

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

February 2nd, 2025



## 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.

# Presentation of The Lord

## Parish Resources

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# Masses February 1st - February 9th 2025

## Saturday, February 1st:

5pm- Eric Kiselewsky *by The Gomer Family*

## Sunday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

8am- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

9:30am- John Puglisi *by Joe & Patty Citro*

11:30am- Jean & Ron Cirino *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

## Monday, February 3rd:

9am- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

## Tuesday, February 4th:

9am- Rosemary Corsi *by Elizabeth McCormack*

## Wednesday, February 5th: St Agatha

9am- James Cussen Sr *by James Cussen*

## Thursday, February 6th: St Paul Miki & Companions

9am- Lanny Levin *by Jim & Marie Marsala & Family*

## Friday, February 7th:

9am- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

## Saturday, February 8th:

5pm- Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

## Sunday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

8am- Thomas Hurtado *by The Rodriguez Family*

9:30am- Michael Ferrante *by Robert & Louisa Sanfratello*

11:30am- Sheila Salisbury *by Joan Loring*

James J Murphy Sr *by Joan & Family*

## Readings for This Week

February 2nd, 2025 (Presentation)

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40



## Readings for Next Week

February 9th, 2025 (Ordinary 5)

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

Psalm 138:1-5,7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## Luke 5:1-11 (Ordinary 5)

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

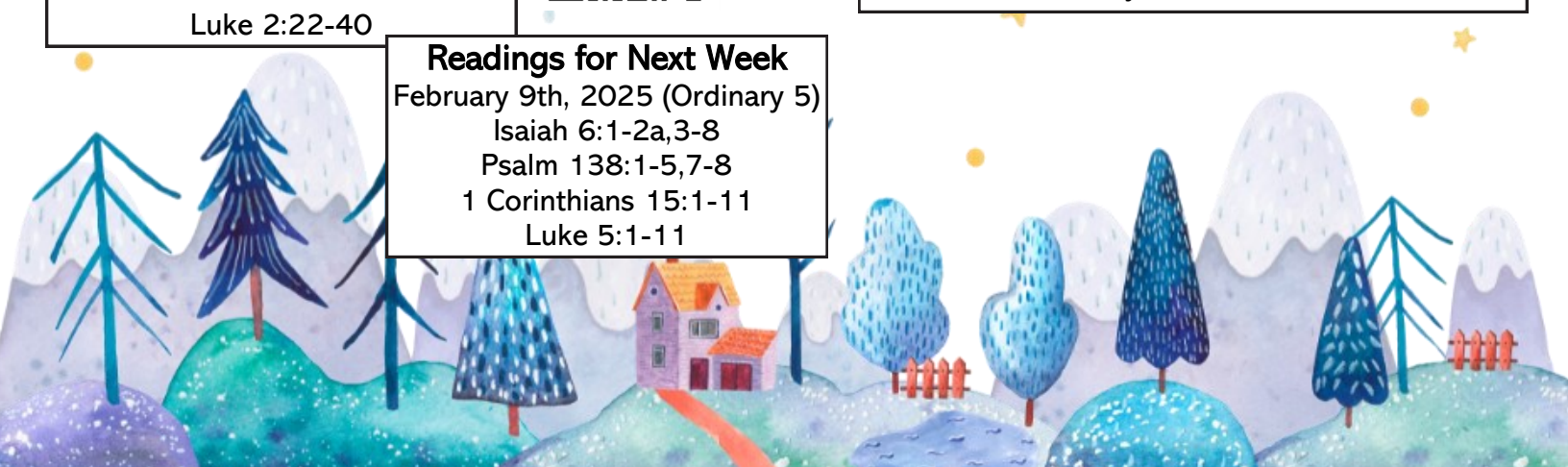
## Focus Questions for Ordinary 5

Luke 5:1-11

- 1: Relate a time when you felt called to abandon one way of doing things for something better.
- 2: Describe a time when you felt Jesus was asking you to take another path.
- 3: Relate a time when you were overcome by the awesome power of God.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about what you can do to follow Jesus.



