

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

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@stm_church

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Masses August 31st - September 8th 2024

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*

Monday, September 2nd:

9am- Fay Chambart *by Arlene & John Aspromgos*

Tuesday, September 3rd: Saint Gregory the Great

9am- Don Larney *by Ellie Stout*

Wednesday, September 4th:

9am- John Reddy *by Arlene & John Aspromgos*

Thursday, September 5th:

9am- Fay Chambart *by Theresa & Will Recce & Family*

Friday, September 6th:

9am- Peter Gibbons *by Marilyn Miller*

Saturday, September 7th:

5pm- Lauren Weiler *by Carol & Pat*

Michael Marcello *by Emilia & Lou Savarese*

Sunday, September 8th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Agnes Dolan *by Karen & Adam Rhoads*

Lycell Williams (Healing) *by Joan Oscar & Family*

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

11:30am- Dottie Lossani *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Marie Papola *by The West & Papola Families*

Mark 7:31-37 (Ordinary 23)

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, *Ephphatha!*"- that is, "Be opened!" - And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 23

Mark 7:31-37

- 1: Describe a time when you witnessed a healing people didn't think was possible.
- 2: What prevents you from thanking God during good times?
- 3: Relate a time when a touch brought healing to you.

Family & Children's Question:

How patient are you with people who have physical handicaps?

Readings for This Week

September 1st, 2024 (Ordinary 22)

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

Readings for Next Week

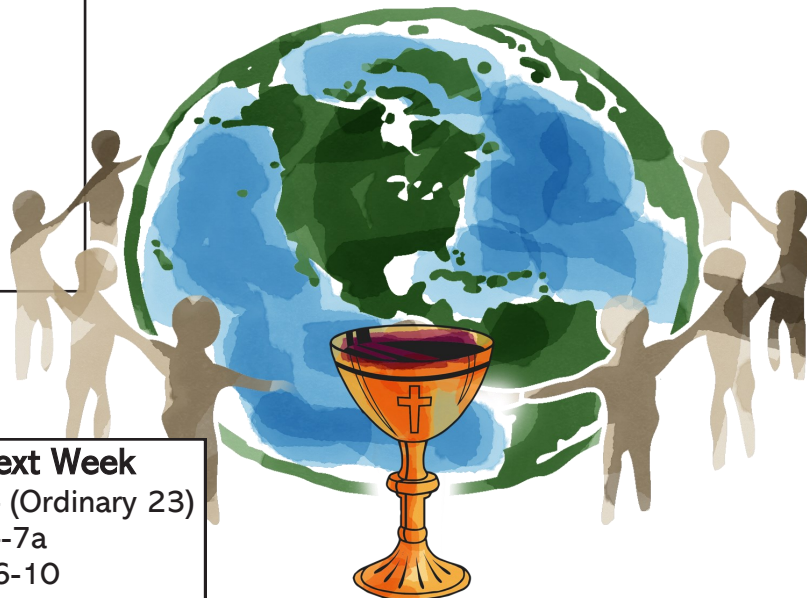
September 8th, 2024 (Ordinary 23)

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146:6-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Between an optimist and pessimist, the difference is droll. The optimist sees the doughnut, the pessimist the hole.

What do we see in other people, a doughnut or its hole? When we say that no one is perfect, we admit that everyone has some kind of hole in their character. At the same time when we acknowledge goodness in someone, we admit the doughnut in their character. It is our choice to see doughnuts or holes in people. Our choice will either promote or demote life in each of us or among one another.

In the Gospel today, Jesus helps his disciples to see the doughnuts, not the holes in the ancestral traditions observed in his time. But the Pharisees used the same traditions as instruments to accuse others of being bad and sin for failing to observe the traditions. What is tradition? Traditions are the proved practices of the former generation. The present generation is encouraged to believe that by observing them, a better and more secure life is guaranteed. But there is a risk involved in this belief, which is that a mere mechanical observation of traditions will easily rob the meaning of life. Soon traditions would become a meaningless burden.

Jesus wants the tradition to be followed only to enhance life. He wants our lips to say prayers but only to express our hearts. "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6:6-7)

Jesus wants our hands to do things only to express the good intentions of our heart. "When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6: 2-4)

The limbs of the body are only instruments of the heart. The heart gives value to the deeds of the body. The body expresses what the heart decides. Anything we do without our heart's involvement would make us nothing more than a machine. Likewise, if the traditions are just for the sake of traditions, it would make our spiritual life nothing more a burdensome habit. Jesus wants us to check and see why we do everything we do. Jesus wants us to do or say everything from the heart.

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.

In the name of the parish I wish to thank everyone who helped to deal with our flooding situation a couple of weekends ago, especially in my absence. The office staff was contacted in the middle of the night after our building alarms went off and saw to the immediate need. Several others lent professional expertise in assessing the damage, and still others pitched in to sort through those items that could be saved versus those that were damaged. And thanks to all for your patience in this. We are back to having regular Masses in the church, but the meeting spaces are still off-limits as insurance estimates are completed and restoration work begins. We will adjust and eventually will be back to full use of the space. Please pray for those families in our communities who suffered loss of property.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
August 24th & 25th

\$6191

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

8/26 (\$25): Joan M Murphy (1313)

8/27 (\$25): Cameron Tonry (1039)

8/28 (\$25): Evelyn Mentock (340)

8/29 (\$25): Pamela Florio (1334)

8/30 (\$25): Dakota Chin (592)

8/31 (\$25): Curt & JoAnn Keely (413)

9/1 (\$50): Jack Lilly (25)



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Lee Mambuca
Linda Anno	Jim Marquette
Baby Kaden	Mia Mednick (10yrs)
Ana Beltrani	Ellen Murphy
Gregory Bennett	Bernice Noeker
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Nancy O'Connell
Judy Coyle	Deacon Al Pankus
Christine DiFilippo	Joseph Platia
Rocco DiMaggie	Renee Prince
Linda Dowling	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Robert Ferro	Richard Ronning
Stephanie Goodhart	Timmy Ryan
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
Eileen Macholz-Barr	Patricia Yezek

*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Bernard Nagel
Marguerite & Howard Hirschman



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



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

“All who are broken, if they seek God, will find love.”

