

*Sharing
the Spirit
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

JUNE 16TH, 2024

To what shall we compare the kingdom of God?

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.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses June 15th - June 23rd, 2024

Saturday, June 15th:

5pm- Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 16th: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Father's Day Novena

9:30am- Father's Day Novena

11:30am- Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 17th:

9am- Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 18th:

9am- Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 19th:

9am- Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 20th:

9am- Father's Day Novena

Friday, June 21st: St Aloysius Gonzaga

9am- Father's Day Novena

Saturday, June 22nd:

5pm- Don Friedman *by Mary Friedman & Family*

Eileen Barr (healing) *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo*

Sunday, June 23rd: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Mary & Joseph Puorro *by The Garizio Family*

9:30am- Mary Hartnett *by Margaret & Tom Prunty*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Lori & Teddy*

Peter Gibbons *by The Circle of Women Book Club*

Mark 4:35-41 (Ordinary 12)

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Focus Questions for Ordinary 12

Mark 4:35-41

- 1: Relate an experience when you turned to Jesus to calm a storm in your life.
- 2: Describe a time when you were endangered by a storm. What saved you?
- 3: Relate an experience when you felt helpless. Who came to your aid?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the things that frighten you and what you can do when you are in a scary situation.

Readings for This Week

June 16th, 2024 (Ordinary 11)

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:2-3, 13-16

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

Readings for Next Week

June 23rd, 2024 (Ordinary 12)

Job 38:1, 8-11

Psalms 107:23-26, 28-31

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

Walk
BY
Faith
NOT
BY
sight
2 Corinthians 5:7

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

“Why are you adding up those figures?” “My wife said she is going to lose four pounds a month. I figure that in thirty-two months I will be rid of her.”

Life is not a mathematical calculation, nor logical solution, nor systematic reduction or addition...Life is a growing organism. Our life will be just a walk from birth to death if we measure it in terms of the body. But life is not just bodily growth and death. If we have the right faith in God life is an eternal walk with God...it grows and grows and has the capacity to live forever with God.

In today's Gospel Jesus explains it with a parable. Jesus compares the kingdom of God to seed scattered by the Sower. The kingdom of God is not an ideology, or logical conclusion or philosophical statement or moral principle. It is the seed of God scattered into human hearts. It grows in us. We are not one of the parts that fit the ideological or political machinery of society. Rather we are the living cells of the ever-growing organism of the kingdom of God.

As cells, we either grow or die. As growing cells of the Kingdom's living force we sprout, grow and yield fruit. We are not here on earth by accident. God has put us here with his seed within us. We are the living seeds of God, though single and small like a mustard seed; We are God's mission; we live by the power and the force of God, to become the largest of the plants, to put forth large branches and bear fruit. Let us be God's seed. Let us spring up and grow. Let us live.

Happy Father's Day. We wish and pray for all the Fathers, the precious gifts of God in our families. We wish to share the wisdom words of Pope Francis, on the feast of St. Joseph, patron saint of the universal church and Jesus' earthly father. Pope Francis urged all dads in the world to stick by their children's side, teaching them, guiding them and loving them. “I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, your love to be there!”

Glory to God & Gratitude to St. Thomas More our Patron and Thanks to you ALL. What a wonderful feast weekend we had!!! Thanks to all those volunteers who keep our Parish Family alive and spiritually fruitful through your service in various ministries in and outside our church. I appreciate all the Knights and Columbiettes who ran the Pancake Breakfast with delicious pancakes, sweet smiles, and fraternal service.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Feast Weekend Raffle. Thank you very much for your generous contribution by buying tickets. Thank you very much Diane and Steve Phelan and those who helped them in selling the tickets. The lucky winners are:

First Prize \$10,000: Evelyn Mentock & Mary Romano

Second Prize \$3000: John & Marie Reddy

Third Prize \$1000: Connie Zara

Fourth Prize \$500: Dolly Rodriguez

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
June 8th & 9th

\$6085

Thank You!

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

Rectory Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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.*

Calendar Club Winners

6/10 (\$25): Joan Martorama (648)

6/11 (\$25): Andy & Kathy Turano (221)

6/12 (\$25): Judy Coyle (530)

6/13 (\$25): Pam & Chris Collins (991)

6/14 (\$25): Janet & Mike Daly (1022)

6/15 (\$25): Patricia Goodwin (1298)

6/16 (\$50): Laura & Charlie McCaffery (878)



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Mia Mednick (10yrs)
Baby Kaden	Ellen Murphy
Ana Beltrani	Bernice Noeker
Gregory Bennett	Matt O'Connell
Edward J Boney	Deacon Al Pankus
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Joseph Platia
Christine DiFilippo	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Rocco DiMaggie	John Reddy
Linda Dowling	Richard Ronning
Robert Ferro	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Stephanie Goodhart	Andrew M Valentine
Richard Landi	Laura Vigneaux
Ellen Lentino	Debbie Ward
Eileen Macholz-Barr	
Jim Marquette	



*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Lorraine Franchini
 Fay Chambart
 Nikki Motta
 Jaclyn Aloï
 Marie Papola
 Anthony Giannelli

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

i am...

