

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 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.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses September 14th - September 22nd 2024

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*

Monday, September 16th: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

9am- Helen M Rizzuto *by JoAnn Eyring*

Tuesday, September 17th:

9am- Margaret Gallo *by Mark & Karen Anderson*

Wednesday, September 18th:

9am- Dorothy Kammer *by The Barr Family*

Thursday, September 19th:

9am- Ellen Cleary *by Their Family*

Friday, September 20th: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

9am- Jimmy Doran *by Carolyn & Pete*

Saturday, September 21st: St Matthew

5pm- Richard Stout *by TJ & Kerryann*

Anthony D'Arco *by Rosalie Micieli*

Sunday, September 22nd: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Donald Ricupero *by The Ricupero Family*

Rose Borowski *by Paul, Kathy, & Amanda Borowski*

9:30am- Christopher Loring *by Joan Loring*

Fay Chambart *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

11:30am- Nicholas Conzo *by Angela Conzo*

Marilyn Gast *by Betty Kane*

Mark 9:30-37 (Ordinary 25)

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 25

Mark 9:30-37

- 1: Has there been a time when you did not understand, but were afraid to ask? Why?
- 2: Is it hard to put others ahead of you?
- 3: Why do you think children are so important in God's eyes?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk with your family about your friends. Do you argue about who is better at things? Are you okay with being second?

Readings for This Week

September 15th, 2024 (Ordinary 24)

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalm 116:1-6,8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Readings for Next Week

September 22nd, 2024 (Ordinary 25)

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Psalm 54:3-6,8

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

**"You are the
MESSIAH."
Mark 8:29**



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Late one night in an insane asylum one inmate shouted, "I am Napoleon."

Another asked, "How do you know?" The first inmate said, "God told me."

Just then, a voice from the next room shouted, "I did not."

In the world of varied opinions, sometimes we may feel that we live in a mad house. It is hard to discern the voice of truth amidst the noises we hear. They may sound good, attractive, and at times may sound very logical, pulling us from the road of truth we travel.

In today's first reading Isaiah instructs us, with his personal example, how God helped him to stay the course of truth against all odds. The first thing was to keep open himself without any rebellious spirit, turning back or abandoning his course. In his path of living God's truth Isaiah was ready to face any kind of suffering or hurdles. He could face any disgrace because his unshakable faith in God was his help. He was convinced that none could dispute or confront him because God was his help, and none could prove him wrong.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people say about him. His disciples voice the various opinions that people have about him, but Jesus does not settle for any opinion. His life was not modelled to live up to the expectation or favorable opinions of people, but to live the purpose that God has set for him. He could have done all his miracles and teachings in order to please people and maintain his popularity among them. But life does not consist of one's popularity or high poll numbers among the people. If popularity becomes the goal of life, the life will be shaped by the poll numbers... as it happens in today's political world.

He then asked them to express what they would say about Him. Peter expressed "You are the Christ." Yes, that is the way Jesus wanted them to be understood, accepted, and believed. But Jesus revealed to them something deeper than what all the others outside and His own disciples claimed Him to be. He began to teach them from this point in His life that they had not known of Him yet. He is not only a glorified Christ, but also a servant who will suffer and die for the people.

Jesus proclaims that His life is not merely what others accepted Him to be, but primarily what He is convinced of Himself. His own conviction is that He would reveal His true identity through His suffering, dying, and rising again. Even though Peter tried to distract him, Jesus never gave up his conviction, but invited to follow him.

'To follow him' is to understand and live our life from the spiritual conviction as Jesus did. Jesus invites us to live from the strength of the inner conviction that God reveals in each of us. Let us not be carried away by the opinions and description of life that the outside world offers to us. Let us reach our inner self in spiritual moments of prayer and allow God to reveal to us the meaning of our life. Let us pray for the strength to follow Jesus. Let us not be pulled away from God's revelation of who we are and what we should do.

We had a great Golf Outing on Monday September 9th. The weather was perfect and close to 100 golfers had a very good time playing and being together as the St. Thomas More Parish Community. Our Golf Committee headed by Ed Rogan deserves all our appreciation for having worked together since the month of February. I thank them all for their hard work, team spirit, and commitment. God bless them and their families.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
September 7th & 8th

\$5841

Thank You!

