

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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March 30th, 2025

this son of
mine was
dead, and
has come
to life again;

he was lost,
and has
been found

This Week's Readings

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

Psalm 34:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

4th Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, March 29th

8pm 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

Monday, March 31st

9am Arputha Mary Asir

Tuesday, April 1st

9am Chet Kalenty

Wednesday, April 2nd

9am Michael Joseph Rocco

Thursday, April 3rd

9am Antonio Visto

Friday, April 4th

9am John LaMonica

Saturday, April 5th

5pm John Puglisi
Charles Anderson

Sunday, April 6th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Robert Williams Jr
Eleanor Kingsley

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Patricia Swetz

11:30am Betty Barbieri
Christopher Loring



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.

Saints of the Week

St. Francis of Paola (4/2)

St. Isidore (4/4)

St. Vincent Ferrer (4/5)

St. John Baptist de la Salle (4/7)

Saints in heaven,
pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6th 2025

Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when you or someone you know was attacked, either in person or online

2: Relate a time when you pre-judged a situation and were enlightened by something someone said.

3: How does the compassion Jesus showed the woman caught in adultery affect the way you treat others?

Families: Talk about the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How are you doing?

Gospel of John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Husband: Where is yesterday's newspaper?

Wife: I wrapped the garbage in it.

Husband: Oh, I wanted to see it.

Wife: There wasn't much to see, just some orange peels and coffee grounds.

This is the difference between the way God sees and the way we do. God sees something new in us while we see nothing but garbage.

Today's Gospel reading is the famous story of Jesus' parable 'The Prodigal Son'. Jesus narrates the story to explain to the Pharisees and the scribes how his view of sinners is different from theirs. They, like the older son of the story, look at the sinners as those who have gone astray from the homestead and are not to be associated with the righteous like them. But for Jesus, like the younger son, sinners are longing to come back to the embrace of the father's love and are ready to celebrate the forgiving relationship. They treated the sinners for the sins they committed and failed to see their potential to become God's children again. Jesus saw and sees even now in all of us the potential to become God's children and His own siblings to God the Father.

Today's readings free us from the frozen view to the flowing view of life. It is our choice. We can either adamantly settle for our own whims and fancies about our life like the older son and thus stay out from life's celebration into which the Father invites. Or we can free ourselves from our old way of life and allow the flow of new life like the younger son; and thus, celebrate life enjoying the mercy and forgiveness of God the father.

As the first reading says our life is a celebration of 'pass over' from that which enslaves us, to that which frees and fills us with God's new life. The second reading describes to us how we are a New Creation in Christ. God in Christ has not only empowered us with newness but also made us as God's ambassadors for Christ in order to spread the newness around us. Let us not freeze in the old we have settled for, like the older son. Let us free ourselves to the new we have within, like the younger son.

Fr. Jerry Ringenback will lead us in our Parish Mission. The mission will spiritually enlighten and empower us coming back to oneself, to God and to Church. Please inform your friends and families; welcome them to this new spiritual experience. It is time to find ourselves in new light and encourage ourselves to become NEW.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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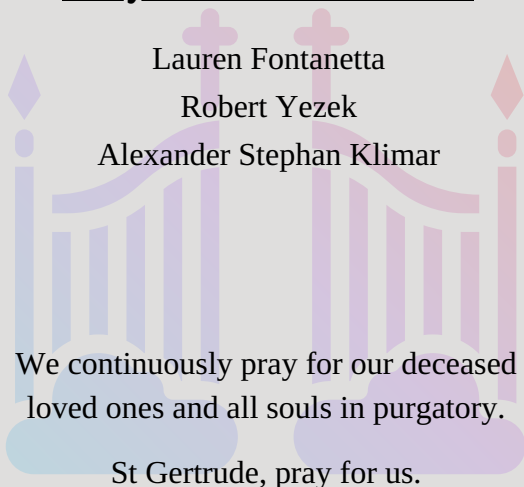
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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased



Lauren Fontanetta
Robert Yezek
Alexander Stephan Klimar

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

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

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial



March 31-April 6

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

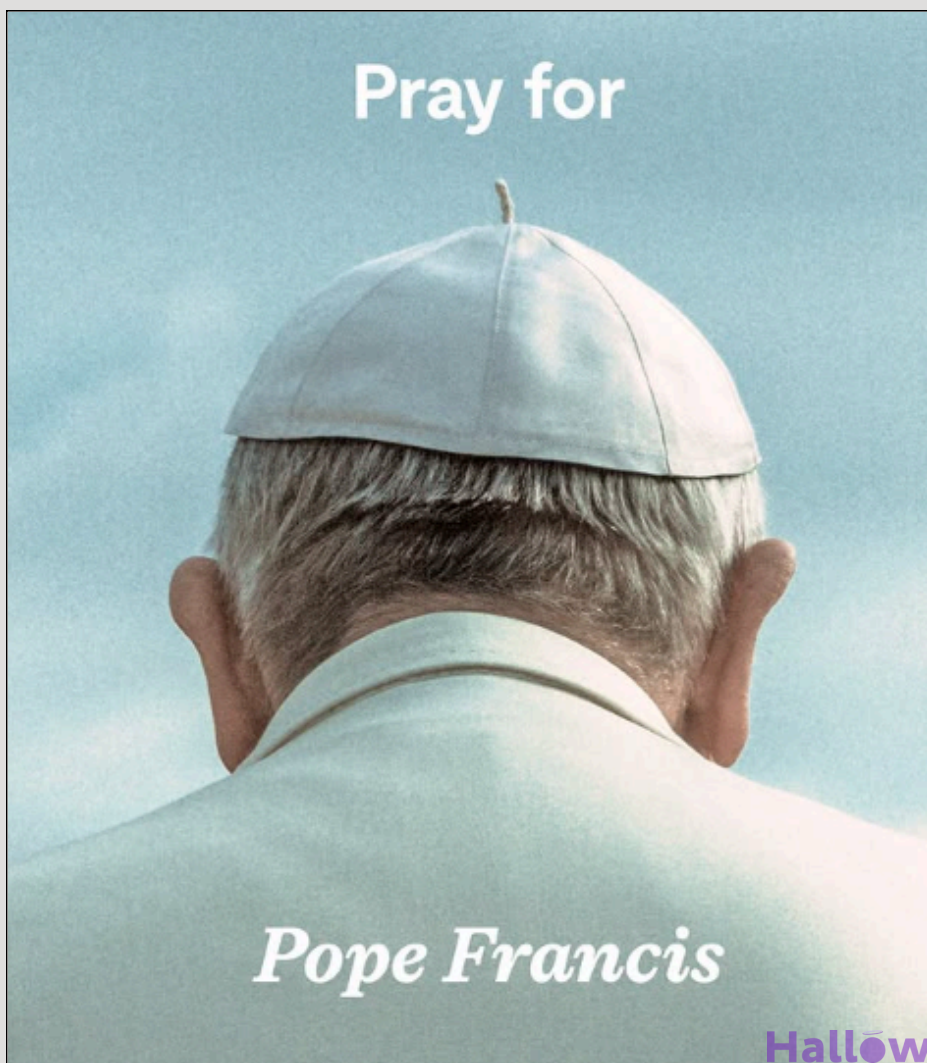
Please continue to pray for the brave members of our Parish Family who serve our country:

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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
March 22nd & 23rd
Second Sunday in Lent

\$6214

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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Young at Heart

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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.

Parish Social Ministry

Looking for ways to help?

Outreach is in need of "back-up" helpers. If you have some time so spare, consider volunteering with us! Please call the Outreach office for more information.

Life Center of LI is seeking volunteers at their Smithtown and Deer Park locations to help with property and building maintenance and management of baby item donations. Please call 516-798-8746 for more info.

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.

FYI

St. Anthony of Padua (East Northport) is running a Lazarus support program (grief counseling) at 7pm on Tuesdays from March 25th through May 20th. Please contact pizzoroseann@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Holy Cross Parish in Nesconset is holding a bereavement group on Wednesdays beginning from 4/2/25 from 1:30 to 3:30. Call 631-265-2200 to register.



OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Canned Vegetables
Mac & Cheese
Tuna
Canned/Boxed Meals
Rice
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

"Give the world the best you have
and it may never be enough. Give
your best anyway."

MOTHER TERESA

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to help our neighbors with utility bills, auto insurance and repairs, fuel bills, rent, etc. Nothing is possible without your giving.



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

Luke 15 opens with three parables about redemption given to the Pharisees. Which of the following is NOT one of the parables of redemption:

- a: The Prodigal Son
- b: The Lost Coin
- c: The Sower
- d: The Lost Sheep



Answer: C (The Parable of the Sower). This parable comes from Matthew, Mark, and Luke B. discussing the Word of God. The Prodigal Son, Lost Coin, and Lost Sheep all relate to the redemption of the sinner.



NEXT MEETING: APRIL 11TH

Guest Speakers: Suffolk Deputy Sheriff. Info Session. All will receive a member ID card.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

CALL ANNA
631-234-0714

BANNS OF Marriage

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

JULIANA KALINSKY
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



STEVEN MARINI
St. Thomas More
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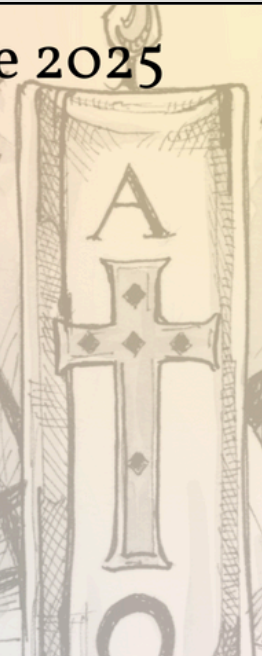


Paschal Candle 2025

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 must be made of at least 51% beeswax



Baptisms in our church

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

William Edward Witkowski
child of Kathleen & Edward

Rory Christopher Coogan
child of Brittany & Matthew

Lornezo Anthony DiBenedetto
child of Michelle & Anthony

Baby Bottle Return

The Knights will be collecting the baby bottles for the Life Center of LI next weekend (April 4th & 5th). Please return your bottles with any donations you have to one of the Knights in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!

www.lifecenterli.org



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.

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



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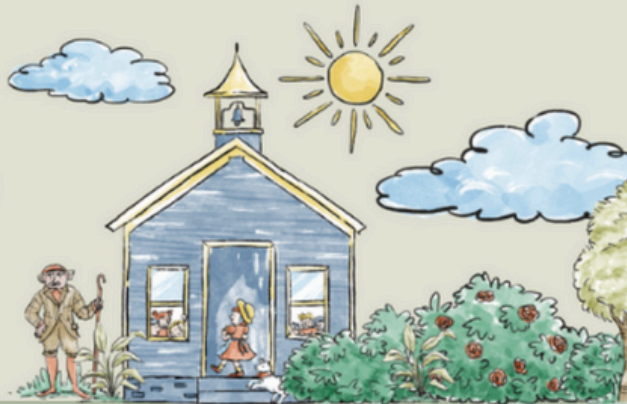
L.A. Wildfire Relief



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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Wednesday
7:30p



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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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AS MORE
INSTRY †

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.

