



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More
115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



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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.

Contact Numbers

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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Saturday, November 26

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Giulianna DeStefano *by her parents;*

Marie Utter *by The Scimeca Family*

Sunday, November 27—First Sunday of Advent

8am—Patricia Henson *by the Sandbichler Family;*

9:30am—Ann Cordinio *by The Asta Family;*

Gelsy Petrocelli *by Marilyn Amodio;*

Mike Gavigan *by Heddy & Howard*

11:30am—Peter Romani *by Mary & Family;*

Marie Utter *by Maria Rotolico;*

Ann Arone *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo*

Monday, November 28

9am—Ashley Laub (Healing Mass) *by Jean Kieffner*

Tuesday, November 29

9am—Patricia O'Connell *by Paul Kaneshiro &
Victoria Nugent*

Wednesday, November 30—St. Andrew

9am—Bobby Krebs *by Jean Kieffner*

Thursday, December 1

9am—Lucie Canel *by Mireille Chirignan*

Friday, December 2

9am—Albert Nyland *by Arleen & Ed Rogan*

Saturday, December 3—St. Frances Xavier

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm—Joseph Park *by Trish Goodwin*

Sunday, December 4—Second Sunday of Advent

8am—Patricia Henson *by Frank Rudy*

9:30am—Robert Nick *by Sue Forestiero;*

Marie Utter *by The Columbiettes*

11:30am—Donna Tranchina *by Trish Goodwin;*

Fred Vollini *by Marie & Carmine DiLullo*

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Focus Questions:

- 1) What part of John the Baptist's message is most meaningful today?
- 2) Describe the ways you are preparing for the Lord. What paths need to be straightened?
- 3) Describe a relationship or a place that brings you peace.

Family and children's question:

Be like John the Baptist and deny yourself one thing this week. Offer that sacrifice to God.

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

When electricity was first introduced to a little village, every villager switched from the propane lanterns to electricity except the oldest couple. When finally, the electricity was brought into their home, the old man waited for it to get extra dark; then he told his wife to turn on the switch. The light filled the room; the old man grinned from ear to ear, and said, "wow it is bright, and sure, it would help lighting my lamps easier." And with that he lit the lamp and his wife turned off the electricity. A newer and brighter light was treated merely as a help to light the dimmer and older lamp. One has to let go of the dimmer (darkness) in order to live in the brighter (light).

This weekend we begin the Season of Advent lighting the first of the four Advent candles in the Advent wreath. In the forthcoming weeks we will light the second, third and fourth candles. Near to Christmas all the four candles will be lit. Thus, we symbolically express our belief that the closer we are to Christ the brighter our life would turn to be; our life becomes more illuminated when it comes nearer to Christ.

The more we turn away from Jesus, the lengthier our shadows would fall before us. Away from the light of Christ we would help only the darkness to shroud us. On this first Sunday of Advent when we bless the Advent wreath and light the first candle let it symbolize our preparation to receive the light, Jesus Christ in our hearts and home. Let it express our desire to open our heart and let Jesus in who is willing to enlighten our darkness.

Today's second reading invites us to see this time of Advent as the time of light and the day to wake up from sleep. "For our salvation is nearer now the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

God is ready to overlook our unworthiness in order that we receive Jesus, His Son. God sends Jesus to make us worthy. God does not complain about the darkness we were living, rather wants us to be enlightened by Jesus. Let us take this time of Advent to trim our wick to burn brightly. Because God has not abandoned us for our unworthiness but found ourselves as his worthy place for His Son to be born. Let us awaken to our worth to shine brightly.

The first Sunday of Advent you will find in the pews new missalettes which have all the readings, hymns and prayers for the whole year. Since they are to be used for the whole year until the end of November 2023, may I request you please handle them gently. When not in use please place the missalettes carefully in the racks. Please do not jam books into the racks in the open position. Before leaving the church, please check your pew to see that the missalettes are in order. Thanks for your cooperation.

