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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https://www.stmli.org

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Masses October 12th - October 20th 2024

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

Monday, October 21st:

9am- Mary Loth by Dottie Castaldo

Tuesday, October 22nd:

9am- Elida Louis by Jean & Marie Marsala

Wednesday, October 23rd:

9am- Anna & Joseph Beltrani (Living) by Their Loving Family

Thursday, October 24th:

9am- Cirilo Castro by Their Family

Friday, October 25th:

9am- MaryBeth Weidig by Mom & Dad

Saturday, October 26th:

5pm- Christina Ayasse by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa

Sunday, October 27th:

8am-Ralph Molinaro by Their Family

Edward J Borowski by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski

9:30am- Peter Catalano by Marilyn Amodio

Bernie & Agnes Nagel by Mary Romano

11:30am- William Hoell by Catherin Kalinsky

Christopher Loring by Elisa Kerenyi

Mark 10:46-52 (Ordinary 30)

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Focus Questions for Ordinary 30 Mark 10:46-52

- 1: Describe a time when your faith healed you.
- 2: Relate a time when you called out to Jesus for help and help came.
- 3: Relate a time when you had difficulty seeing.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the importance of prayer when you feel lost or uncertain. Share an experience of a time when your prayer was answered.

Readings for This 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

Readings for Next Week

October 27th, 2024 (Ordinary 30)

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126:1-6 Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

A woman lost her purse in a shopping center. An honest lad found it and returned it to her. "That's funny," commented the woman, "before I lost my bag, there was a twenty-dollar bill in it. Now I find two fives and ten one-dollar bills."

That's right lady," agreed the honest lad. "The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

The disciples expected something as a reward from Jesus for having followed Him. Once Peter asked Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" In today's Gospel, 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." "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They were ready to do anything Jesus would ask, to get these places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. In answer to their wish, Jesus explained how God reigns in His Kingdom.

The positions in the Kingdom are not like those one gets in a human world. They are not rewarded for the person's performance. No one claims the ladder by outperforming the other. In Jesus's kingdom no one is a boss to order the other, nor is anyone under the other to be treated at the wish and self-advantage of the other.

The Kingdom belongs to God who calls people as servants to each other. The kingdom people are empowered to live as Jesus, the Son of God did, who lived proclaiming and establishing God's kingdom not by being served but by serving. Service is the essential mode of living as kingdom people. One climbs up the ladder to be a boss only by their readiness to be a servant of all whose boss they are.

<u>'To be in authority over people'</u> must be founded in 'one's will and readiness to serve them'. The first reading is the Isaian prophesy foretelling how God would save the people by sending his servant who would accomplish salvation through His suffering and affliction. God's leadership is not in claiming one's power over the people but in surrendering the self in serving. Only by becoming a slave serving the world His salvation from the Cross, Jesus lived His Godhood. In Christ's words, authority means service. The slave of the people is their leader.

In the second reading we are invited to realize the same truth. God healed the guilt and alleviated the suffering of many by sending his Son as a servant suffering for them. God's servant, Jesus is the one who sympathizes with our weaknesses by being tested in every way like us. Knowing all our suffering and pain, Jesus served God's mercy to us. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

During the month of November, we pray for the dead. Starting Saturday the 2nd of November to Thursday the 7th of November, we pray the Novena masses for all the deceased. Please include the names of your beloved deceased in the All-Souls envelopes and place them in the collection basket by October 31st. All Soul envelopes are found in the Narthex.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony





Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: October 12th & 13th

\$6601

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 10/14 (\$25): Al & Eileen Weidig (1029) 10/15 (\$25): Joan & David Marro (364) 10/16 (\$25): Rich & Joanne Anelli (720) 10/17 (\$25): STM Outreach (1414) 10/18 (\$25): Al & Eileen Weidig (550) 10/19 (\$25): Diane & Steve Phelan (618) 10/20 (\$50): Amelia Cordina (992)



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Lillian Catalano
Barbara Foberg
Linda Heller
Betty Labetti
Maryann Landi
Richard Landi
Marge McGowan
Meagan
Ellen Murphy
Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Rita Schug
Noah Simonetti
Andrew M Valentine
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

Troy A. Maida
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

10/21-10/27

In memory of

Thomas & Elizabeth Atkinson

by Diane & Stephen Phelan

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

Pray for the Deceased

James Dove

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

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Please help us so we can continue to help others...

Cereal
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Mac & Cheese
Potatoes
Drinks
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

Upcoming Events...

