Catholic Church Community of

Sharing the Spirit

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



MANY ARE INVITED BUT FEW CHOSEN

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.

Twenty-lighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2023

Parish Resources

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm_church

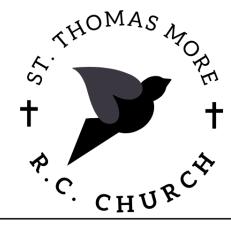
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Masses October 14th- October 22nd, 2023

Saturday, October 14th:

5pm- Anthony Orioles by The Barr Family

William Merget by The Citro Family

Sunday, October 15th: Twenty-Eighth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am-Robert Boston by Lorraine Toomey

9:30am- Agnes Schomber by Caryn & Anthony DeCristofaro

Rosemarie Palmer Friedman by The Citro Family

11:30am- Thomas J McNeill by The Overton Family

Catherine Pernice by Clayton & Kathleen Chin

Monday, October 16th:

9am- Leo Ramos by Aurora Ramos & Family

Tuesday, October 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch

9am- Dorothy Gillan by Dottie Lossani

Wednesday, October 18th: St Luke

9am- Scott Smith by Donna & Sid Smith

Thursday, October 19th:

9am- Edward Skrzypek by Mary Ellen Skrzypek

Friday, October 20th:

9am- Juana Castillo by The Torres Family

Saturday, October 21st:

5pm- Joseph Federico by The Porretto Family

Rosemarie Lowery by her Aunt & Uncle

Sunday, October 22nd: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (Ordinary)

8am- Joseph Federico by Samantha Toto

9:30am- Gerard Smith by Joan Smith

Glenn J DeTurris by Clayton & Kathleen Chin

11:30am- Joseph Lombardi by The Crociata & Lombardi Families

Matthew 22:15-21 (Ordinary 29)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Focus Questions for 10/22/23 Matthew 22:15-21

- 1: Recall a time when you felt someone's question was setting a trap for you. How did you respond?
- 2: How does your faith challenge the way you look at political issues?
- 3: What was the hardest thing you had to do for someone else?

Family & Children's Question:

St. Thomas More was faced with choosing between love of God and loyalty to the king. He chose love of God and Church. Learn more about St. Thomas More, our patron saint.

"HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS."

Readings for this Week

October 15th, 2023 (Ordinary 28) Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Readings for Next Week

PSALM 23:2, NRSV

October 22nd, 2023 (Ordinary 29) Isaiah 45:1,4-6 Psalm 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Wife: Again, you forgot my birthday. What is your excuse this time?

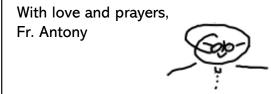
Husband: How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older? Excuses are self-justifications to hide one's own negligence. Excuses may help momentarily to escape from trouble but in the long run the person will find out that excuses hindered living his/her potentials.

Today's Gospel story shows how the excuses diminish one's opportunity and capacity to live one's life in full. Life is like a wedding dinner. God invites us to savor it free of cost. But like those in the Gospel story we may look at life in our own narrow concerns tied to our business, family, or private/personal interests. Focusing on life in a selfishly narrowed way will justify our choice for a particular moment. But unless we face life's invitation to live in its abundance, we never experience the joy of living. Until we engage our total self in everyday demands without any excuses, we will never get the satisfaction fully lived in our life.

Life has something bigger to offer than what we can make of it in the name of personal excuses. Life is not formed by outer forces like wealth, popularity, pleasant situations etc. It blossoms from the fermentation of inner forces of love, mercy, forgiveness etc. Jesus invites us to come out of our own self-centered excuses and justifications. Life is the experience of a truth deeper than our personally convenient and selfish convictions.

If we can open our heart and mind in praying the scripture-readings, we will be empowered and equipped to see and experience life as a wedding dinner served by God in love, mercy, forgiveness etc. Let us pray that God makes us look at life not as built by our own sweat and toil but as God 's invitation to enjoy His free dinner. Let us celebrate life.

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith





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

The Litugry of the Word VIII

At last we reach the conclusion of our exploration of the second section of the Mass, The Liturgy of the Word. At every Mass, the final part of this section is the Prayer of the Faithful, also known as the "Universal Prayer."

The presider of the Mass opens and closes this prayer. The prayer takes in a particular format. Usually prayers are offered for the needs of the Church, public authorities, those who are struggling, and the local community. In our parish, we mention those who are sick and have recently died, our

departed service men and women, as well as indicate for whom the Mass is offered. It is called the Universal Prayer because we really are praying for the whole world.