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

Calendar Club Winners

9/9 (\$25): Jaclyn & James Cotgreave (109)

9/10 (\$25): Marybeth Holdorf (591)

9/11 (\$25): Ralph C Marcello (441)

9/12 (\$25): Christian Castellano (606)

9/13 (\$25): Denise Murphy (1312)

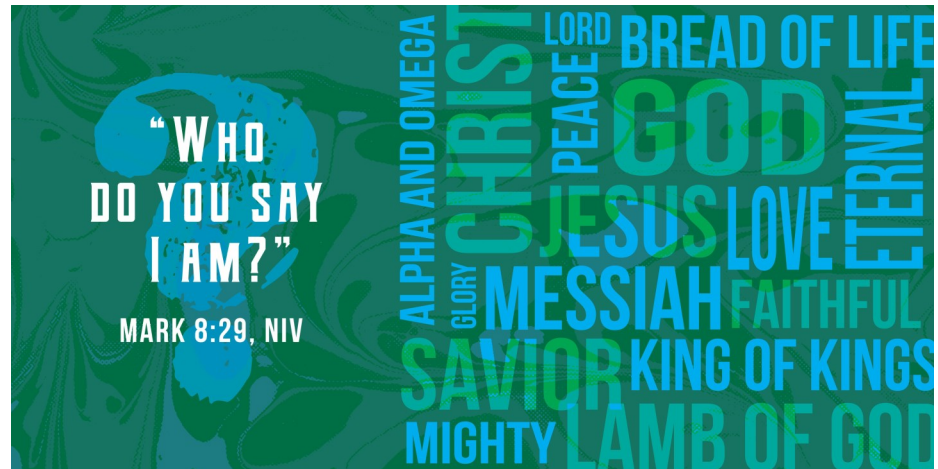
9/14 (\$25): John & Marie Reddy (1152)

9/15 (\$50): Keith & Lois Christianson (26)

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00PM

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	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



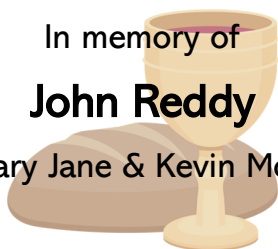
We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

9/16-9/22

In memory of
John Reddy

by Mary Jane & Kevin McGann



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

988
Children in America killed by
guns in 2024

“They shall beat their swords into
ploughshares, and their spears into
pruning-hooks” ~Isaiah 2:4

*Statistic from gunviolencearchive.org, retrieved Sept 10th 2024

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

“All great things are accomplished little by little. This mission of sainthood is accomplished one habit at a time.”

~John R Wood



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

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

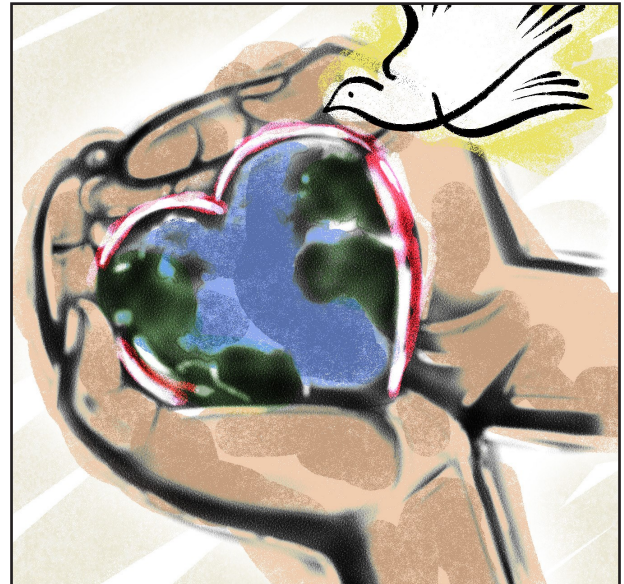
All the donations to restock our shelves!!

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.



FYI...

During the month of August, Parish Outreach was able to provide food to 69 families in our neighborhood. This includes 114 children and 105 adults!

In addition, we helped 32 families with back to school supplies, including 73 filled backpacks and 62 gift cards for school clothes.

We are so very grateful to you, our generous parishioners, who always step up to help those in need! May God's blessings shine on you and your families!



In today's Gospel Jesus says, "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps."

The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of job or an illness? Contact us, call 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

GOLF OUTING 2024

RAFFLE WINNERS

First Prize (\$1250)

Anthony Arpino

Second Prize (\$750)

Angelo DiFrancisco

Third Prize (\$500)

Lynda Cassetta

Twosome Winner

Robert Fiero



Convalidation Congratulations!

