

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses September 21st - September 29th 2024

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*

Monday, September 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina

9am- Dr Alberto Cayton *by Melissa, Tim, & Nick Diaz*

Tuesday, September 24th:

9am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Wednesday, September 25th:

9am- Doris McGrath *by Marcia Gaudet*

Thursday, September 26th:

9am- Matt O'Connell *by Michael & Vivian Jacobs*

Friday, September 27th: St Vincent de Paul

9am- Jim Murphy Sr *by Joan & Family*

Saturday, September 28th:

5pm- Carl Lehman *by Terry & Walter Happe*

William Lentino *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Sunday, September 29th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Charles Sanfilippo *by The Cherubino Family*

9:30am- James Mavec *by Mark & Karen Anderson*

Antonio Lanzetta *by The Eyring Family*

11:30am- Frank Lewis *by Liz & Freddy Tuck*

Richard Kane *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo*

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 (Ordinary 26)

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Focus Questions for Ordinary 26

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

- 1: Describe a time when you felt the presence of God in a place you didn't expect to.
- 2: Relate an experience of your group of friends or family misjudging others because they were "not one of us".
- 3: Relate a time when you literally gave water to someone who was thirsty.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about what you do to conserve water so there is enough water for everyone.

Readings for This 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

Readings for Next Week

September 29th, 2024 (Ordinary 26)

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 19:8,10,12-14

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A gorilla walked into a store and ordered a fifty-cent sundae. He put down a ten-dollar bill to pay for it. The clerk thought, "What can a gorilla know about money?" So he handed back a single dollar in change. As he did he said, "You know, we don't get many gorillas in here." "No wonder," answered the gorilla, "at nine dollars a sundae."

When we aim for a one-time big profit, we must be ready to lose a life-long customer. The right attitude towards life is 'not to get a momentary profit from it' but 'to embrace its fullness with a servant attitude.'

Today's Gospel invites us to be servants of life. Jesus, though Son of the almighty God, became Son of Man, a humble person to serve life to us. As God he could have delivered life for us with a single command, manifesting His power and might. But in God's wisdom Jesus decided to deliver life as servant. He did not impose, but offered life. By way of suffering and dying on the cross then rising again, he preferred to serve life to us. Jesus is not a God who forces/commands life upon us but embraces us with Him to grow with Him in life.

He advised his disciples to do the same. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." The life that comes from God is a living-force that falls upon us like the gentle rain, to germinate the seed that we have in us from the Word of God. Those who have a humble and open heart and mind like a Child will receive the life-force that God serves them. As St. Augustine says, "the God who created you without your permission will not save you without your permission". God waits for our permission to make our life alive and full. God in Jesus is not a God of violent leadership, to force upon you anything, but God is like a servant serving life when we open our heart like a child to receive it. Let us approach God like a child.

The restoration work in Walden Hall is not progressing as fast as we would wish. Last week we had a meeting with the adjustor from the insurance company to review where we stand and what we should do next. We are at the final stage of presenting all the required papers and expect them to be processed soon. As it stands, we may begin to do the roof work within a week or so. We have to finish the roof repairs first, which in turn will allow the interior work to take place. I will keep informing you of the progress. Thanks for your patience

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
September 14th & 15th

\$5880

Thank You!

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

Calendar Club Winners

9/16 (\$25): Eamon Phelan (518)

9/17 (\$25): Elene Napolitano (1226)

9/18 (\$25): Rich & Joanne Anelli (841)

9/19 (\$25): Charlotte Meineke (1201)

9/20 (\$25): Rosemarie Amoroso (1497)

9/21 (\$25): Virginia Zablocki (1419)

9/22 (\$50): Arturo & Laura Bisono (275)

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.



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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.

IF ANY MAN DESIRE
TO BE FIRST
 THE SAME SHALL
BE LAST OF ALL
 AND SERVANT OF ALL

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

9/23-9/29

In memory of

Joseph & Patricia Phelan

by Diane & Stephen Phelan



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
 The Capuchin Friars
 Fr Lenny Carlino
 Deacon Ed Vigneaux

Deacon Bob Weisz
 Deacon Matt Surico
 Bishop John Barres
 Pope Francis



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

Parish Social Ministry

“Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.” ~James 2:18

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.

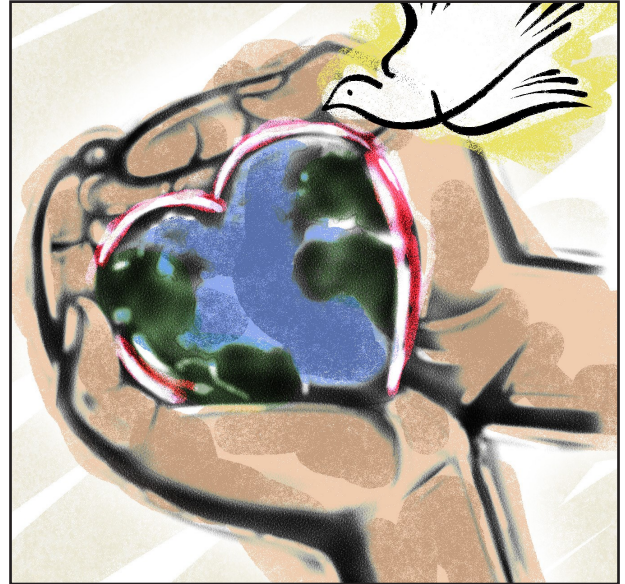


Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM
631-234-3149
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FYI...