LOVED

[ROMANS 5:8]

worthy

[1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]

cherished

[EPHESIANS 5:29]

forgiven

[1 JOHN 2:12]

chosen

[COLOSSIANS 3:12]

Pray for Our Military

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

Troy A. Maida	Joseph Kirsch
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Christopher Sidor	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Ryan Smith	Andrew Lynch
Will Maley	



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

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial



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

Pray for our Clergy

Fr Antony Asir	Deacon Bob Weisz
The Capuchin Friars	Deacon Matt Surico
Fr Lenny Carlino	Bishop John Barres
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	Pope Francis



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

Parish Social Ministry

“Above all, we are privileged friends of Jesus when we love each other with the kind of sacrificial love Jesus endured for us. It is a love that He makes possible within us, a love specifically designed to be shared and given away”
~Msgr Peter J Vaghi



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

Our needs this week:

Tea
Syrup
Pancake Mix
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper



All the donations to restock our shelves!!
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 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.

FYI...

Suffolk County Dept of Social Services is taking applications for assistance to send kids 4-16 to camp this summer. The agency will provide \$200 a week per child (up to two weeks). Each child must be enrolled in temp assistance or safety-net assistance through DSS. For more details on eligibility, a list of camps, and to apply, call 631-854-9963

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council provides guidance to get care, switch providers, find specialists, understand how your insurance works, access Medicaid, and resolve billing issues. Go to coverage4healthcare.org or call 631-656-9783

Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center helps those seeking jobs and employers seeking workers. The center maintains job banks. Visitors can get help writing resumes, or navigating the internet. Disability accommodations available. Call 631-853-6600. Center is at 725 Veterans Memorial Highway in Hauppauge.

NYS 2024 Cooling Assistance Benefit helps eligible households buy and install an air conditioner or fan. If you are eligible, you may receive one benefit per applicant household to help your home stay cool. For details, go to www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap or call 631-854-2300 (press 3 for HEAP)

Catholic Health will conduct a community health fair on Saturday June 22 in Melville. Free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, BMI, and foot issues. Info on two dozen Catholic Health specialties will be available. For children, there will be coloring activities and a teddy bear clinic. 11am-3pm, June 22nd, 245 Old Country Road Melville. Walk-ins welcome, or call 516-705-3839 to register and get a free gift.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says: “This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens.”

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. We can be reached at 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish



Communion for the Homebound

As a parish, we would like to make you aware of our ability to bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. It is a privilege and responsibility that we do so. We ask that you call the rectory to request Communion in the home.

Please note that if you or a loved one is in need of Communion to be brought to the home, we must adhere to the following guidelines, for the safety of both the recipient and our Eucharistic Ministers:

If anyone in the home is suffering from a contagious illness, we are unable to enter the home.

There must be a companion with the recipient to ensure the safety of your loved one and our EM.

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri July 12th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



Join the Choir!



DO YOU LIKE TO SING? DO YOU LIKE TO PRAISE GOD? HAVE YOU TRIED DOING BOTH AT THE SAME TIME?

THE CHOIR SEASON IS OVER FOR THE SUMMER, BUT WE WILL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN OUR RANKS! ITS A SMALL COMMITMENT THAT CAN LEAD TO BIG SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION! ADULTS AND CHILDREN!

QUESTIONS? TALK TO EMILIA OR ALEX AFTER MASS, OR CALL THE RECTORY

CHOIR IS BACK
SEPTEMBER 5TH 2024

BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
Be You.

In Our Parish

SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING



September 9th, 2024

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, that is the Catholic Church.

Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

Blessing of the Babies!

Can you even believe it?!? Twelve children were brought up for the blessing at the 9:30 Mass last Sunday. All of these beautiful children will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism in the next couple months. Please pray for them, the future of the Catholic Faith. Pray also for their parents, that their journeys are filled with love and happiness and faith in God.



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun June 16th
Happy Father's Day!

Wed June 19th, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Social Meeting

Thur June 20th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur June 20th, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

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

do
JUSTICE

do **PEACE**

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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молитесь за нас

pray for us

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ST. THOMAS MORE FEAST WEEKEND

Pancake Breakfast





Thank you to our pancake flippers from the Knights of Columbus, and our wonderful servers from the Columbiettes



Congratulations to our winners!
1st: Evelyn Mentock & Mary Romano
2nd: John & Marie Reddy
3rd: Connie Zara
4th: Dolly Rodriguez

Volunteer Appreciation



We love our Volunteers

During Feast Weekend, Father Antony invited up all our volunteers to receive a special blessing, and the thanks of our Parish. We could not do what we do without your help!

There are always many opportunities to volunteer and help STM continue to flourish and provide.

The Columbiettes Council 6062 Presents

BINGO NIGHT

Tickets include dinner, dessert and Bingo cards!

Things to look forward to:

\$25 gift cards prizes, grand prizes in the jackpot round, and a 50/50

(Additional Bingo boards will be available for purchase)

DINNER | PRIZES | BINGO



Saturday, June 29th
2024 at 6 PM



St. Thomas More
115 Kings Highway 11788

Tickets
\$25

Tickets will be sold at masses as the date gets closer!

Contact President Kimberly Mazzioti for questions and ticket sales

krofrano33@gmail.com



(631)372-9220

Youth Group

May 19th- Pentecost



June 2nd- Eucharistic Procession



Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

June 23rd-
Graduation Party!

Follow us on
Instagram!

@stm_yg

 YOUTH GROUP
† ST. THOMAS MORE †



The Kingdom of God
is like a mustard seed