

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



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OCTOBER 6TH, 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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses October 5th - October 13th 2024

Saturday, October 5th:

5pm- Ana Gheorghiu *by Their Family*

Intentions of the Leopold Family *by Their Family*

Sunday, October 6th: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Marlene Aversano *by Terry & Walter Happe*

9:30am- Thomas F Keegan *by Ed Baer*

Camilia Guendel *by Clay & Kathy Chin*

11:30am- Richard Kane *by The STM Columbiettes*

Frank Lewis *by Your Loving Wife Pat*

Monday, October 7th: Out Lady of the Rosary

9am- Deacon Al Pankus *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

Tuesday, October 8th:

9am- Matt O'Connell *by Marie & Ross Bracco*

Wednesday, October 9th:

9am- Deacon Al Pankus *by Ann Lamia & Family*

Thursday, October 10th:

9am- Mary Katherin Loth *by Mary Ellen & Joanne*

Friday, October 11th:

9am- James John *by Joan Oscar*

Saturday, October 12th:

5pm- Maryanne Sudler *by Their Family*

Loretta Ricciardelli *by Betty Vrondis & The Holdorf Family*

Sunday, October 13th: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Sam Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

9:30am- Bernard Nagel *by The Nick Family*

Mary Katherine Loth *by Marti & John White*

11:30am- Maryanne Sudler *by Their Family*

Peter Catalano *by The St Thomas More Choir*

Mark 10:17-30 (Ordinary 28)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 28

Mark 10:17-30

- 1: What commandments do you have the hardest time observing?
- 2: What more can you do to be saved?
- 3: What can you give up to help follow Jesus more closely?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the importance of giving to others who have less.

Readings for This Week

October 6th, 2024 (Ordinary 27)

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 128:1-6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Readings for Next Week

October 13th, 2024 (Ordinary 28)

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Marriage Counselor: Do you enjoy talking to each other?

Counselee: We enjoy talking to each other, but the problem is listening to each other.

In today's Gospel a Pharisee reminded Jesus how the law of Moses stipulates the husband's legal right to divorce his wife. Jesus explained to him that the marriage as a legal contract can easily be divorced by law. But is marriage just a law-based institution? Does marriage have anything more than the legal rite of the spouses over each other?

Jesus explained that marriage is a union blessed by God. It is not just a legal contract but a union of two becoming one flesh intended and blessed by God. It is not just two persons living together as long as they like or trying to adjust/tolerate each other, claiming and maintaining their individual rights. Marriage is the most intimate union of a woman and a man trying to live together, which is having within it the potential to grow as two persons becoming one flesh. In marriage the man loses in woman, his otherness to his woman; likewise, the woman loses in man her otherness to her man. Their marital union is so blessed by God that there is no otherness to each other, but only the rich oneness in which each of them grow their newness of being in each other in their individual self.

St. Paul calls this new oneness that happens between the partners in marriage a mystery like that of Christ in Church and the Church in Christ. (Letter to Ephesians 5:28-32). Marriage is a sacred mystery in the sense that it has a bigger hidden truth which is realized every day in living the oneness between the husband and wife. Let us pray that God helps all the married couples to realize God's blessings of oneness in living their marriage every day.

Yes, the Gospel of Jesus upholds the dignity and the integrity of the marriage, which is a God-intended inseparable unity between the husband and wife. But we also know the challenges the sacrament of marriage faces these days. The materialism and secularism have diminished the inner spiritual power. The close unit of an enlarged family has now shrunk to a two generation family of parents and children, which is eventually shrinking further to leaving the elderly parents to live by themselves in the evening of their lives. Thus, the help, guidance and the encouragement from the older generation is not readily available for the younger ones. The marriage union is becoming more challenged to greater risk than any time in the past. Let us pray that God makes our human hearts soft and generous, that love in our families may create the strongest bond that would empower the married couples to live through all challenges.

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary: "The family that prays together stays together" is an adage. The Rosary is a family prayer that all the generations of a family can pray together. October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. If your work or other concerns of daily life do not give enough you time to pray the full Rosary, please try to come together as a family to pray a decade of the Rosary. In our bulletin please find the instructions on how to pray the Rosary.

