

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

OCTOBER 27TH, 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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses October 27th - November 3rd 2024

Saturday, October 26th:

5pm- Christina Ayasse *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*

Sunday, October 27th: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*

Monday, October 28th: Sts Simon and Jude

9am- Mary Loth *by The Recce Family*

Tuesday, October 29th:

9am- Kathleen Rudy *by James Cussen*

Wednesday, October 30th:

9am- Frank Lewis *by Bill & Lori Rudden*

Thursday, October 31st:

9am- Augie Vrondis *by Betty Vrondis*

Friday, November 1st: All Saints

9am- Richard Stout *by Mom*

7pm- Christopher & MaryBeth Weidig *by Mom & Dad*

Saturday, November 2nd: All Souls

5pm- All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 3rd: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- All Souls Novena

9:30am- All Souls Novena

11:30am- All Souls Novena

Mark 12:28b-34 (Ordinary 31)

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Focus Questions for Ordinary 31

Mark 12:28b-34

- 1: Describe an experience of being loved.
- 2: Describe a time when you found it hard to love your neighbor.
- 3: If you were in the crowd, what would you ask Jesus?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about what a truly loving world might look like.

Readings for This Week

October 27th, 2024 (Ordinary 30)

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126:1-6

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Readings for Next Week

November 3rd, 2024 (Ordinary 31)

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

BE LOVED.

BE KIND.

Be You.



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Guru was preaching about the possibility of lasting peace. One of his listeners remarked cynically, "your desire for peace does not necessarily ensure it." The Guru replied, "Quite true. Neither does the desire for food satisfy your hunger, but at least it gets you started toward a restaurant." Desire motivates the action. Without desire life would be either lethargic or repletion. Every action must start from a desire, or it would turn out to be a burden.

Today's readings portray the unquenchable faith-filled desire of humans for a better future. In the first reading Prophet Jeremiah predicted how God would fulfill their strong desire of going back to their own land and becoming people of their own nation from being slaves in a foreign land. Jeremiah encouraged them not to lose their hope and keep focused on the promise of God. "Thus says the Lord: Shout with joy...exult at the... proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel." God will never leave His people to live in any kind of slavery. He will lead them to live as His children.

In today's Gospel, Mark characterizes faith-filled desire of the blind man to meet Jesus by his unstoppable cry, "'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.'" Even though people around him tried to silence him he relentlessly kept calling Jesus all the more. The phrase "kept calling out all the more" describe how he must have kept on calling Jesus constantly. His calling indicates not only his desire but even the source of the desire, his faith in Jesus.

When Jesus stopped His journey and asked him to be led to him, his question to him was, "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply to him, "Master, I want to see," expresses his faith in Jesus' merciful power to open his eyes. Jesus opened his eyes and acknowledged his faith by complementing him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

We see one such example of the faith-filled desire of a woman which made Jesus go out of His way to help the woman. Jesus expressed His God-given-mission was to take care of the lost sheep of Israel and "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman's relentless faith-filled desire reflected in her reply to Jesus, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." The story ends by Jesus's willful consent to heal her daughter by acknowledging her faith-filled desire, "O woman, great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:21-28)

Faith-filled desire is the key that opens the heart of God to humans and the hearts of humans to God. Faith-filled desire is the base in which God and humans share with each other, to turn every act of humans to be empowered by God acting in them. Faith-filled hearts are the openings for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. May God fill us with faith-filled desire.

Children are welcome with their Halloween and All Saints costumes to 7:00 pm Mass on November 1st.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
October 19th & 20th

\$5500

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

10/21 (\$25): Frank & Eileen Stuart (569)

10/22 (\$25): STM Choir (263)

10/23 (\$25): Chrissy Aurecchione (1013)

10/24 (\$25): Sandra Kowalchuck (43)

10/25 (\$25): Arthur & Kathryn Ultsh (705)

10/26 (\$25): Joseph Citro (1320)

10/27 (\$50): Richard Soldano (1163)

MONTH _____

Calendar Club 2025
Sign Up begins in
Mid-Late November!

