

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## This Week's Readings

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, April 12th

5pm Kenneth Walden  
Kevin Foley

## Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday

8am Dcn Thomas Samson  
Connie Giunta

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir  
Thomas Murphy (healing)

11:30am Alexander Blandeburgo  
Eileen Macholz-Barr

## Monday, April 14th

9am Arputha Mary Asir

## Tuesday, April 15th

9am Aida Hurtado

## Wednesday, April 16th

9am Thomas Kostor

## Thursday, April 17th

7:30pm *No Intentions*

## Friday, April 18th

3pm *No Intentions*

## Saturday, April 19th

7:30pm Easter Flower  
Remembrance

## Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

8am Easter Flower  
Remembrance

9:30am Easter Flower  
Remembrance

11:30am Easter Flower  
Remembrance



## 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. Martin (4/13)  
St. Anselm of Canterbury (4/21)  
St. George & St. Adalbert (4/23)  
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (4/24)  
Mark the Evangelist (4/25)

Saints in heaven,  
*pray for us*

## Prepare for Next Weekend

The Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Day  
April 20th 2025

### Readings

Acts 10:34a,37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

### Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when you searched for a missing loved one.  
2: How do you celebrate the holiness of Easter as the most important holy day of the Church calendar?  
3: How do you explain to someone who doesn't have faith that Jesus rose from the dead?  
Families: Talk about the symbols we use on Easter - flowers, new clothes, Easter eggs - and how they relate to what happened to Jesus on Easter.

### Gospel of Luke (19:28-40)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

Patient: How can I live to be a hundred, doctor?

Doctor: Give up cookies, cake, and ice cream. Stop eating red meat, potatoes, and bread. And no soft drinks.

Patient: And if I do that, I will live to be a hundred?

Doctor: Maybe not, but it will certainly seem like it.

**'Giving up something for Lent'** was one of the spiritual exercises we started on Ash Wednesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>). Today (April 13<sup>th</sup>) is Palm Sunday, the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Lent. We tried our best to 'give up' something for the past 40 days, only to begin the HOLY WEEK today, to take the journey with Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Our **'giving up' is a preparation to experience Jesus**, who 'gives up' himself sacramentally as food (Eucharist) on Holy Thursday during his Last Supper, and then 'gives his life' for us on the Cross, on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday, he would be in the tomb to express that He gave up everything in order to embrace all the human conditions from birth to death. Now nothing hinders Him from uniting with us. His Resurrection on Easter Sunday is the confirmation that He 'gives up' God-Being and is united totally to us human-Beings, that by 'giving up' all that is binding us to human weakness, we can 'gain' the Power of New Life along with Jesus.

**Holy Week is the time of 'giving up' along with Jesus in His Death**, to pass on to 'gaining' divine power of New Life along with Jesus in his Resurrection. The goal of Our Lenten 40 days with all its spiritual exercises is to bring us to this high-spiritual-experience of passing with Jesus from death to glorious Resurrection. Please check the Holy Week schedule attached in the bulletin. Try to participate in all the events. In these Liturgical events we will remember Jesus' last week on the earth. By remembering them we will celebrate God's love and life for us. By celebrating we believe and experience within us God's offer of New Resurrected Life in Jesus. I personally invite all of you to eagerly participate in all the Holy Week events. Come with your 'giving up' in order to 'gain' the New Life of Resurrection.

Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> is **Reconciliation Monday**. Confessions will be heard from 3pm to 9pm in our Church and in all the Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Individual Confession cleanses and illumines the hearts to enter into the mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

**Next Sunday is Easter Sunday**. We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from death. Like Christmas, Easter will be the occasion when the whole family of St. Thomas More will attend Mass. Every Mass will be very crowded. We will invite them with a smile. We will pray for them every day of this Holy Week that everyone who comes for the Easter Celebration will be touched by the New Life of the Resurrection. That immeasurable love and mercy of the Crucified and Risen Lord may inspire a new way of living in them. May our warmth and friendliness welcome them to worship God with us in our Church more frequently.