If a deacon is present, typically he will offer the prayers. This is in line with a principle of his role in the Mass, that being a liaison between the assembly and the presider. The deacon, being a person working and living in secular society, is often in touch with the needs of the

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community, and becomes their voice to God, who always hears our prayers.

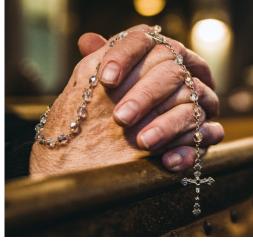
The Prayer of the Faithful is our last response to the Word of God before we enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It truly helps us enter into the proper frame of mind so that we may receive Jesus' True Presence fully in the Eucharist.

Our participation in this prayer helps to fulfill our calling as Christians that we received at baptism. The intentions we present are an opportunity for us to participate in a real and meaningful way in addressing the needs of our brothers and

sisters. May we lift our prayers together at every Mass with love.

"In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have just received in fath and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all." - General Instruction of the Roman Missal Church, no. 69.

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



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Anna Beltrani

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Gregory Bennett
Kathryn Douglas
Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Barbara & Joseph Cassetta
Pat Golembiewski
Richard Landi
Frank Loporto
George Pflugel
Noah Simonetti (2 yrs)

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

In memory of

10/16-10/22

Edward Skrzypek

By Mary Ellen Skrzypek

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

Pray for the Deceased

Walter Markiewicz

Jody Ann Juliano

Patricia Lynch

Donald Ricupero

WELCOMED HOME

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

In Loving Memory **Agnes F. Schomber**January 31, 2023



Thank you for over 30 years of service, love & dedication to our St. Thomas More Family.

Rest in Heavenly Peace

To submit a prayer request, fill out the card in the Literature Rack. Return it to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket during mass.

We bring all prayers to Him, even those said in silence.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: October 7th & 8th

\$6385

Weekly Goal: \$6700

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

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

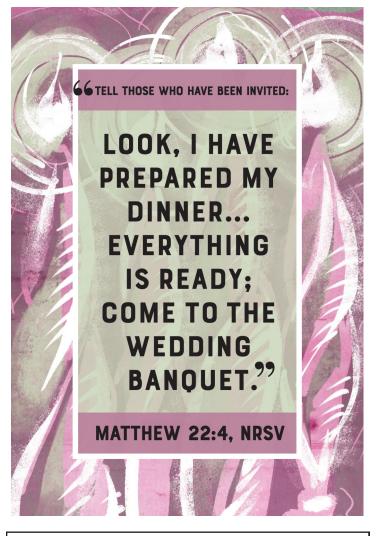
(If you want to receive envelopes, please fill out the form on the literature rack.)

Faith Direct: Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/ NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. More information is available in the literature rack

Rectory Office Hours 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.



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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Parish Social Mi nistry

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

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

Our immediate needs...

Syrup
Juice/Drink Mixes
Cereal
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Soup
Coffee/Tea

We appreciate all of your donations!

Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.

Please 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. 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

Facts about Hunger in America

-According to the USDA, more than 34 million people, including 9 million children, in the United States are food insecure

-The pandemic has increased food insecurity among families with children and communities of color, who already faced hunger at much higher rates before the pandemic.

-Every community in the country is home to families who face hunger. Rural communities are hit especially hard by hunger.

-Many households that experience food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition programs and visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

We can be reached at (631) 648-2760 or svdp.stm@aol.com



In Our Parish

Have you been called by name?

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings!

If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community that is the Catholic Church. Contact RCIA by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551

The Music Corner

The Church has a rich and vibrant history of music for Divine service that we will explore in this column every now and again. Music has an extremely important place in the liturgy, as seen in sung prayer and response, even without musical accompaniment (i.e. Gregorian Chant)

St. Augustine wrote: "Music, that is the science or the sense of proper modulation, is likewise given by God's generosity to mortals having rational souls in order to lead them to higher things."

While we no longer use the Gregorian Chant of days past, music still holds great import to the Church. When you attend Mass, remember to sing with your heart and soul and mind, to lift ourselves up to the Lord in prayer.



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome
Next Meeting: October 27th, 12:30pm
Halloween Pizza Party

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

Presentation of Babies



Sun Oct. 8h at 9:30 Mass. Please keep these soon-to-be-baptized children in your prayers.

Blessing of the Animals



Feast of St. Francis

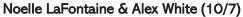
Wed Oct. 4h at 4:30 Thank you Deacon Ed & Deacon Matt

In Our Parish

Wedding Weekend at STM!

