

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



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SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses September 7th - September 15th 2024

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*

Monday, September 9th: St Peter Claver

9am- Don Larney *by The Barr Family*

Tuesday, September 10th:

9am- Angelo Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

Wednesday, September 11th:

9am- Ester Migliore *by Mr & Mrs A*

Thursday, September 12th:

9am- Dominick Mancuso *by Betty Vrondis & Family*

Friday, September 13th: St John Chrysostom

9am- Marilyn Gast *by Marti & John White*

Saturday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5pm- Robert K Wirkus *by Susan Blankoff*

Robert Creighton *by Lee & Howie Nardin*

Sunday, September 15th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Ralph Molinaro *by their Family*

Maria Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

9:30am- Patricia Algar *by Marilyn Amodio*

Rosemary Corsi *by The Eyring Family*

11:30am- Carol Bartolotta *by Vivan & Michael Jacobs*

Vincenzo Trentini *by Christine & Anthony Trentini & Family*

Mark 8:27-35 (Ordinary 24)

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 24

Mark 8:27-35

- 1: Describe an experience when your own suffering led to something better.
- 2: What does it mean to "take up your cross"?
- 3: How would you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?"

Family & Children's Question:

As a new school year begins, talk about how it can be a new start to build a better relationship with Jesus.

Readings for This Week

September 8th, 2024 (Ordinary 23)

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146:6-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Readings for Next Week

September 15th, 2024 (Ordinary 24)

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalms 116:1-6,8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35



God's
Garden:

Lettuce be kind

Squash gossip

Turnip for worship

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A patient limped into the doctor's office. The doctor handed him a large pill. Just then his nurse asked him some questions. While the doctor was answering her questions, the patient limped over to the sink and swallowed down the pill. Then the doctor returned with a bucket and said, "Now drop the pill in the bucket and we'll soak your foot." All pills are not the same. Each has its own application.

If we are not aware of what we are dealing with, we can be easily carried away by habits and customs, routines and regularities. We will easily lose our unique self-identity and settle down to the 'usuals' and regularities as the norm of life.

In this week's Gospel story Jesus takes the deaf man away from the crowd and opens the ears of the deaf man by saying 'Be Opened.' The deaf man began to hear and speak plainly. True God-experience happens when we go away from everything and be with God who handles us. We must give our total attention to God to operate on us.

When God operates on us God opens our senses and perceptions to a new level. When God says "Be opened" we are opened to receive and perceive life in God's measure. God's experience is not merely about knowing who God is. God's experience invigorates in us God's image after which we are created. God's experience opens in us God's way of seeing, hearing, feeling, touching, and understanding. We begin to sense everything and everybody in a way that we have never sensed before. The touch of Jesus opens us to grasp things more plainly to a newer depth. He will enable us to sense the formal and regular things and persons in a deeper and richer way.

We need to get away from our own habitual and customary ways of grasping the reality so that Jesus can utter the word to us 'Be opened'. Those words will open our senses to a new wavelength of hearing, a new vision to behold, and a real way of experiencing the truth for what it is. Let us move away from what we have conveniently settled for. Let Jesus open our senses to the reality of things and persons, in the light and power of his words.

By now you know how the heavy rains and flooding damaged our parish center, Walden Hall. This all happened while I was in India visiting my mom, family, and friends. Our office staff along with Will Recce, our Engineer and parishioner engaged themselves in full force to keep the church running. When I came back and saw the damage as well as all the hard work our people did towards the restorations, I realized the truth: "we may have a weaker building, but we have a stronger community. We may have a leaking roof, but the love and care are hovering over us to keep us safe and together as a community." I thank you all but very specially our office staff; Dottie, Alex, Theresa, and Will Recce. God bless us all, our St. Thomas More Parish family.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Aug 31st & Sept 1st

\$5381

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

9/2 (\$25): Abigail Castaldo (1387)

9/3 (\$25): John Egan (1282)

9/4 (\$25): Alan Scadutto (908)

9/5 (\$25): Maureen Fallona (664)

9/6 (\$25): Dr. Fran LaFauci (778)

9/7 (\$25): STM Outreach (1458)

9/8 (\$50): Lewis G Bernard (487)



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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	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

*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Deacon Al Pankus

Regina Martin

Marlene Aversano

Patricia Yezek

Mary Loth



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
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

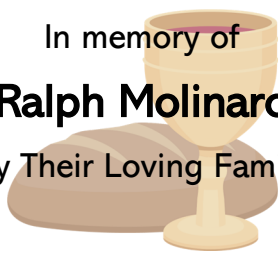
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

9/9-9/15

In memory of

Ralph Molinaro

by Their Loving Family



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

“Holy Moments empower us to give others the gift of hope, and the ability to give other people hope is profoundly beautiful.” ~Matthew Kelly

Our shelves are EMPTY! Please help us so we can continue to help others...

Pasta
Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Potatoes
Cereal
Boxed Milk
Syrup
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Tuna
Cookies

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 †

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



Bereavement Support Group Loss of Adult Child Group

St John Nepomucene (1140 Locust Ave, Bohemia) is starting new groups on Thursday September 12th. Each group will run for 8 weeks. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Pre-registration is required: 631-589-0540 x25



In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus “makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!” In living the Gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering.

On September 9th, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

Pre-Cana 2024

Please keep these soon to be wed couples in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the next step in their relationships, Holy Matrimony

Ana Diez Canseco
&
Yoan Velazquez

Jessica Boisrond-Canal
&
Christian Damour

Antoinette Bastone
&
Kluckhohn Orion Ezra

Maria Jose Murphy
&
Allen Murphy



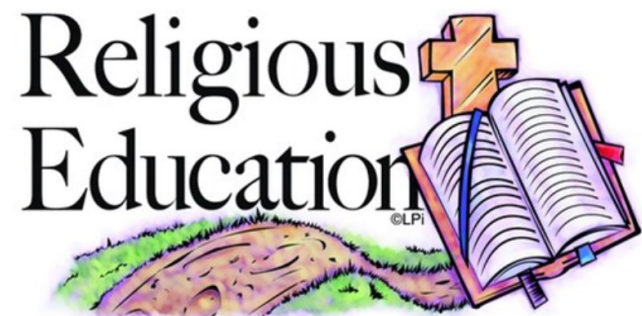
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which Diocese considers the Moon to be part of its territory?

- a: Diocese of Rome
- b: Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
- c: Diocese of Orlando
- d: Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva, & Fribourg



Answer: C- Orlando! The 1917 Code of Canon Law states that newly discovered territories are under the jurisdiction of the diocese the expedition originated from. In 1969, Bishop Donald Borders received the unofficial title "Bishop of the Moon".



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

Circle of Women Book Club!

Please note that the next meeting of the Circle of Women Book Club will be held at the Hauppauge Public Library on Monday September 16th at 2:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Meetings cancelled until further notice!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

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!





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



ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE



HARDY GARDEN MUMS (9" POT)

Red	_____	\$8.00 each
White	_____	\$8.00 each
Bronze	_____	\$8.00 each
Yellow	_____	\$8.00 each
Purple	_____	\$8.00 each

Pansies _____ \$8.00 each

Ornamental Cabbage _____ \$8.00 each

(Purple)

Ornamental Kale _____ \$8.00 each

(Purple)

Total Ordered \$ _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024

Flowers will be ready on October 5 & 6, 2024

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____

(Make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**)

