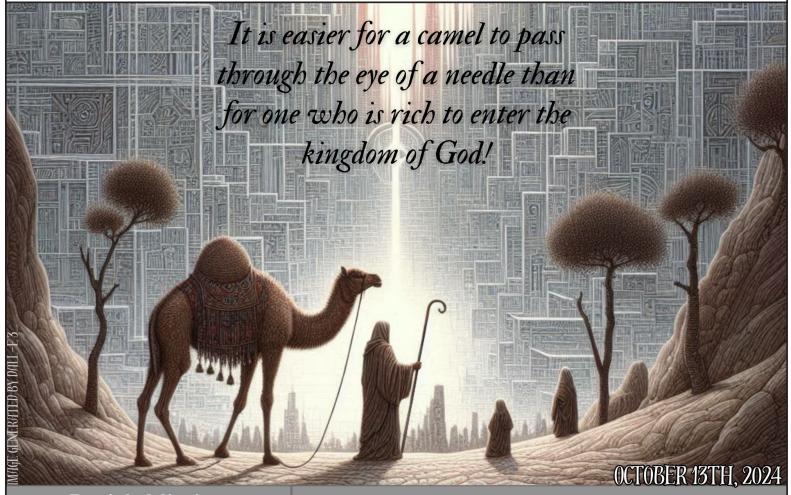
Catholic Church Community of

Sharing the Spirit

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses October 12th - October 20th 2024

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

Sowrilamma Reddy by Fr Antony

11:30am- Maryanne Sudler by Their Family

Peter Catalano by The St Thomas More Choir

Monday, October 14th:

9am- Thomas Romano by The Calcagni Family

Tuesday, October 15th: St Teresa of Jesus

9am- Joseph Parella by Margie Demshock

Wednesday, October 16th:

9am- Leo Ramos by The Ramos Family

Thursday, October 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch

9am- Edward Skrzypek by Mary Ellen Skrzypek

Friday, October 18th: St Luke

9am-Scott E Smith by Donna & Sid Smith

Saturday, October 19th: Sts John de Brebuef & Issac Jogues

5pm- Tadeusz Pietrzak by Their Family

Helen Cocchi by Terri Needham

Sunday, October 20th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Thomas Facone by Aurelie Miller & John Hendry

9:30am- Bernard Nagel by Ed Baer

Joseph S Lombardi Jr by The Crociata & Lombardi Families

11:30am- Richard Stout by Mom

Virginia Lane by Scott & Gwen Contrera

Readings for This Week

October 13th, 2024 (Ordinary 28)

Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Readings for Next Week

October 20th, 2024 (Ordinary 29)
Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

Mark 10:35-45 (Ordinary 29)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 29 Mark 10:35-45

1: Where do you feel called to serve?

2: How has your understanding of leading by serving evolved over time?

3: Relate a time when you willingly gave up praise or awards out of humility.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about a time when you put the needs of

Others first.





Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Sunday schoolteacher: Can anyone tell me the story of Adam and Eve?

Little girl: First God created Adam. Then God looked at him and said, "I think I could do better if I tried again." So, God created Eve.

God has created us humans with a creative spirit that we can become better every day. Nothing in creation, especially humans, are a system/machines set to go forever mechanically and repeatedly doing the same thing. We are a living organism to grow, change, improve, and excel.

Today's Gospel invites us to grow to our best. The young man asked the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He thought that life is a product of what one does or accomplishes. Jesus pointed out to him that life is not merely a product of what one does or fails to do. Life involves much more than one's doing. Jesus started by asking what the commandments ask him to do. The man expressed how the demands of the law had not given him the satisfaction of living life. "Teacher, all of these I have observed from youth." These words expressed his frustration to Jesus, that what he was doing was not sufficient enough to answer his initial question of, "what else must he do to get eternal life?"

Jesus then opened to him the spiritual reality of Life. Life does not consist of doing something in order to possess it as a thing. Life is like a flower that blossoms spreading its beauty and perfume. Doing something to get life is an attempt to customize life according to what we want. But life is much bigger than what we can do in order to get it. We should allow life to blossom in us in its own beauty and fragrance. We don't design life, rather we blossom life. The blossoming of life happens in ones' giving.

