

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

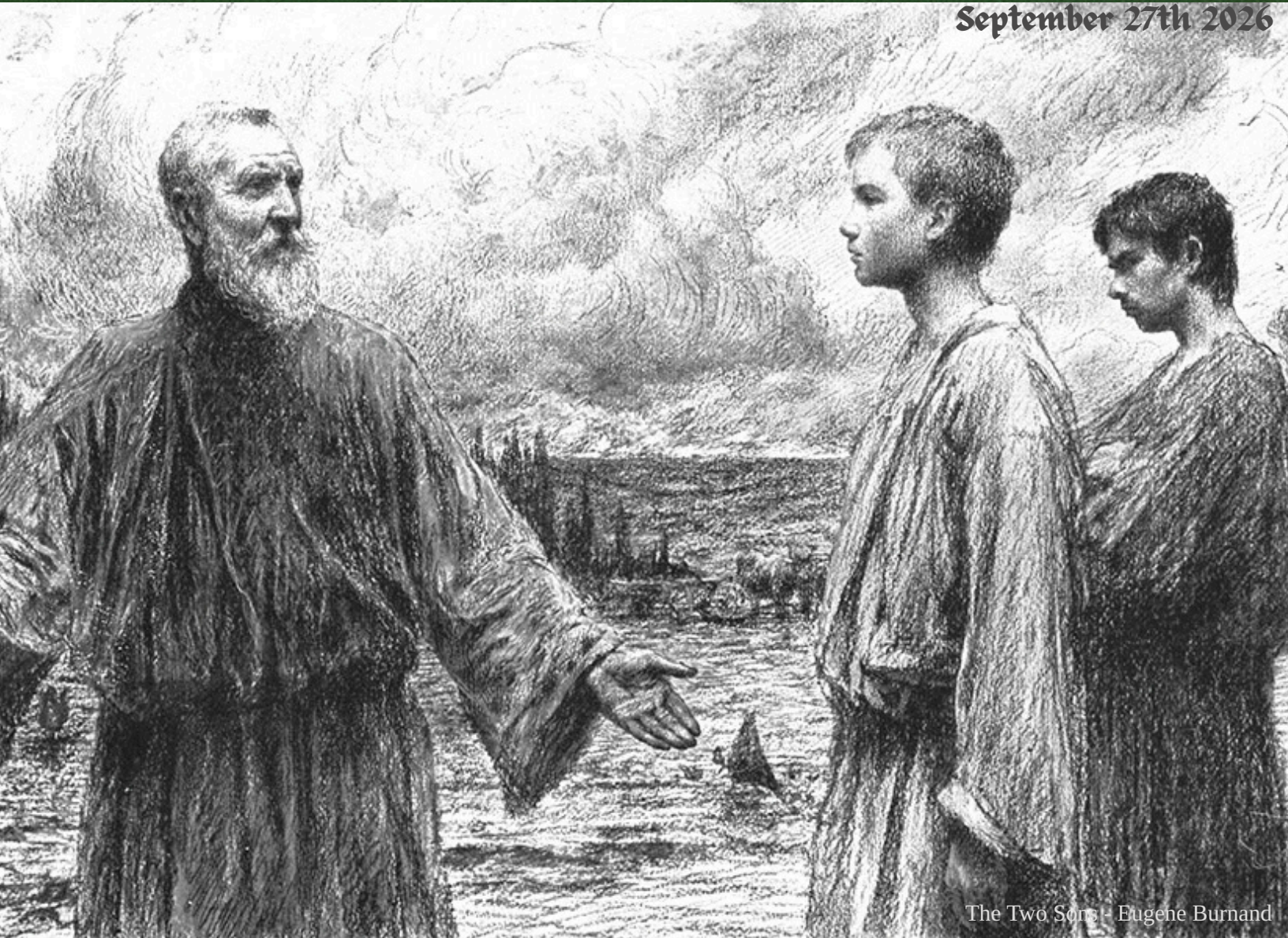
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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September 27th 2026



