

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

JULY 14TH, 2024



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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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses July 13th - July 21st, 2024

Saturday, July 13th:

5pm- Michael Marcello *by The Dublynn Family*

Henry Thoben *by Walter & Terry Happe*

Sunday, July 14th: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Kenneth Scaduto *by Dcn Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

9:30am- Agnes Gajda *by Carolyn & Peter*

Christopher Loring *by Joan Loring*

11:30am- Marie Papola *by Cass & Al Nagy*

Kenny Granville *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Monday, July 15th: St Bonaventure

9am- John Garvey *by Their Family*

Tuesday, July 16th:

9am- Edward Zebrowski *by Mary Lou Braun*

Wednesday, July 17th:

9am- Livia Liberatoscioli *by Maureen & Bob Flynn*

Thursday, July 18th:

9am- Joe Sr, Harry, & Josephine Luca, Josephine & Felice

Farragone *by Nella*

Friday, July 19th:

9am- Joseph Codispoti *by Marilyn Miller*

Saturday, July 20th:

5pm- Fay Chambart *by Parish Outreach*

Joseph Lucania *by Harold & Theresa Lund*

Sunday, July 21st: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Paul Vigneaux *by Patty & Joe Citro*

Melody Clemons-Smith *by JoAnn Eyring*

9:30am- Nicholas Malin *by Linda Ronning & Family*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Tracy*

Readings for This Week

July 14th, 2024 (Ordinary 15)

Amos 7:12-15

Psalms 85:9-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Readings for Next Week

July 21st, 2024 (Ordinary 16)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Mark 6:30-34 (Ordinary 16)

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

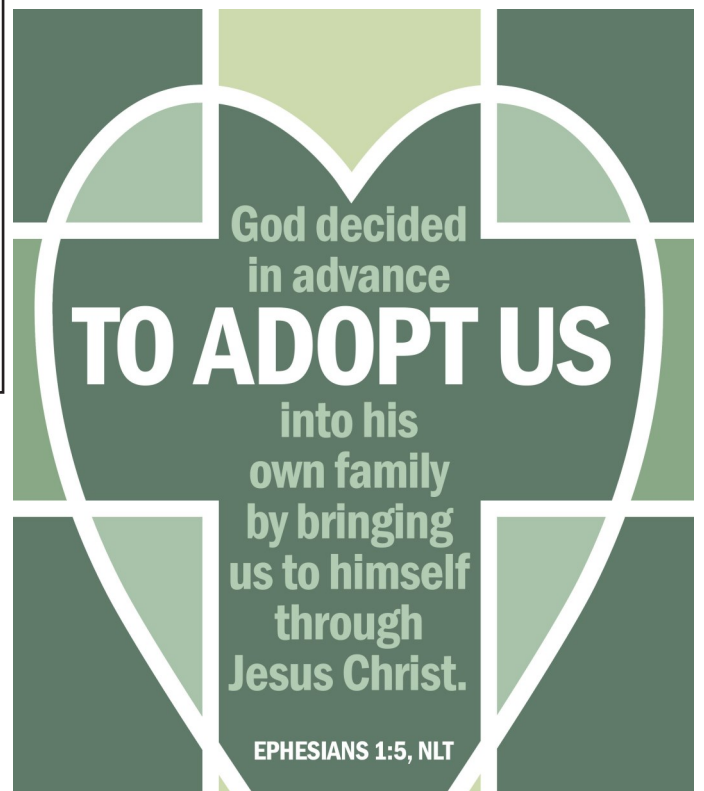
Focus Questions for Ordinary 16

Mark 6:30-34

- 1: Describe a place that gives you respite from your daily life.
- 2: Who are the people that you look upon with compassion and want to help?
- 3: Describe a time when you were in need of someone to lead you.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the importance of resting from all the busyness during the school year while you are on summer vacation.



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Little Jim knelt before his bed and prayed, "Dear God, if you can find some way to put vitamins in candy and ice cream instead of in spinach and cod liver oil, I would surely appreciate it. Amen."

Sugar-coating makes it easy to swallow a bitter pill. Sugar-coating is only a device to pass the pill easily through the taste buds of the tongue. But the pill, though bitter, is the real stuff needed for the health of the whole body.

