

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

February 9th, 2025

FISHERS OF Men



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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

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Masses February 8th - February 16th 2025

Saturday, February 8th:

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

Sunday, February 9th: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*

Monday, February 10th: Saint Scholastica

9am- Arputha Mary Asir *by Christina & Andrew Paino*

Tuesday, February 11th:

9am- John Reddy *by Eleanor Trimble*

Wednesday, February 12th:

9am- Marie Schultz *by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

Thursday, February 13th:

9am- Nicholas Conzo *by Angela Conzo*

Friday, February 14th: Sts Cyril & Methodius

9am- Leo Ramos *by Aurora*

Saturday, February 15th:

5pm- James Kreider *by Maureen Boston*

German Vincente Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

Sunday, February 16th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Joseph F Kresse *by The Marini Family*

9:30am- Marion Orleman *by The Knights of Columbus 6062*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Sydney*

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

Focus Questions for Ordinary 6

Luke 6:17,20-26

- 1: How do you bring blessings to the poor, the hungry, those who weep?
- 2: Describe a time when you had to rely on the goodness of others.
- 3: How do you react when others speak against you?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about what you can do to simplify your life.

Readings for This Week

February 9th, 2025 (Ordinary 5)

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

Psalms 138:1-5,7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Readings for Next Week

February 16th, 2025 (Ordinary 6)

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalms 1:1-4,6

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Luke 6:17,20-26



From the Desk of Fr Antony

An elephant broke loose from the herd and charged across a little wooden bridge that stretched across a ravine. The worn-out bridge shivered and groaned barely able to support the elephant's weight. Once the elephant had gone safely to the other side, a flea that had lodged itself in the elephant's ear exclaimed in mighty satisfaction, "Boy, did we shake that bridge." The readings this week invite us to feel like the fly who could shake the bridge with the elephant.

In the first reading Isaiah, though unworthy, is fearful but joyful to see and feel the presence of God in the Temple of Jerusalem. When God needed someone to do His mission for His people, Isaiah readily came forward to go as God's emissary. At first Isaiah felt his unworthiness in the presence of God but eventually was emboldened to go in God's name when God made him worthy by purifying him from all his sins and unworthiness. As Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "Whom God called, these God also justified" God called Isaiah and made him worthy to do His mission.

In the second reading, while writing to the church in Corinth, Paul says, "I am the least of the Apostles ... But by the grace of God, I am what I am." In spite of being the least of all the apostles, Paul proudly acknowledges that he toiled harder than all of them because of God's grace working effectively in him. What is impossible with humans, is possible with God. No matter how difficult or seemingly impossible a situation may be, with God's help, anything can be achieved. Also, we may feel that we are unfit to do what God expects us to do. But it is God who calls and He will see to that we are able to do the mission in the way God wants.

In today's Gospel Peter toiled through the night in vain but at the word of Jesus he caught a great number of fish. Life without the grace of God is merely toil and burden. When it is touched by God's grace, our every act becomes God's act. We may feel that we are tiny or insignificant but when we allow ourselves to be touched by the grace of God, we become God's expression and God's work. Like in the story at the head of this letter, we may feel like a fly but we sit and travel with God the Elephant. We can shake and totter the bridge with our feeble strength because the mission is God's, and our work is done with His strength. Let us respond "YES" to God's call. Let us do God's mission with God's strength.

This is the Jubilee year. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." Our journey as a church (both individually and congregationally) is made in hope that God will never disappoint us in our hope, because God is our hope. God calls us and God places His hope in us too, that God and we together will make God's kingdom a living reality among us. The God of Hope calls us to do His mission; let us respond to Him with a firm "YES" placing all our hope in Him.

I thank you my beloved Parish Family for all the gestures and notes of sharing condolences and comforts you showed me through Mass cards, personal notes, texts, voice messages, hugs, handshakes etc. I was overwhelmed with the care and love you shared with me since January 4th, the day my mom passed away to begin her living in the presence of God.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Feb 1st & 2nd

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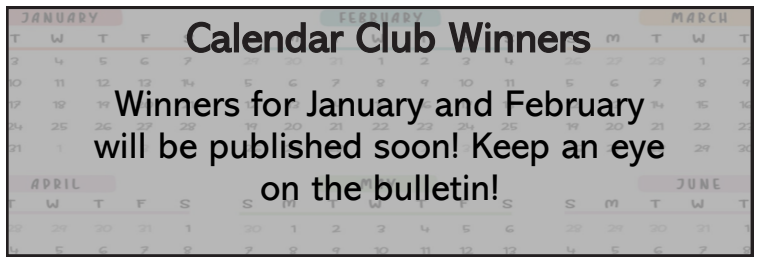
Thank You!