The Two Sons - Eugene Burnand

This Week's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 25:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, September 26th

5:00pm Olive Boney
Robert Kolomechuk

Sunday, September 27th

Twenty-sixth Ordinary

8:00am Mary Puorro
Sam Infantino

9:30am Mary Ann Lily

11:30am James J. Murphy Sr.
Donald Ricupero

Monday, September 28th

9:00am Matthew Shearer

Tuesday, September 29th

9:00am Juanita Williams

Wednesday, September 30th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Thursday, October 1st

9:00am Edward J. & Eleanor
Thompson

Friday, October 2nd

9:00am Sam & Marion
Infantino

Saturday, October 3rd

5:00pm Ralph C. Marcello
Nicholas Russo (healing)

Sunday, October 4th

Twenty-seventh Ordinary

8:00am DonnaMarie La Sala

9:30am Randolph Thomas Aloise

11:30am Theresa Lathrop
Salvatore & Franca Basile



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.

Saints of the Week

St. Cosmas & Damian (9/26)
St. Vincent de Paul (9/27)
St. Wenceslaus (9/28)
Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael (9/29)
St. Jerome (9/30)
St. Therese of the Child Jesus (10/1)
St. Francis of Assisi (10/4)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th 2026

Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Focus Questions

1: Where in your own life have you pushed God's truth away think you know best, like the tenants and chief priests and elders?
2: How can you better respond to God's repeated messages encouraging your obedience to His Word?
Families: Who in your life is a messenger of God's Word?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Little Mary, the daughter of a radio announcer, was invited to a friend's house for dinner. The hostess asked if Mary would honor them by saying grace. Delighted, the little girl cleared her throat, looked at her wristwatch and said, "This food, friends, is coming to you through the courtesy of Almighty God." Children are more imitators doing what the parents do than merely listeners of what they say. Deeds speak louder than words.

Today's Gospel is Jesus' parable of two sons of a Father. The father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first one refused at first but later changed his mind and went to work. The other son right away consented to work but never showed up to work in the vineyard. The first one, though displeased with his words of denial, was the one who fulfilled the wish of the father by doing his command. The second one, though pleased the father with his words, actually did not fulfill the command of his father. Which of the two did his father's will? We know the answer. The one did the work and not the one who simply said yes to his father.

This is the story of God's Kingdom where deeds, not merely words, make people belong to it. At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus concluded his teaching with the same truth. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven,* but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21).

We are the children of God who speaks what he does and does what he speaks. There is no division in God's will, speech and deeds. The more we practice this non-divisiveness in our will, speech and deeds, the closer we come to experience God and God's kingdom realistically.

Our real weakness is not about failure to do good and the temptation to do evil. Our weakness consists in being divided between our words and deeds. Though we wish to do good things we easily give up our will to do it. The same way, though we hate to do bad things we yield to our desire and end up doing it. If only we can integrate our words (thought and speech) and deed to be a person of one will, we will begin to experience ourselves as persons created after the image of God who is ONE/UNDIVIDED in Will, Speech and Deed. Let us pray for the un-divisive heart, honest words, un-hypocrite actions to be a person of integration.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Jose Mendes

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

September 28th - October 4th

In memory of

Mildred & Thomas Duffy

by Rosemary Buckley & Family

Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

Pray for our Clergy

Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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
Evan Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Ryan Smith	Nicholas Gajda
Will Maley	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Chris Capasso	Andrew Lynch
Luciano Corpora Ellis	Matthew P Dell'orto
	Timothy Fallon