In a busy and exiting weekend here at the parish, three couples received the sacrament of Matrimony. We offer them our deepest congratulations, and send our prayers for fruitful lives together. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers.

Olivia Flynn & Dominick Mark (10/6)









Dayna DiBiasi & Daniel Cummings (10/7)

In Our Community



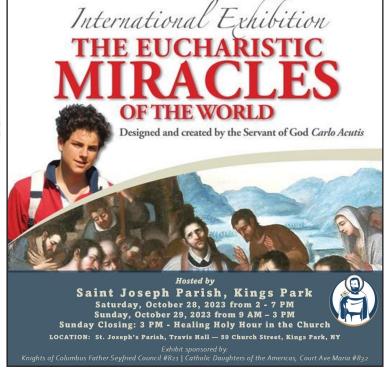
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

Join us for an evening of culinary delights, savory wine tastings, and an all-new Oktoberfest Beer Garden on October 21st, from 6 PM to 9 PM.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the **Denise Miles Scholarship Fund**, which was established to honor Denise's legacy by providing financial assistance to deserving students in our community seeking a Marianist, Catholic education of the heart and mind.

More info at: www.kellenberg.org/expo





Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun Oct 15th, after masses Hospitality Sunday

Mon Oct 16th, 2:30pm Circle of Women Book Club

Wed Oct 18th, 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Social Meeting

Thur Oct 19th, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Oct 19th, 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sat Oct 21st, 6:00pm Military Bridge SVdP Fundraiser

Mon Oct 23rd, 9:30pm Catholic Heath Bus

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



St. Thomas More Employment Services

<u>NEW – The Garage Eatery:</u> Delivery Person (P/T mornings); delivering meals to child care facilities; two or more days a week; 9am-12pm. **Contact Don Ravella @ 631-582-4141**

<u>NEW - Crystal Building Maintenance (Centereach):</u> Administrative Assistant Needed.

Send CV to eli@crystalbm.com or call: 516-306-7152

NEW - Floral Park Schools: Security Guards, TAs, Sub Teachers Cafeteria Monitors.

Go to: www.olasjobs.org

NEW - Taco Bell (Nesconset Highway): Positions Available. Inquire within.

NEW - Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Nurses, Physical Therapists, TAs

Go to: https://esboces.recruitfront.com/Job Opportunities

Shoprite (Hauppauge): Multiple Positions. Call: 631-979-0110, ext3901

PetSmart: Local positions. Text: PUPPIES to 97211 to apply.

Mercy Haven: Many positions available.

Go to: www.mercyhaven.org

Town of Islip Job Search Bootcamp: 8 week course via Zoom and Job Fair on 10-26-23.

Register at: lslipida.com/jobbootcamp.

Educational Bus Transportation: Bus and Van Drivers Needed.

Call: 631-789-2300 to speak with a recruiter

Suburban Bus: Part-time Drivers. Go to: www.suburbanbus.net

Or call: 516-781-5151

Newsday: Positions available. Go to: https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday

or email: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

<u>United Parcel Service (UPS)</u>: Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

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

Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in

Sunday Newsday for locations.

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

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

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

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careeers.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: <u>jmtwhite@optonline.net</u> Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

Mobile Outreach Bus Free Health Screenings & Flu Vaccinations

Coming to STM on October 23rd!

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



St. Thomas More RCC 115 Kings Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788 Monday, October 23rd 2024 9:30am-2:00pm

Services for adults (18+):

Catholic

Health

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- · BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- Free flu vaccination (senior dose available)

BACK by Popular Demand...

Military Bridge!

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



October 21, 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 parish friends

Your admission includes:

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

\$25 per person *Adults Only





At St. Thomas More Church (Following the 5pm Mass)

Get your tickets NOW!

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 10/1, 10/8, and 10/15

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

How to pray the Rosary

- 1: Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed
- 3: On the first bead, say an Our Father
- 4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each
- 5: Say the Glory Be
- 6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father
- 7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.
- 8: After finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

- 1. The Annunciation to Mary
- 2. The Visitation of Mary
- 3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
- 4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

- 1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
- The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
- 3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

- 1. The Resurrection of Jesus
- 2. The Ascension of Jesus
- 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- 4. The Assumption of Mary
- 5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

- 1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
- 2. The Wedding at Cana
- 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4. The Transfiguration
- 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

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Youth Group - Church History

October 1st, 2023











Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

October 22nd-Church Tour October 29th Halloween

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