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



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## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased



Judith Frances Sutter  
 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



Ana Beltrani	Joseph Tuffarelli
Andrew Valentine	Larry Wilson
Christopher Conley	Margaret Sheehan
Christy Torkelsen	Marge McGowan
Codier Codispoti	Noah Simonetti
Diane McCann	Nunzio Puleo
Ellen Murphy	Richard Landi
Jo Garvey	Rosalie Malerba
John Zuzzolo	

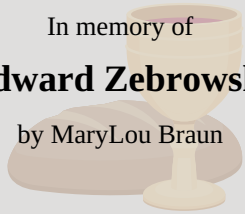
## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

April 14<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>

In memory of

**Edward Zebrowski**

by MaryLou Braun



Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

\*This listing will reset on September 30th, 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 our Clergy

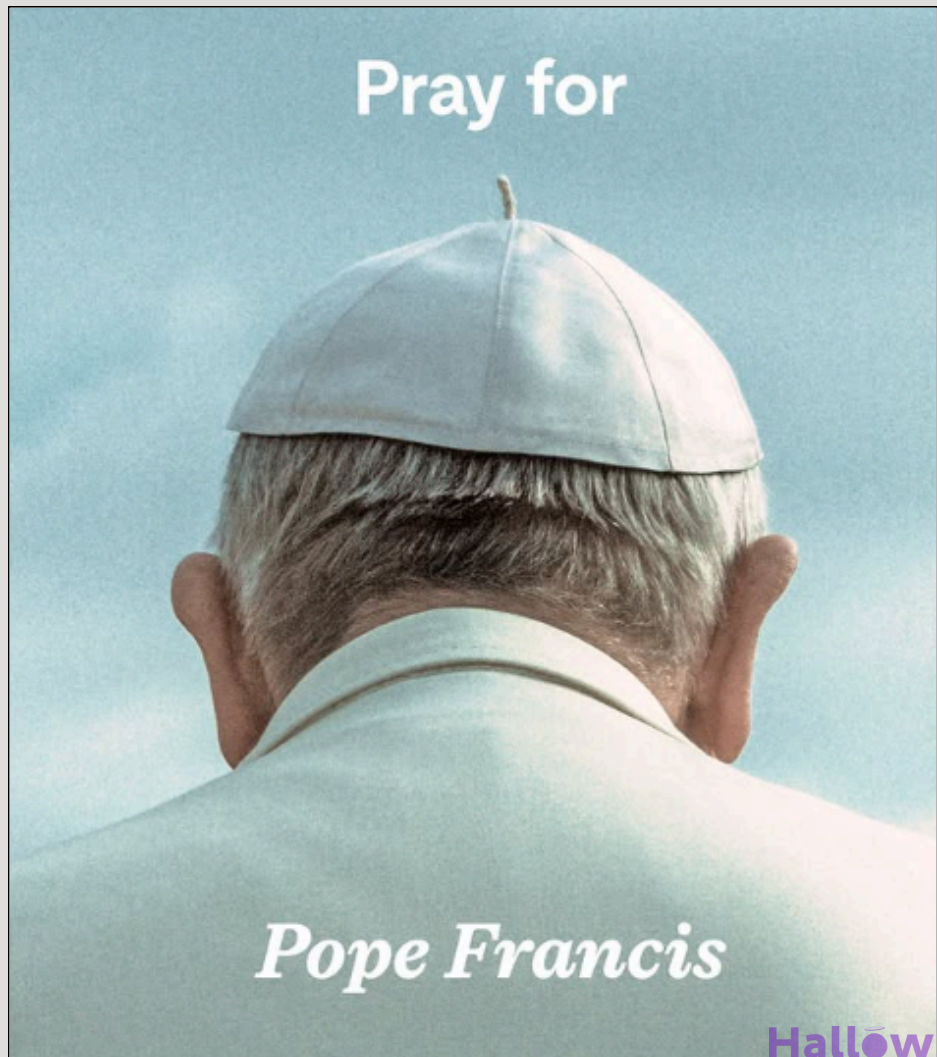
Father Antony Asir  
 Deacon Robert Weisz  
 Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
 Deacon Matthew Surico  
 The Capuchin Friars  
 Father Lenny Carlino  
 Bishop John Barres  
 Pope Francis

## 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.



Pray for

*Pope Francis*

Hallow



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

# \$7490

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](http://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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

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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

### Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

[outreach@stmli.org](mailto: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.