We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

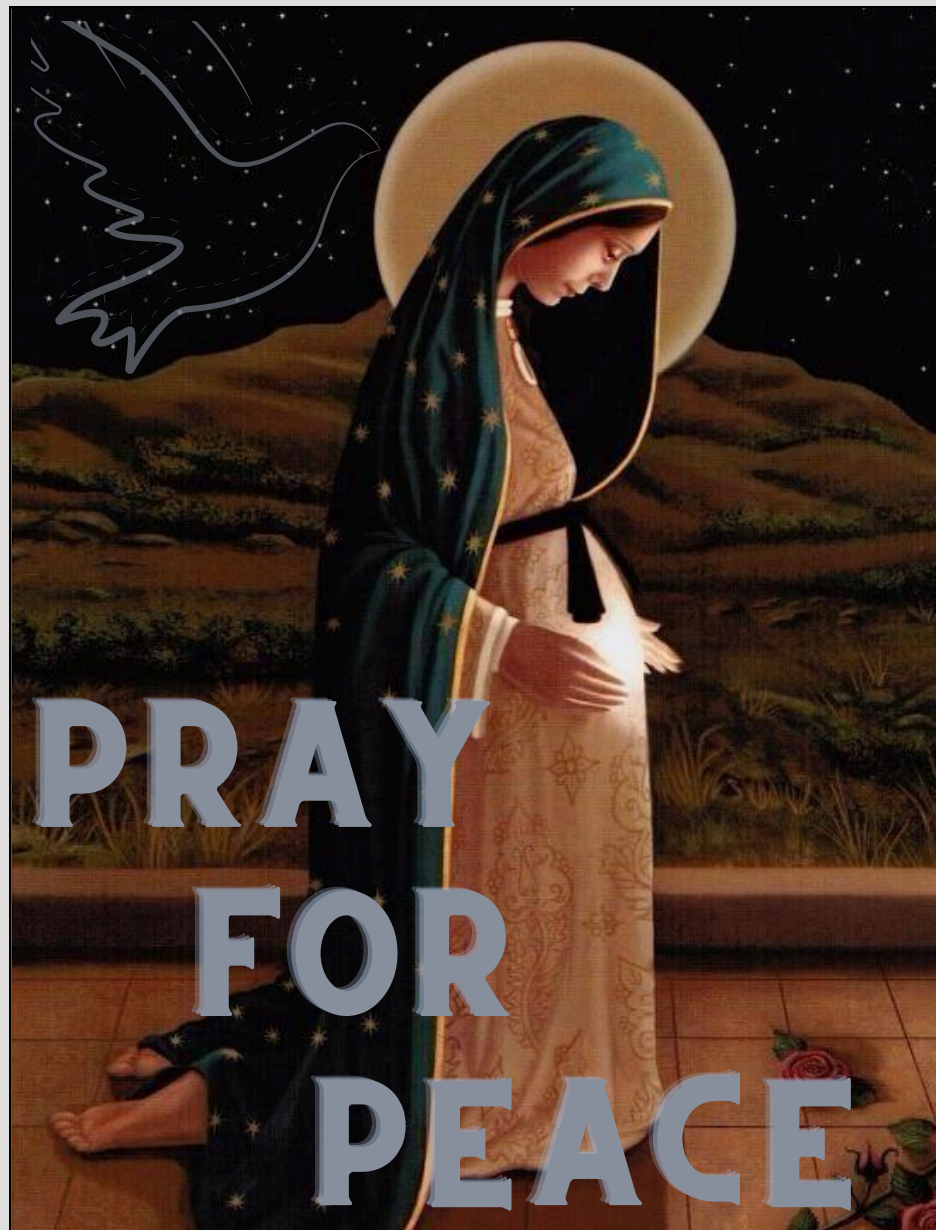
Aaron Serrano
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Betty Vrondis
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Ed Baer
Eddie Chronopoulos
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Gary Hollins
Gertrude Hirsch

Helen Kovarik
Jason Butler
Jim Engle
Jim McGuire
Jimmy Cannon
Joan Perks
Joe Madonia
John Heller
John McAllister
Baby Kayden Richard
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lorraine White
Lou Savarese
Margaret Lombardi
Marie Fristachi
Maria U. Aldaba
Maureen Ashley

Michael Minutillo
Michael Redmond
Pam Procaccini
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczner
Patti Demarest
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Susan Agne
Susan Furuno
Thomas Duffy
Tom Doherty
Tommy Montebianco
Trish Landi
Valentin Cedillo
Veronica Brewster

*This listing will reset on September 30th 2026

To add a name to the sick list, please fill out a card from the literature rack place it in the collection basket, or contact the Rectory by phone or email.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
September 19th & 20th

\$6008

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. It is both convenient and secure. For more information, check the literature rack in the Narthex, or visit us online at stmli.org

Physical Support

There are many different ways to support the St. Thomas More Parish Community! Whether you are 4 or 40, 8 or 80, there are ways for everyone to be involved.