Today's Gospel reading invites us to take the *real* stuff. When Jesus sent his twelve disciples vesting his authority upon them, He instructed them to take almost nothing (no food, no bags, no money) but sandals and walking sticks for the journey. He sent them with the bare minimum, which is like the sugar-coating, to sustain their lives. His message and His power which He sent them with is the real stuff, the essence and substance of the mission for which Jesus has sent them. Jesus wanted them totally to depend on the real stuff - the authority he has invested in them – a radical dependence on the power of the person, Jesus who sent them.

Our life as human beings is not merely a natural biological event, nor personally our own achievement/attempt to live as long as we can. Today's second reading describes our true identity. We have been blessed and chosen by God to be God's children. God has lavished riches of the divine Grace upon us. We are essentially the outcome (creation) of God's personal favor and will. God has revealed to each of us in all wisdom and insight. God has made known to us the mystery of His will in accord with His favor. Each of us primarily and totally is God's plan and God's will. Our life is nothing but the execution (living) of God's will and mystery (plan). He empowers us with His wisdom and power to live our life in God's way.

Like the disciples, we are called to be conscious of God's choice and grace upon us. When this consciousness pervades all that we say or do, we become God's mission; our life becomes a journey sent by God. To live our own plan and desires we may need to make lots of effort. But when we begin to live God's essence, He supplies us with the essential wisdom and power. What we need is the bare minimum to make our life's journey with God's essence. We may need just the sandals and walking stick as the Gospel narrates. As Jesus says in the sermon on the mount, ..."do not worry and say, 'what are we to eat?' or 'what are we to drink?' or 'what are we to wear?' ...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you as well." (Gospel of Mathew 6:32-33) May our life be the mission of God. Let us pray and learn to be dependent on God's wisdom and power.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
July 6th & 7th

\$6 595

Thank You!

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

Calendar Club Winners	
7/8 (\$25):	Lou Savarese (958)
7/9 (\$25):	Ken & Dolores Fensterer (633)
7/10 (\$25):	Arlene Aspromgos (630)
7/11 (\$25):	Phyllis Ann Erhardt (157)
7/12 (\$25):	Joseph Fratamico (1404)
7/13 (\$25):	Marina Napolitano (723)
7/14 (\$50):	Virginia Zablocki (920)

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.



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Prayers for Our Community


Pray for the Sick

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



*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased



Marilyn Gast
Edward Boney
Patricia Algar
Judith Nan MacDonald
Lauren Weiler

Olga Gunther
John Reddy
Erin Fafard

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.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

7/15-7/21


In memory of
Marilyn Stanco
by Mary Ellen Skrzypek



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.

i am...
LOVED [ROMANS 5:8]
worthy [1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]
cherished [EPHESIANS 5:29]
forgiven [1 JOHN 2:12]
chosen [COLOSSIANS 3:12]

Parish Social Ministry

“Prayer, humility, and charity toward all are essential in the Christian life: they are the way to holiness.”

~Pope Francis



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs this week:

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Jelly
Canned Vegetables
Chef Boyardee
Cereal
Drink/Drink Mixes
Tea
Packaged Milk
Shampoo
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

All the donations to restock our shelves!!
We appreciate all of your donations!



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...

This month YOU helped:

59 Families

94 Children

87 Adults

Cooling Assistance Benefit

NYS 2024 Cooling Assistance Benefit helps eligible households buy and install a home 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 x3

Remote Learning Program

Cell-Ed, sponsored by the NYS Office for New Americans, helps users build skills, learn English or Spanish, and take the next steps in their work and education. No internet connection required. Cell-Ed is free, secure, and available 24/7. Participants learn at their own pace with 3-minute lessons. Learners earn certificates of completion. To sign up, call 1-800-566-7636, or email NewAmericans@dos.ny.gov



In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs “two by two,” those who are poor and needy in their homes.

It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. Have you considered answering the call to help serve those in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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

In Our Parish

YOUTH GROUP

DISCOVER JESUS THRU
VIDEOS, GAMES, PRAYER,
& COMMUNITY SERVICE

12:30-2:30PM | CLASSROOM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

14 JULY

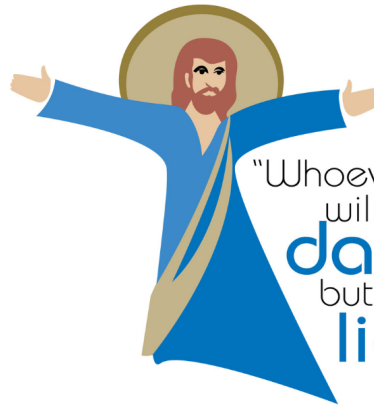
28 JULY

11 AUGUST

25 AUGUST

TEENS OF ALL AGES INVITED!

