

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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March 23rd, 2025

I shall
cultivate
the
ground
around it
and
fertilize it;
it may
bear fruit
in the
future.



This Week's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

Psalms 103:1-4,6-8,11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Luke 13:1-9

3rd Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, March 22nd

5pm Michael Ferrante
Ellen Cleary

Sunday, March 23rd Third Sunday of Lent

8am Evelyn Scollon

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Anthony Hoyos (healing)

11:30pm John Murray
Dcn Thomas Samson

Monday, March 24th

9am Ana Cecilia & Cirilo
de Jesus Castro

Tuesday, March 25th

9am Thomas Fallona

Wednesday, March 26th

9am Chet Kalenty

Thursday, March 27th

9am Arputha Mary Asir

Friday, March 28th

9am Antonia Petrillo

Saturday, March 29th

5pm Edward J Boney

Sunday, March 30th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8am Robert Boston

9:30am Carole Anne Calla
Andrew John Kiss

11:30am Eileen Macholz-Barr
Lyvia Liberatoscioli



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.

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*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30th 2025

Readings

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

Psalms 34:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Focus Questions

1: What does the story Jesus told of the two sons tell you about God?

2: Describe a person you know who is always ready to forgive.

3: Relate a time when you watched someone being overly generous.

Families: Talk about how you can become a more forgiving person.

Gospel of Luke

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

From the Pastor

Overheard at the beach: “Mom, may I go for a swim?” “Certainly not my dear, it is far too deep.” “But dad is swimming.” “Yes, dear, but he’s insured.” Nothing is guaranteed in life. In the name of insurance, we try to get some kind of monetary support at the time of loss. Insurance can help us replace material loss. But for life as such, what kind of guarantee or insurance can we have?

The readings of the third week of Lent invite us to see within us an indestructible God-given substance as a guarantee or insurance against all the loss we will incur in our earthly life.

Today’s first reading narrates how God revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush. The fire could not burn it. In that fresh and unburnt burning bush God commissioned him to deliver his people enslaved by Pharaoh. Moses was asked by God to go to the same Pharaoh from whom he fled to save his life. God sent him to the same fire, Pharaoh whose wrath burnt him in the first place. But this time God promised to be with him so Moses would be kept fresh like the green-burning bush. The wrath of Pharaoh would be like a fire around Moses, the green bush, but it would not consume him. God would be his guarantee and insurance.

The second reading explains how God saved His people in crossing the red sea and in journeying through the desert towards the promised land. All who left Egypt did not enter the promised land but only those who did not rebel against God. Taking this example, Paul instructed to his church in Corinth that “these things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did and suffered death by the destroyer.” In short Paul reminded us that God is our insurance and guarantee for life, provided we are faithful to God’s guidance.

The parable of Jesus in today’s Gospel describes our life as a tree which can still bear fruit. The owner was ready to cut down the fruitless fig tree, but the gardener saved the tree, recommending to the owner: “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.” God, like the owner has the right to cut us, the fruitless tree, but Jesus the Gardener recommends us before God, that He is ready to work with us to revive and bear fruit.

All that we might see or experience in or around us may seem discouraging and disturbing, painful and unpromising. However, Jesus the Gardener is ready to work with us, as he works with the unfruitful fig tree. If we can cooperate with Him we will be able to bear fruit. Our barrenness will be turned into fruitfulness. We may feel the fire around us burning, but because God is working with us we will be surprised like Moses to see that we, the burning bush are still fresh, though on fire, not consumed. God is our fire-insurance. We are the burning bush, in and through us God speaks and works.

