

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

April 23rd, 2023

*Third
Sunday
of Easter*

**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.



Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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Masses April 22nd - April 30th, 2023

This Weekend:

Saturday, April 22nd:

5:00pm- Mary Sanfilippo *by The Cherubino Family*

Sunday, April 23rd: Third Sunday of Easter

8am- Marion Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

9:30- William Rudden Sr. *by The Rudden Family*

11:30- Paul Rogan *by the STM Choir*

Annetta Farella

Monday, April 24th:

9am- Christopher Weidig *by Mom and Dad*

Tuesday, April 25th:

9am- Aida Hurtado *by the Rodriguez Family*

Wednesday, April 26th:

9am- Lauranna Parrett *by Dan & Marnie Parrett*

Thursday, April 27th:

9am- Arlene Frances Coleman *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*

Friday, April 28th:

9am- Mary Spinosa *by Sal & Theresa Ferraro*

John 10:1-10 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Next Weekend:

Saturday, April 29th:

5:00pm- Georgine Schaefer *by James & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, April 30th: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am- Helen Bagadonas *by Al Pankus*

9:30- Jack McLoughlin *by The Felice Family*

11:30- Rev. Donald E Babinski *by Joanne Eyring*

Lillian Rossillo *by MaryAnn & Ralph Rantz*

The one who enters by the gate is the **shepherd** of the **sheep**.

JOHN 10:2



Readings for This Week

April 23rd, 2023 (Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Readings for Next Week

April 30th, 2023 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalm 23:1-3a,3b,4,5,6

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

Focus Questions for 4/30/23

John 1:1-10

- 1: Relate a time when your faith sustained you during a difficult time.
- 2: What other voices block out or muffle the voice of the Good Shepherd in your life?
- 3: How do you help others to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Family & Children's Question:

When or where do you hear the voice of Jesus?

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

The parents of two teenagers are worried about their children's failing eyesight. Their daughter can't find anything to wear in a closet full of clothes, and their son can't find anything good to eat in a refrigerator full of food. Every cloth in the closet passed by the daughter but nothing caught her eye. All the food in the fridge was seen by the son but nothing could impress him.

Today's Gospel is about seeing and recognizing Jesus. The two disciples saw the Risen Jesus walking with them on the way to Emmaus "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him." Seeing doesn't guarantee recognizing. Later that evening when they broke bread with Him, "their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight." Then they commented to each other about what happened within them when Jesus was explaining to them the scriptures on the way, "were not our hearts burning within us..." Eyes may see but unless the heart recognizes, nothing is really seen. The eye is only the organ of seeing for the heart. It is the heart that makes the seeing meaningful. When the heart begins to recognize, the person begins to see and perceive even what the eyes fail to see. The heart sees beyond the physical sight.

The season of Easter opens our hearts to recognize what our eyes see. It invites us to see beyond physical sight. The seeing is in the eye but the meaning is in the heart. If the heart is hard, the eyes become blind. The same thing happens with all the other senses. The kindness of the heart tunes the ears to listen. The heart that empathizes makes the hand offer service. The legs will walk an extra mile when the heart wills to bear the burden of those in pain. The tears of the eyes are the explicit signs of sharing the joy or suffering of others.

"We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him." (Romans 6:9) The Risen Jesus is walking along with us as He did once with the disciples of Emmaus. He can make our hearts burn within us while listening to Him in the Scripture; open our eyes to see Him in the breaking of the bread at the Holy Mass, and help us recognize Him in serving each other. Easter is the time that we let Jesus empower us to lives according to God's immortal standard, not our mortal standard. Our life journey with Jesus is an everyday walk towards the Godly horizon of eternal life and not towards a bleak end in death. The Risen Jesus's Presence among us is a promise that our life never ends, and love never dies. Our hope in Risen Jesus can surprise us by coming towards us from the future into the present.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Jorge Coco, artist

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Have an idea for a Ministry or Club?

Contact Father Antony at the Rectory to share your idea!

Many of our ministries were formed by a parishioner or employee with an idea.

We are a community of friends brought together through our love of Jesus. It is so special to share time with each other as we do good works, have fun, and praise the name of our Lord.

Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proof of claims for victims of sexual abuse who were 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. <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

Ministry

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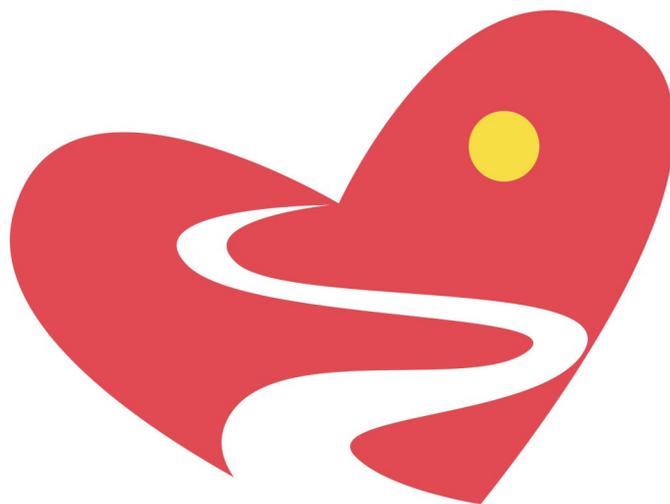
Consolation Ministry

Eileen Weidig

Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani

631-234-0714



"Did not our **hearts burn within us** ... while **he opened** to us the **Scriptures**?"

