

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

JUNE 23RD, 2024



Why are you terrified?
Do you not yet have faith?

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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.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses June 22nd - June 30th, 2024

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*

Monday, June 24th: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9am- Annette Citarella *by Your Sisters in Christ*

Tuesday, June 25th:

9am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Wednesday, June 26th:

9am- Dino DiPietro *by The Carlino Family*

Thursday, June 27th:

9am- Emmy & Gus Vrondis *by The Vrondis Family*

Friday, June 28th: St. Irenaeus

9am- Jorge Isaac Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

Saturday, June 29th: Sts. Peter and Paul

5pm- Jaclyn Aloï *by Ann Lamia*

Joseph Cullum Jr. *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, June 30th: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Joseph Codispoti *by Joyce & Lou*

9:30am- Dino Piarulli *by Kathryn Schook*

Nicholas Malin *by Linda Ronning & Family*

11:30am- Douglas Pondt *by Frances & Peter Foti*

Martha Michalkewicz *by Alex & Noelle White*

Mark 4:21-24,35b-43 (Ordinary 13)

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha kum,*" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

Focus Questions for Ordinary 13

Mark 4:21-43

- 1: Describe a time when a family member was ill and you did everything you could to help them get well.
- 2: Relate a time when you trusted in God, no matter what common sense said.
- 3: Describe a time when you were healed of a serious illness.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about a time when you prayed to Jesus to help you with a serious matter.

Readings for This 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

Readings for Next Week

June 30th, 2024 (Ordinary 13)

Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24

Psalms 30:2,4-6,11-13

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Mark 5:21-43

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

The football match was about to start. Both teams gathered together and prayed briefly. A fan, seated next to a minister, asked "Whom would the Lord make win, if both teams prayed with equal faith and fervor?" "In that event," replied the minister, "I imagine the Lord would simply sit back, relax and enjoy the game."

This Sunday's Gospel reading narrates that Jesus was relaxing and sleeping on a cushion in the stern while the disciples were struggling to save the boat from waves of a violent squall. As any of us would have done, they complained to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Does not God care for the human struggles? When he woke up and calmed the sea, Jesus asked them "why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

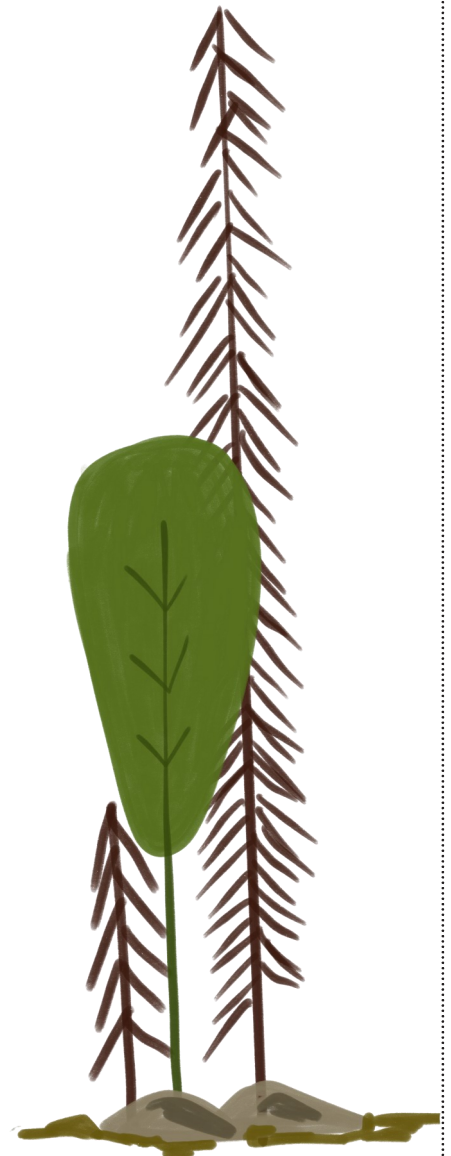
They woke up Jesus so he could save them. But Jesus took the occasion to wake up within them their dormant faith. Jesus saw that their fear of perishing was the outcome of their insufficient faith in Him. They knew that He was with them in the same boat. That is why they woke Him up to help them. They felt that the sleeping Jesus did not notice that all their techniques and strengths were failing to save themselves. They woke Jesus up only to draw His attention to their helpless and hopeless situation. After calming the storm, Jesus encouraged them not to be terrified but only to have more faith.