Weekly Bereavement Group - St Anthony of Padua in East Northport. Begins 10/8 @ 6:30pm. To register, call 631-261-1077. Meetings: 10/5, 15, 22, 29 and 11/5, 12, 19, 26.

The Catholic Health Mobile Outreach Bus will be at St. Thomas More on Monday October 7th from 9:30am to 2pm. They will provide free health screenings, free flu vaccines, health education, referrals, and resources for those without insurance. No appointment necessary!



In today's Gospel Jesus 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."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the needy feel the arms of Jesus around them. To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

BANNS OF Marriage

SECOND 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



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!



SUNDAY Masses



JOIN US EVERY WEEK!

(VIGIL MASS) SATURDAYS @ 5PM

(QUIET MASS) SUNDAYS @ 8AM

(FAMILY MASS) SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM

(ADULT CHOIR) SUNDAYS @ 11:30AM

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. ~John 6:56

thank you, GOD

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How many Pope Pius' were Pope in the 20th century

- a: One
- b: Two
- c: Three
- d: Four



Answer: C (Pope Pius X from 1903-1914, Pius XI from 1922-1939, and Pius XII from 1939-1958)



Baptisms in our church

Congratulations! We were excited to welcome the following children into the Catholic Church during their recent baptisms:

Hunter Joseph Harsch
child of Darren & Jillian



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Meetings cancelled until
further notice!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

Pre-Cana 2024

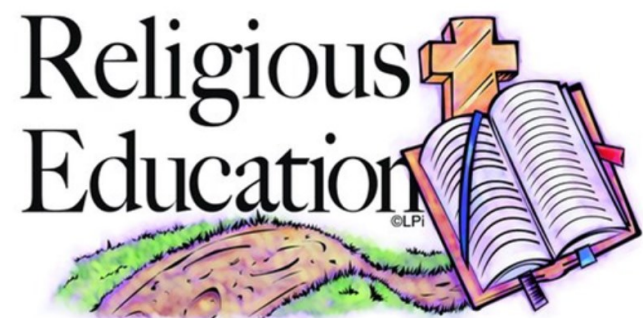
Please keep these soon to be wed couples in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the next step in their relationships, Holy Matrimony

Ana Diez Canseco
&
Yoan Velazquez

Jessica Boisrond-Canal
&
Christian Damour

Antoinette Bastone
&
Orion Ezra Kluckhohn

Maria Jose Murphy
&
Allen Murphy



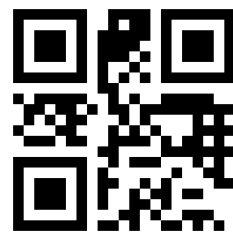
St. Thomas More

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



How to use QR codes



WHAT IS A QR CODE?

QR codes are a way of providing URLs (website links) in a quick and efficient form. Anyone with a smartphone can use a QR code to reach a website, connect to a WiFi network, or even make digital payments.

We are beginning to use QR codes more frequently within our Parish and publications. If you see one around the church or in the bulletin, give it a scan!

STEP 1: OPEN YOUR CAMERA

No need to have a special app! Just open the camera on your smartphone and you are ready to scan a QR code.

STEP 2: SCAN THE CODE

Aim your camera at the QR code that you want to scan, and hold it for a second. A web address or icon will appear on your screen.

STEP 3: CLICK THE LINK

That address or icon that popped up? Give it a click, and you are well on your way! Enjoy the content that you reached via QR code!



ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †

"United in the Love of Christ"

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

ادعونا لنا

молися за нас

bete
für

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

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молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למעוננו

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!**

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**)



Youth Group, Sept. 15th

Kick Off BBQ!!



Follow us on
Instagram!

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 **YOUTH GROUP**
+ ST. THOMAS MORE +

Upcoming Meetings
Sundays 12:30-2:30
September 22nd
September 29th



Catholic
Health

Mobile Outreach Bus Free Health Screenings & Flu Vaccinations

Coming to STM on October 7th!

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



St. Thomas More RCC

115 Kings Highway

Hauppauge, NY 11788

Monday, October 7th 2024

9:30am-2:00pm

Services for adults (18+):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- **Free flu vaccination** (senior dose available)

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



gentleness

Peace

good
fruit

mercy

purity

right

The fruit of righteousness
is sown in peace...

... by those who
make peace. James
3:18