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."

MLK JR.

### 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.



### OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Tuna  
Jelly  
Mac & Cheese  
Canned/Boxed Meals  
Syrup  
Drink Mixes  
Shampoo  
Small Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels/Toilet Paper

### 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.

### Pillars of Catholic Social Teaching



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Your prayers and actions on behalf of the needy around us is truly a sign of God's love for us all.



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





# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In Christianity, "Hosanna" is a cry of praise. What does it mean in Judaism?

- a: Appeal for Divine Help
- b: Thanks be to God
- c: Shout of Fear
- d: The Passover



Answer: A (Appeal for Divine Help). In the Hebrew bible, it is used as "help" or "save us". That is in contrast to its context in the Gospels, where it is used to praise Jesus as he enters Jerusalem.



NEXT MEETING:  
APRIL 25TH

CALL ANNA  
631-234-0714

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

## BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIA JOSE MURPHY  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



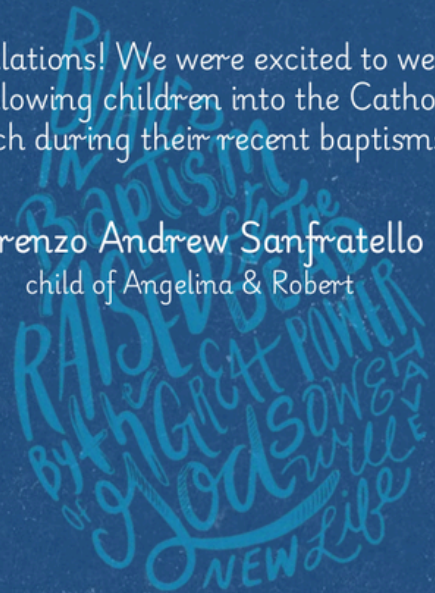
ALLEN MURPHY  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



## Baptisms in our church

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

Lorenzo Andrew Sanfratello  
child of Angelina & Robert



## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

ruega por nosotros

pray for us

ora pro nobis

молися за нас

ادعو لنا



# 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.*



# 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:**

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**Name:**

**Phone #:**

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



# 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!

#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Students from Margaret Gil and Christine Tjerslands Confirmation classes made Easter baskets to help support our Parish Outreach!



13 Beautiful Babies were blessed at the 9:30 Mass. Pray for these children and their parents ahead of their Baptisms!



Over 60 young Catholics were at the Children's Liturgy last Sunday during the 9:30 Mass. Remember, all children ages 4-8 are welcome to join us each Sunday!





# Blood Drive

**St. Thomas More RC Church**  
*In Memory of Arputha Mary  
Asir – Fr. Antony's Mother*

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

**1:30pm – 7:30pm**

**115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge**

**Walden Hall**



To make an appointment, please scan the QR code above. For medical eligibility questions, scan the QR code to the right or call 1-800-688-0900 Monday through Friday, 9am – 5pm.

## Prepare to donate



Eat well  
and hydrate



Bring a  
photo ID



Feel good and  
symptom free



Must be 17+ or  
16 with parental  
consent form



Meet minimum  
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements  
and COVID-19 information, visit  
[nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility).





**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.

# HOLY WEEK

AT ST THOMAS MORE

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have 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

## 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.



## 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

## 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



The St. Thomas More Choir presents...

# No STONE Could Hold HIM

A Dynamic Witness to the Living Rock of Our Salvation

Wednesday April 16th  
7:30pm



# HOLY WEEK 2025