

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

AUGUST 25TH, 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.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses August 24th - September 1st 2024

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*

Monday, August 26th:

9am- Joseph Prosa *by John Ottosen*

Tuesday, August 27th: St Monica

9am- Fay Chambart *by The Pantry: John, Mary, Barbara, & Mary Ellen*

Wednesday, August 28th: St Augustine

9am- Johnathon & Maribel Calcagni (Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, August 29th: The Passion of St John the Baptist

9am- Ruth McDonald *by Chris & Andy Paino*

Friday, August 30th:

9am- Edward J Thompson *by Theresa & Will Recce & Family*

Saturday, August 31st:

5pm- Paul McKeever *by Maria Cherubino*

Elizabeth & Charles Padala *by Betty Vrondis*

Sunday, September 1st: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Stanley Sudler *by Leonard Sudler*

Anne Savarese *by Marie Lucchese & Family*

9:30am- Darrel John *by Joan Oscar*

Dolores "Bunny" Thaxter *by Clay & Kathy Chin*

11:30am- Luis Fernando Huertas *by The Kane Family*

Nanchine McManus *by Rosann & Chris Zeunges*

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 (Ordinary 22)

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 22

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

- 1: Describe a time when your religious observance went from going through the motions to one that came from your heart.
- 2: Describe a person you know who really lives their faith. How does their example affect you?
- 3: How do you react to criticism?

Family & Children's Question:

How do our unkind words hurt others?

Readings for This Week

August 25th, 2024 (Ordinary 21)

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

Psalms 34:2-3,16-21

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Readings for Next Week

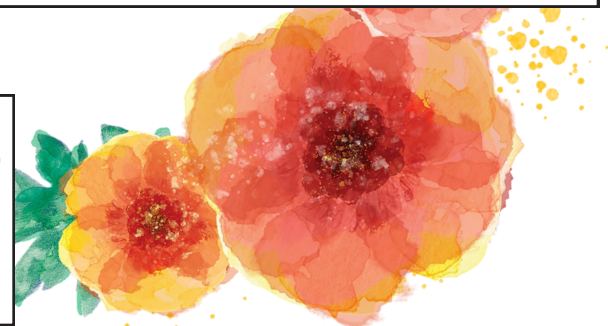
September 1st, 2024 (Ordinary 21)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalms 15:2-5

James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

"May I ask you the secret of your success?"

"The secret is this. You just jump at your opportunity."

"But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?"

"You can't. You've got to keep on jumping."

Life is not a waiting game for the best opportunity to bring success. Every moment of life is an opportunity to live one's best. The purpose of living is not just to succeed. It is to realize that living is already a success.

In the first reading Joshua realizes how in the past God brought His people over many hurdles from their slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. This realization made Joshua believe that their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land was a God-given opportunity to experience Godly care and guidance. Such a belief in God made Joshua surrender his future to the Lord, expressing the famous words "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Life is not looking for an opportunity but realizing that it is one big ongoing opportunity of surrendering to God's care and guidance.

The words of Peter in today's Gospel reflect the same sentiments of Joshua. When many of Jesus' disciples left him, Jesus asked his own twelve if they too wanted to leave him. Peter, as the spokesperson of the disciples, expressed their faith, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." He surrendered his life to believing in Jesus, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy one of God." Opportunities may come and go but the faithful surrender to God's care will make us live fully in both the favorable and unfavorable times of our life. Let us open ourselves to the loving and caring providence of God.

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 17th & 18th

\$5342

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	
8/19 (\$25):	Hunter Tate (489)
8/20 (\$25):	Joyce Miller (976)
8/21 (\$25):	Don Cleary (139)
8/22 (\$25):	Dianne Vallette (777)
8/23 (\$25):	Donna Basile (1461)
8/24 (\$25):	Christine & Dan Malone (57)
8/25 (\$50):	Bill & Lori Rudden (631)



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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	Renee Prince
Robert Ferro	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Stephanie Goodhart	Richard Ronning
Thomas Holloway	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Leeann Houser	Louise Soldo
Renee Lake	Patricia Theiergartner
MaryAnn Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Richard Landi	Debbie Ward
Ellen Lentino	Lycell Williams

*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased



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.

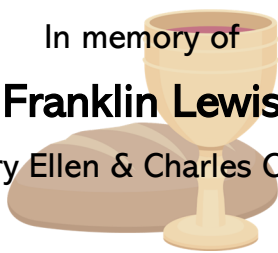
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

8/26-9/1

In memory of

Franklin Lewis

by Mary Ellen & Charles Chiofalo



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

Coming Soon: Mass Book 2025



Masses for 2025 will be available starting Tuesday September 10th in the rectory.