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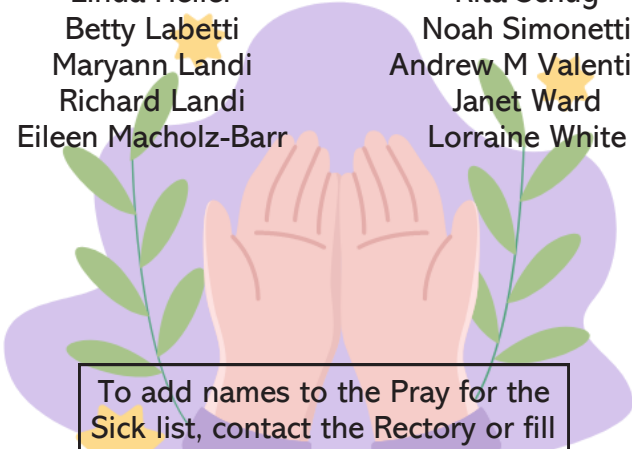
631-234-0714

Contact

Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Marie Bracco	Marge McGowan
Lillian Catalano	Meagan
Patricia Culbert	Ellen Murphy
Barbara Foberg	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Linda Heller	Rita Schug
Betty Labetti	Noah Simonetti
Maryann Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Richard Landi	Janet Ward
Eileen Macholz-Barr	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 the Deceased

Theresa Beirne
Joan Nachtman
James Dove
Geraldine Daguanno
Louise Scaglione



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



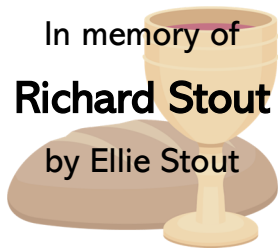
We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.



Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

10/28-11/3

In memory of
Richard Stout
by Ellie Stout



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

“Recognize the little things that bring you joy, and thank God for them.” ~Mark Hart

THANK YOU

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thank you to our St. Thomas More Columbiettes!

They held a food drive on Saturday 10/19 outside of ShopRite and stocked our pantry shelves. There was so much to put away! God bless everyone who donated!

Our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** is beginning. Please see our flyer for items to donate that will make the holidays a little nicer for our families in need.



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
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Mental Health Resources

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call 800-273-8255

The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text 988
Chat at 988lifeline.org

NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline If your home isn't safe
Call 800-942-6906 or Text 844-977-2121

NYS Office of Addiction Services & Supports Help for drugs, alcohol, or gambling:
Call 877-846-7369
Text HOPENY to 467369

Mental Health Hotline
Help for children with physical, social, and behavioral challenges
631-389-6405

Suffolk County Friends & Family Support Group For relatives & Friends in recovery from mental health
Virtual on Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
631-471-7242 x1315

Saint Dymphna,
pray for us.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" and he answers, "Master, I want to see."

Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely. Thank you for your generosity in the past. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need going forward.

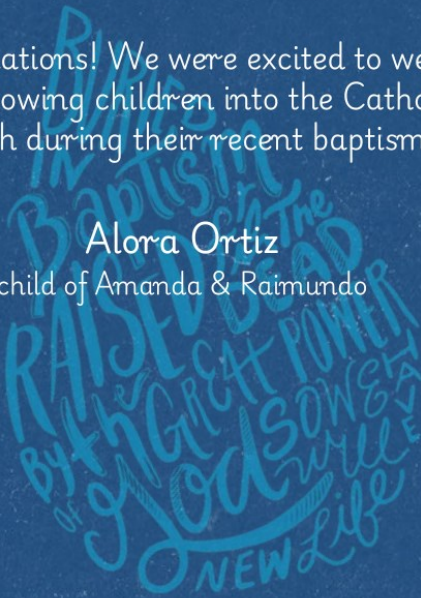
Call us at 631-648-2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com.

Baptisms

in our church

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

Alora Ortiz
child of Amanda & Raimundo



Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: TBA

Call Anna for more info
631-234-0714

BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ANA DIEZ CANSECO
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



YOAN VELAZQUEZ
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



Parish Weddings

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



Julia McNeill & Thomas Hughes

Christina Marsala & Evan Didyk



All Saints Costume Mass

Friday November 1st at 7pm

Children are encouraged to join us in their Halloween/All Saints Costumes. Show off those cool looks, and learn a little something about our faith at the same time!



*All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the following international celebrations is NOT part of Allhallowtide, or Hallowmas?