This week we pray the Stations of the Cross on March 28th at 7:00 pm for those who are suffering from natural disasters. Please come and pray with us.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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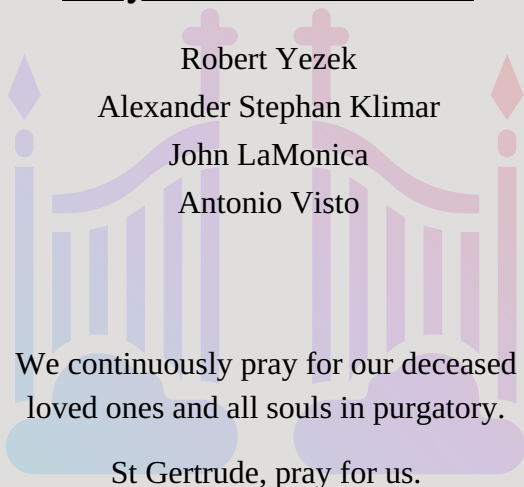
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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased



Robert Yezek
Alexander Stephan Klimar
John LaMonica
Antonio Visto

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

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| Eddie & Meggie Adams | Brian Fagioli | Carol Persan |
| Maria U Albada | Shane Farmer | Renee Prince |
| Joseph Barrett | Barbara Foberg | Nunzio Puleo |
| Gregory Bennett | Brendan Gallagher | Tim Ryan |
| Karen Benson | Connie Giunta | Sinead Rodgers |
| Marie Bracco | Rick Goodhart | Angelo Santangelo |
| Peter Cappisillo | Stephanie Goodhart | Rita Schug |
| Vincent Carlino | Linda Heller | Noah Simonetti |
| Tom Carroll | Nancy Itterly | Louise Soldo |
| Lillian Catalano | Pat Kinney | Kevin Spence Sr |
| Christopher Conley | Maryann Landi | Christy Torkelsen |
| Fran Cooke | Richard Landi | Joseph Tuffarelli |
| Patricia Culbert | Rosalie Malerba | Andrew Valentine |
| Grayson Danielski | Marge McGowan | Janet Ward |
| Michael Davis | Meagan | Lorraine White |
| Victor DiPalma | Kevin Morrissey | Larry Wilson |
| Arline DiSalvo | Ellen Murphy | Denise Zappia |

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

March 24-March 30



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
Father Lenny Carlino
Bishop John Barres
Pope Francis

Pray for our Military

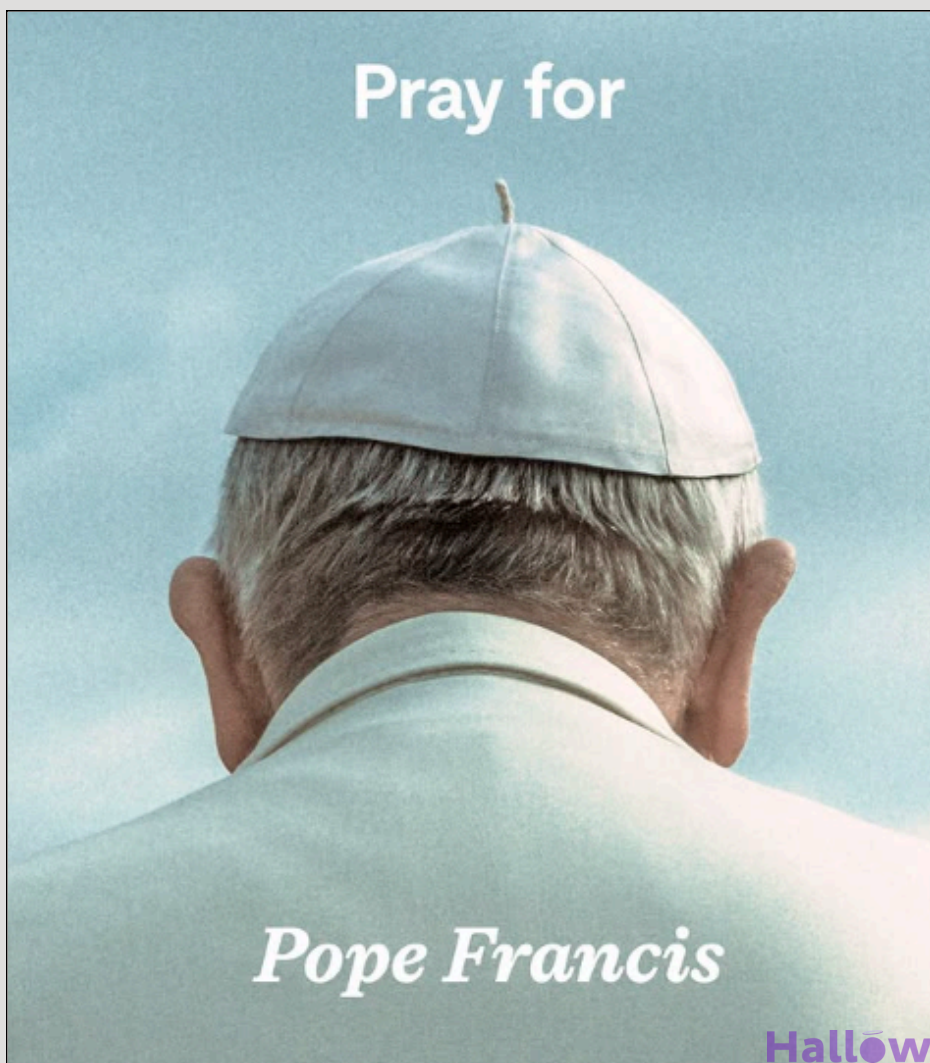
Please continue to pray for the brave members of our Parish Family who serve our country:

