

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

November 24th, 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Parish Resources

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Masses November 23rd - December 1st 2024

Saturday, November 23rd:

5pm- Livia Liberatoscioli *by Mr & Mrs Dieter Thomann & Family*

Sunday, November 24th: Our Lord, King of the Universe

8am- The Rapone Family *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

9:30am- Nicholas Conzo *by Angela Conzo*

11:30am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Mario Russo *by Mario Russo & Family*

Monday, November 25th:

9am- Richard Volpi *by John Sheehan*

Tuesday, November 26th:

9am- Ascencion Alida Ortiz *by Curt & Joann Keely*

Wednesday, November 27th:

9am- Chuck Becker (living) *by Terry Kane*

Thursday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Day

9am- Peter Romano *by Mary Romano & Family*

Friday, November 29th:

9am- People of the Parish of St Thomas More

Saturday, November 30th:

5pm- Kenny Granville *by Betty Kane*

Michael Marcello *by Their Loving Family*

Sunday, December 1st: First Sunday of Advent

8am- Dorothy MacFarlane *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

9:30am- Bernard Nagel *by Marilyn Amodio*

Marian Flaherty *by The West Family*

11:30am- George & Geraldine Heller *by Pat Lewis*

Richard Joseph Kane *by Emilia & Lou Savarese*

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 (Advent 1)

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Focus Questions for Advent 1

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

- 1: What do you do to prepare to stand before the Son of Man?
- 2: What is your favorite Advent (as opposed to Christmas) tradition?
- 3: What extra reading or prayers do you like during Advent?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about what actions your family can take to make Advent more spiritually meaningful.

Readings for This Week

November 24th, 2024 (Christ the King)

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 93:1,2,5

Revelation 1:5-8

Readings for Next Week

December 1st, 2024 (Advent 1)

Jeremiah 33

Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

Psalm 136:1, NIV



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

The difference between leadership and a leader is the difference between the pictures in the seed catalog and what comes up from the ground.

Leadership is a concept, definition, and expectation of what a leader should be. The Leader is the reality, action, and dedication of the person who claims to be the leader. Leadership is defined in words. The leader is a living experience of the people for whom this leader is a servant.

Today is the Solemn Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Today's Gospel does not speak about Jesus in a royal robe, presenting Himself majestically to his subjects in majesty and glory. It portrays Jesus as a criminal standing in the Roman court of Pilot, defining and claiming His Kingship in a different parlance. Pilot was interested in knowing if His kingship is a challenge to that of the Roman Caesar. Jesus replied to Pilot that His Kingship and Kingdom do not belong to this world, nor would His attendants wage war to establish His Kingdom against any earthly kingdom. "King" or "Kingdom" is not His vocabulary.

Jesus then defined His Kingship and Kingdom. "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." To be a King is not a rule but a mission/service for Jesus. It is a committed service with a mission testifying to the truth. His mission as a testimony involves more than mere teaching or making known to people what the truth is. Testifying involves one's commitment to living what one teaches. It is not merely explaining what it is, but showing in one's life what the truth would look like, taste like, and how much its demands are. Jesus claimed His Kingship as a mission to serve the Truth to the people of His Kingdom by living it.

The Trial of Jesus before Pilot sets the right life setting to explain and live His Kingship. From the moment of betrayal to His death on the Cross nothing went in favor of Jesus. But in all these moments Jesus would never give up His claim to serve the truth. Through every step of these shameful and suffering moments, Jesus was testifying to the truth. He would never betray God's faith in Him. He stood as the testimony to God's mercy of forgiving, even to those who condemned and crucified Him. Jesus is King by the fact of serving God's truth of mercy and forgiveness. His Kingship is not a claim to sit on the throne, but as a good shepherd laying down His life for the life of His sheep.