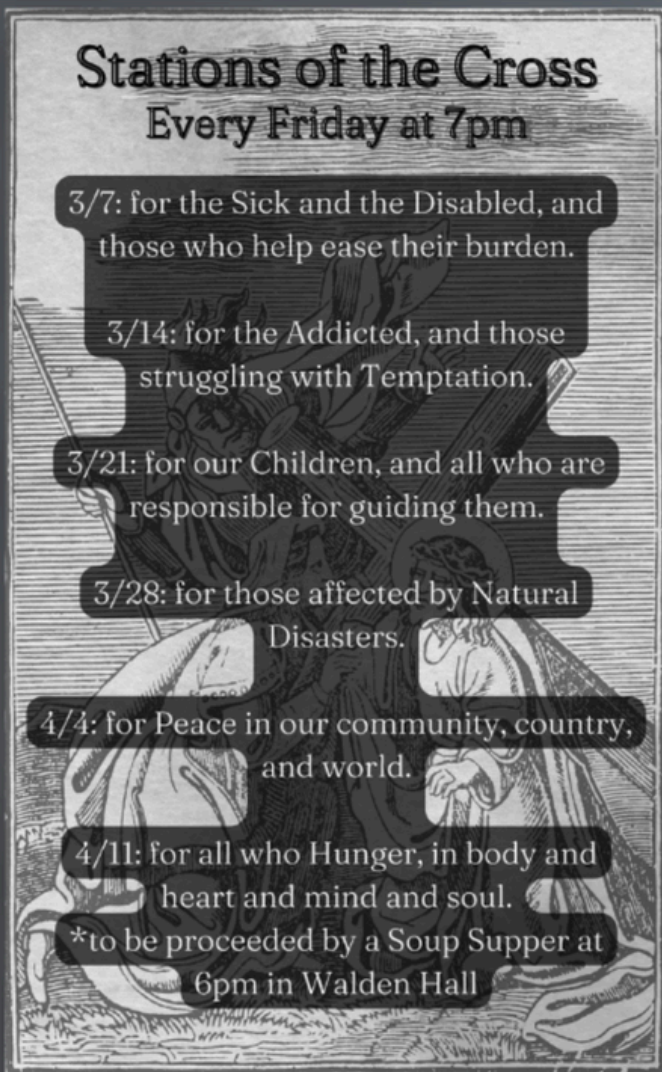
3/21: for our Children, and all who are
responsible for guiding them.

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

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!



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:

Phone #:

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

Holy Hour

"Walk With Him"

**Contemporary
music by Alex
and Noelle!**



**Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!**

Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

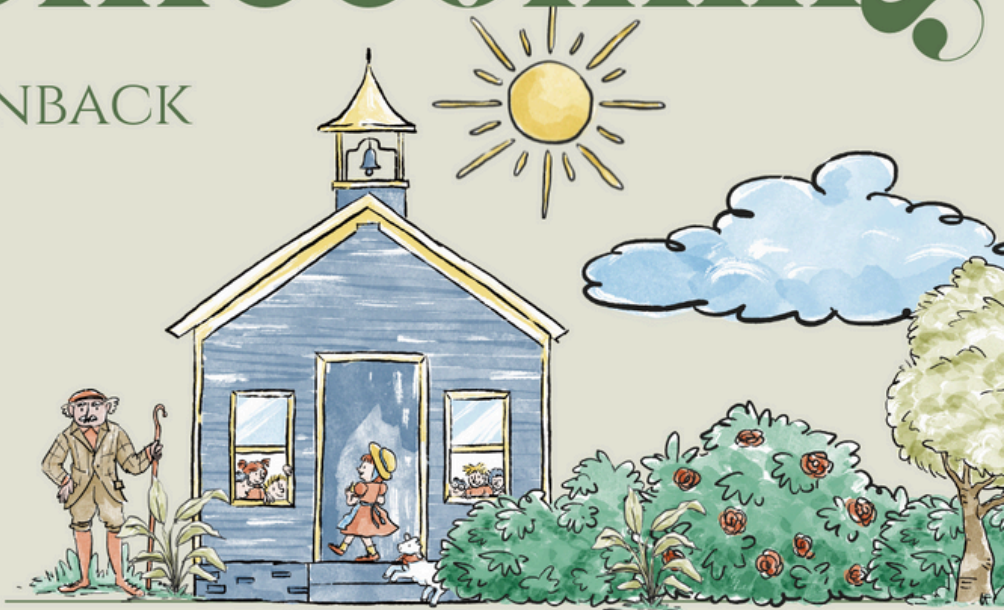
Micah 6:8

LENTEN RETREAT Homecoming

PRESENTED BY
MSGR JERRY RINGENBACK



Fr. Jerry comes to us with many years of parish experience and retreat work as a priest of our diocese. He hopes to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit that will touch the hearts of the faithful.



