

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

AUGUST 18TH, 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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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@stm_church

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Masses August 17th - August 25th 2024

Saturday, August 17th:

5pm- Cookie Kugler *by The Sandbichler Family*

Sunday, August 18th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Paul Vigneaux *by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

9:30am- Kyle Dilegame, Matt Kreamer *by Troy & Linda Rosasco*

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

Michael Marcello *by Margaret, Tom, & Erin Prunty*

Monday, August 19th:

9am- Don Larney *by Betty Vrondis*

Tuesday, August 20th: St Bernard

9am- Fay Chambart *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo*

Wednesday, August 21st: St Pius X

9am- William McDonald *by Joe Schaefer & Jim Cussen*

Thursday, August 22nd: The Queenship of the BVM

9am- Jaime Rodriguez *by Their Family*

Friday, August 23rd:

9am- Claudia Sheppard (living) *by Joan Oscar*

Saturday, August 24th: St Bartholomew

5pm- Alfonso Gallo *by Kathy & Gerry Joyce*

Sybil Smith *by Lois Mohlenbrok & Family*

Sunday, August 25th: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Veronica & Charles Marsala *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

Joseph & Phyllis Trezza *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

9:30am- Lillian & Edward Terriault *by Mary Lou Braun*

Sally, Ann, Fran, & Theresa *by Vincent Murray*

11:30am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Christopher Weidig *by Mom & Dad*

John 6:60-69 (Ordinary 21)

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 21

John 6:60-69

- 1: Describe a time when you were discouraged and left a community.
- 2: How often have you felt like Peter in today's Gospel?
- 3: What do you find hard to believe?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the importance of staying close to Jesus and not getting discouraged.

Readings for This Week

August 18th, 2024 (Ordinary 20)

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:2-7

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Readings for Next Week

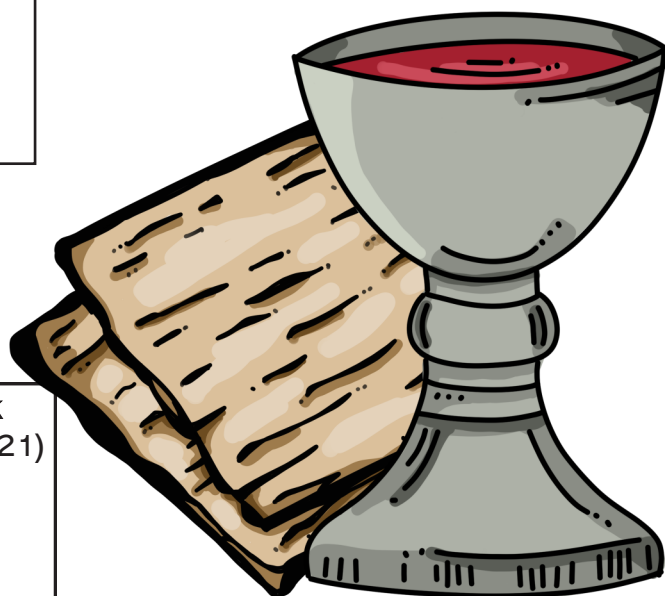
August 25th, 2024 (Ordinary 21)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A doctor was called in to treat a grumpy patient. "Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully.

"That is for you to find out." The patient snapped.

"I see," said the doctor. "Well, if you'll excuse me a minute. I'll phone a friend of mine – a veterinarian. He's the only man I know who can make a diagnosis without asking any questions." Wisdom bends down to help. Rigidity is too proud to accept it.

This Sunday's readings proclaim the invitation of Wisdom to the banquet of life. Whoever is not snobbish but humble will hear its invitation and cherish life. Whoever willingly accepts Wisdom's invitation, will live forever. Life is available to us to the extent that we open ourselves to Wisdom. We reap what we sow in life. If we accept Wisdom in faith, we will reap the fruits of Wisdom in life.

In the Gospel, Jesus the Living Wisdom of God invites us to believe in him, that He is the banquet of Life that God offers to us humans. He offers himself as the food and drink which nourishes us not only for this earthly life but also for eternal life. We become what we eat. Thus, we would become Jesus-like by eating Jesus-the food.