Luke 24:32, ESV

Prayers for our Community

Pray for Our Military



To add someone to this list, please fill out a card from the literature rack, or contact the rectory.

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023

Pray for the Sick

Angela Conzo
 Nick Conzo
 Joey Cullum
 Carolyn D'Amore
 Carol Falkowski
 Patty Golembiewski
 Jean Kelly
 Richard Landi
 Joe Madonia
 Ellen Murphy
 Stetson Pignataro
 Helen Reichert
 Sheila Samson
 Noah Simonetti
 John Spadaro



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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.

Pray for the Deceased

Marie Drago
 MaryAnne Yankowski
 Joseph Walter Pfeifer
 Jack Gaudet
 Antonia Petrillo
 Monica Kanischak

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
3. Person making the Request:
4. Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar 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.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
April 15th & 16th

\$ 5870

Weekly Goal: \$6700

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

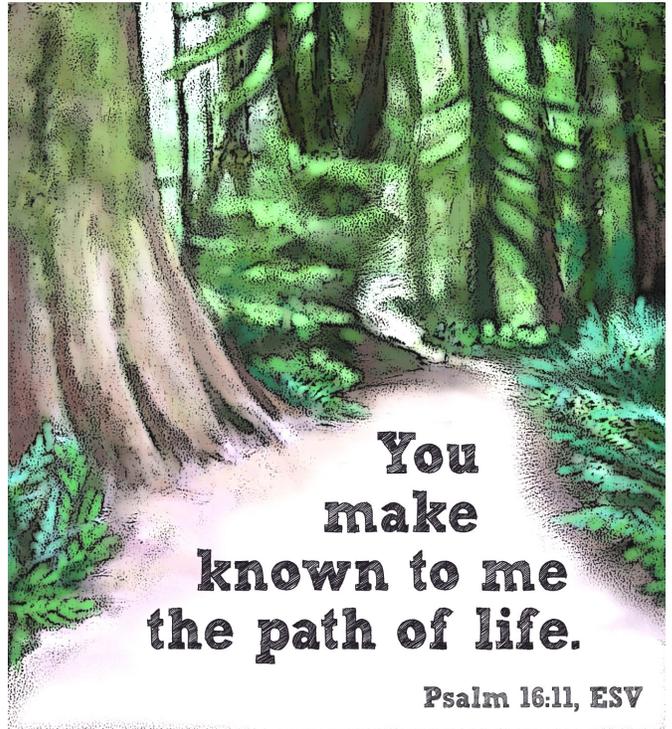
Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

(If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the form on the literature rack and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.)

Faith Direct: This offers a safe and secure way to make regularly scheduled donations 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

Maintenance Collection: We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please take a maintenance envelope from the literature rack.

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



**You
make
known to me
the path of life.**

Psalm 16:11, ESV

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.

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Calendar Club Winners

- Apr 17 (\$25): Ross & Marie Bracco (727)
- Apr 18 (\$25): Bob & Evelyn McMahon (328)
- Apr 19 (\$25): Liz Hansen (434)
- Apr 20 (\$25): Andy & Kathy Turano (717)
- Apr 21 (\$25): Alice Longwell (571)
- Apr 22 (\$25): Eric McAlister (1154)
- Apr 23 (\$50): Bob & Evelyn McMahon (1202)

Parish Social Ministry

"It is in giving that we receive"

God bless everyone who donated to our Easter food and basket drive. You fed 50 plus families and gave baskets to over 80 children!



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmilil.org

This week we are very low on...

Jelly
Peanut Butter
Soup
Canned Fruit
Instant Oatmeal
Juice/Drink Mixes
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Tissues

As always, we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans can be 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.



One of our STM parishioners is selling fresh eggs, **\$7 per dozen**. To place an order, please call 631-974-2643. Pick up is Saturdays (11:30-1) in the STM parking lot.



We have a parishioner in need of a ride to the 11:30 Mass on Sundays, from the Windwatch complex. If you are able to help, please contact the Outreach office.

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!

St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbors is our daily walk with the Risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

Your generous gifts continue to enable us to reach out to our neighbors in so many ways. Thank you!

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



In Our Parish



Third Announcement
Gina Delisi & Steven Ferraro

Congratulations!



Jessica Ferris and Joe Ferro were married here at St. Thomas More on Sunday April 16th. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey in marriage.

Young at Heart

Friday April 28th @ 12:30
Friday May 19th: Communion Breakfast
New Members Always Welcome



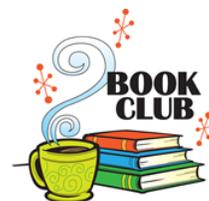
Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

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 **May 15th, 2023** at **2:30 p.m.** Our book for discussion will be: ***Women of Sunlight*** by *Frances Mayes*
Facilitator: Katharine Kane

For further info or to register,
call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805
or Joan @ 631-234-1739



Welcome the Blessed Mother

...into your home with a one-week visit from the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima.