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... ". Life begins to blossom in selling oneself fully at the service of others, especially the poor who struggle to live. Life is a moment of LIVING and blossoming and spreading out the fragrance, the best of ourselves and adding to the existing beauty in the world by serving and loving others. Life is a living moment of offering freely, not constraining/limiting to do what one likes to do. In short, life is lived in giving. To live is not simply to reduce ourselves into a system of what we consider as life. Rather to live is to break the system and mechanics of our ego by giving life to others. The more one gives the more that person begins to live.

October 31st **Halloween - November 1**st **All Saints.** The origin of the word *Halloween* is Christian. *Halloween* falls on the evening before the Christian holy day of <u>All Hallows' Day</u> (also known as *All Saints'*, *Hallowmas* or *Hallowtide*) on November 1st and <u>All Souls' Day</u> on November 2nd, thus giving the holiday on October 31st the full name of *All Hallows' Eve* which in popular use became *Halloween*. God calls us to be saints and has given us the power to become saints. Thus, when we celebrate our inner power and identity of being saints on November 1st, we rightfully ridicule and make fun of evil on the eve (October 31st) of 'All Saints' feast. Halloween costumes are geared towards making fun of the evil only to highlight the Goodness and the Saintliness we are created with.

All Saints Day and Costume Mass is at 7:00pm on Friday November 1st: In the background of what I explained above I invite all children, teens and adults with your Halloween costumes to attend the All-Saints mass on Friday, November 1st at 7:00 pm.

Next Sunday October 20th is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionaries and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world,

here at home and in the Missions, gather at the Eucharistic table, let us pray for the Church's worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: October 5th & 6th

\$6795

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

10/7 (\$25): Diane & Steve Phelan (1212)

10/8 (\$25): Rick Mallen (829)

10/9 (\$25): Mary Ellen Conway (1344)

10/10 (\$25): Charlotte Meineke (376)

10/11 (\$25): Matt & Christina Barrera (377)

10/12 (\$25): Lou & Kathy DeSantis (1304)

10/13 (\$50): Marilyn Miller (1170)



Thank You!

Through your generosity, we raised \$1894 in Hurricane Relief funds! Please keep those affected in your prayers!

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Barbara Foberg
Linda Heller
Betty Labetti
Maryann Landi
Richard Landi
Marge McGowan
Meagan
Ellen Murphy
Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Rita Schug
Noah Simonetti
Janet Ward
Lorraine White

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 Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:

Troy A. Maida
Connor Hendrickson
Evan Hendrickson
Ryan Smith
Will Maley

Joseph Kirsch
Allen Kirsch
Nicholas Gajda
Alexandria Feys Gajda
Andrew Lynch

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

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

10/14-10/20

In memory of

Sheila Samson

by their Family

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

Pray for the Deceased

Geraldine Daguanno

Louise Scaglione

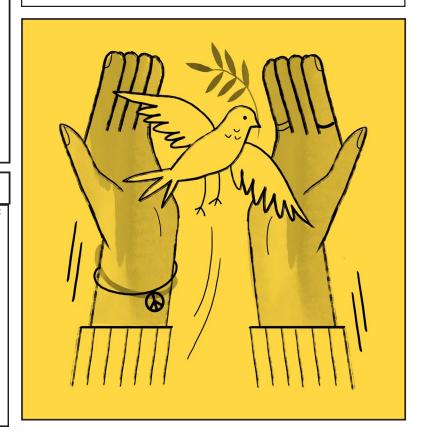
Regina Lane

Linda Dowling

Kathleen Rudy

John Molloy

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.



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

"Identity starts with inner strength

 knowing who you are and who you serve." ~Jason Witten

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.



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.



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

Did you know?

- According to a recent Newsday article, single women with children on LI have higher poverty rates than other groups, at 10.9% (2023 US Census)
- The federal poverty rates for LI are lower than the rates for the nation and NYS because the low poverty income threshold masks the true level of poverty on LI, with its high cost of living for housing, child care, and transportation.
- For a family of 2 adults and 2 children, the 2023 poverty threshold was \$30,900 which would qualify families for many government benefits. Many families on LI making more than that still struggle.
- Suffolk County saw an increase in its poverty rate, rising from 6.2% in 2022 to 8.3% in 2023.
- A 2022 report on "self sufficiency standards" noted than an adult with a preschooler needed to earn \$76,244, and 2 adults with a preschooler and a school aged child needed to earn 102,682 to be self-sufficient in 2021, noting the cost of child care.
- When the 2022 Child Tax Credit expired, the poverty level for children nearly doubled (Newsday, 10/3/2024)