Suggested offering is \$20

Please note: there are still 38 masses available for 2024



Parish Social Ministry

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples".
~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

FREE CELL PHONES

are available for low-income families in NY. Anyone receiving SNAP or SSI is eligible.
<https://www.assurancewireless.com/lifeline-services/states/new-york-lifeline-free-government-phone-service>

FREE TRAINING for JOBS in RENEWABLE ENERGY

Classes begin Thursday Sept. 4 at United Way of LI's Workforce Development Training Academy at 819 Grand Blvd, Deer Park. Enrollment is limited.
www.unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining

LONG ISLAND VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

Wednesday Sept 11th from 11am-2pm
A preview day to learn about job opportunities begins 9am Sept 10th. Register online or call 1-888-469-7365
www.nysdolvirtual8.easyvirtualfair.com

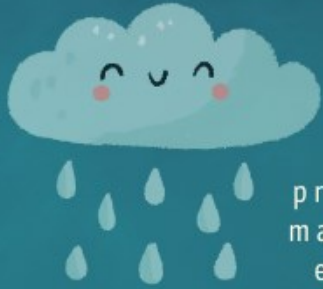


In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us, and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

This month our calls for help involved several families facing eviction (sums of money beyond our conference's means). Thankfully we could reach out to other parishes who were also able to assist. Seeing God's love in action changes all of us. To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

THE RAIN CAME

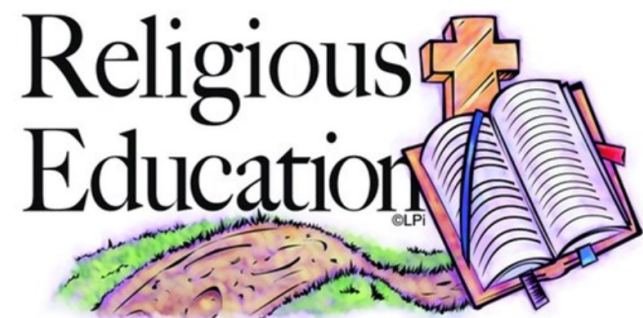
AND WE PERSEVERED



First of all: Thank you, thank you, thank you. This event proved just how great a community we live in. There were so many parishioners calling and stopping by to offer help, and even other organizations in our community reached out in support. We thank everyone for their consideration, kindness, and care.

As many heard, the storm on Sunday caused some damage here at the church. We were so lucky that our worship space was spared, the only damage being in the back of Walden Hall. As of publication (Tues 8/20), work is underway. We do not have a timeline for the repairs, but the office staff is working closely with our insurance provider and contractors to get the job done.

The back of the church will be closed until further notice, and we ask that you stay clear of the space. Our deepest gratitude goes to the Hauppauge Fire Department for their speedy response in the middle of the night on Sunday, and to our in-house Architect for coordinating everything that happened. Again, we are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.



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.

 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† R.C. CHURCH †

This & That

With
Deacon Matt



TWOSOME Raffle

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



**\$20 per ticket,
only 40 tickets
available!**

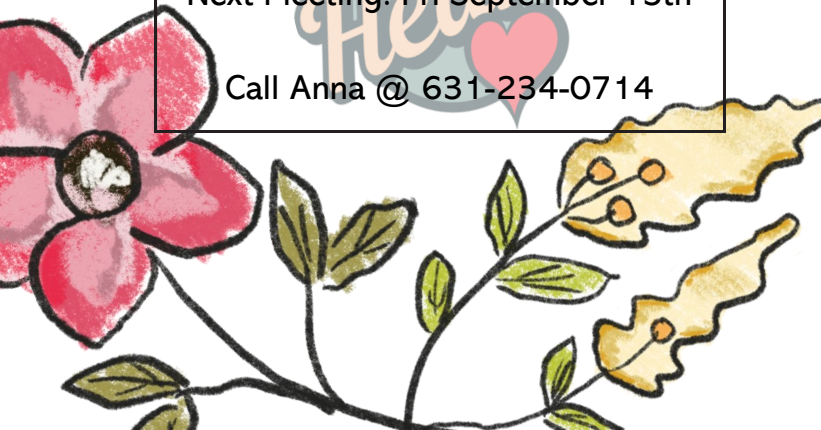
*winner will be announced
when all tickets are sold.

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri September 13th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which Apostle brought the Word of God to India?

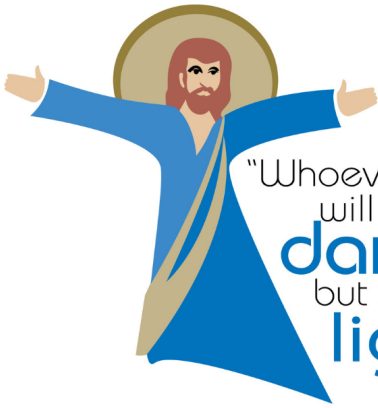
- a: Thomas
- b: Mattias
- c: John
- d: James



Answer: A Thomas traveled as far south as present day Kerala. In fact, the name Thomas is still quite popular in India!

In Our Parish

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.

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 PEACE

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!



A NEW EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

at St. Thomas More Church

Pilgrimage

✝
Mission

Encounter

Saturday,
Sept. 14th
at 6pm

An evening of wine, cheese,
music, and stories of pilgrimage!

FEATURING...

A Deacon's experience
sharing worship with 60k
Catholics at the National
Eucharistic Revival.



A lay person's journey of
body and faith on the Camino
de Santiago, and the people
he met along the way.



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 †



PRAISE GOD THROUGH SONG

REHEARSALS START SOON

ADULTS: 9/5 @ 7

CHILDREN: 9/12 @ 5:30

**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!**

Do you also want to go away?
John 6:67