December 10th is the Christmas Tree Lighting after 5:00pm mass. After the tree lighting Santa will make a special visit in Walden Hall. Food will be available for a small fee. \$2 for a hot dog with fries or burger with fries; \$1 for a soda.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



Rectory Phone: 631-234-5551

Pastor

Rev. Antony Asir *ext. 14*

Deacons

Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux

Rectory Staff

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Celine D'Souza *ext. 10*
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Religious Education—631-234-0397

Coordinator

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Religious Education Staff

Joanne Anelli *ext. 21*
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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org
<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmlyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

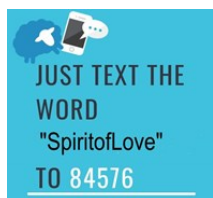
<https://ww.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

stm_church
stmreligioused
stm_yg

Email

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Youth Ministry: youthgroup@stmli.org
Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
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 above or go to
StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners from November 27h to November 30th, 2022.

Congratulations!

11/27/2022	1218	Charles Dorchak
11/28/2022	308	Joseph Citro
11/29/2022	1203	Theresa & Al Haas
11/30/2022	368	Margaret Sicurelli

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022

as of November 15, 2022

Our Parish Goal	\$69,300.00
Pledges to date	\$31,498.00
Percentage of Goal	45.45%



Starting November 1st
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.



Young At Heart

Next Meeting

Friday, December 9th

Upcoming Events

Christmas Luncheon at Mama Sbarros on December 14th

New Members Welcome

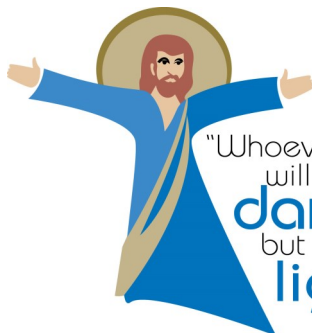
Questions contact Anna @ 631-234-0714



Altar Bread and Wine Memorial

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family.

Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me will **never** walk in **darkness**, but will have the **light of life**."

JOHN 8:12

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 which is the Catholic Church. **Contact RCIA** by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

Courtesy Announcements

Christmas Craft Fair, Sunday, December 4th, 2022 9:00am to 4:00pm-Parsh Hall, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 800 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma. Crafts, Gifts, Christmas Items, Refreshments, Raffles.

Maria Regina Residence at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, is a 188-bed skilled Nursing Facility currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. **Currently seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer** their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons/week.) Current priority needs: transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic Ministers, helping in the gift shop and more. **Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU?** For information **please leave your contact information** for **Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ at 631-299-3288.** She will respond the next office day.

HOLIDAY VISIT TO CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

DATE: Friday, December 2, 2022

ARRIVAL AT CALVERTON: 9:30 A.M.
DEPARTURE FROM CALVERTON: 1:30 P.M.

BUS PICK-UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS:
(BUS WILL MAKE STOPS AT BOTH LOCATIONS ON RETURN TRIP)

7:45 a.m. THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME
2115 Jericho Turnpike
Commack, New York 11725

8:15 a.m. THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME
190 East Main Street
Smithtown, New York 11787

8:30 a.m. SMITHTOWN SENIOR CENTER
420 Middle Country Road
Smithtown, New York 11787

YOU MUST CALL (631) 724-9500 - THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME TO RESERVE A SEAT ON THE BUS BY Friday, November 25, 2022.

THIS IS A FREE TRIP SPONSORED BY THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME

COFFEE, DONUTS AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE SERVED, ALONG WITH PIZZA ON THE WAY BACK.
THE BUS HAS A LAVATORY.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE BUS DEPARTS.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| Ethan Bernstein | Andrew Lynch |
| Jessie Bernstein | Troy A. Maida, |
| Joseph Blaugrund | William Maley |
| Anthony Broncatello | Thomas Migliara |
| John Burk | Tim Morris |
| Collin Busto | Adam Moumine |
| Collin J. Crean | John Nachtman |
| Eddie Cullum | Kaitlyn Nachtman |
| Eric Cullum | 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 | Anthony Troise |
| Matthew L. Hamann | Michael White |
| Sean Hendrikson | |
| Tylor J. Hickey | |
| John Karies | |
| Joseph Kirsch | |
| Michael Knipper | |
| Dylan Kowalski | |
| Thomas LaFemina | |
| Alex Lombardi | |
| Andrew Lombardi | |
| Lt. Clint Lorange | |
| Scott Lovelock | |

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of November 20, 2022
Not available at time of printing

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.