- Learn to be Tobacco Free: weekly series offered by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. Based on the CDC's Clinical Practice Guidelines, this program provides important information about the 3 aspects of nicotine dependence: biological, psychological, and behavioral. To register, call Debora @ 631-853-2928 or email her at Debora.rippel@suffolkcountyny.gov
 Program begins on Monday 10/21
- Job Fair: Wednesday October 23rd, arranged by Suffolk County One Stop Employment Center. Northport Public Library, 151 Laurel Ave, Northport. 10am to 12pm



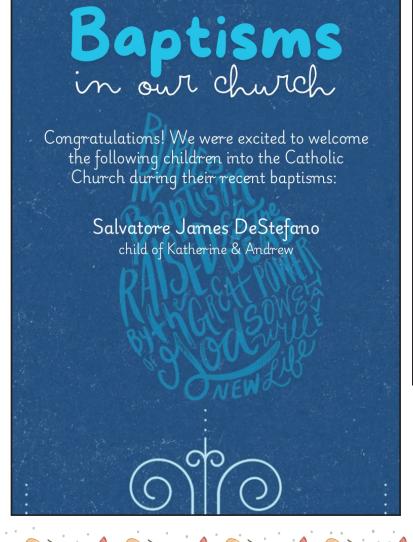


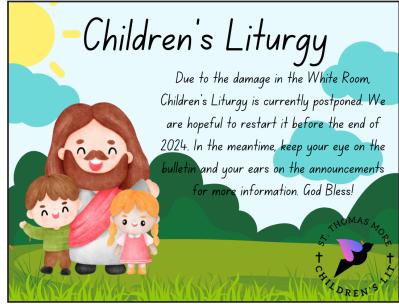
In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

Our parishioners hear these words and always respond in a very generous way. CAN YOU HELP NOW? Our greatest need right now is to raise the funds needed to help others, but due to the recent damage to our church, that must be delayed a few months. PLEASE consider making a donation at this time.

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







Pre Cana Mass

On Saturday 10/12 we celebrated Mass with the four couples who completed Pre-Cana. We are so proud of them for making the choice to marry in the Church. Please continue to pray for them as they take this next step in their lives together.







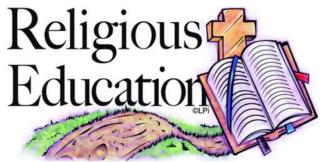
Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

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







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



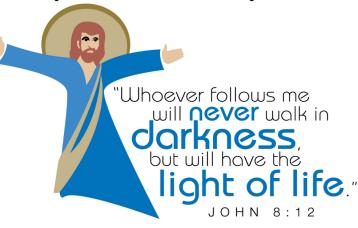
Parish Meddings

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



Samantha Novak & John Goode October 13th, 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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St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Fiscal Report - September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024 Fiscal Report - September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023

Where It Came From

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Regular Collection	\$ 616,668	\$ 627,354
Fund Raising	\$ 34,048	\$ 24,103
Parish Programs	\$ 87,478	\$ 81,007
Auxiliary Revenue	\$ 83,822.	\$ 97,899
Collection For Others	\$ 16,689	\$ 18,559
Non-Operating Income	\$ 51,126	\$ 159,245
Extraordinary Income	\$ 105,955	\$ 4,061
Total	\$ 995.786	\$ 1,012,228
Where It Went		
Salaries	\$ 323,950	\$ 299,849
Fringe Benefits	\$ 122,920	\$ 113,247
Parish Programs	\$ 65,770.	\$ 70,848
Regional School	\$ 68,884	\$ 74,000
Printing & Office	\$ 68,857	\$ 62,138
Auxiliary Expenditures	\$ 72,493	\$ 70,809
Rectory/Household	\$ 3,977	\$ 4,217
Collection For Others	\$ 16,689	\$ 18,559
Bldgs. Util & Maintenance	\$ 177,582	\$ 186,273
Non-Operating Capital Expenses	\$ 16,107	\$ 25,353
Total	\$ 937,229	\$ 925,293
Net Difference	\$ 58,557	\$ 86,935

Summation:

As you may note, fiscal year 2023-2024 ended with a modest improvement in our financial position. Our collections increased over the previous year despite the impact of inflation felt by each household. We thank you for your generosity in these fiscally challenging times. The significant increase in non-operating income was due to the growth of our investments and diligent management of our investment portfolio.

The expenses incurred also showed improvement from the previous year. The most significant change was the reduction in salaries and fringe benefits which resulted from having the staff work part-time rather than full time. On the other hand, the other accounts indicated minor changes in expenses accrued. The net result was an approximately \$30,000 improvement in our fiscal posture year to year.

