

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

March 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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

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Masses March 1st - March 9th 2025

Saturday, March 1st:

5pm- Joseph LoPreto *by Their Family*

Berta Jacome & Consuelito Troaño *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*

Monday, March 3rd:

9am- Arputha Mary Asir *by Milagros*

Tuesday, March 4th:

9am- Chet Kalenty *by Rose & Herb Hampton*

Wednesday, March 5th: Ash Wednesday

9am- Nury Morcillo *by The Rodriguez Family*

7pm- Fr Frank Schneider *by Bob & Evelyn McMahon*

Thursday, March 6th:

9am- German Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

Friday, March 7th:

9am- Christopher Weidig *by Mom & Dad*

Saturday, March 8th:

5pm- Ellen Cleary *by The Family*

John Puglisi *by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

Sunday, March 9th: First Sunday of Lent

8am- Jubran Habash *by STM Hospitality*

9:30am- Marion Orleman *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo*

Marc Matto *by Kim Siciliano & Friends*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Tish & Richard Landi*

Arputha Mary Asir *by The STM Choir*

Luke 4:1-13 (Lent 1)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Focus Questions for Lent 1

Luke 4:1-13

- 1: Give an example of when you found it hard to pray. What helped you to start praying again.
- 2: How can you simplify your life this Lent?
- 3: Recall a time of trial when you were tempted by words of empty promises.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the meaning of Lent and what Lenten practices you can do as a family.

Readings for This Week

March 2nd, 2025 (Ordinary 8)

Sirach 27:4-7

Psalms 92:2-3, 13-16

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Readings for Next Week

March 9th, 2025 (Lent 1)

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13



From the Desk of Fr Antony

“Eyes are windows of the soul. The mouth is the door to the brain.” The eyes grasp the situation better than the mind that tries to understand. “In darkness all things are alike.” It is the light that helps distinguish the good from the bad. “A bird is known by its note and a human person by their talk.” “From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” The message of the heart is deeper than the words that the mouth utters.

These proverbs explain that the truth that the heart or the soul has, is deeper than what the words can express. Our words and deeds are the media of our inner substance. All that each of us do or say outwardly is just the fruit of who we are inwardly. As the first reading says, “one’s speech discloses the bent of one’s mind”, our words will disclose who we are and what side we support.

The second reading explains the same truth in an eternal perspective. Our corruptibility clothes itself with incorruptibility and mortality clothes itself with immortality. We have the power to live our eternity in our temporality. We are finite and limited but we carry within us the power to live with mercy and give our love and forgiveness beyond measure. Within our limitedness and weakness, God has implanted the power to pray beyond our imagination. Jesus has reminded us, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus invites us to live our inner goodness. “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good...“For every tree is known by its own fruit...A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.” But sometimes due to our fear or selfishness we may not choose to live from within. We may be blind to our own weakness and exaggerate those of the other. We may hide our own faults and highlight those of others. Jesus explains this fact of life in a parabolic way. ‘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.” Jesus wants us to come out of our hypocrisy and live our truth of bearing good fruits.

Wednesday March 5th begins the Holy Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

The season is called holy because it is filled with opportunities of God calling us, to make us Holy through the Grace God gifts us, by journeying with His Son’s passion death and Resurrection. We at St. Thomas More invite you to become a holy tree bearing good fruit through the Spiritual Exercises during Lent. Please refer to the bulletin for the various special spiritual exercises during Lent. Please make use of “Hallow”; a spiritual app to live our inner spiritual power to bear good fruit.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Feb 22nd & 23rd

\$6106

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

February winners are listed at the back of this bulletin. Winners will be posted weekly in this location going forward!



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Eddie & Meggie Adams	Pat Kinney
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	Renee Prince
Patricia Culbert	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Grayson Danielski	Tim Ryan
Michael Davis	Sinead Rodgers
Victor DiPalma	Angelo Santangelo
Arline DiSalvo	Rita Schug
Brian Fagioli	Noah Simonetti
Shane Farmer	Louise Soldo
Barbara Foberg	Kevin Spence Sr
Brendan Gallagher	Christy Torkelsen
Connie Giunta	Andrew M Valentine
Rick Goodhart	Janet Ward
Stephanie Goodhart	Lorraine White
Linda Heller	Denise Zappia
Nancy Itterly	