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| 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 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.

*This listing will reset on March 31st, 2025

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.



Pray for

Pope Francis

Hallow

Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
March 15th & 16th
Second Sunday in Lent

\$4956

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, 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.

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.

Parish Social Ministry

Eastern Farm Workers Association

EFWA needs help! EFWA is an all-volunteer membership association of farm workers and other low-paid workers throughout Suffolk County. EFWA is top to bottom volunteers and takes no government funding or funding with outside strings attached in order to be an independent voice of, by and for, Suffolk County's low-income workers. EFWA has an 11-point benefit program that includes emergency food, clothing, non-emergency dental care, preventative medical care, legal advice, and more. Our Outreach Program assists with donations of food, toys for the holidays, and other donations when available. Volunteers are urgently needed now and throughout the spring months as thousands of low-paid workers are facing uncertainty or are struggling to afford basic necessities. There are many ways to help including driving to help pick up donations, assistance in the office, help with their programs, etc.

Spring Expansion Campaign: starts with the Spring Family Brunch and Egg Hunt on Saturday 3/29 from 11-2 at Christ Episcopal Church in Bellport. EFWA's office is open 7 days a week. Call 631-286-8004 and ask for Joel or Alanna for more info or to volunteer.

During the month of February, Outreach provided support to 61 families, including 84 children and 93 adults. Thank you for your generosity!



OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Jelly
Rice
Canned/Boxed Meals
Drinks
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

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

“Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful.”

LUKE 6

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus is quite clear in his message: “bear fruit or be cut down.” This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing good work; far greater than you think. Whatever you can give goes directly to your neighbor in need.



If you know someone in need,
please call!
To contact us, call 631-248-6760
or email svdp.stm@aol.com



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The quote from Micah 4:4 "each man under his own vine and fig tree" was used by which President to denote the "equality of all Americans, regardless of faith."

- a: Washington
- b: Jefferson
- c: Adams
- d: Lincoln



Answer: A (Washington). He used the quote in a letter to the Touro Synagogue of RI in 1790. It was famously paraphrased in "One Last Time" from the musical Hamilton.

Don't forget to



SUBSCRIBE

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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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