Faith must come alive and into force precisely when everything else fails.

Faith is a belief and trust in God based on evidence from the past but engaging in the present without total proof. From how they have experienced Jesus in their past years, the disciples in the boat were expected to engage in their struggling against the storm. Their belief in Jesus who was in the same boat, must empower them to continue the struggle. Here, believing in Jesus is not believing that Jesus would calm the storm on their behalf. Rather, believing in Jesus is that He is with them and would never abandon them and would struggle in and with them. By believing in Him they could have allowed Jesus to calm the storm through them. God wants us to believe in Him so that God can work wonders in and through us.

Today's readings invite us to find God's presence in everything. The person of faith will see God's presence in every moment of life. They will see God's care in the most troubled of times. They don't deduce their life to a simple calculation that all favorable situations or persons reveal God's presence and all the unfavorable indicates the absence of God. Rather their faith in God's presence to be everywhere interprets for them the meaning and value of each situation or person. It is not the situation that dictates life to them. But it is God's pervading presence that provides the gift of life in every situation. Let us believe in God's presence everywhere and in all, so that we may be empowered and totally engaged in every moment of our lives with all people.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
June 15th & 16th

\$5678

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

6/17 (\$25): John Fontana (1495)

6/18 (\$25): Karen & John Sellitti (1264)

6/19 (\$25): Andy & Kathy Turano (492)

6/20 (\$25): Bob & Evelyn McMahon (647)

6/21 (\$25): Alice Longwell (406)

6/22 (\$25): Colleen & Gary Connors (639)

6/23 (\$50): Joan Smith (1467)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is Simony?

- a: Profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments
- b: The buying or selling of spiritual things
- c: Harboring doubt about His love, providence and power
- d: Putting goodness and almighty power to the test

Answer: B (ccc 2119-2121)

Staff

Pastor

Father Antony Asir

Deacons

Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico

Deacon Edward Vigneaux

Deacon Robert D. Weisz

Rectory

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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

WELCOMED HOME

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

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.

“Why
are you
so afraid?
Have you
still no faith?”

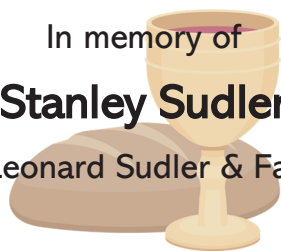
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

6/24-6/30

In memory of

Stanley Sudler

by Leonard Sudler & Family



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
The Capuchin Friars
Fr Lenny Carlino
Deacon Ed Vigneaux

Deacon Bob Weisz
Deacon Matt Surico
Bishop John Barres
Pope Francis



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

Parish Social Ministry

“There are many people in this world who believe their lives have no meaning or purpose, and nothing makes us feel a greater sense of purpose than genuinely helping someone else”

~The Generosity Habit



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs this week:

Tea
Syrup
Pancake Mix
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent



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...

Free Farmers Market for Seniors at LI Cares Center for Community Engagement (75 Davids Drive Hauppauge). Wednesdays: 6/26, 7/24, 8/21 from 9am-12pm. The market will offer seniors access to locally sourced nutritious produce and lean proteins, as well as cooking demonstrations and education!
outreachCCE@licares.org or 631-582-3663

Free Produce at Nutrition Workshops – Thursdays now thru October 24 10am – 11am at Thera Farms 1705 Brentwood Road, Brentwood. People who attend the free nutrition workshops given by Cornell Cooperative Extension can receive \$15 worth of locally grown vegetables and fruits at each event (up to a total of \$150). Workshops are available in English and Spanish. Call 631-759-4985, send an email to registrationCES@cornell.edu or go to the website www.rb.gy/2tf7jl

~Free Medicaid Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance – please call 631-435-3000 Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm.

~Free Grief Camp for Children – August 2 -4
Comfort Zone Camp works with children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or guardian. The weekend, overnight camp is at Camp DeWolfe in Wading River and is available for campers ages 7-17 and young adults 18-25. Call 804-377-3430 or see their website www.rb.gy/lnmhg8 for more information.