Pray for the Deceased

Eileen Macholz-Barr
Theresa Hind



We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

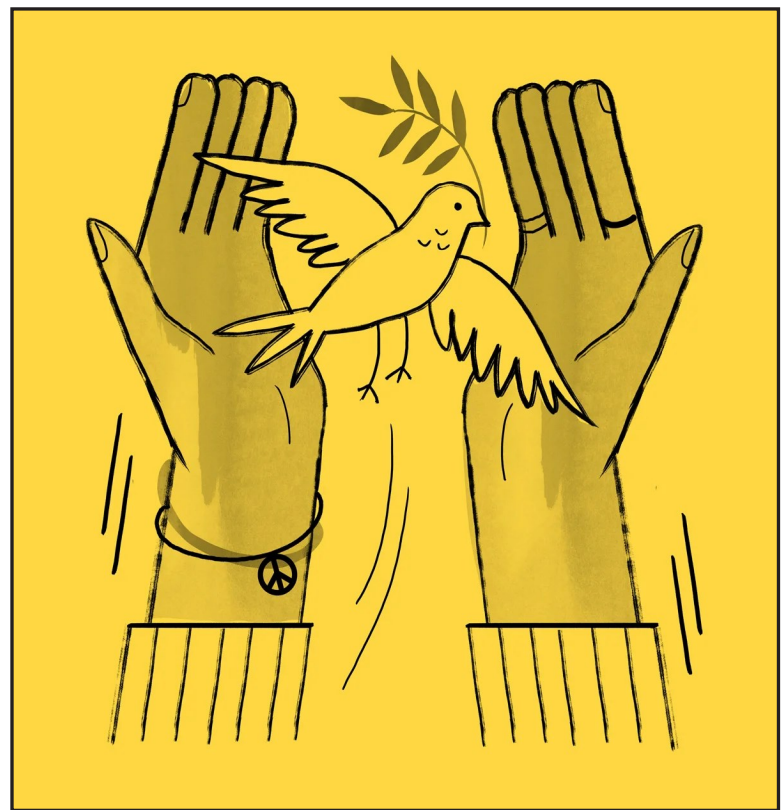
Pray for Our Military

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.



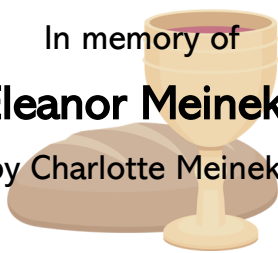
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

3/3-3/9

In memory of

Eleanor Meineke

by Charlotte Meineke



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 love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”
~Leviticus 19:34

Our shelves are very low on...

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.



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
631-234-3149
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



COMMON GOOD
(Thinking of everyone)



DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE
(Sharing fairly)



HUMAN DIGNITY
(Everyone is special)



PARTICIPATION
(Taking part)



PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR
(Putting people in most need first)



PROMOTING PEACE
(Being peacemakers)



SOLIDARITY
(Showing we care by working together)



STEWARDSHIP
(Caring for God's Creation)



SUBSIDIARITY
(Everyone should have a say)



In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...”

It is true that donations come to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart, and we are grateful.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which dish is traditionally eaten on Fat Tuesday (Mardis Gras) around the world?

- a: Red Meat
- b: Lasagna
- c: Pancakes
- d: Soup



Answer: C (Pancakes). Pancakes (and eventually doughnuts and other similar pastries) were traditionally consumed on Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday, in order to use all the eggs, milk, and butter before the Lenten fast.

Don't forget to



to Deacon Matt's new YouTube channel!

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

Check it out and subscribe!



www.youtube.com/@dcnmattsurico

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

PATRICIA SKRZYPEK
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



VINCENT RADZIUL
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



Bereavement Group

for anyone whose life has been affected by suicide.

Starting Wednesday April 23rd
6pm to 7:30pm for six weeks

St. Raphael's

600 Newbridge Rd
East Meadow

Call for more info
516-308-3808

Remember, you
are not alone.

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: March 14th
St Patrick's Luncheon

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



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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Calendar Club 2025

Congratulations to our February winners!

Future winners will be posted weekly in the bulletin!