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



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.

In Our Parish

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.

 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† R.C. CHURCH †

This & That

With
Deacon Matt



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When was the word "Catholic" first used?

- a: 30 AD by Jesus
- b: 64 AD by St. Peter
- c: 110 AD by St Ignatius of Antioch
- d: 1517 AD by Luther



Letter to the Smyrnaeans

Answer: C (katholikos: from the Greek, meaning universal, used in his

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri August 9th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



BEACH MASS 2024

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
8TH @ 12PM
OTTO SCHUBERT BEACH
NISSEQUOQUE**



In Our Parish

News from the National Eucharistic Revival!

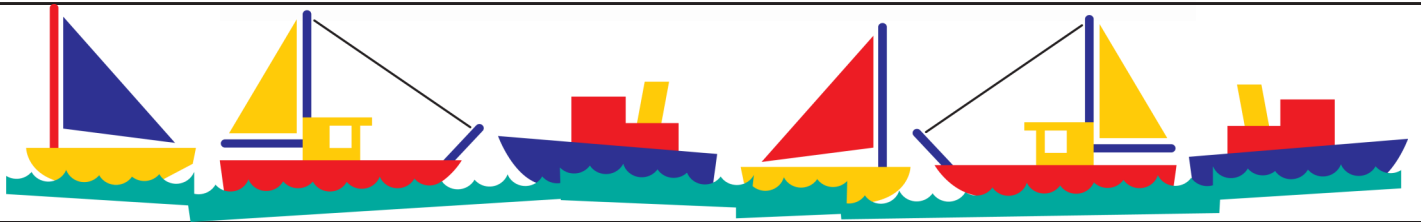
After a number of years of planning and much anticipation, one of the great highlights of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival is about to take place: the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress. From July 17-21, literally tens of thousands of Catholics (lay persons, clergy and religious) will descend upon Indianapolis, Indiana. Our very own Deacon Matt will be there, and he looks forward to sharing his experiences with our parish upon his return. This will be the first such Congress in our country in 83 years!

As you may have read previously in this bulletin, or heard about elsewhere, there have been four regional pilgrimage routes on which the Blessed Sacrament has traveled since late May, including the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton route in the East, which passed through the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn. All four routes will converge on Indianapolis right at the start of the Congress. During the Congress, the participants will be able to encounter Jesus in a variety of ways, including Masses, Eucharistic Processions, and Adoration. There will be breakout sessions during

the day, and a gathering each night in Lucas Oil Stadium for all participants. Focused sessions for youth, families, ministry leaders, and priests will occur. All deacons present will gather for special topics during the lunch periods each day. Many nationally known clergy and lay persons will be featured speakers.

Deacon Matt will be serving as the Deacon of the Word at the Youth Mass Saturday morning, presided by Archbishop Charles Thompson of Indianapolis. Most importantly, this will be an opportunity for all participants to bring the spirit of the Living Christ back to their parishes so that the third and final year - a year of missionary sending - may begin.

Deacon Matt asks for your prayers for all those who will participate, including their safe travel, and that God may lift them and all of us into a new awareness of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in our lives.



Local Sri Lankan's Celebrate Mary

Last weekend we hosted the local Sri Lankan community as they celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Madhu. Fathers Antony and Norbert celebrated the Mass, preaching in the Sri Lankan languages of Tamil (also Fr A's native tongue) and Sinhala (Fr Norbert spent 15yrs on mission in Sri Lanka).



Happening at St. Thomas More

CLIMATE CHANGE &

EXTREME HEAT



CAUSES MORE DEATHS

each year than hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods



COMBINED!

WHO'S AT RISK?



Adults over 65, children under 4, people with existing medical problems such as heart disease, and people without access to air conditioning

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



STAY COOL

- Find an air-conditioned shelter
- Avoid direct sunlight
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing
- Take cool showers or baths
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device



STAY HYDRATED

- Drink more water than usual
- Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink more fluids
- Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar
- Remind others to drink enough water



STAY INFORMED

- Check local news for extreme heat alerts and safety tips
- Learn the symptoms of heat illness



LEARN MORE!

Visit CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network to learn more about climate change and extreme heat at

www.cdc.gov/ephtracking



Coming Up @ STM

Sun July 14th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Wed July 17th, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting

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

BE LOVED.

BE KIND.

Be You

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 9TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$190 per golfer
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing- 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 or Tom Prunty @ (631) 682-4177

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