Jesus is not a King according to any human definition or expectation. He has defined and showed his Kingship as that of serving God's truth and mercy, by laying down his life for the sake of his subjects. That is the reason, on the Feast of Christ the King, that we have the Gospel reading of Jesus the Universal King standing before Pilate, the representative of the Roman Caesar. While being condemned, Jesus lived that moment to redefine Kingship and Kingdom. We, the subjects of the Divine King Jesus are called today to live up to the divine standard, not the human standard. Our call is to follow our Divine King and to live as witnesses serving each other the truth, and as sharers loving others to the extent of laying down our life for their sake.

Happy THANKSGIVING! The spirit of Thanksgiving is a liberating spirit. It lifts us up to the sphere of seeing and appreciating all and everything that is from the heart. Thanksgiving makes us get out of the world of routine, machines, habit, and the mentality of taking life and relationships for granted. Thanksgiving calls us to see with appreciative eyes, to hear with compassionate ears, to touch with gentleness, to speak kindly, and to relate with generosity. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
November 16th & 17th

\$5174

Thank You!

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

Calendar Club Winners

11/18 (\$25): Susan Sorrentino (434)

11/19 (\$25): Paulette DiMarco (981)

11/20 (\$25): JoAnn Eyring (1051)

11/21 (\$25): Christian Castellano (256)

11/22 (\$25): James & Donna Feeney (191)

11/23 (\$25): Elizabeth Kane (178)

11/24 (\$50): Mark & Karen Anderson (827)

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

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



John Puglisi
James Kreider
Thomas McCrave
Anne Marie Martino-Fehl
Rose Marie Vaccariello
Rosemary Mango

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

“There is no faster way to happen upon the purpose of your life than to embrace life’s daily opportunities to serve those around you.”

~Matthew Kelly



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Our needs for the month...

Instant Dry Milk
Rice
Canned Fruit
Shampoo
Small Laundry Detergent/Pods

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.

As we approach Thanksgiving...
The volunteers at Outreach would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a blessed Thanksgiving Day.
We are overwhelmed by your generosity and are so blessed to be able to share it with our neighbors in need!

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be in the Narthex this weekend.
Please watch out for our Outreach Advent Calendar in next week’s bulletin! It’s a great family activity and will help support our families!

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.



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

At Thanksgiving we give thanks for all our blessings and for what matters most of all - the people all around.

We can be reached at 631-248-6760 or 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*

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: December 11th
Christmas Luncheon!!

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

Academic Advancement

Congratulations to our parishioners from St.
John the Baptist High School



Guilianna Corbino
Kayleigh Gavigan
Maddalena Niola
James Reinhold
Brandon Doblan

for achieving Honor Roll Status for the First
Quarter of the 2024/25 school year.

Children's Liturgy IS BACK!

Kids 4-8 are invited to join us on
December 1st, the first Sunday in
Advent at the 9:30 Mass!
We are thrilled to restart this
program!



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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ruega por nosotros

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Parish Weddings

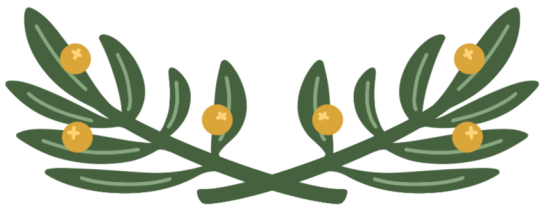
Please pray for these beautiful couples who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Thomas More!



Ana Diez Canseco & Yoan Velazquez



Thanksgiving BLESSINGS



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

What was Jesus' blood type?

- a: A
- b: B
- c: AB
- d: O



Answer: C (AB). However, we don't know whether it was AB+ or AB-

PRAY25

Advent Launch Event

Sunday December 1st

after all Masses
in the White/Red Room

JOIN US AND...

Learn about Hallow's updated Community Page

Pray the first day of the Advent Pray25 Challenge

Sign up for your 1x120 offer!
(120 days of Hallow for only \$1)

Coffee and Cake!

Hallow



Children's Christmas Choir

Sung to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"...