- a: Dia de los Muertos
- b: Zaduszki
- c: Totensonntag
- d: Castanada



Answer: C Totensonntag is a Protestant German holiday that celebrates the dead, but at the beginning of Advent. Castanada is a Galician festival. Dia de los Muertos is the famous Mexican celebration of the dead. Zaduszki is the Polish variant, that is very solemn, unlike the Mexican and Spanish celebrations.

Presentation of Babies

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



VETERANS DAY MASS

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HEROES
MATHEW F. O'CONNELL M/C U S NAVY (KOREA)
BERNIE NAGEL U S NAVY (WWII)
ROBERT M. KOEPPER U S NAVY (VIETNAM)
U.T. FITZGERALD U S NAVY (COLD WAR)

To all Veterans and their families, please come and celebrate this very important mass service to Honor all our Veterans. After the service, we will raise a new American flag in their honor.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 5 PM

GOD BLESS AMERICA

St. Thomas More Church 115 Kings Hwy Hauppauge NY
KOFCCOUNCIL #6062/CMDR JOHN J. SHEA ASSEMBLY #729



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*

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.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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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)

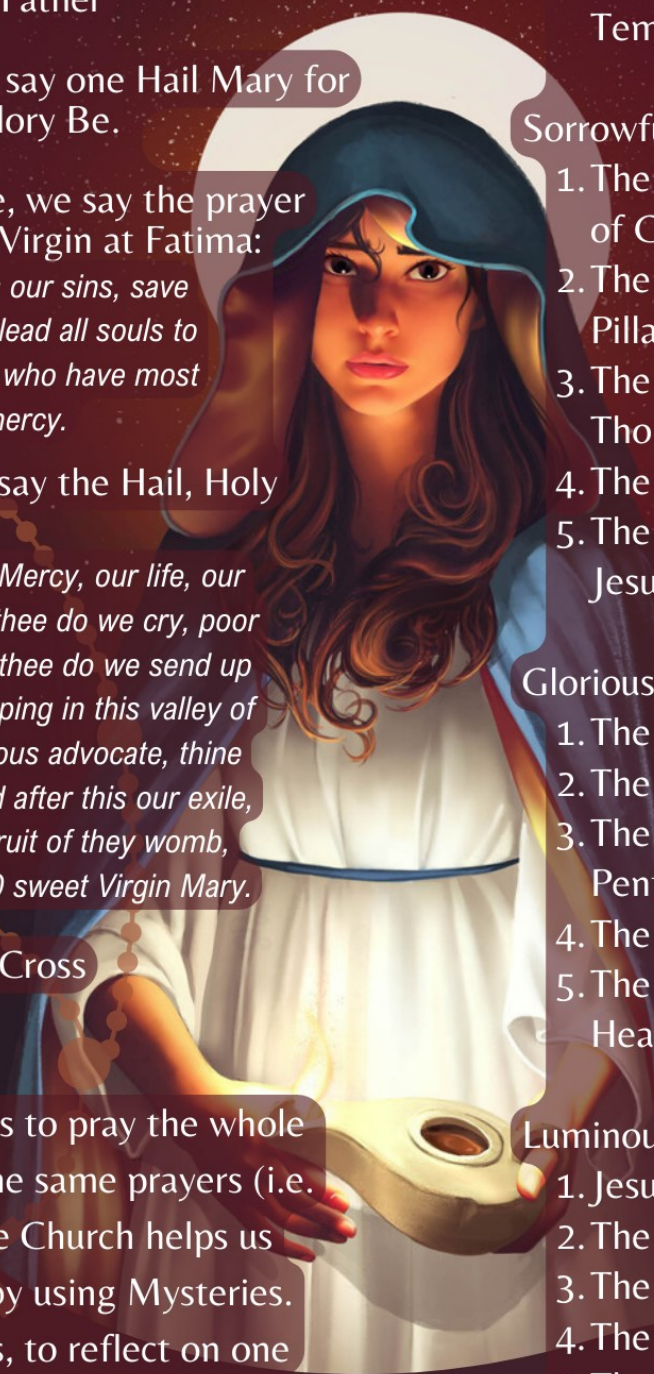
1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

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





The Rosary

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 mysteries, 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.

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.