We are created by God in His own image. Now God's own Son Jesus offers himself His food to nurture God's image in us. In the celebration of the Mass, we recall and re-enact the Last Supper. We re-celebrate his living presence in the form of bread and wine, the Eucharist. Thus, in every Mass, Jesus sets for us His banquet. We are nourished by His very self, in the form of food.

The food we eat gets assimilated into our very being. May the divine food of Jesus get assimilated into us. Then, with St. Paul we too can realistically say, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." Let us be nourished by the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

You are invited to the St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic. Please remember to mark your calendar; **September 8th** at Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue, starting with Mass at Noon. A picnic follows the Mass. Please bring lunch and spend some social time after the Mass at the beach. The Knights of Columbus will keep the grill hot and ready to help those who want to barbecue their food.

Please consider Faith Direct. It is a form of automated giving. Below you will find the top ten reasons why you should consider using FAITH DIRECT for automated giving at St. Thomas More.

No more checks to write or envelopes to find.

A practical tool to help you fulfill your financial stewardship commitment.

52 weeks of predictable income for our parish

Greater security than cash or checks

No cost to you to participate.

Online control of your offertory giving

Reduction of envelope and postage expense for your parish

No need to "make up" for missed Sundays while out of town.

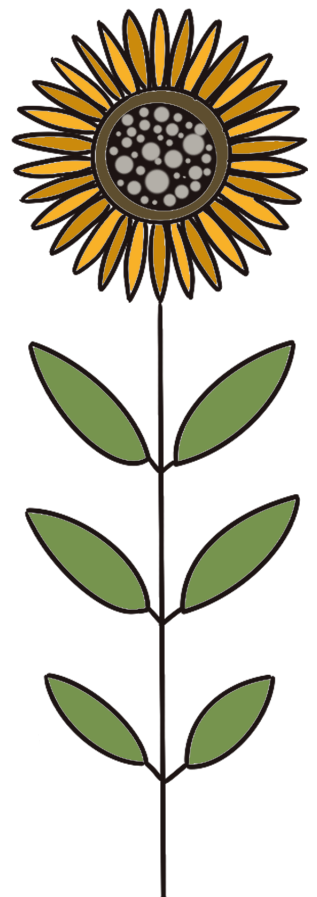
Offertory cards enable you to witness your financial gift at collection times.

Your friends at St Thomas More do it!

(Applications are available in the narthex and at the rectory)

For further information please find the Faith Direct Brochure in the literature rack.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
August 10th & 11th

\$5118

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

8/12 (\$25): Ken & Lynn Goodwin (353)

8/13 (\$25): John Egan (698)

8/14 (\$25): Ann Russell (145)

8/15 (\$50): Paulette DiMarco

8/16 (\$25): Ron Tuscano (1131)

8/17 (\$25): Joanne Aloï (640)

8/18 (\$50): Lydia & Paul Merget (951)



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Eileen Macholz-Barr
Linda Anno	Lee Mambuca
Baby Kaden	Jim Marquette
Ana Beltrani	Mia Mednick (10yrs)
Gregory Bennett	Ellen Murphy
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Bernice Noeker
Judy Coyle	Nancy O'Connell
Christine DiFilippo	Deacon Al Pankus
Rocco DiMaggie	Joseph Platia
Linda Dowling	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Robert Ferro	Richard Ronning
Stephanie Goodhart	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Thomas Holloway	Louise Soldo
Renee Lake	Patricia Theiergartner
MaryAnn Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Richard Landi	Debbie Ward
Ellen Lentino	



*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Bernard Nagel
 Matt O'Connell
 Esther Migliore
 Lou Capazzoli
 Marguerite & Howard Hirschman
 Charles Potuzak