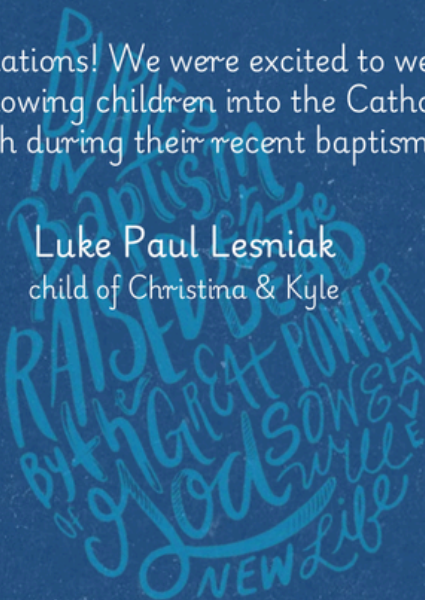
NEXT MEETING: MARCH 28TH

CALL ANNA
631-234-0714

Baptisms in our church

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

Luke Paul Lesniak
child of Christina & Kyle



BANNS OF Marriage

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

JULIANA KALINSKY
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



STEVEN MARINI
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge

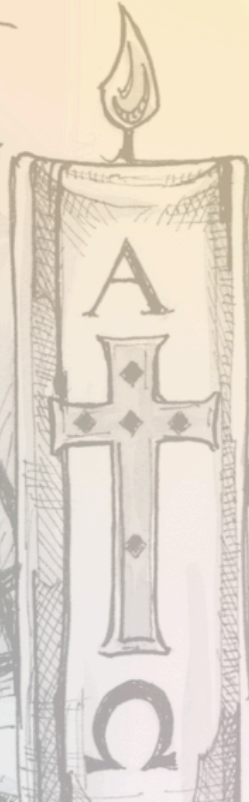


Paschal Candle 2025

As Lent begins, the Parish is looking for sponsors for our 2025 Paschal Candle.

Sponsorships can be *in memoriam* or on behalf of your family. Contact the Rectory for more information!

Fun Fact: The Paschal Candle is lit for all of Easter, as well as at all Baptisms and Funeral.



Gluten Free Eucharist



Gluten Free* hosts are available at all Masses, upon request.

Before Mass, speak with the priest or deacon and request a GF host.

The GF host will be placed in a GF pyx (container for holding the Blessed Sacrament) and will be consecrated on the altar alongside the other hosts in the ciboria.

Go to the communion line of the clergy you spoke to before Mass. They will get the GF pyx for you.

They will open the pyx for you, but not touch the host to avoid contamination.

Receive the Blessed Sacrament!

*Please note that while we refer to these as being GF, they are actually "Low Gluten". The Catholic Church requires that all bread used for communion must be made from wheat. The hosts we use for gluten intolerant persons are certified to have "less than 0.001% gluten content".

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.*

Special Collection

March 29th & 30th



Next week's Special Collection will support...

Catholic Relief Services

For over 80 years, the mission of CRS has been to assist the impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

Learn more
www.crs.org/about

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

ruega por nosotros

pray for us

ora pro nobis

молися за нас

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St. Thomas More Lenten Project 2025



Catholic
Charities
USA®

Those impacted by **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**



The devastating wildfires burning out of control in the greater Los Angeles area resulted in 29 deaths and have forced nearly 180,000 people to evacuate, leaving their homes just carrying whatever belongings they could. The rapid, raging fires, sparked by dry conditions and powerful winds, in Pacific Palisades, Pasadena, Sylmar, and Hollywood Hills have destroyed countless homes and businesses and caused thousands of men, women, and children to be displaced and in need. Many Angelenos are without shelter, food, and critical necessities, leaving communities in desperate need of support. A city official in Los Angeles described the night of Jan. 7 as “one of the most devastating and terrifying” that she had seen in her corner of the city.

During this trying time, Catholic Charities’ Disaster Relief Fund is providing clients with essential needs, such as food, water, toiletries, and hotel vouchers. Disaster Relief funds go directly to support displaced residents.

We continue to keep those impacted by the wildfires in our prayers and invite you to make a donation to Catholic Charities’ Disaster Relief Fund. Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas More and placed in the little house by the bulletin board, in the collection basket, or dropped off at the Rectory. Please note “Lenten Project” in the memo line.

EASTER

• 2025 •

EASTER DINNER

WE ARE IN NEED OF FOOD ITEMS!
SWEET POTATOES, VEGETABLES, CRANBERRY
SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT, STUFFING MIX,
DESSERTS, COFFEE, DRINKS, AND GOCERY
STORE GIFT CARDS (\$25)

EASTER BASKETS

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING CANDY
EASTER BASKETS FOR OUR CHILDREN!
CHOCOLATE BUNNIES OR CROSSES,
MARSHMALLOW PEEPS, MINI EGGS, JELLY
BEANS, SNACK PACKS, COOKIE PACKS.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST NO TOYS
AS THIS MAKES DISTRIBUTION MORE
DIFFICULT!