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Whether giving money, time, or labor, all your support is appreciated. St. Thomas More would not exist as it does without the generosity of our Parish Family.

A Gentle Reminder:

Please do not place clothing or household items in the food bins or leave them at Outreach. We do not have a lot of extra storage space. There is a clothing bin in the back of the parking lot where clothing can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have household items, please call the Outreach office!

Parish Social Ministry

"The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens."

-PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Mon-Thur 10AM to 2PM

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.



Paper Towels & Toilet Paper

Soup - Cookies

Laundry Detergent (small)

Mac & Cheese

Mayo/Mustard/Ketchup (small)

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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

On September 27th, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Thank you!!

Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or
email svdp.stm@aol.com



CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

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Every Catholic young adult group — one map.



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Ages 18+ - free

Baptisms in our church

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

Austin Joseph Ciserano
child of Emily & Carmine

Colton Allen Kirsch
child of Gabrielle & Joseph

Parker John LaMarr
child of Joanna & Brian

William John Meigel III
child of Courtney & William

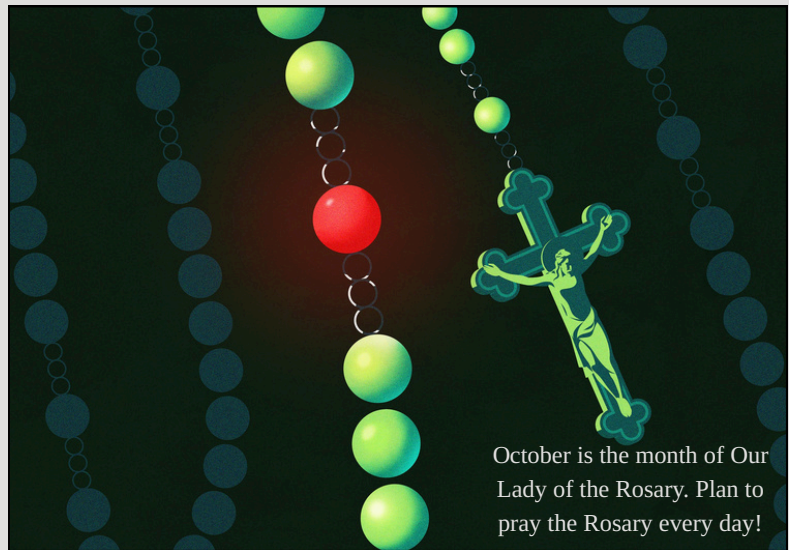
Scottie Rose Simmons
child of Jacqueline & Brian

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

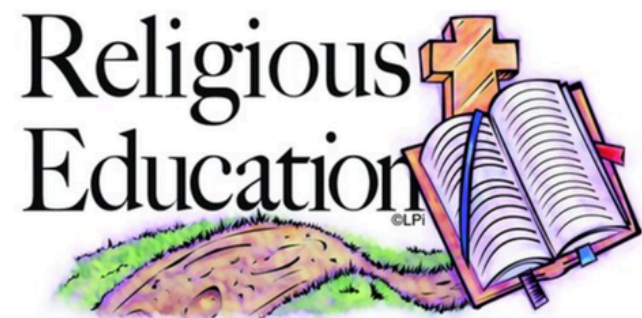
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Join us on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for the Annual Blessing of the Animals!

All animals are welcome! Fish, cats, dogs, chickens, horses, and everything in between! Meet by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi (NE side of parking lot) at 1:30pm (or in front of the Rectory in case of rain)



October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Plan to pray the Rosary every day!