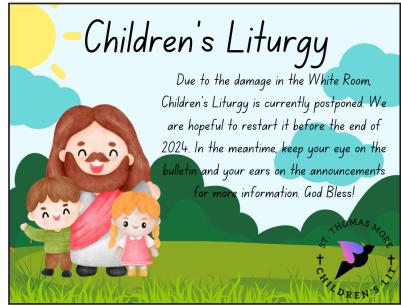
In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then, come follow me."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Call us at 631-648-2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com







Bronze Pelican Awardee

Congratulations to Parishioner John White, who on Sunday 10/6 was awarded the Bronze Pelican by the Diocese, an emblem given to recognize outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting.

John was in attendance at the Convocation Ceremony at St. Elizabeth of Hungary with a group of scouts who he counselled through their Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem.



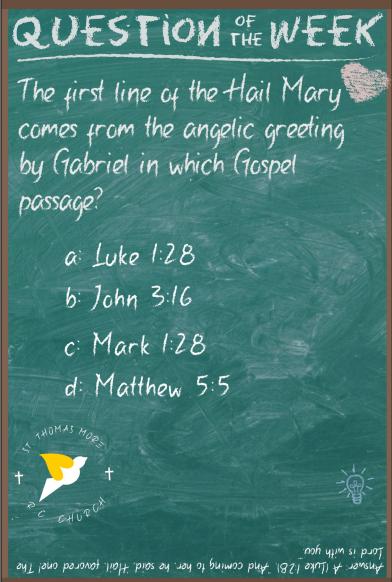




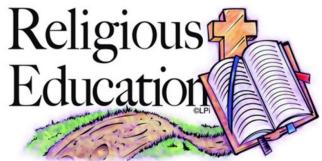
Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Friday 10/25 10am @ Hauppauge Palace Diner Please RSVP to Anna 631-234-0714







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Religious Education Registration 2024/2025 School Year

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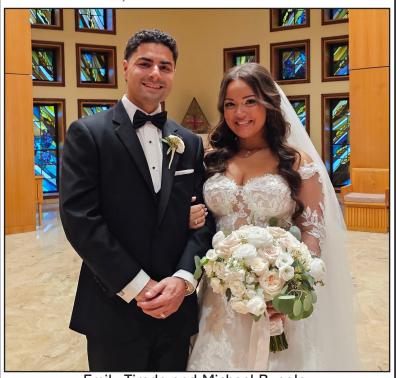


If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



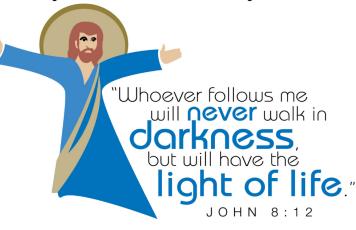
Please pray for these beautiful couples

Please pray for these beautiful &ouples who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Thomas More!



Emily Tirado and Michael Rupolo October 5th, 2024

Have you been called by Name?



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.

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A NEW EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

PILGRIMAGE ENCOUNTER MISSION

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION. PRAYER, PICTURES, MUSIC, AND REFRESHMENT

FEATURING...

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

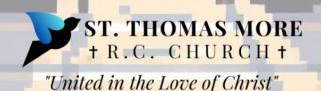
A LAY PERSON'S JOURNEY OF BODY AND FAITH ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, AND THE PEOPLE HE MET ON THE WAY

FRIDAY 10/25 @ 7PM

IN THE CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX







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



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
- 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

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Sunday November 3rd 9am-1pm

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Help support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at their annual clothing drive!

The big truck will be parked here at church, and volunteers will be available to help move items from your car.



AND WHY WE SHOULD PRAY IT DAILY

THE FOLLOWING COME DIRECTLY FROM MARY, AS GIVEN TO ST DOMINIC AND BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE

- 1: Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
- 2: I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
- 3: The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- 4: The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.
- 5: The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
- 6: Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred musteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune.
- 7: Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
 - ST. THOMAS MORE + R.C. CHURCH + "United in the Love of Christ"

- 8: Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces.
- 9: I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
- 10: The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- 11: By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
 - 12: Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- 13: I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
 - 14: All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
 - 15: Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.