

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

February 23rd, 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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

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Masses February 22nd - March 2nd 2025

Saturday, February 22nd: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5pm- John Puglisi *by Ann Pepe*

Sunday, February 23rd: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Alice Ciccone *by Dale, Audrey, & Matthew*

9:30am- Janet Schultz *by Carolyn Burton & Family*

Ana Cecilia & Cirilo DeJesus Castro *by The Milagros Family*

11:30am- John Murry *by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keena*

Arputha Mary Asir *by Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz*

Monday, February 24th:

9am- Margaret Cussen *by James Cussen*

Tuesday, February 25th:

9am- Arputha Mary Asir *by Arlene & John Aspromgos*

Wednesday, February 26th:

9am- Enrico Lauretta *by Claudia & Danny Capra*

Thursday, February 27th:

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

Friday, February 28th:

9am- The People of the Parish of STM

Saturday, March 1st:

5pm- Joseph LoPreto *by Their Family*

Berta Jacome & Consuelito Troño *by The Martinod Family*

Sunday, March 2nd: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Mary Burke *by Gary & Colleen Connors & Family*

9:30am- Marion Orleman *by The STM Columbiettes*

Deacon Thomas Samson *by The Redmond Family*

11:30am- Christopher Loring *by Joan Loring*

Joseph LoPreto *by Their Wife & Children*

Luke 6:39-45 (Ordinary 8)

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.

Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?

You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 8

Luke 6:39-45

- 1: How easy or hard is it for you to see yourself objectively?
- 2: Describe a time when your impulse was to lash out at someone who hurt you but resisted.
- 3: Relate a time when God helped you overcome obstacles in your life.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how you can work harder to see the good in others.

Readings for This Week

February 23rd, 2025 (Ordinary 7)

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38



Readings for Next Week

March 2nd, 2025 (Ordinary 8)

Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm 92:2-3,13-16

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

From the Desk of Fr Antony

Picasso once asked his friend Rodin if he liked his latest painting that was still unsigned. Rodin studied the painting from all directions and, only after careful deliberation, answered Picasso. “Whatever else you do...sign it. If you do that we will know which way to hold it.” The signature helps us to see and appreciate the abstract art in its specific categories.

In the first reading David refuses to use his opportunity to kill Saul, who was seeking to kill him. When Abishai, his warrior nephew was ready to kill Saul, David forbade him saying, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed?” David saw in Saul what Abishai did not. For Abishai, Saul was the enemy who has to be killed before he could kill David. But for David, Saul was the “Lord’s Anointed” who has to be left alive for the blessings he carried. David saw God’s favor dwelling in Saul which made him not treat Saul as his enemy. “Lord’s Anointed” is God’s signature on Saul. When David read that signature, he rightly understood how he should treat Saul.

In the Gospel today Jesus instructs how we should treat people, especially our enemies. His sayings, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” and all that follow sound too impossible to observe or too irrational to understand. How do we look at a person? If we look at a person as just a person, we can always find something in them which we would not like. But if we are able to look at that person as God’s art with God’s signature in them, our way of relating with that person will be for the Godly gifts that are within them in spite of our inability to grasp them.

Jesus wants us to realize how good we can be as God’s creatures. Each of us carries within us God’s image, God’s gifts, and God’s purpose to live. When we begin to realize this fact is in and around us and in all, we will begin to see God’s signature in every person. We will begin to love for what they are and try to stop looking at them for what they are not. Even enemies carry within them God’s signature and are God’s image. They will be persons of love and prayers. Thus, the impossible demand of Jesus, “Love your enemies” becomes the natural demand from within us who are God’s image.

When Jesus concludes with “Stop judging and you will not be judged....a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” He reminds us to see in others the image of God and that in turn, will help us see the image of God in us. This way of seeing us and others will be the new measure of life in its abundance. This is God’s way of dealing with us. This way of living will make us live like God, to “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Feb 15th & 16th

\$4677

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

Congratulations to our January winners!
February winners will be published in the
beginning of March!

**PRAY
FOR
PEACE**

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



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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



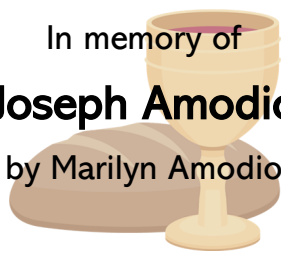
We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.



Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

2/24-3/2

In memory of
Joseph Amodio
 by Marilyn Amodio



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

“My faith demands that I do whatever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have to try to make a difference.”

~President Jimmy Carter

Our shelves are very low on...

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

FYI

Free At-Home COVID-19 tests are available at covidtests.gov or by calling 1-800-232-0233

Job Fairs:

Tuesday Feb 25th- Suffolk County Job Fair
5-7pm at the Sayville Public Library, 88
Greene Ave. For more information - call the
county Department of Labor at 631-853-
6600

Thursday Feb 27th- Long Island Career Fair
11am to 2pm at the Marriott, 1350 Walt
Whitman Road, Melville. For more go to
<https://shorturl.at/Y92m5>

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.



Love
your
enemies

LUKE 6:27



In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to : “Love your enemies...Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Please pray for a young boy whose family we have helped in the past. He is in kidney failure and needs dialysis. His parents have been unable to locate a pediatric dialysis unit. Your prayers would go a long way to ease their burden and fear.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Frequently compared to the Sermon on the Mount, this week's Gospel features the Sermon on the...