## THEMES FROM

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.



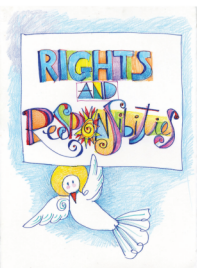
### LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



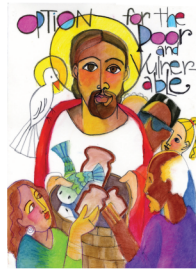
### CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.



### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.



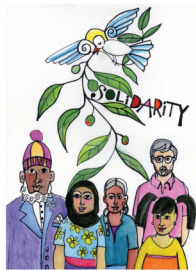
### OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



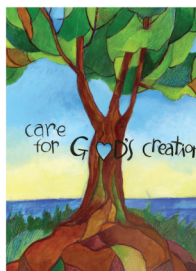
### THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.



### SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice."<sup>1</sup> The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



### CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



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<sup>1</sup> Paul VI, *For the Celebration of the Day of Peace* (Rome: January 1, 1972).

# Parish Operations

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:  
Jan 25th & 26th

**\$5107**

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

Winners for January will be published at the end of the month. There is still time to claim your spots for 2025!

**PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE**

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



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## Con tact

# Prayers for Our Community

## Pray for the Sick

Eddie & Meggie Adams	Linda Heller
Maria U. Aldaba	Maryann Landi
Joseph Barrett	Richard Landi
Gregory Bennett	Eileen Macholz-Barr
Karen Benson	Marge McGowan
Marie Bracco	Meagan
Peter Cappisillo	Kevin Morrissey
Vincent Carlino	Ellen Murphy
Lillian Catalano	Carol Persan
Fran Cooke	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Patricia Culbert	Tim Ryan
Grayson Danielski	Angelo Santangelo
Michael Davis	Rita Schug
Brian Fagioli	Noah Simonetti
Shane Farmer	Kevin Spence Sr
Barbara Foberg	Christy Torkelsen
Brendan Gallagher	Andrew M Valentine
Connie Giunta	Janet Ward
Rick Goodhart	Lorraine White
Stephanie Goodhart	