St. Thomas More Religious Education Registration 2026/27 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



Calling All Singers

Love to sing?

Join the choir! The STM Choir is open to all postpubescent voices. Experience singing in a choir is helpful, but not a requirement.

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm, and we sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays!



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.

Go Green



Clothing Drive Plus

St Thomas More

115 Kings Hwy,
Hauppauge



St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting new and gently used items in the church parking lot on **Saturday, November 7th** between the hours of **11:00 AM and 1:00 PM**



We accept new and gently used items you may wear (clothing, shoes, jackets, handbags, jewelry, etc.) as well as linens, bedding, toys, sporting equipment, small household electronics, and goods.

(We recommend using white garbage bags for your donations.)

We are unable to accept VHS tapes, CDs, books, furniture, fragile or large items.

@gogreenclothingrecycling_Li



CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

NEXT MEETINGS:
OCTOBER 9TH: 12:30PM
GUEST SPEAKER- TOM
WILLIAMS, FINANCIAL
PLANNER

OCTOBER 30TH: 12:30
HALLOWEEN LUNCH,
COSTUMES OPTIONAL!



2026 OPEN HOUSE

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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West Islip, NY 11795

ADMISSIONS
631-587-8000 ext. 113
stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/open-house-registration

Register Today!

Registration
is required.



SCAN TO REGISTER



Bake Sale & Basket Raffle

Hosted by the Columbiettes!

St. Thomas More Church, Hauppauge

**Choose from a
variety of
desserts &
baskets!**

**October 3rd & 4th
after all masses!**

**Winners of Basket Raffles will be
selected & notified by phone after
the 11:30am Mass on Oct. 4th!**

Proceeds go to support the Columbiettes and their charitable works.

Holy Hour

"A Devotion to Love"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son."

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

The Vatican & Space

Did you know that the Church has a long-standing interest in astronomy and space? The Gregorian Calendar (which we currently use) was promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, developed through astronomical data. Pope Gregory commissioned the "Gregorian Tower", a very early observatory in Vatican City.

Through the 18th and 19th centuries, the Vatican Observatory (Specola Vaticana) was moved to a few different sites around Rome and became involved in the international astronomy community. The Vatican was heavily involved in the creation of the "Carte du Ciel", an international project to map the skies during the late 19th/early 20th centuries.

By the 1930's, the light pollution in Rome became too much to overcome, so Pope Pius XI moved the Observatory to Castel Gandolfo outside of Rome. However, by the 1960's the same problems arrived. This led to the establishment of the Vatican Observatory Research Group (VORG), with offices in Tucson, Arizona.