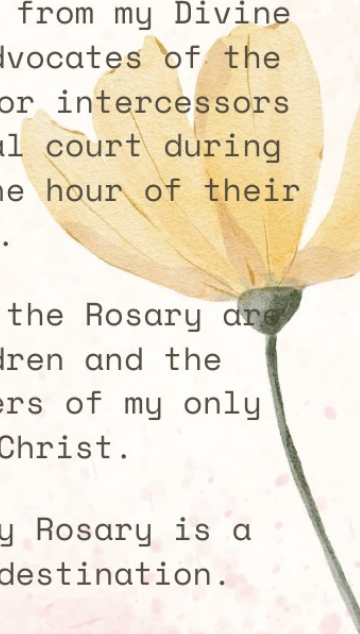
11: By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.

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.



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
- 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



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

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

Fri Nov 1st at 9am

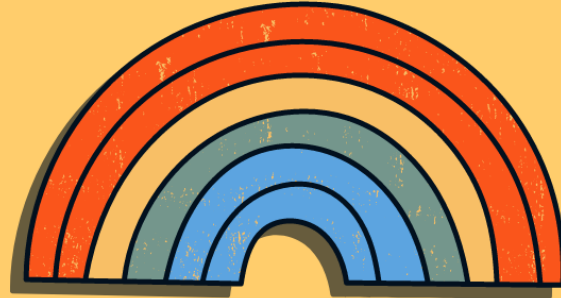
Fri Nov 1st at 7pm

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



CLOTHING


Drive



**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

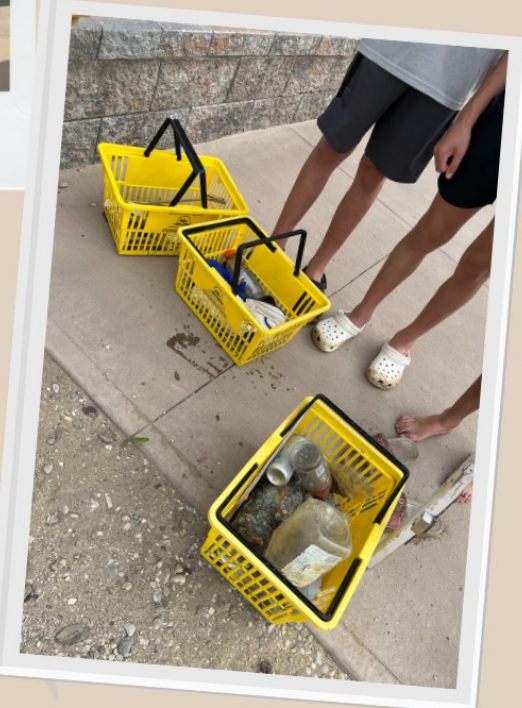


RELIGIOUS ED

BEACH

CLEAN UP

Our 8th graders have been learning about Pope Francis' call to protect the environment. They've been doing projects in that vein, including cleaning up our local beaches!



2024  2025

REVIVE

SPEAKER SERIES

7:30PM

Thursday, November 7



Church of St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545



Featured Speaker

**Sr. Maria Veritas
Marks, OP**

Presentation:

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Admission is free.

All are invited to gather at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Brookville for a special event as we encounter Eucharistic Revival on Long Island.



Originally from Queens, NY, Sister Maria Veritas Marks entered the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in 2010 and made her final vows in 2018. She earned her PhD in theology at The Catholic University of America in 2024 and, since 2014, has taught theology at the high school and college levels. She authors a monthly column for the Detroit Catholic and regularly speaks and writes on spiritual topics.

For more information, please email: mcooke@drvc.org

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis • Diocese of Rockville Centre

Parish Outreach

THANKS

FOOD DRIVE

GIVING



Please donate food items and/or gift cards to pay for turkeys as we are not accepting donated turkeys!

Food is great, Gift Cards are preferred!!

Yams
Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Veggies
Applesauce
Coffee & Tea
Desserts

\$25 Gift Cards
(ShopRite or Stop & Shop)

Cards/Cash donations
can be sent to Outreach
or put in the collection
basket at mass.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

631-234-3149
outreach@stmli.org



Coping with Grief Through the Holidays

Sponsored by Bereavement Ministry

St. John Nepomucene

Thursday, November 14, 2024

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

1140 Locust Ave

Bohemia, NY

(Elevator access to lower level of Church)

Please RSVP to (631) 589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat

Refreshments will be served.

Free will offering is appreciated.