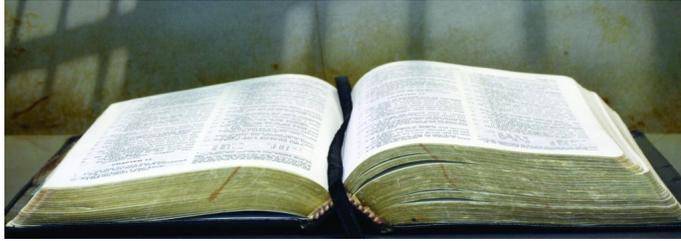
Children will celebrate and discuss the Liturgy of the Word
in Walden Hall with a team of volunteers.
Children will return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children Ages
4-8 yrs old
(Older siblings welcome)



Questions?

Please call
Religious Ed. Office
631-234-0397



Liturgical Minister Training for Lectors

Because readers provide a bridge between the Word of God and the assembly, helping Christ speak to his people, they need to understand, believe, and love the Word of God they proclaim.

The Office of Worship will be offering LECTOR TRAINING for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session.

Even 'seasoned' lectors are invited to participate and refresh their skills and meet others who participate in this valuable ministry.

TRAINING FOR LECTORS: PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW TO REGISTER.

In Nassau:

Saturday, September 25: 9 AM—12 noon
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

In Suffolk:

Saturday, October 30: 9—12 Noon
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

EVENING SESSION for LECTOR TRAINING:

Wednesday, September 29 : 7—10 pm
St. Christopher, Baldwin

Thursday, September 30: 7—10 pm
St. Elizabeth of Hungary / Melville

WORKSHOP FEE:

Lectors: \$20 per person, please make checks payable to "Office of Worship"

Please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850 or email slynn@drvc.org with any have questions

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR TRAINING

Mail this registration form to the Suzanne Lynn, 42 Dover Street, Williston Park, NY 11596, e-mail to worship@drvc.org, or fax to 516-746-6900.

I wish to register for Lector Training

- St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville (Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021)
- St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays (Saturday, October 30, 2021)
- St. Christopher, Baldwin (Wednesday, September 29, 2021)
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville (Thursday, September 30, 2021)

Name Phone

Parish Town

Email Address:

Payment Enclosed: _____

My Pastor has allowed me to Bill the Parish: _____