\*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2025

## Pray for the Deceased

Henry Uvino  
Genevieve Leun  
Arputha Mary Asir



We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

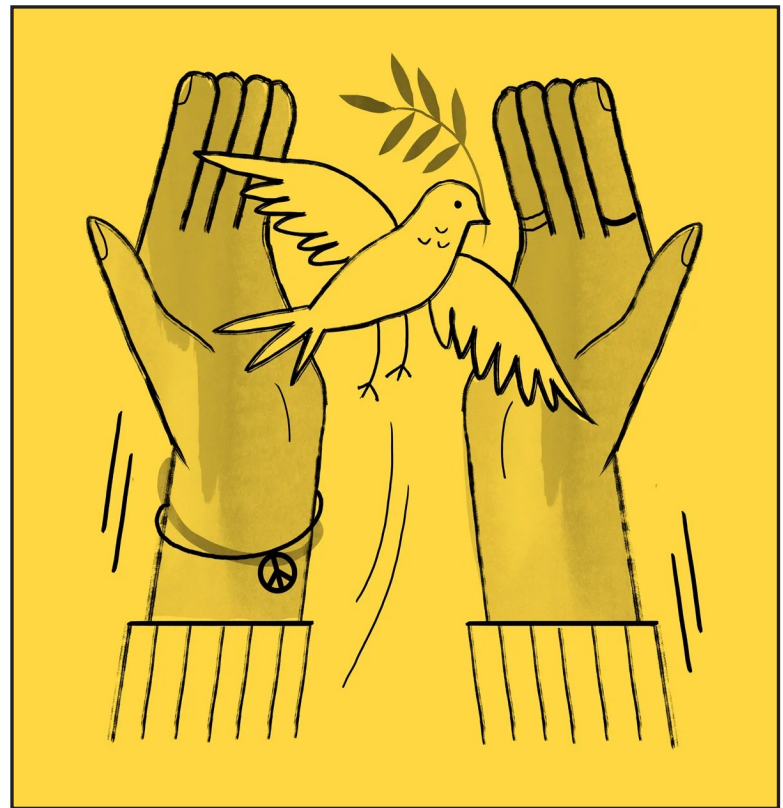
## Pray for Our Military

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



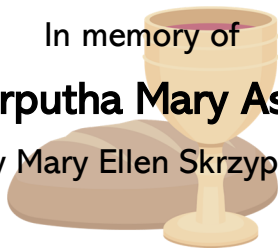
We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.



## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

2/3-2/9

In memory of  
**Arputha Mary Asir**  
by Mary Ellen Skrzypek



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
Fr Alex Mariadass	Pope Francis
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

# Parish Social Ministry

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor."  
~Pope Francis



**ST. THOMAS MORE**

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

## Our needs for the month...

Boxed Milk  
Jelly  
Instant Potatoes  
Canned Fruit  
Syrup  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo  
Soap Bars  
Detergent

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.



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.

## Did You Know?

You could populate a city larger than New York City with all of America's food-insecure children?

The effects of poverty are greatly varied, but many of them like homelessness, a lack of healthcare, and low wages, are frequently a focus of public conversation. But several go largely undetected. One of these issues is food insecurity. With more than one in ten people in the US being food insecure, you will find food insecurity in every community.

For more information, see the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Poverty Awareness Month.



In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart - the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

With each home visit we Vincentians make, we pray that we bring hope to those we visit to help them overcome their swords of fear and doubt.

Our "Wall of Envelopes" fundraiser raised \$3,579. The funds were not yet deposited when we received a call from a family without any oil to heat their home on a day that was 8 degrees. Thank you all for giving, so we, in turn, could give.

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which Old Testament book provides the reason Mary and Joseph waited 40 days to bring Jesus to the temple?

- a: Exodus
- b: Leviticus
- c: Numbers
- d: Genesis



Answer: B (Leviticus). The Book of Leviticus provides the laws, including that a new mother must be ritually purified 7 + 33 days after giving birth to a boy.

**Young at Heart**  
New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: February 14th  
Valentines Day!

RSVP to Anna, or call for more info  
631-234-0714

# 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 9:56*

# OUR LADY

# QUEEN OF PEACE

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## молися за нас

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ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε

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молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למענו

nobis

## Children's Liturgy!

Don't forget, children ages 4-8 are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy each Sunday during the 9:30 Mass. Learn about the week's gospel in a child-friendly fashion, with crafts and videos!



**JUSTICE DO PEACE DO**

# Pre-Cana 2025

Please pray for these couples  
as they take the next step in  
the journey to Holy Matrimony

Juliana Kalinsky  
&  
Steven Marini

Samantha Vermilyea  
&  
Robert Smith

Diana Falcone  
&  
Deni Yang



## 2024 Parish Contribution

To request a copy of your 2024 contributions for tax purposes, please write down your name and submit this form in the collection basket, or to the Rectory.  
Alternative: scan the QR code!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you use Faith Direct, you can obtain your tax information via their website.





**St Thomas More  
Columbiettes 6062**

# **BAKE SALE**

**Fundraiser!**  
**Join us after mass on February  
15th and 16th for:**  
**Baked Goods  
Basket Raffles  
50/50**



# YG January 12th

## Symbolic Numbers



# YG January 26th

## Angels and Demons



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YOUTH GROUP  
+ ST. THOMAS MORE +

Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

February 2nd

February 9th

# Holy Hour

"The Final Word is Love"

Contemporary  
music by Alex  
and Noelle!



Adoration and  
Benediction led  
by Deacon Matt!

**Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00pm**

*Word, Music, and Silent Prayer*

"Love and evermore love is the only  
solution to every problem that comes up."

*Dorothy Day*