For more information, call Matt
at 631-234-2858

Mary longs to visit you!



Children's Liturgy Crew



This week our children learned all about Doubting Thomas, and colored the hands of Jesus.

Children's Liturgy meets every Sunday at 9:30am. Join us!

In Our Parish

Save The Date!
Feast Weekend is coming!
June 2nd-4th 2023

Surf's Up Dinner Dance
June 3rd



Annual Pancake Breakfast
June 4th

Lenten Project 2023
Your Generous Support...



...of our Lenten Project, Hands Reaching Out, raised almost \$5700 for the St. Thomas More Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

This money will go directly to helping people in our community who need support, whether it's rent, food, clothing, or healthcare.

Please continue to pray for our community. Thank you so much for your generous support during the Lenten Season. God Bless!



In Our Community



**Father
Ralph Sommer
40th
Anniversary
Celebration!**

Father Ralph invites parishioners of St. Thomas More to celebrate with him

Sunday, May 21, 12 pm Mass
Reception Following

St. Bernard's Church
3100 Hempstead Turnpike
Levittown, New York

Events at St. Thomas More

This Week @ STM

Sun Apr 23rd, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Sun Apr 23rd, 1:30pm
Community Baptism

Wed Apr 26th, 7:00pm
Columbiettes
Social Meeting

Wed Apr 19th, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting

Thur Apr 27th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Apr 27th, 7:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri Apr 28th, 12:30pm
Young at Heart

Fri Apr 28th, 6:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul
Military Bridge

Sat Apr 29th, 10:00am
8th Grade Community Day

Sun Apr 30th, 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

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.

“This **Jesus**
God raised up,
and of that all
of us are
witnesses.”

St. Thomas More Employment Services

UPDATE - Town of Islip: P/T Summer Job Opportunities. Walk-In interviews: June 1st, Brookwood Hall, East Islip. Or apply on line at: <https://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs>

STILL LOOKING - United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville. Go to: www.upsjobs.com

NEW – IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

NEW – Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Many new positions starting September 1st: TAs, Special Ed Teachers, Nurses, Physical Therapists

Go to: <https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

Autozone – Local (Hauppauge and Central Islip): F/T, P/T, Drivers, Sales

Go to: AutoZone/Careers.com

Pelican Pools: Pool Cleaners and Repair Persons.

Send resume to Pelican Pools, 509 Country Road 39, Southampton, NY 11968

Levittown Public Schools: Bus Drivers Needed. Full Time.

Go to: <https://levittownschools.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

Fairfield Properties: Super, Asst. Super, Maintenance Personnel

Send resume to: careersmaintenance@fairfieldproperties.com

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

Farmingdale Schools: Head Custodians. 3PM – 11PM

Go to www.farmingdaleschools.org or call 516-434-5170

NYS Dept. of Labor: Skills Workshops: Interviewing, Resume Development, Time Management, Communication Skills, etc.

Go to: <https://dol.ny.gov/career-development>

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

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Newsday: Multiple positions available.

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

OR send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

Chipotle: Local Positions. Go to: jobs.chipotle.com

Newsday: Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

Target: Multiple locations. Go to: www.target.com/careers

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

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

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

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

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

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

Dunkin': Positions available at many locations.

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

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

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).



Gathering the Outreach donations!



Getting the church ready for a wedding!



Walking the donations to Outreach.



Watching Sunday's readings.



Getting the church ready for a wedding!



Sorting the Outreach donations.

Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

April 23rd- The Road to Emmaus
April 30th- Life & Freedom in Jesus
May 7th- To Be Decided

Fall in for

Military Bridge!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,



April 28, 2023

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Instructions: 6:45pm

Game Begins: 7:00pm

ATTENTION!

This is a simple card game that everyone can learn.
A great way to mix & mingle with your parish friends
(and you don't even have to SALUTE!)

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Raffles and 50/50
- Wine, Cheese & Crackers
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person
*Adults Only



**Fall in and march...
to get your tickets NOW!**

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 4/15 and 4/22

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-265-2753 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

EM & Lector Spring Training Revised Schedule

We welcome those who are interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or as Lectors to join our *St. Thomas More Ministries*. For EM training, please contact Laura Vigneaux, at (631) 234-6719. Laura will assist in the application process for the EM training. For Lector training, please contact Mike Petagna at mpetagna22@gmail.com.



Liturgical Minister Training – Spring 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

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.

Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Saturday, May 6 – Christ the King / Commack – Pastoral Center Gym; 9 am – noon.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A *

Saturday, June 3 – St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 9 am – noon.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

Tuesday, May 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday, May 6 – Christ the King / Commack – Pastoral Center Gym; 1:00 - 4:00 pm. *

Saturday, June 3 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 1:00 – 4:00 pm.*

*We are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.

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. You cannot attend BOTH EMHC Part A AND Lector training on the same day – you must choose one or the other.

Thank you for your interest!