Submitted by Financial Committee, approved by Father Antony Asir



Detail of Where It Comes From

Regular Collections

\$ 627,354

- Collections for Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter

Fund Raising

\$ 24,103

- Includes rebates from Catholic Ministries Appeal, Gains and losses from fund-raising events such as Feast Weekend, Calendar Club, Raffle, Golf Outing

Parish Programs

\$ 81,007

- Funds received from Religious Education fees, Parish Social Ministry, Youth Ministry

Auxiliary Revenue

\$ 97,899

- Includes Maintenance & Repair Fund; wedding, funeral, and baptism offerings; LI Catholic, donations from societies, bulletin commission

Collection for Others

\$ 18,559

- All special non-parish collections and special disaster collections that are collected and then forwarded in their entirety

Non-Operating Revenue

\$ 159,245

- Gains and losses from Investment Fund; unrealized gains and losses from investments

Extraordinary Revenue

4,06

- Targeted & restricted donations (including Capital Campaign)

Detail of Where It Went

Salaries

\$ 299,849

- Clergy, church office staff (1 f/t + 2 p/t days. Religious Ed staff (2 + 1 p/t), music ministry (1 + 1 p/t), youth ministry (1 p/t), plant operations (2 p/t)

Fringe Benefits

\$ 113,247

- Includes health & dental insurance, FICA taxes, pension, workers' comp insurance

Parish Programs

\$ 70,848

- Includes religious education non-employee expenses, social ministry non-employee expenses, youth ministry non-employee expenses, adult education (like Bible Study), consolation ministry, RCIA, stewardship, parish retreat

Regional School

\$ 74,000

- Churches without their own parochial school contribute 15% of regular collections to the Diocesan Education fund, since our regional school closed.

Printing & Office

\$ 62,138

- Includes postage, printing supplies, phone, payroll fees, computer fees, equipment

Auxiliary Expenditures

\$ 70,809

- Includes liturgical expenses, choir expenses, diocesan assessment, staff gifts

Rectory Household

\$ 4,217

- Includes rectory food, household cleaning supplies, newspapers, items needed to maintain a household

Collection for Others

\$ 18,559

- All monies collected on behalf of others are forwarded entirely to their respective entities (i.e. Missions, Rice Bowl, Peter's Pence)

Buildings - Utilities & Maintenance

\$ 186,273

- Includes National Grid, LIPA, heating oil, water, contracted maintenance services, ordinary repairs & maintenance, maintenance supplies, minor rectory renovations, insurance premiums

Non-Operating Capital Expenses

\$ 25,353

- Includes improvements from the Capital Campaign

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

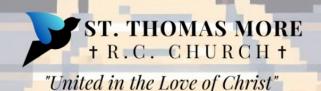
A LAY PERSON'S JOURNEY OF BODY AND FAITH ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, AND THE PEOPLE HE MET ON THE WAY

FRIDAY 10/25 @ 7PM

IN THE CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX









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!

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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF LONG ISLAND

Serving the Catholic community across Long Island since 1856

CANDLE LIGHTING VESPERS SERVICES

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island invites all families to attend our **Candle Lighting Vespers Services** on **Sunday, October 27**th at **3 PM.**

Vespers is a traditional and solemn evening prayer service of thanksgiving and praise in the Roman Catholic liturgy. We welcome you to join us in our Chapels at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Queen of Peace Cemetery, and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery as we honor the memories of those who have been laid to rest at our cemeteries. The ceremonies will include prayer, song, and a candle lighting service. During each service, all attendees will have the opportunity to say aloud the name of their dearly departed family members and friends.

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Locations

Cemetery of the Holy Rood

111 Old Country Rd, Westbury, NY 11590

Queen of Peace Cemetery

321 Jericho Tpke, Old Westbury, NY 11568

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727





Liturgical Minister Training-Fall 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors. You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A

Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Thursday, Nov. 14 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A

• Lector Workshop

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A 9 am 12 noon
 - \bullet Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part B $\,$ 1pm 4 pm

(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration is NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

All Saints' Day 1s

Solemnity in the Catholic Church in which we honor all the Saints in heaven, both known and unknown.

All Saints' Day is a <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>. Please celebrate with us at St. Thomas More:

Fri Nov 1st at 9am Fri Nov 1st at 7pm

The evening Mass on November 1st is our annual costume mass. Please bring your children in their Halloween costumes!



CLOTHING Drivo.





Sunday November 3rd 9am-1pm

© St. Thomas More Religious Education Office



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.



ALL SOULS' DAY

A special memorial Mass will be held at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to join us to celebrate and remember our loved ones who have gone on to God's Kingdom before us.

MASS: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 9AM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