- a: Sea
- b: Plain
- c: Field
- d: Crossroads



Answer: b (Plain). According to Luke, after spending all night in prayer on a mountain, Jesus descended to a level place and began to teach the crowd.

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: February 28th
Chinese Luncheon!

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

KINDNESS
IS LIKE
SNOW —
IT BEAUTIFIES
everything
IT COVERS.
— Kahlil Gibran

Don't forget to



SUBSCRIBE

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YouTube channel!

Deacon Matt has created a new YouTube channel where you can find his homilies, past and future, from Sundays and Adoration and everything in between!

Check it out and subscribe!

You Tube

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Presentation of Babies

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



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, 2025

Services

12pm

4:30pm



Masses

9am

7pm





ST. Thomas More
Msgr. Francis S Midura
Council 6062
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Saturday, March 15. 2025

Following the 5 PM Mass

The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Ed Rogan, PGK

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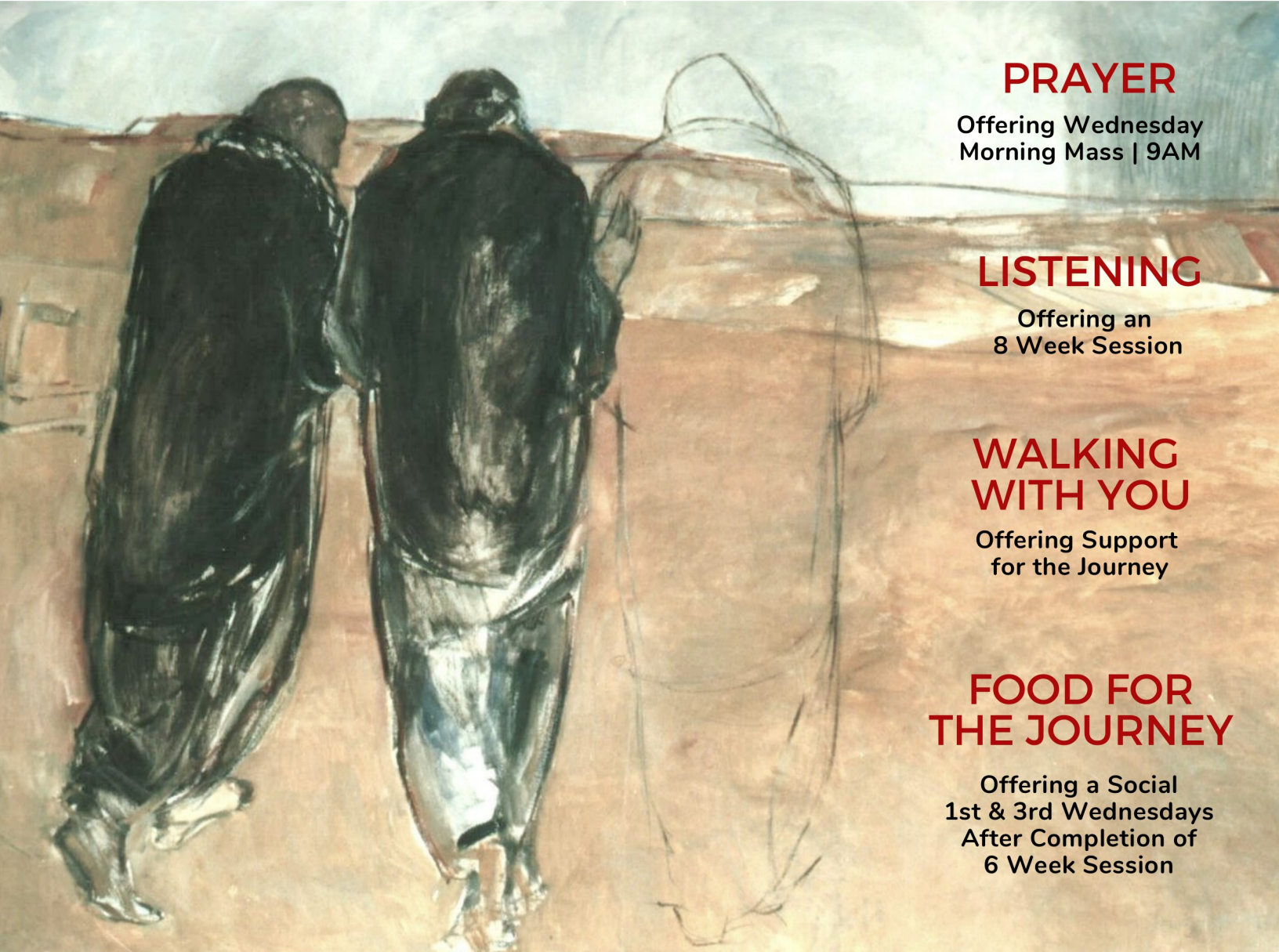
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NEW

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

HAVE YOU RECENTLY LOST A LOVED ONE?



PRAYER

Offering Wednesday
Morning Mass | 9AM

LISTENING

Offering an
8 Week Session

WALKING WITH YOU

Offering Support
for the Journey

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Offering a Social
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
After Completion of
6 Week Session

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 26

If you've lost a spouse, a parent, a sibling, or a child

sign up online | www.ctrkcc.org/bereavement
or call the Outreach Office | **631.864.2007**