

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

November 10th, 2024



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.

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

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Masses November 9th - November 17th 2024

Saturday, November 9th: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5pm- Agnes Schomber *by Russ & Evelina*

Doug Jones *by Barbara & Family*

Sunday, November 10th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Glen Bitet *by Lorraine Toomey*

9:30am- Lorenzo Garofalo *by Joanne & Gary Garramone*

Joseph Marsich *by Ratka & Joseph Santic*

11:30am- Terry Pankus *by Deacon Al Pankus*

Christopher Loring *by Elisa Kerenyi*

Monday, November 11th: St Martin of Tours

9am- Joseph Reistetter *by Their Family*

Tuesday, November 12th: St Josaphat

9am- Georgine Schaefer *by Joe Schaefer*

Wednesday, November 13th: St Frances Xavier Cabrini

9am- Joseph Codispoti *by Joe & Anna Beltrani*

Thursday, November 14th:

9am- Linda Dowling *by The Lowery Family*

Friday, November 15th:

9am- Marion Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

Saturday, November 16th:

5pm- Joseph DiMarco *by Paulette & Family*

Sunday, November 17th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Maria Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

9:30am- Josephine Hauk *by Marilyn Amodio*

Joseph Gargagliano Bardarni *by M Romano, J Moretti, & T Kwasnick*

11:30am- Matthew O'Connell *by The Kane Family*

Esther Burghardt *by Rose Russo & Family*

Mark 13:24-32 (Ordinary 33)

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 33

Mark 13:24-32

- 1: What distracts you from remembering just how fragile life can be?
- 2: Recall a time when you feared the end of life. How is that fear now?
- 3: In tough times, what keeps you going?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about what you do to get ready for a big event.

Readings for This Week

November 10th, 2024 (Ordinary 32)

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 146:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Readings for Next Week

November 17th, 2024 (Ordinary 33)

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16:5,8-11

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Mark 13:24-32

THE LORD

WATCHES OVER THE FOREIGNER AND SUSTAINS THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW.

PSALM 146:9, 10



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

The guide at the Grand Coulee Dam in Wahington State was asked by a tourist: "What is the water good for once they take the electricity out of it?" The truth is that the water does not have within it the electricity to wear out of it once it is produced. The force of the water which rotates the dynamo turns the mechanical energy into electrical energy. Life is a big energy which functions in various ways in every one of us. Life flourishes in sharing. Sharing keeps the life going on in peace and prosperity.

This week's readings teach us the fundamental truth of life: Giving and sharing. The first reading narrates the story of a poor widow who barely had anything to feed herself and her son, yet agreed to feed the hungry prophet Elijah. Her daring generosity to share her little with the hungry was blessed by God, that her jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry. She and her son were able to eat for a year.

At the encouragement of the Prophet Elijah and through the generosity of the widow, we learn the truth of life - which is - sharing makes life continue. If there is a heart of sharing, even the hungry can feed the hungry and there will be more than enough for both. Not that we do not have enough, or that we will run out if we give to the other. God blesses us all with more than we need. It is because of our unreadiness to share with others that leaves the world hungry, poor, and needy.

In the Gospel Jesus valued the two small coins of the widow as a bigger contribution than the large sum the rich put into the treasury. Giving is not a show of how much one gives but the reflection of what makes the donor give. The rich gave to impress others and wanted others to know how generous they were. The poor widow's giving was not to impress the others, but to live her desire to share with the others. The rich wanted their generosity to be seen and appreciated. The poor widow gave to support the other to the best of her ability.

Life on earth and in the universe keeps on going for billions of years by the basic principle of each living creature sharing/ supporting the other; one sustains the other in giving. The whole universe lives and goes on and on living in this mystery of giving.

The second reading describes Jesus as He presents Himself before God as an eternal self-offering and perpetual act of Sacrifice to redeem the humans from Sin, and to free us from a self-centered style of living. God in Jesus is the eternal saving act by sharing His grace and life in and through the sacrifice of Jesus. Whenever we celebrate the Holy Mass, we participate in God's eternal sharing. Let us start sharing with others what God shares with us.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
November 2nd & 3rd

\$8837

Thank You!

*St. Thomas More Parish needs your support
now more than ever!*

Calendar Club Winners

11/4 (\$25): Teagan Ryan (1143)
11/5 (\$25): Louise Soldo (445)
11/6 (\$25): Andraia & Mike Miller (1117)
11/7 (\$25): Marilyn Amodio (738)
11/8 (\$25): Ed & Madeline Drobinko (1255)
11/9 (\$25): Jacqueline Cordina (474)
11/10 (\$50): Phyllis Ann Ehrhardt (240)

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.

We Saved a
seat for you

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Joseph Barrett	Ellen Murphy
Marie Bracco	John Puglisi
Lillian Catalano	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Patricia Culbert	Angelo Santangelo
Barbara Foberg	Rita Schug
Linda Heller	Noah Simonetti
Maryann Landi	Christy Torkelsen
Richard Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Eileen Macholz-Barr	Janet Ward
Marge McGowan	Lorraine White
Meagan	



To add names to the Pray for the Sick list, contact the Rectory or fill out a card found in the literature rack and place it in a collection basket.

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased



Anne Marie Martino-Fehl
Rose Marie Vaccariello
Rosemary Mango
Josephine Hauk
Mary "Molly" Young
Theresa Beirne
Joan Nachtman

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



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
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	Pope Francis



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

Parish Social Ministry

“You were made for mission. You will never have lasting happiness until you realize this and act on it.”

~M. Kelly



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM
631-234-3149
Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs for the month...

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Boxed Milk
Tea
Small Laundry Detergent

Thanksgiving is coming! Please see our flyer for suggested food items. We are especially in need of \$25 gift cards to Shop Rite and Stop & Shop so our families can purchase a turkey or ham.