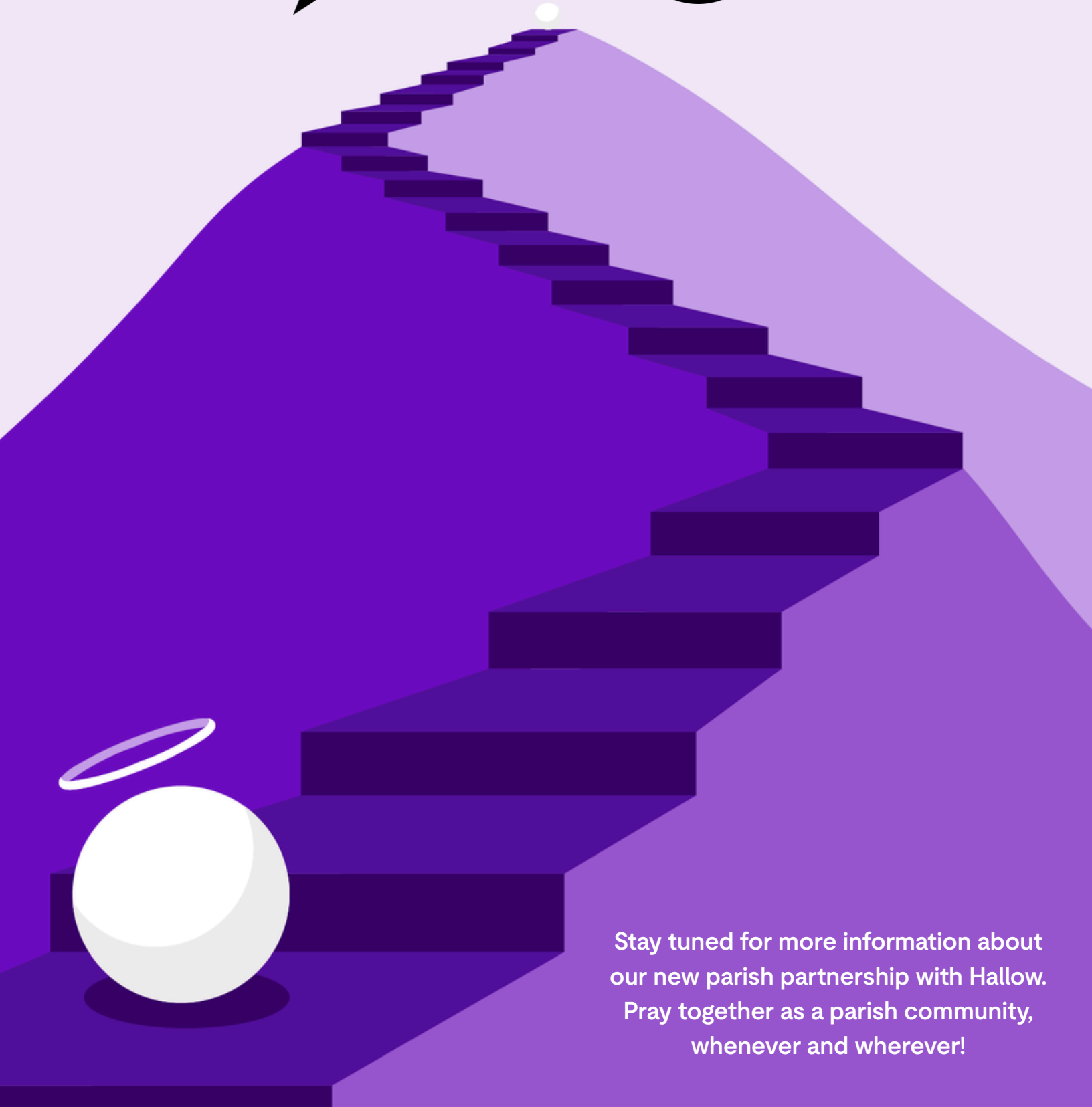
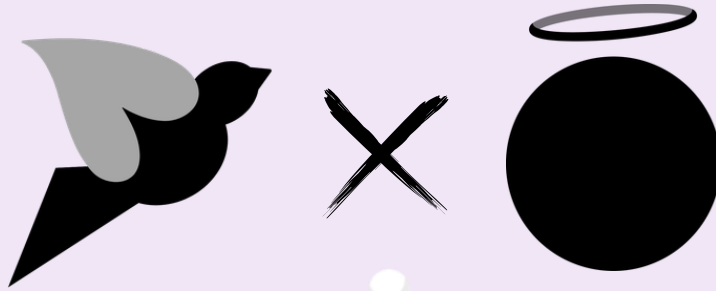
In 1993, the VORG completed the construction of the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope in Mount Graham, Arizona. The Observatory is still headquartered at Castel Gandolfo, but its primary imaging site remains the VATT in Arizona.

Fun Fact: Since 1906, every director of the Vatican Observatory has been a Jesuit. Currently, the Observatory is run by Father Anthony D'Souza, SJ, who replaced Brother Guy Consolmango, SJ. Br. Guy is a strong proponent of religion and science working in tandem, and is the recipient of the Carl Sagan Medal and the St. Albert Award.



IF THE STARS WERE MADE TO WORSHIP
so will i

coming soon...



Stay tuned for more information about
our new parish partnership with Hallow.
Pray together as a parish community,
whenever and wherever!