We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

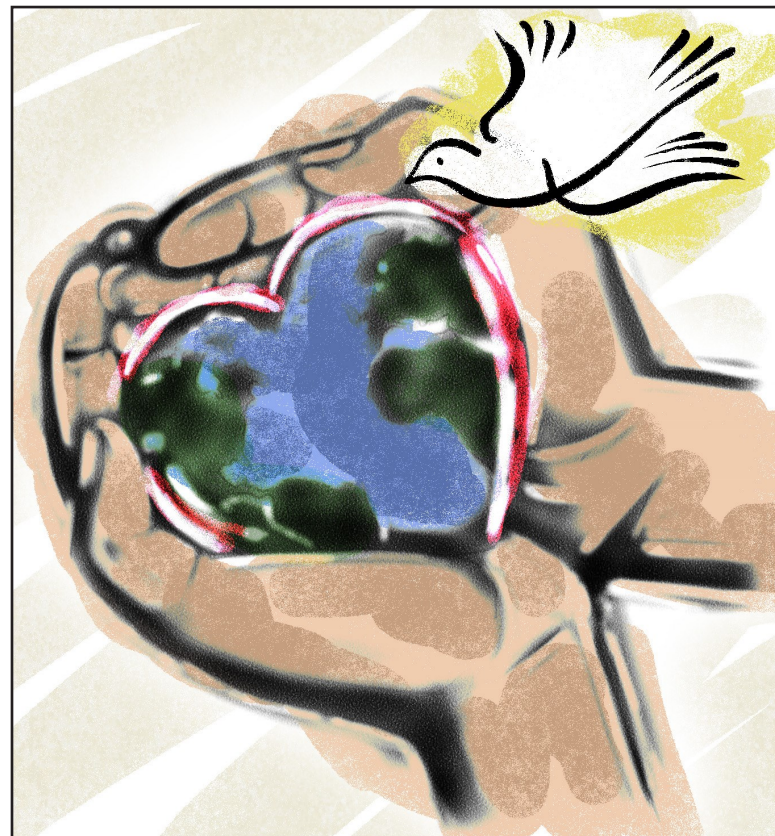
Pray for Our Military

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.



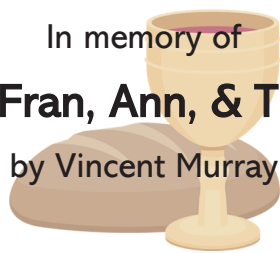
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

8/19-8/25

In memory of

Sally, Fran, Ann, & Theresa

by Vincent Murray



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

“A day lived without doing something good for others is a day not worth living.” ~St. Mother Teresa



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Our needs this week:

CANNED VEGETABLES
CANNED FRUIT
SOUP
BOXED MILK
SMALL LAUNDRY DETERGENT
TOOTHPASTE
SHAMPOO

We can always use paper towels, cereal, and pasta!

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

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE:

The Essential Plan has no deductible and offers the same benefits as other health plans.

You pay nothing for preventative services.

For additional information, please visit

<https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov> or
call 1-855-355-5777

JOB FAIRS:

The state Department of Labor is holding a job fair on August 21st in Hicksville. Nearly 30 employers are due to participate. Hicksville Community Center, 28 W. Carl St, Hicksville. 10am-1pm. For more info, call JoAnn McCants at 516-934-8521



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

To contact us, call 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!

Young at Heart

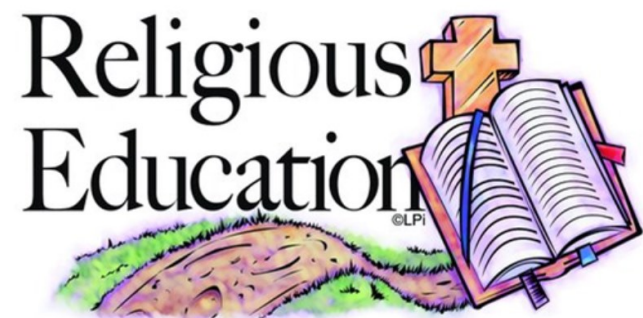
New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri September 13th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

Beautiful Baptismal Blessing for Babies!

Please keep these beautiful new Catholics in your prayers as they approach their Baptisms, and pray for their families as well! We love celebrating with the young babies at our 9:30 Masses! Do you want to Baptize a child under the age of 7? Call the rectory!



St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration
2024/2025 School Year

— Sharing the Spirit of Love —

If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



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.



Sing and
make music
FROM YOUR HEART
TO THE LORD,
ALWAYS GIVING
THANKS TO GOD
THE FATHER FOR
EVERYTHING,
IN THE NAME
OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 5:19-20, NIV

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which Diocese has the highest percentage of Catholics in its population?