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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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, who believes in him may have eternal life.



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

The St. Thomas
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him may not perish but
e 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



LENTEN MASS OF HEALING

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



More Choir
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Witness to the
Our Salvation

April 16th
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THOMAS MORE
CHURCH

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.

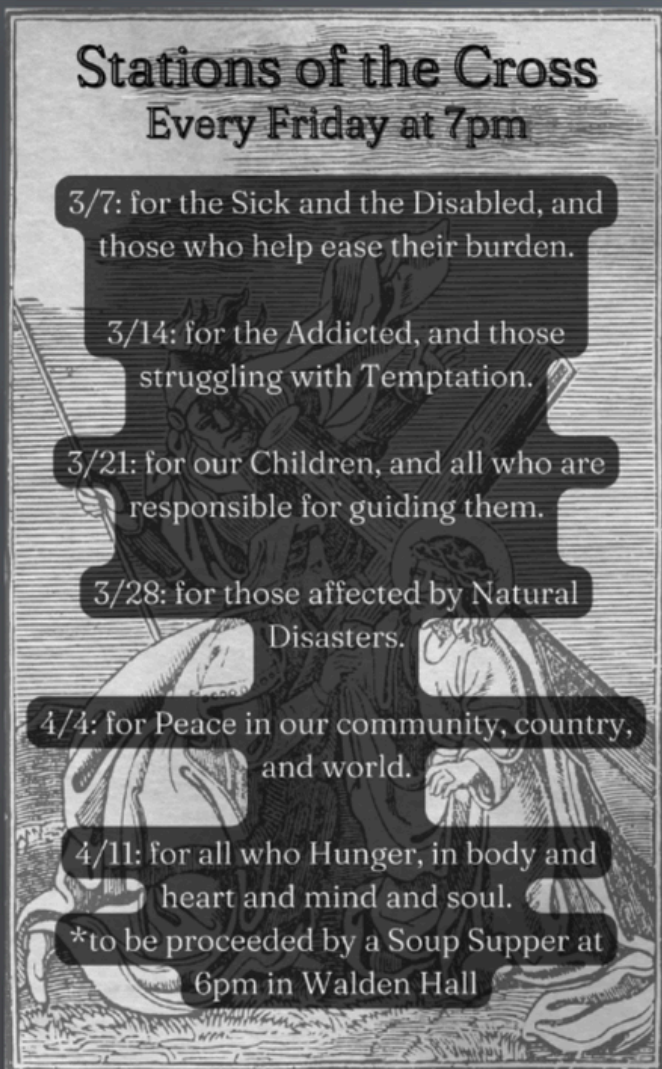
3/21: for our Children, and all who are
responsible for guiding them.

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



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

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.

Spring Flower Sale 2025



Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next to the color options. Write the total in the box on the bottom with your name & phone number, and place this form with your payment, cash or check, in an envelope marked "flowers" (if using, make checks payable to St. Thomas More). **Return the envelope to the collection basket or rectory by April 27th**

Cal Small Petunia
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

Pink Yellow
 Purple/ Blue

New Guinea Impatients
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

White Salmon
 Lavender

Balkin Ivy Geraniums
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

Pink

Begonia

\$20.00/ flat

Green Leaf/Pink
 Green Leaf/Mixed
 Bronze Leaf/White

Impatients

\$20.00/ flat

Purple Red
 Mixed

Marigolds

\$20.00/ flat

Large Yellow
 Dwarf Yellow
 Dwarf Mixed

Geraniums
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Salmon White
 Pink Red
 Blue Violet

New Guinea Impatients
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Red White
 Pink Orange

Total Enclosed:

Name:

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All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend of May 10 & 11 before and after all masses!

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!



Join us each week for Children's Liturgy!
Kids ages 4 to 8 are always welcome!



Lots of Corned Beef & Cabbage at the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by the 6062 Knights of Columbus!





Our local Young at Heart celebrating St Patrick's Day in style!