Our next meeting is on **December 12, 2022** at **2:30 p.m.** Our book for discussion will be: **The Violin Conspiracy** by *Brendan Slocumb*.
 Facilitator: Marilyn Miller

For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK

**FOR EACH CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN
 RUNNING OR NOT
 THE ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES
 WILL GIVE BACK TO YOUR PARISH \$100/\$1000
 PER VEHICLE**

**IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR FRIEND
 HAVE AN OLD OR NEGLECTED VEHICLE
 THAT IS NOT BEING USED, PLEASE CALL
 (718) 491-2525
 SVDPAUTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG**



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 ANY CONDITION**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Caiola Family, John Caliendo, Linda Cook, Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Marianne Deszcz, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Barbara Foberg, Patty Golembiewski, Geri Grincavitch, Richard Gutmann, Linda Heller, Ellen Murphy, Donald Parisi, Frank Petrocelli, Aodan Reddy, Helen Reichert, Lorraine Rouse, Greg Sandbichler, Margi Schwarting.

Please see the cutout in the bulletin and kindly submit your requests.

*The previous listing expired on September 30, 2022
The new listing will expire on March 31, 2023*



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. 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

Eleanor Thompson, Georgine Schaefer, John McLoughlin, Patricia Buchanan, Susan Occhiuto, Adolph Boos, 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>.

IMPORTANT DRVC INFORMATION

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claims for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found at the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page. The website can be found at: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry **OUTREACH**

“Give thanks to the Lord; his love endures forever”

~Psalm 118



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

On behalf of the volunteers at Outreach we would like to extend our gratitude for all donations to our Thanksgiving food drive. Because of your generosity we are able to provide a special dinner to over 50 families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
New Beginnings for their generous food donation
Girl Scout Troop 428 for their donation of candy and nuts
Tona Law
and all who so generously donated gift cards

Although we have concluded our Thanksgiving food drive our neighbors continue to need your support on a weekly basis. We can always use cereal, pasta, sauce, canned fruit & vegetables, boxed milk, peanut butter & jelly.

As always we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans are difficult to distribute.

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

Please do not leave any 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, yearning, for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves, for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who also long for the coming of the Lord.

To contact us call 631-648-2760 or e-mail svdp.stm@aol.com

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy with Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Ministry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Cana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for Altar Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> FOCCUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

CALENDAR CLUB 2023

I/we would like to join St. Thomas More’s Calendar Club for 2023

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

- ONE number for \$25 **OR**
 FIVE numbers for \$100

(If you return your form and payment by Sunday, December, 18, 2022, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope CALENDAR CLUB 2023).

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW – Shoreham-Wading River CSD: F/T & P/T positions: Cooks, Monitors, Substitute Guards

Send resume to: bheyward@swr.k12.ny.us

NEW – Dollar Tree: Text DOLLAR to 58046 or go to: DollarTree.com/careers

UPDATE - Eastern Suffolk Boces: School Psychologists and other positions available.

Send resume to <https://esboeces.recruitfront.com/>

UPDATE - Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

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

UPDATE - Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: <https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs>

Newsday: Multiple positions available.

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

or send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

Amneal Pharmaceuticals: Many positions available in Yaphank.

Go to: <https://amneal.com/careers/>

Pet Smart: F/T, P/T, Seasonal.

Go to: <https://careers.petsmart.com/>

Educational Bus Transportation: Drivers Needed. Call: 631-789-2300

Dunkin': Positions available at many locations.

Go to: <https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/careers>

McDonald's: Many **LOCAL** positions available.

Go to: mchire.com or inquire within.

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

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

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

BJ's: Local jobs available.

Go to: BJs.com/careers

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

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

Walmart: Positions available.

Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

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

Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an **Evening of Prayer and Discernment** with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS -

**PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT,
to DISCERN where God is calling you!**

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS.**

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—*St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street*

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—*Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue*

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at

1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue*

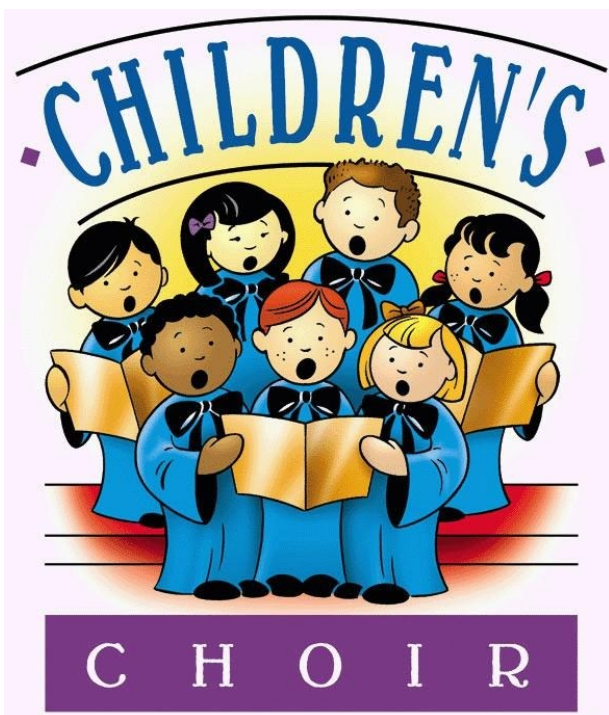
RSVP by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.



See our full page flyer for more details about our **Children's Christmas Choir**.....

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues every Sunday at the 9:30 am Family Mass Children ages 4-8 yrs. old (*older siblings welcome*)



Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 10th

Immediately following the 5pm mass

*Santa will
be there!*

*Hot Dogs &
Hamburgers*

Food \$2

Soda \$1



Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony

After the 5pm mass on 11/12/22



St. Thomas More Outreach

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree can be found in the Narthex and is filled with tags for gifts and gift cards. We invite you to help us make Christmas special for those less fortunate by donating gift cards, toys, baby clothes, or diapers for our families and those who are in need in our community. Gift cards to Walmart or Target allow our families to shop for their children and cards to Shop Rite or Stop and Shop can be used to add something special to their Christmas dinner table.

There is a table set up in the Narthex for your donations as well as a basket for gift cards. Please attach the tag to your donation. You can also put gift cards in the weekly collection basket or drop them off at the Outreach office.

There is no need to wrap toys, gifts or put gift cards in special envelopes. Your generosity is always appreciated and is a clear reflection of who we are as a St. Thomas More parish family!

Thank you and God Bless you and your families this Christmas season!

Please submit all donations by December 11th



Thanksgiving Meal!

November 20th, 2022



Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

December 4- Advent

December 11th- TBD





DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

YOU'RE INVITED TO TRY ALPHA AT STM

EXPLORE LIFE...FAITH...MEANING

ALPHA: an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment.

ALPHA: go on a personal journey which can lead to a personal encounter with Jesus.

ALPHA: ask questions, share ideas, build friendships, and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- gather once a week for a delicious dinner and dessert. And IT'S FREE!
- watch a short video featuring inspiring stories and interviews about faith
- have a conversation with your group members about questions related to our faith
- take time to take care of your spirit with the gift of **ALPHA**
- bring a friend or make some new ones
- come try the introductory session on January 12th

For more information or to sign up, call (631-234-0397) or email us at alpha2023@stmli.org

ALPHA begins January 12th at 6:30pm

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2023

Please fill this form out and return to the Rectory, or put in the basket in an envelope in labeled "Calendar Club 2023".

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Each number is \$25, or five for \$100. Purchase as many as you'd like!

Early Bird Special! Return your form by Sunday, December 11th and you will get six numbers for \$100!

Total amount enclosed: _____

If you are gifting numbers, please record the name(s) and address of those people below.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE



Boy Scout Troop 343
Annual Christmas Wreath Sale
After all masses
November 26th & 27th



Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets and Crosses




Children's Christmas Choir

Calling all children to be a part of the
celebration of Christmas!

Jesus came as a gift to us. What can we give
Him in return? We can give Him our love and
voices in joyful song!

Kids from 2nd grade through High School are welcome
to share their voices at the 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass.



Only three
rehearsals...

December 3rd,
10th, and 17th
(12-1:00pm)

Let's get together and celebrate
the best "birthday" ever!

Please call Emilia at 631-724-8820 or stop by the organ to register!