MON APRIL 7TH
COMING HOME TO ONESELF

How we see ourselves before God - our brokenness and holiness

TUES APRIL 8TH
COMING HOME TO GOD

How we experience God's merciful love and forgiveness

WED APRIL 9TH
COMING HOME TO THE CHURCH

How we can face the crisis in the church and draw the younger generation back

The Lenten Season - a time when we get our psiritual life in shape and prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. Giving up three evenings in April is certainly a Lenten sacrifice given the busyness of life.

The Mission Talks - the theme of homecoming is meant to bring us to a deeper appreciation of ourselves as holy people, draw us into a deeper relationship with the Lord as a healer, and renew our relationship with the church as human and divine, and draw the younger generation back.

A Moment of Grace - rarely is something we hear at a parish mission life-changing, but one insight, one awakening, one moment of grace can have an enduring impact on our lives.

9am & 7pm
IN THE
CHURCH

LENTEN RETREAT AT Homecoming

Dear Parishioners,

I am looking forward to coming to St. Thomas More Parish to offer the Lenten Mission which begins, Monday, April 7. Over the years you have been blessed with wonderful leadership. Despite its humble beginnings in a factory, the parish has grown into a vibrant and faith-filled family of believers. Clergy and laity together have embraced the spirit of Vatican II and created a spiritual home where all are welcome. In the face of the many challenges of our contemporary world that family spirit remains strong. It is a privilege for me to share with you this year's mission on the theme of "Homecoming,"- coming home to oneself, to God, and to the Church.

The Lenten Season and in particular the Lenten Mission is a unique time in the life of a parish- a time of growth and renewal. I come to St. Thomas not to offer some radical, life-changing message but some reflections on how to live a life of faith in a complex, changing world and to help others to draw closer to the Lord and the Church which we cherish.

I reach out especially to those who might not typically attend a mission for a variety of reasons. People's lives today are hectic, demanding, and often a source of stress. We need time to come aside, reflect and refocus our lives. A mission is such a time. Just to gain one insight, one saving grace from the mission makes the sacrifice of time worthwhile. With God a little effort goes a long way.

Join me as we travel from ashes to Easter. Come home and you will find there a treasure you have always desired.

Fr. Jerry Ringenback



Do you want to serve our Parish?

We are in need of dedicated volunteers!

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!

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!



2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT



SCRIPTURE



WRITINGS

ST. AUGUSTINE (354 - 430)



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1225 - 1274)

SUMMA THEOLOGICA
SUMMA CONTRA GENTILES
DE REGNO



LEO XIII (1810 - 1903)

IMMORTALE DEI (1885)
LIBERTAS (1888)
RUBUM NOVARIUM (1891)



PIUS XI (1857 - 1939)

QUADRAGESIMO ANNO (1931)



PIUS XII (1876 - 1958)

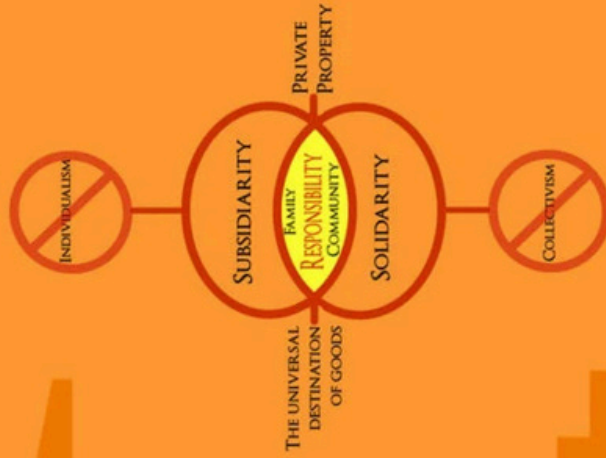
TEACHINGS AND ADDRESSES



ST. JOHN XXIII (1881 - 1963)

MATER ET MAGISTRA (1961)
PACEM IN TERRIS (1963)

REJECTION OF IDEOLOGIES



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

THE SEVEN PILLARS

- CARE FOR CREATION
- SUBSIDIARITY AND SOLIDARITY
- WORK AND THE WORKER
- OPTION FOR THE POOR
- RIGHTS AND DUTIES
- PARTICIPATION
- DIGNITY OF THE PERSON

THE COMMON GOOD





The Son
Who Returned

Luke 15:11-32