Congratulations to Victoria & Dylan Duffy, who had their marriage convalidated at St. Thomas More on Saturday September 7th! Convalidation is the process by which a couple that is already married civilly can enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony. Jesus now becomes the bond between them and their marriage is strengthened. If you weren't married in the Church (no matter how long ago) and would like to explore convalidation (it's really simple), please reach out to the Rectory.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Due to light pollution, the Vatican Observatory moved its primary telescope from Rome to...

- a: Manua Kea, Hawaii
- b: Antofagasta, Chile
- c: Halo Orbit, Earth-Sun Point L2
- d: Mount Graham, Arizona



Answer: D- The VATT is currently part of the Mount Graham International Observatory A and B are other large telescopes, while C is the famous James Webb Space Telescope



Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children in your prayers as they take the first step on the path of Catholicism!



Pre-Cana 2024

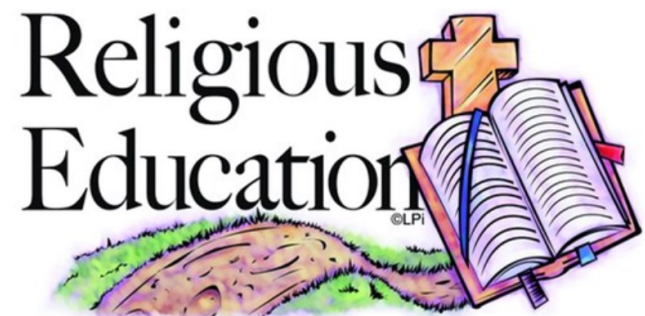
Please keep these soon to be wed couples in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the next step in their relationships, Holy Matrimony

Ana Diez Canseco
&
Yoan Velazquez

Jessica Boisrond-Canal
&
Christian Damour

Antoinette Bastone
&
Orion Ezra Kluckhohn

Maria Jose Murphy
&
Allen Murphy



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



BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

KATELYN HANRATTY
Ss. Cyril & Methodius
Deer Park



MICHAEL NIGRO
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge

EMILY TIRADO
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



MICHAEL RUPOLO
St. Joseph the Worker
East Patchogue



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!

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Children's Liturgy

Due to the damage in the White Room, Children's Liturgy is currently postponed. We are hopeful to restart it before the end of 2024. In the meantime, keep your eye on the bulletin and your ears on the announcements for more information. God Bless!



OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

bete
für

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

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молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למעננו

nobis



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!**

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

St. Thomas More RC Church

Thursday, September 19, 2024

1:30PM – 7:30PM

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge

Busmobile



Please make an appointment by scanning the QR code or call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybc.org. For medical eligibility please call 1-800-688-0900 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am – 5pm.

*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.*

STM Beach Mass 2024



It was too windy on the beach so we did Mass at the pavilion!





**A big thank you to the Knights
who set up, broke down, and
helped people grill for the picnic!**



The Vatican & Space

Did you know that the Church has a long-standing interest in astronomy and space? The Gregorian Calendar (which we currently use) was promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, developed through astronomical data. Pope Gregory commissioned the "Gregorian Tower", a very early observatory in Vatican City.

Through the 18th and 19th centuries, the Vatican Observatory (Specola Vaticana) was moved to a few different sites around Rome and became involved in the international astronomy community. The Vatican was heavily involved in the creation of the "Carte du Ciel", an international project to map the skies during the late 19th/early 20th centuries.

By the 1930's, the light pollution in Rome became too much to overcome, so Pope Pius XI moved the Observatory to Castel Gandolfo outside of Rome. However, by the 1960's the same problems arrived. This led to the establishment of the Vatican Observatory Research Group (VORG), with offices in Tucson, Arizona.

In 1993, the VORG completed the construction of the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope in Mount Graham, Arizona. The Observatory is still headquartered at Castel Gandolfo, but its primary imaging site remains the VATT in Arizona.

Fun Fact: Since 1906, every director of the Vatican Observatory has been a Jesuit. Currently, the Observatory is run by Brother Guy Consolmango, SJ. He is a strong proponent of religion and science working in tandem, and is the recipient of the Carl Sagan Medal and the St. Albert Award.



IF THE STARS WERE MADE TO WORSHIP
so will i

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**)