- a: Providence RI
- b: Buffalo NY
- c: Brownsville TX
- d: Fall River MA



Answer: C (Brownsville 85%, Buffalo 45%, Fall River 42%, Providence 64% - note: statistics from 2005)



In Our Parish

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Confessions

Eve ry Saturday

4:00 PM-4:45 PM



TWOSOME
Raffle

Win a spot at the STM Annual Golf Outing for you and a friend!

\$20 per ticket, only 40 tickets available!

*winner will be announced when all tickets are sold.

...BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT...

SINGING & MAKING MELODY

TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

ST. THOMAS MORE

YOUTH GROUP

2024 KICK OFF BBQ!

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | 12:30-2:30PM

Meet us on the church lawn by the STM Statue!

(If it rains we will meet in Walden Hall)

Open to all in 8th-12th grade!



PARISH OUTREACH: DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parish Outreach will be collecting school supplies for our families from now until August 18th.

Donations can be left in the food bin inside the Church or dropped off at Outreach.

Whatever you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated!



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Backpacks
Composition Notebooks
Crayons (24 count)
Markers (fine & broad tip)
Two Pocket Folders
Pencils
Rulers
Fiskar Scissors
Glue Sticks
Pencil Case or Box
Highlighters
Post-It notes (2" square)
Loose Leaf Paper
Black Pens
Binders (2") & Dividers



We are in need of backpacks, school supplies,
and gift cards (\$25 Walmart/Target)



PLEASE CALL OUTREACH AT 631-234-3149 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL, BULLETIN, OR LIT RACK FOR REGISTRATION

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/9/24 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start



Registration Form

Golfers:	Name	Contact Number
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

Please fill out a separate form for each Foursome. Singles or Twosomes will be paired with other golfers.

Include a check for **\$190.00** per golfer made out to: St. Thomas More Parish

Registration begins at **7:30 AM** with coffee and donuts.

Dinner Only Patrons: Please include a check for **\$90.00** per person made out to St. Thomas More Parish

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.

GOLF RAFFLE



**NOW
WITH
BIGGER
PAYOUTS!**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES
OR AT THE RECTORY!**



1 for \$10
3 for \$20
9 for \$50



**1st: \$1250
2nd: \$750
3rd: \$500**

**STM MSGR FRANCIS MIDURA
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**



St. Thomas More Annual

BEACH MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

 **Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue** 

Mass is at 12:00pm on the beach!

**Please bring lunch
to enjoy in the picnic
area after mass!**



**There will be grills available
if you want to barbecue! The
Knights will keep them hot
and ready.**



ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †

JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July



Late nymph
July-Sept.



Adult
July-Dec.

SCRAPE. SQUASH. REPORT.



Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see



**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

Report
any sightings



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home





PRAISE GOD THROUGH SONG

REHEARSALS START:
SEPTEMBER 5TH!
5:30PM FOR KIDS
7PM FOR ADULTS



**We are always in need of
more voices to help us
praise God in song.**

**Come talk to Emilia or
Alex after Masses for
more information, or call
Emilia at 631-724-8820**

**JOIN
CHOIR!**

Youth Group, July 28th

How and Why to Tell Others!



We had chips and ice cream!



We brought the donations to Outreach, learned about the Transfiguration, and did a fun Kahoot!



We listened to "Transfiguration" by Sufjan Steven's



Watching Father Mike, "The Actual Good News, Telling Others"



Watching an Alpha Yout video titled "How and Why to Tell Others?" And discussing how we can evangelize.

Upcoming Meetings
Sundays 12:30-2:30

August 25th
September 15th

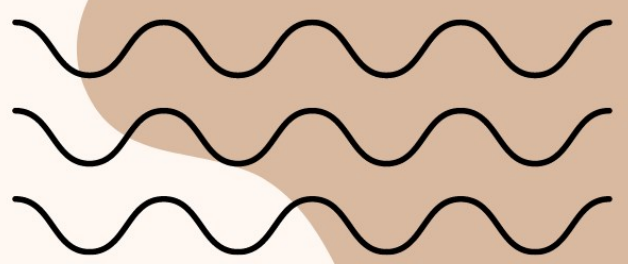
Follow us on
Instagram!