Feb 1	\$25	1575	Arlene Aspromgos
Feb 2	\$50	19	Maximus Fagioli
Feb 3	\$25	1945	Ann & Lou Anatrella
Feb 4	\$25	1408	Mark & Karen Anderson
Feb 5	\$25	1018	Ann & Lou Anatrella
Feb 6	\$25	1986	Richard Soldano
Feb 7	\$50	1288	Joyce Miller
Feb 8	\$25	799	Joseph & Eileen Petre
Feb 9	\$50	332	Mark & Karen Anderson
Feb 10	\$25	716	Diane & Steve Phelan
Feb 11	\$50	566	Joseph & Barbara Fratamico
Feb 12	\$25	516	John & Marie Hanna
Feb 13	\$25	1329	Lois Mohlenbrock
Feb 14	\$25	76	Parish Outreach
Feb 15	\$25	1613	Mark & Karen Anderson
Feb 16	\$50	1504	Pat & Joan Shea
Feb 17	\$25	779	Flo Janovsky
Feb 18	\$50	791	Parish Outreach
Feb 19	\$25	1565	Peggy & Ed Goutink
Feb 20	\$25	1909	Jacqueline Garziano
Feb 21	\$25	1454	Elaine Liberti
Feb 22	\$25	803	Maureen Fallona
Feb 23	\$50	1939	Robert Weisz
Feb 24	\$25	1447	Robert W Yezek
Feb 25	\$25	1546	Joe & Joy Licari
Feb 26	\$25	708	Joanne Alois
Feb 27	\$25	1230	The Persia Family
Feb 28	\$25	1249	Marilyn Amodio

Holy Hour

"Don't You Know
I Need You?"

Contemporary
music by Alex
and Noelle!



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us
our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

Memorial Mass for Parents



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



One of our youngest parishioners welcoming Fr Antony back from India!



Our Pre-Cana couples receiving a blessing from Deacon Matt at the Pre-Cana Mass. Pray for them and their upcoming sacrament!



Join us each Sunday for Children's Liturgy! All kids ages 4-8 are welcome!



The Columbiettes had a send off luncheon for Donna Ciminello as she moves out of the Parish. Good luck!



Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

See the guidelines below!

- Fasting is obligatory for ages 18-59 inclusive.
- Fasting constitutes no more than one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are less than a full meal.
- Abstinence is obligatory for all Catholics aged 14 or older.
- Abstinence is to avoid eating meat (chicken, pork, beef, etc). Fish is allowed.
- Please remember to drink lots of water!

If possible, the fast on Good Friday can be continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully for his Resurrection.



MON 4/14 RECONCILIATION DAY

Confession available from 3:00pm-9:00pm at St Thomas More, as well as all parishes in the Diocese.

WED 4/16

Choir Cantata at 7:30pm in the Church. *No Stone Could Hold Him* composed by Larry Larson.

THUR 4/17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm in the Church. This mass is always followed by the Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Repository will be available until 10:00pm, ending with Night Prayer from the Liturgy of Hours.

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2025 Parish Lenten Project



SUPPORT

L.A. Wildfire Relief



Catholic Charities USA.

2025 PARISH LENTEN RETREAT Homecoming

PRESENTED BY
MSGR JERRY RINGENBACK

We need to come home to that place in our heart where God dwells, and where we are loved by God and others. This Parish Lenten Mission will take us on a journey - a Homecoming - which will bring us closer to ourselves, our God, and our Church.

7pm
IN THE
CHURCH



MON APRIL 7TH
COMING HOME TO ONESELF

TUES APRIL 8TH
COMING HOME TO GOD

WED APRIL 9TH
COMING HOME TO THE CHURCH

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Son, so that everyone
him may not perish but
eternal life.

JOHN 3:16



FRI 4/18 GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am
Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross for Young People at 1:30pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00pm in the Church
Tenebrae at 7:30pm in the Church. A presentation of the Lord's Passion with neotraditional Chant

SAT 4/19 HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am
Blessing of the Easter Food at 10:00am in Walden Hall
*NO 5:00pm MASS
Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in the Church

LENT 2025

TENEBRAE

GOOD FRIDAY, 7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A READING OF
THE LORD'S PASSION WITH
NEOTRADITIONAL CHANTING

LED BY DEACON MATT
COMPOSED BY ALEX WHITE
SUNG BY NOELLE WHITE



More Choir
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Witness to the
Our Salvation
April 16th
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AS MORE
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Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 7pm

3/7: for the Sick and the Disabled, and those who help ease their burden.
3/14: for the Addicted, and those struggling with Temptation.
3/21: for our Children, and all who are responsible for guiding them.
3/28: for those affected by Natural Disasters.
4/4: for Peace in our community, country, and world.
4/11: for all who Hunger, in body and heart and mind and soul.
*to be preceded by a Soup Supper at 6pm in Walden Hall

LENTEN MASS OF HEALING

Sunday, April 6th at 11:30am
anointing of the sick to follow



Easter Sunday

Masses at:
8:00am
9:30am
11:30am

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
-Matthew 28:2