Respect Life Sunday: This Sunday, October 6th is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
September 28th & 29th

\$5088

Thank You!

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

Calendar Club Winners

9/30 (\$25): Dominick Mancuso (1499)

10/1 (\$25): Brian Eyring (787)

10/2 (\$25): Diane & Steve Phelan (875)

10/3 (\$25): Susan Sorrentino (750)

10/4 (\$25): Keith & Lois Christianson (776)

10/5 (\$25): Alice Longwell (6)

10/6 (\$50): Robert Nachtman (1110)

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.

We Saved a
seat for you

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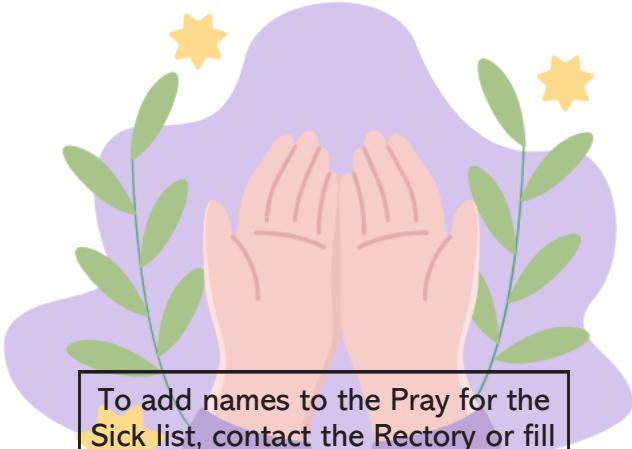
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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Meagan
Ellen Murphy



To add names to the Pray for the Sick list, contact the Rectory or fill out a card found in the literature rack and place it in a collection basket.

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Regina Lane
Linda Dowling
Kathleen Rudy
John Molloy



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.

PRAY
FOR
PEACE

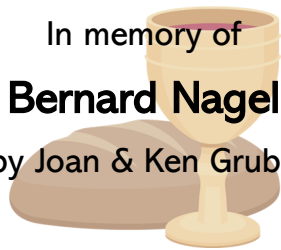
LET'S UNITE IN LOVE
AND UNDERSTANDING TO CREATE A
PEACEFUL WORLD.



Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

10/7-10/13

In memory of
Bernard Nagel
by Joan & Ken Grube



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	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

“Preach the Gospel at all times and,
when necessary, use words.”

~St. Francis of Assisi



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...**

Canned Vegetables

Soup

Fruit

Tuna

Boxed Milk

Small Laundry Detergent

We are always in need of
Paper Towels and Toilet Paper

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.

FYI...

During the month of September your
donations provided food for 63 families!
This includes 94 children and 105 adults.
We are always grateful for any and all
donations!

Reminder!

The Catholic Health Mobile Outreach Bus
will be at St. Thomas More this Monday,
October 7th, from 9:30am to 2pm.

They will provide free health screenings,
free flu vaccines, health education, referrals
(if needed), and resources for those without
insurance. No appointment necessary. We
encourage you to take advantage of this
free service!

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.

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JUSTICE



In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples: “Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to our children in need.

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com

BANNS OF Marriage

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

MICHAELA CROSBY
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



NICHOLAS NUZZI
Sacred Heart
Merrick

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

JULIA MCNEILL
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



THOMAS HUGHES
St. Francis Cabrini
Coram

CHRISTINA MARSALA
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



EVAN DIDYK
Our Lady of Hope
Carle Place



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!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The the Hail Mary, we say
"blessed are you among women."
Who first said those words?

- a: The Angel Gabriel
- b: St Elizabeth
- c: St Joseph
- d: The Three Magi



Answer: B (St Elizabeth). When Mary greeted her, and John jumped in Elizabeth's womb, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and said those words!