In today's Gospel, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples, “Why are you lacking in faith?” In our life's journey we must also learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in His care.

Often the people we help question God's presence in their lives. Perhaps our reaching out to them, made possible by your support, will help them feel God's presence in their lives once again.

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

In Our Parish



Communion for the Homebound

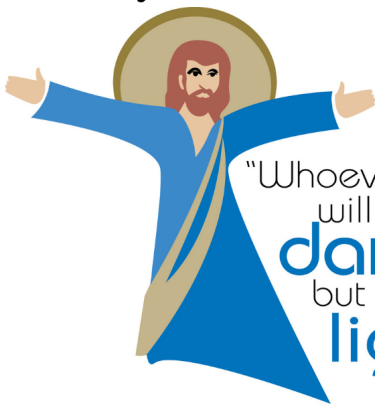
As a parish, we would like to make you aware of our ability to bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. It is a privilege and responsibility that we do so. We ask that you call the rectory to request Communion in the home.

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.

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.

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

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

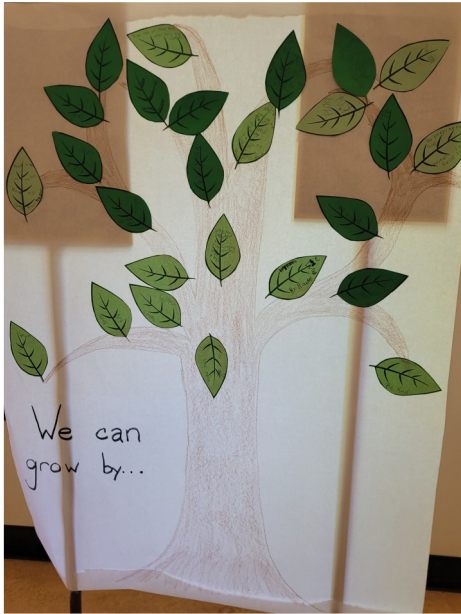
Next Meeting: Fri July 12th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

In Our Parish

Children's Liturgy

Last week, our kids learned that our faith, even if it is tiny like a mustard seed, can grow by praying, loving, sharing, and being kind to our friends.



Thank you to all our wonderful educators who have helped our youngest to learn more about our faith, and thank you to all the children who came out and showed us their joy and enthusiasm!

This weekend is the last week of Children's Liturgy for the school year, but we will be back in September with more exciting activities to bring the Gospel and our faith to the hearts and minds of our children.



CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US.

 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† R.C. CHURCH †

This & That

With
Deacon Matt

In July and August, as he has done for the past five summers, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home.

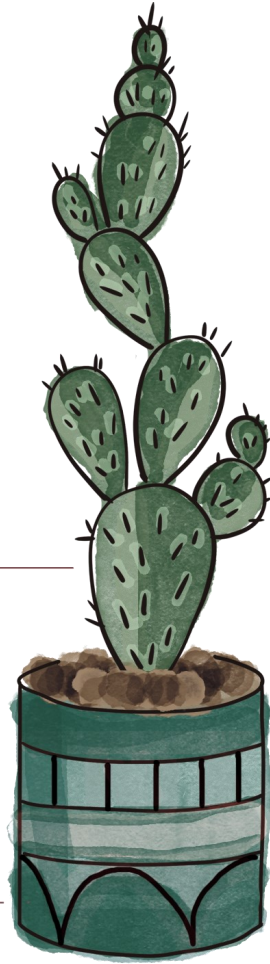
Do you have questions about our faith? Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, or suggestions you'd like to make? The floor is yours! Deacon Matt will be the facilitator. The format is simple: find around 6-10 people to gather at your home on a specific date, serve dessert, and come with your questions/topics.

Deacon Matt is especially interested in hearing the voices of the young. So teenagers and young adults are most certainly encouraged to get a group together!

In general, late afternoons/early evenings during the week, and possibly Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings, are available. To discuss a specific date, you can send an email to deacon.matt@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.



Happening at St. Thomas More



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

YOU ARE
LOVED

do PEACE

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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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



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