*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.*



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

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

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2025

Pray for the Deceased

Deacon Thomas Samson

Kazuko Muto



We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

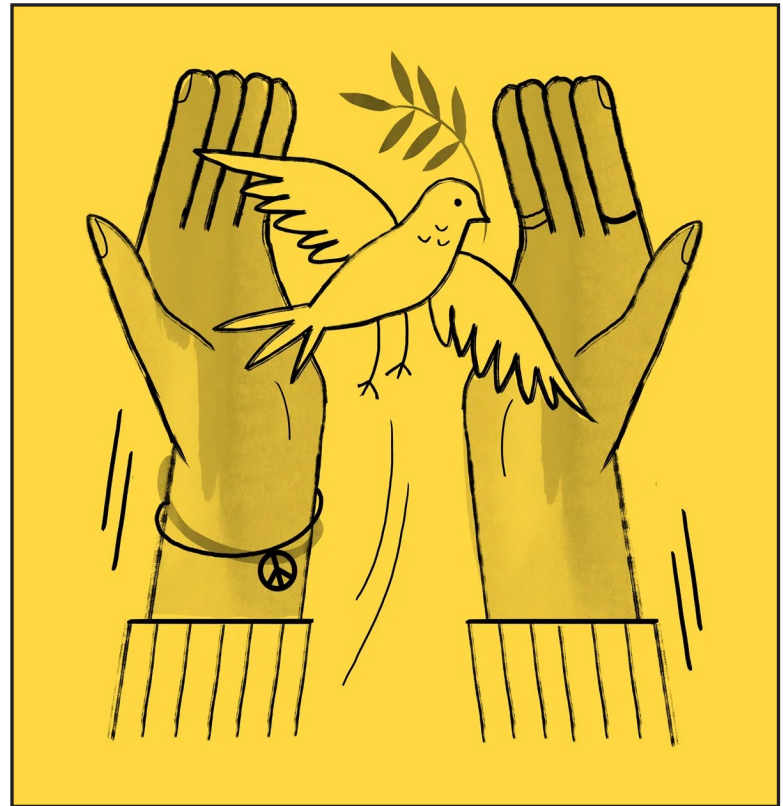
Pray for Our Military

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



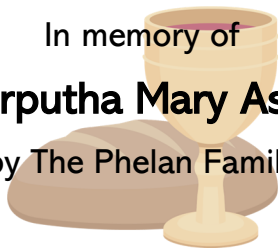
We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.



Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

2/10-2/16

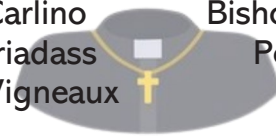
In memory of
Arputha Mary Asir
 by The Phelan Family



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

“You shall not oppress the poor or vulnerable. God will hear their cry.”
~Exodus 22:20-26



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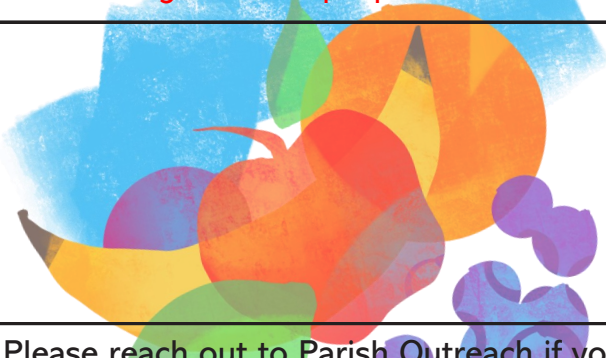
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Our shelves are very low on...

Jelly
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Fruit
Laundry Detergent (small bottles
at Dollar Tree)

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.

Did You Know?

There was a federally mandated homeless count on LI in January which identified 4002 individuals in shelters or on the street. This is an 18% increase from 2023. According to reports from Newsday, 36% of households across NY and LI are “cost-burdened” and spend 1/3 of their income on housing. Living in a shelter can cut supplementary security income payments by 80%.

Clear Captions provides a free house phone for eligible individuals who are hearing impaired. These phones have onscreen captions of what the caller is saying. For more info, call 1-888-407-0476 or go to clearcaptions.com/support/faq.

Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center maintains job banks for employers and those seeking a job. They are open 8:30-4pm weekdays at 725 Veterans Memorial Highway in Hauppauge. 631-853-6600

Suffolk Dept of Labor Employment Fair:
Saville Public Library
Tuesday 2/25 5-7pm
631-853-6600



In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that, “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

To contact us, call 631-248-6760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Sea of Galilee has multiple names. Which is NOT a name for the Sea of Galilee?

- a: Lake Gennesaret
- b: Lake Tiberius
- c: Genezareth Lake
- d: Lake Jordan



Answer: D (Lake Jordan) While filled by the Jordan River, this is not one of its names. And yes, the Sea of Galilee is actually a lake. The lowest freshwater lake on the planet!

He spreads
the snow
like wool and
scatters
the frost
like ashes.
Psalm 147:16, NIV

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: February 14th
Valentines Day Party!

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

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

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pray for us

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Mass of Resurrection

*in honor of
Arputha Mary
&
Asir Vatham*

Sunday, Feb 23rd
11:30am Mass

Join us to pray with Fr. Antony in
thanksgiving for his, and all of our parents.

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*

THE LORD
GOD
IS
MY STRENGTH;

HE WILL

MAKE MY FEET
LIKE DEER'S FEET,

& HE WILL
MAKE ME

WALK ON MY

HIGH HILLS.

HABAKKUK 3:19, NKJV

Pre-Cana 2025

Join us at Mass on
Saturday February 22nd at
5pm to pray for these soon to
be wed couples!

Juliana Kalinsky
&
Steven Marini

Samantha Vermilyea
&
Robert Smith

Diana Falcone
&
Deni Yang



**St Thomas More
Columbiettes 6062**

BAKE SALE

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



Liturgical Minister Training~ Spring 2025

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.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Saturday, March 29* - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall;
9 am – 12:00
Thursday, April 3 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
7 pm – 10 pm
Tuesday, April 8 – St. Elizabeth /Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., March 29* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, April 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Thursday, May 8 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
7 pm – 10 pm

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to what is stated here, please be prepared.

*On **March 29**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor.

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. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



Ash Wednesday

March 5th, 2024

Services

12pm

4:30pm



Masses

9am

7pm