~Kevin Matthews

Our needs this week:

CANNED VEGETABLES
CEREAL
SOUP
BOXED MILK
SMALL LAUNDRY DETERGENT
TOOTHPASTE
SYRUP

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Mental Health Resources

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call 800-273-8255

The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text 988
Chat at 988lifeline.org

NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline If your home isn't safe
Call 800-942-6906 or Text 844-977-2121

NYS Office of Addiction Services & Supports Help for drugs, alcohol, or gambling:
Call 877-846-7369
Text HOPENY to 467369

Mental Health Hotline
Help for children with physical, social, and behavioral challenges
631-389-6405

Suffolk County Friends & Family Support Group For relatives & Friends in recovery from mental health
Virtual on Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
631-471-7242 x1315

Saint Dymphna,
pray for us.



The Gospel today hits closer to home than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and entirely miss the spirit of the law?

Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love. To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

A NEW EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

PILGRIMAGE ENCOUNTER MISSION

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING OF WINE,
CHEESE, MUSIC, AND STORIES OF PILGRIMAGE

FEATURING...

A DEACON'S EXPERIENCE
SHARING WORSHIP WITH
60K CATHOLICS AT THE
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS

A LAY PERSON'S JOURNEY
OF BODY AND FAITH ON
THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO,
AND THE PEOPLE HE MET
ON THE WAY

TBD
STAY TUNED



ST. THOMAS MORE
+ R.C. CHURCH +
"United in the Love of Christ"



Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!

Meetings cancelled until
further notice!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How many Roman Catholic
dioceses are in the United States?

a: 33

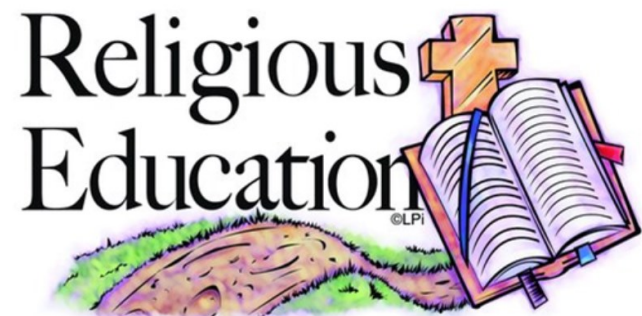
b: 144

c: 179

d: 196



Answer: C (there are 33 territorial archdioceses and 144 territorial dioceses, plus the Archdiocese for Military Services and the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter former Anglicans. Adding the Eastern Churches brings it to 196)



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

EM Meeting Postponed!

Due to the damage in the back, the annual EM Mass and Meeting scheduled for Sept 21 is postponed until further notice.

Stay tuned for more information!

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!



In Our Community

SAVE THE DATE



REBOOT

a life-changing event

FEATURING CHRIS STEFANICK

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Let internationally renowned speaker and author
Chris Stefanick help you REDISCOVER God, and
REDISCOVER the life you were made for.

ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
175 WOLF HILL ROAD, MELVILLE, NY 11746

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His Global Love

Generational Healing Mass

Friday, September 20, 2024

His Global Love Retreat Day

Saturday, September 21, 2024

At: St. Joseph Church, 39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11702
Tel: 631-669-0068



His Global Love Communities invite you to a

Generational Healing Mass at 7pm on Friday, September 20, 2024
Place: The Church Rosary at 6:15pm, Praise & Worship begins at 6:30pm

Fr Kevin Joyce
from His Global Love presiding

His Global Love Retreat Day
"The Zeal of the Warrior"
Saturday, September 21, 2024 place: The O'Connell Room

9:00am – 9:30am Praise & Worship	10:30am – 11:00am Praise & Worship	12:00pm – 12:30pm Praise & Worship
9:30am – 10:00am Talk # 1	11:00am – 11:30am Talk # 2	12:30pm – 1:00pm Talk # 3
10:00am – 10:30am Quiet Time	11:30am – 12:00pm Quiet Time	1:00pm – 1:30pm Quiet Time

Continental Breakfast

Bag Lunch

Free Will Offering

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HisGlobalLove/live>
Visit us on the web at hisgloballove.org

Pilgrimage to the World Apostolate of Fatima in New Jersey on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

Coordinated by St. Patrick Church, Smithtown Legion of Mary

Pilgrimage Itinerary

Rosary, Confession, Mass, Adoration, free time to view a replica of the Holy House of Loreto, mini grottoes to St. Padre Pio, Marian icons, outside

Reservation Information

\$100 cash or check made payable to Elisa Loomis reserves your seat.
For questions, please call Elisa at 631-675-1385.
Mary's Blue Army, Asbury, New Jersey

Bus Transportation

Departure: Bus departs St. Patrick Church at 7:00 AM and arrives at the Shrine at 10:30 AM

Return to St. Patrick: Bus departs Shrine at 3:30 PM and arrives at St. Patrick Smithtown at 7:00 PM

Fatima Prayer—O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy.



Holy Hour

"Restoring the Soul 101"

**Contemporary
music by Alex
and Noelle!**



**Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!**

Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

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!**

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