God bless you all His children, for Christmas time is near

The little child of Bethlehem will very soon appear.

What can we give him for a gift, this tiny little King?

We can join in the Christmas Choir this year

Lets give a cheer!

You can join the Christmas Choir for time is near!

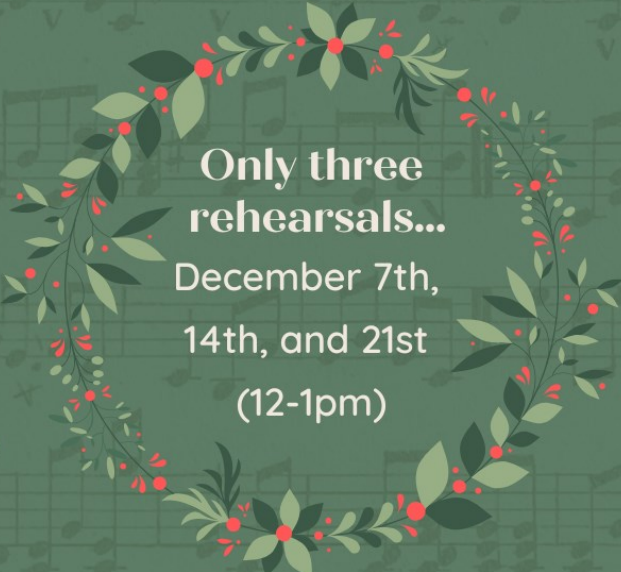


Calling all children to be a part of the celebration of Christmas!

Jesus came as a gift to us. What can we give Him in return? We
can give Him our love and voices in joyful song!

Kids from 2nd grade through
High School are welcome
to share their voices at the
3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass!

Let's get together and celebrate
the best "birthday" ever!



Only three
rehearsals...

December 7th,

14th, and 21st

(12-1pm)

Please call Emilia at 631-724-8820 or stop by the organ to register!

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

Would you like to be an Angel or Shepherd?

This is an exciting opportunity for
your child to become an active
part of the Nativity story!

Requirements:

At least 5 years old

Rehearsal at 1:30 on 12/21

Mass at 3:30 on 12/24



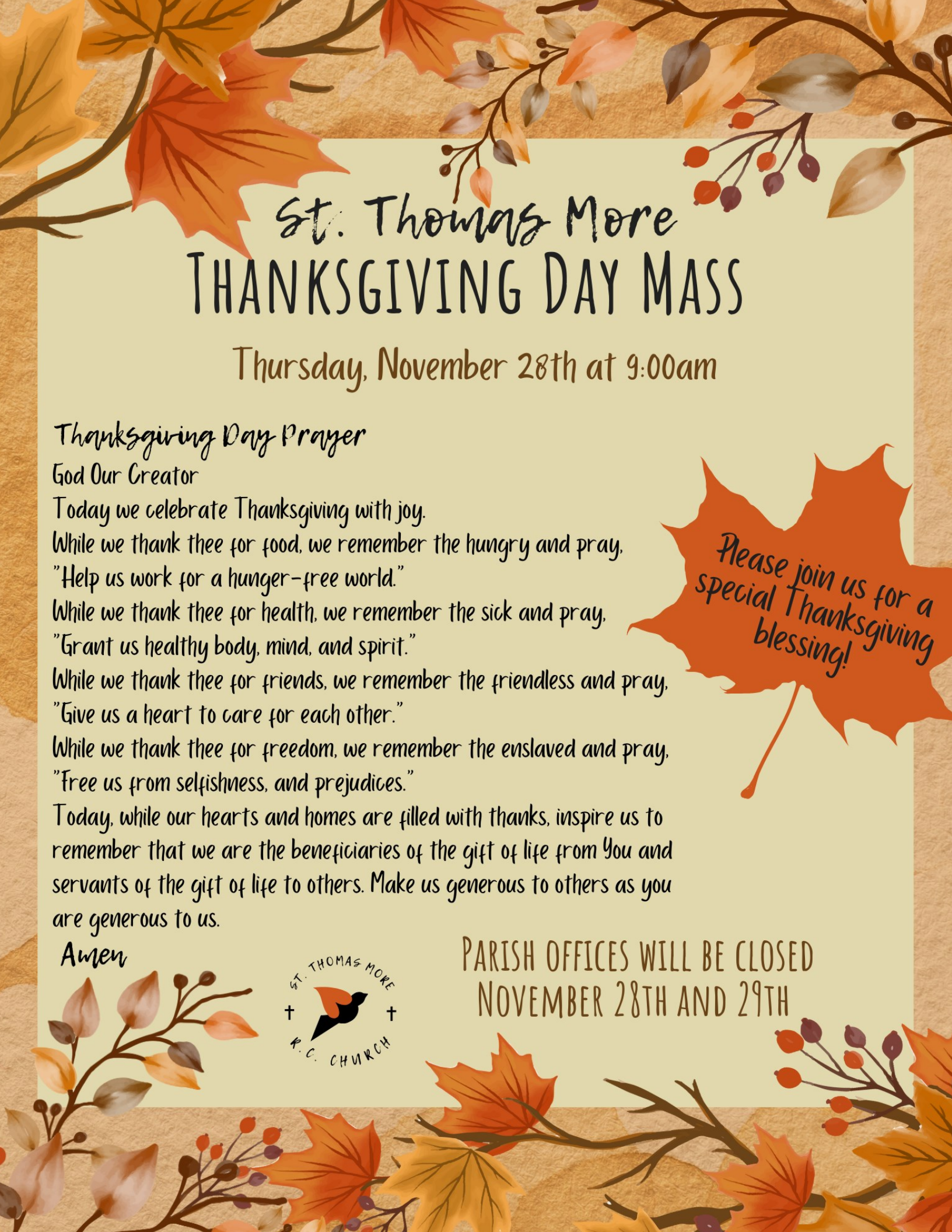
Email theresa@stmli.org by 12/16
to participate. Please include...

Child's name

Child's age

Guardian's contact info

*Spots are limited. Names
will be accepted in the order
they were received



St. Thomas More THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 28th at 9:00am

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

God Our Creator

Today we celebrate Thanksgiving with joy.

While we thank thee for food, we remember the hungry and pray,

"Help us work for a hunger-free world."

While we thank thee for health, we remember the sick and pray,

"Grant us healthy body, mind, and spirit."

While we thank thee for friends, we remember the friendless and pray,

"Give us a heart to care for each other."

While we thank thee for freedom, we remember the enslaved and pray,

"Free us from selfishness, and prejudices."

Today, while our hearts and homes are filled with thanks, inspire us to remember that we are the beneficiaries of the gift of life from You and servants of the gift of life to others. Make us generous to others as you are generous to us.

Amen



PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 28TH AND 29TH



Please join us for a
special Thanksgiving
blessing!



ST. THOMAS MORE
+PARISH OUTREACH+

Giving Tree

Due to the damage to the back rooms of the Parish, our Giving Tree is going to look a little different this year. Because we don't know if/when we will have storage in the back we have made some adjustments to our gift giving. The tree in the Narthex will still be filled with tags but only some will be for gifts and the majority will be for Walmart and Target gift cards. Instead of toys, our families will receive gift cards so they can shop for their children. We will be collecting hats and gloves as well as diapers and wipes. We invite you to help us make Christmas special for those less fortunate in our neighborhood.

There is a table set up in the Narthex for your donations as well as a basket for gift cards. Please attach the tag to your donation. You can also put gift cards in the weekly collection basket or drop them off at the Outreach office. There is no need to put gift cards in special envelopes. Your generosity is always appreciated and is a clear reflection of who we are as a St. Thomas More parish family! Thank you and God Bless you and your families this Christmas season!

(Please submit all donations by December 15th)

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!