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YOUTH GROUP
† ST. THOMAS MORE †

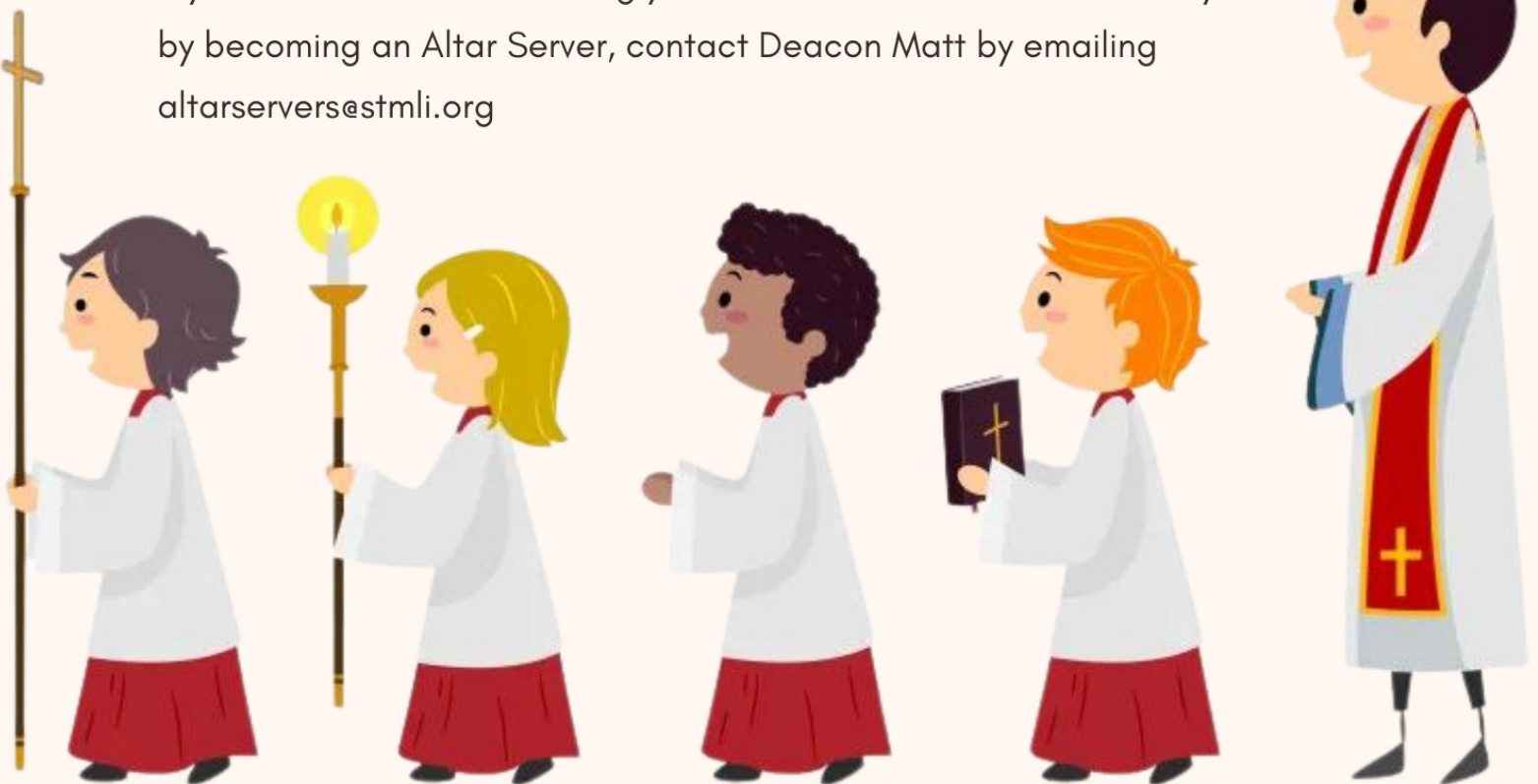
A NOTE FROM OUR Altar Servers

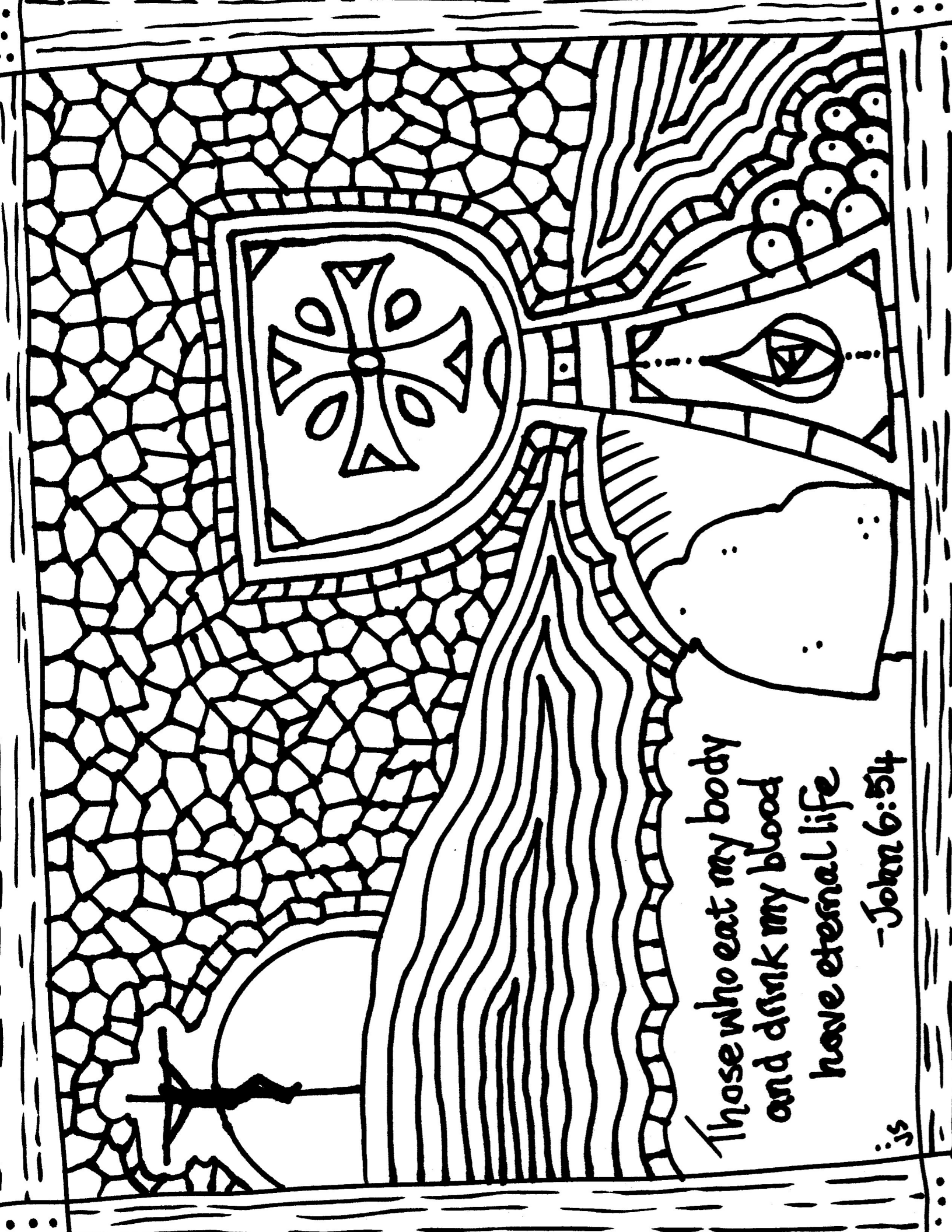


We have a deep love for altar serving, and believe others should consider taking up this role for several reasons. First, altar serving provides a unique perspective on the Mass, allowing individuals to engage with the rituals and traditions in a more hands on and profound way. Beyond the spiritual aspects, it fosters a strong sense of camaraderie with fellow servers, offering the opportunity to meet new people and develop a greater sense of family within the church community. Getting involved in altar serving is not only personally enriching but also a means of becoming more actively connected to the church's activities. The experience is extremely enjoyable, amplified by the chance to don cool robes and play an important role in the Mass, contributing to the beauty and sanctity of the worship experience. Moreover, altar serving presents a valuable opportunity to learn about the Mass in a hands-on manner, giving a deeper understanding and connection with the sacred traditions of the church.

-Altar Servers Timothy Sandbichler and Ryan Tjersland

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the Parish community by becoming an Altar Server, contact Deacon Matt by emailing altarservers@stmli.org





Those who eat my body
and drink my blood
have eternal life

- John 6:54