**Do you want to serve our Parish?
We are in need of dedicated volunteers!**

Altar Servers

Altar Serving is not restricted to children; we gladly welcome adults who would like to join the ministry!

Our most pressing need is for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

Training will be provided by Deacon Matt, and parents or adults who are interested or have further questions can reach out by email (altarservers@stmli.org) or by calling the Rectory!



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Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors



Becoming a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a great opportunity to serve our community, and will allow you to more deeply experience the Mass and our faith!



There are sessions available for Diocesan training, please call the Rectory for details!

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Deacon Harry Schwan



Deacon Harry with Michael
Jacobs on Confirmation Day

Rest in Peace

We received word last weekend that Harry Schwan passed away.

Harry was in the first class of deacons ordained in our diocese, on June 9th 1979. He and the late Fred Jackman were then assigned to our parish. With his beard and sandals, many likened Harry to Moses!

After serving our St. Thomas More Community for many years, he moved to Phoenix AZ and continued to do good work there. He recently had a fall, broke his hip, and contracted pneumonia. He passed away on Friday, March 14th.

Please pray for the
repose of his soul.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*AVE GRATIA PLENA
DOMINUS TECUM*

*FIAT MIHI SECUNDUM
VERBUM TUUM*

On March 25th, we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, when the archangel Gabriel visited Mary. As told in the Gospel of Luke, the archangel Gabriel said “hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee”. The Immaculate Mary responded with “be it done to me according to thy word”. Exactly nine months later, we celebrate Christmas!

Consider praying a Rosary on this most blessed day!



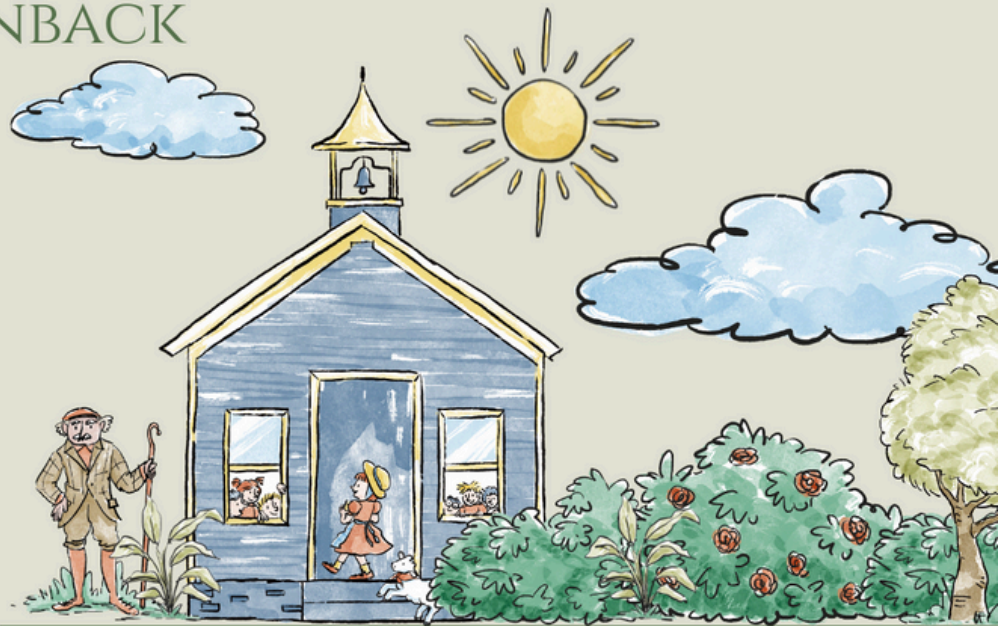
Fun Fact: if March 25th falls during Holy Week or Easter Week, the Annunciation is celebrated on the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter

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.



MON APRIL 7TH
COMING HOME TO ONESELF
How we see ourselves before God - our successes and failures

TUES APRIL 8TH
COMING HOME TO GOD
When and where we experience God's presence and absence

WED APRIL 9TH
COMING HOME TO THE CHURCH
Reflection on the current issues facing the Church and how we might respond

PLEASE JOIN US

7pm
IN THE
CHURCH





Learn this lesson
from the fig tree