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



Baptisms in our church

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

Hannah Jean Gross
child of Mallory & Mathew

Harlow Helen Hickey
child of Valentina & Terrence



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Meetings cancelled until
further notice!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

Pre-Cana 2024

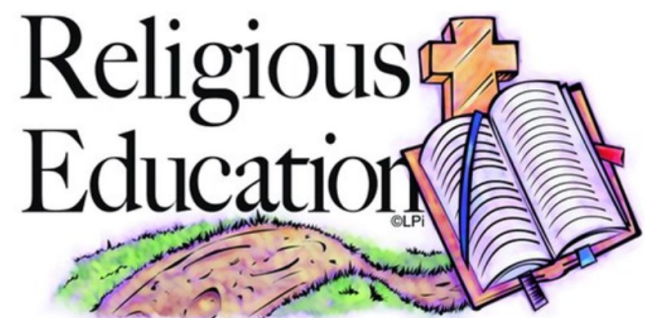
Join us at Mass on
Saturday October 12th at 5pm
to pray for these soon to be
wed couples!

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



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

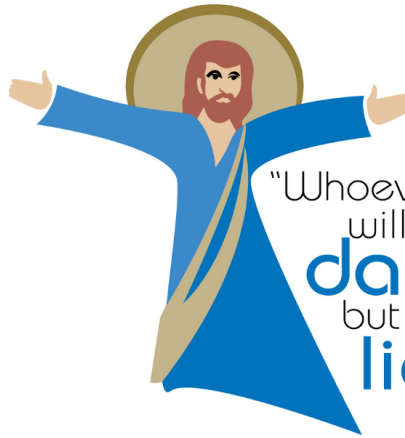
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STAY TUNED



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



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.



OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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St. Thomas More Choir

Have you ever felt the joy of singing from your heart? Imagine raising your voice in harmony with others, filling the church with heavenly music, and being part of something truly special

Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or simply love to sing, we welcome you! No formal training is required—just a love for music and a desire to be part of a beautiful tradition. Every voice matters, and together we create something magical that touches hearts and souls at every Mass.

Why join?

Make a Joyful Noise: Use your gift of music to glorify God

Build Community: Connect with fellow parishioners in a fun, welcoming environment

Lift Spirits: Help lead worship and inspire others through song.

When?

Children

Rehearsal: Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Mass: Sundays 9:30

Adults

Rehearsal: Thursdays 7-8:30

Mass: Sundays 11:30



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+):

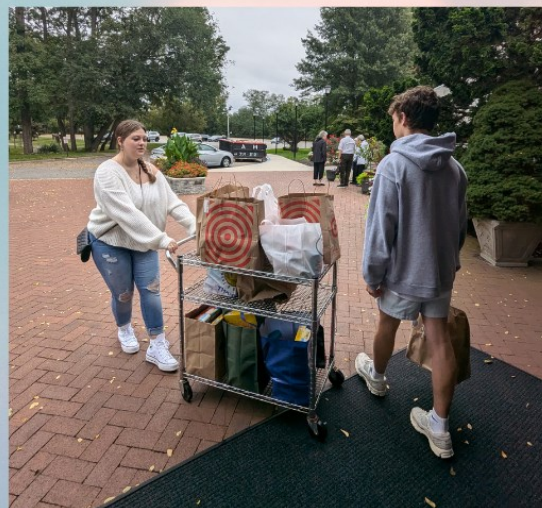
- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- **Free flu vaccination** (senior dose available)

Youth Group, Sept. 29th

The Seven Sacraments



Last Sunday we attended mass, did a Sacrament themed word search, took the donations to Outreach, watched a video explaining the readings, learned about The Seven Sacraments and prayed for each others special intentions!



Follow us on Instagram!

@stm_yg

 YOUTH GROUP
† ST. THOMAS MORE †

Upcoming Meetings
Sundays 12:30-2:30

October 6th
October 20th



I CAME SO THAT
THEY MIGHT HAVE

LIFE

Respect Life



Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ?

LISTEN!–PRAY!–REFLECT!–DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Wednesday, October 23rd

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

1:00PM, Saturday, October 26th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

7:00PM, Tuesday, October 29th

St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Road

RSVP by Monday, October 21st,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

We look forward to seeing you!

How to pray the Rosary



- 1: Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed
- 3: On the first bead, say an Our Father
- 4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each
- 5: Say the Glory Be
- 6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father
- 7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.

8: After finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

1. The Annunciation to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