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.



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.

Life Center of Long Island...

...is in need of gently used and new winter clothing for boys and girls in sizes New-born through 4T. Coats, snowsuits, clothing, diapers, formula, and baby food can be dropped off at their Smithtown location - 91 Maple Ave, Smithtown.

www.lifecenterli.org

Thank You!

...for all the donations to the St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive. 185 bags of clothing were collected and will be made available to our neighbors in need!

Thanks to the 8th graders who helped out!



In today's Gospel, Jesus tell us: “I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on.”

Ask yourself “Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?” Whatever you give-give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which directly helps our neighbors in need.

Call us at 631-648-2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com.

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*

Special Collection

November 16th & 17th



Next week's Special Collection will support...

**Catholic Campaign for
Human Development**

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

Learn more
www.usccb.org/cchd

Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: TBA

Call Anna for more info
631-234-0714

TEXT STM

We now have a number you can text to reach
the Rectory!

*This is not an emergency line, and only
receives text messages

631-213-6882



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the following is not a
Pauline Epistle

- a: Galatians
- b: James
- c: Titus
- d: Philemon



Answer: B (James). Did you know Paul is credited with writing 14 of the 21 Epistles in the New Testament! The flammation of his time!



Baptisms

in our church

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

Jackson Matthew Portnoy
child of Suzanne & Matthew

Declan James Eccleston
child of Caitlyn & Jason

BANNS OF Marriage

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

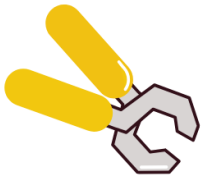
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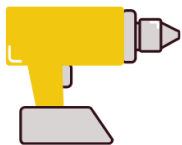
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RENOVATION UPDATE



Construction in the back is proceeding.



Please remember that the White and Red Rooms (Walden & Kirwin Halls) are off limits to ALL parishioners, by order of the Fire Marshall.



Sorry for the inconvenience caused.



Parish Outreach

THANKS

FOOD DRIVE

GIVING



Please donate food items and/or gift cards to pay for turkeys as we are not accepting donated turkeys!

Food is great, Gift Cards are preferred!!

Yams
Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Veggies
Applesauce
Coffee & Tea
Desserts

\$25 Gift Cards
(ShopRite or Stop & Shop)

Cards/Cash donations
can be sent to Outreach
or put in the collection
basket at mass.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2024

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.

You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Thursday, Nov. 14 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am - 12 noon
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B - 1pm - 4 pm

(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

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. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration is NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

A New Emmaus Experience

Thanks to those who came to the New Emmaus presentation! We hope that those who came were touched by personal stories of pilgrimage and encounter. For those who watched the live stream, we know it was difficult to view the slideshow due to lighting challenges in the church. I'll be taking the audio/video recording of the presentation and adding in the slideshow, then uploading that to our parish YouTube channel, so that anyone who missed it can see it more clearly. And please note that as we said in our talk, pilgrimage and encounter lead to mission. We are in the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival, which is the year of mission. Like in many parishes in our country, we in St. Thomas More will have an opportunity to explore new ways to be missionaries and evangelize. So stay tuned for more on this in the near future!



[YouTube Link](https://tinyurl.com/5n7y2u8m)
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Youth Group, Novemner 3rd

Eschatology and November Saints



We watched the readings for the Solemnity of All Saints and learned about Purgatory from Fr. Mike Schmitz



We colored November Saints from Shining Light Dolls and learned how to become a canonized Saint



We transported and organized the donations for Outreach for community service



Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

November 17th

November 24th

Follow us on
Instagram!

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YOUTH GROUP
† ST. THOMAS MORE †

Archbasilica of St John Lateran



More formally known as “The Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, Mother and Head of All Churches in Rome and in the World”, the Lateran is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, and the seat of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). About 4km from Vatican City, the archbasilica is the oldest public church in Rome, dedicated in 324 by Pope Sylvester I.

From its dedication until the 14th century, the archbasilica served as the residence of the Holy Father (a full millennia!). Even when St. Peter’s was built in the 16th century, St. John Lateran remained the “Cathedral of Rome”. For perspective, the Vatican has hosted two ecumenical councils compared to five hosted at the Lateran. The global Church celebrates the dedication of the Lateran on Nov 9th.

The Lateran has six extant papal tombs, and claims to have the skulls of St Peter and St Paul. In addition, the interior is dominated by a set of colossal statues of the 12 apostles (with St Paul replacing Judas Iscariot), each over 15 feet tall!



INTERFAITH SERVICE

Each year the Hauppauge Community hosts an interfaith prayer service. Please join us to pray for peace and thanksgiving with our neighbors.

A beautiful night of music, scripture, and prayer
with...

St. Thomas More RCC

Temple Beth Chai

Calvary Lutheran

United Methodist

Wednesday November 27th

@ 7pm

Temple Beth Chai

870 Townline Road

Hauppauge

Calendar Club 2025

The Every Day Lotto!

Numbers are drawn every day of the year (except during the Easter Triduum). The lucky winner of each day is awarded \$25 (or \$50 on Sundays and Holy Days!)

One number for \$25, or 5 numbers for \$100.

Buy as many entries as you want, and win as many times as your luck allows! You can even purchase numbers as gifts for family and friends.

The Calendar Club is a great way to support our parish, and a very important annual fundraiser for us! Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory, or put it in the basket during Sunday collection.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

ONE for \$25 TWO for \$50 THREE for \$75 FIVE for \$100

Early Bird Special: Deadline Sun Dec 15th

Order FIVE numbers and get a SIXTH on us!

Note: You must return your form and payment by Sunday
December 15th.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2025 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!