

*Sharing
the Spirit
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

December 29th, 2024

Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph,
in you we
contemplate the
splendor of true
love,
to you we turn
with trust.



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.

Feast of the Holy Family

Parish Resources

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Masses December 28th 2024 - January 5th 2025

Saturday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

5pm- John Puglisi *by Paul & Mary Ann Gruner*

Dominick Mancuso *by Lisa & Joseph Pisano*

Sunday, December 29th: The Holy Family

8am- Judith Ellen Lentino *by William & Ellen Lentino*

9:30am- Christopher Loring *by Elisa Kerenyi*

Thomas Romano *by The Calcagni Family*

11:30am- Billy O'Connor *by The Beltrani Family*

In Thanksgiving *by The Beltrani Family*

Monday, December 30th:

9am- Barbara Coppola *by Joe & Patty Citro*

Tuesday, December 31st:

9am- James Kreider *by Theresa Lund*

5pm- Gabriel Rossetti *by The Iacometta Family*

Wednesday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary

9am- Joel Miller *by The Miller Family*

Thursday, January 2nd: Sts Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

9am- Nolan Horne *by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

Friday, January 3rd:

9am- Teresa & William Shannon *by Mary Lou Braun*

Saturday, January 4th: St Elizabeth Ann Seton

5pm- John Puglisi *by Pat & Jim Dugan*

Mary Elizabeth Young *by Victoria Oliva*

Sunday, January 5th: Epiphany of the Lord

8am- People of the Parish

9:30am- The Scarito Family *by The Sandbichler Family*

11:30am- Mary Loth *by Linda Ronning & Nancy Marco*

Matthew 2:1-12 (Holy Family)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Focus Questions for Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12

- 1: Relate a way lights have helped you celebrate the joy of Christmas
- 2: The light of the star guided the wisemen. How open are you to being guided by God's light?
- 3: How do you deal with the Herods of this world?

Family & Children's Question:

What gifts do you bring to the Christmas Child?

Readings for This Week

December 29th, 2024 (Holy Fam)

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm 128:1-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

Readings for Next Week

January 5th, 2024 (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Question: May I ask you the secret of your success?

Answer: There is no easy way. You just jump at your first opportunity.

Question: But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?

Answer: You can't. You have to keep jumping.

2025, NEW YEAR is another opportunity to jump. May the end of 2024 end all that is negative in us. May 2025 begin in us everything that is new. 2025 has nothing new to offer unless we make it new. Its newness depends on how we want to live it, having the courage to say goodbye to the old and engaging enthusiastically in the new. When we repeatedly do the same thing and expect a different outcome, it is often called "insanity". Newness blooms from living the new version of ourselves.

The newness relies on our hands. You and I can make our way of living the situations of 2025 in a new way.... New way of respecting and relating with people.... New way of being responsible to all situations. Unless we bring the newness by our way of living, the New Year will just be a repetition of the old year 2024 with the same number of minutes and hours, days, weeks and months.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Holy Year. On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released the Bull of Indiction "Spes non confudit (Hope does not disappoint)" announcing the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. The Jubilee will begin in Rome on the vigil of the Lord's Nativity, December 24th 2024, and in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday, December 29th. It will conclude in local dioceses the following Holy Family Sunday, December 28th, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6th, 2026. May all the blessings pertained to this Holy Year 2025 fill our hearts to live NEW LIFE.

May God who lives forever and is always new, renew our vision and strength, focus and enthusiasm of our life. May we bring our newness into 2025. In the name of our Parish Family of St. Thomas More I wish you and your families "A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2025".

This Sunday, Dec 29th is the Feast of the Holy Family. When God became a human being, he did not jump out of heaven as a human, but was born as a child of a family. Family, consisting of a mother and a father with their children, is the God given way for us to grow as humans. The Holy Family reminds us of the real spiritual power of every human family in two ways: 1) That even God can be born as a human child of a father and mother as Jesus did. 2) That a father and mother, like Joseph and Mary, can experience God's presence in their child.

Family is the fertile ground for human life to flourish and continue. They are the basic cells of a living society. Once we begin to change and destroy the basic definition and form of the family from father, mother and children to any other human convenient form and structure of the family, then the living organism of the society will start to extinguish at the loss of the creative cells, the family. We are the fruits of the creative power of our families.

Each of us carries within us this creative power. Let us keep our society a creative and living one. Let us thank our parents for having given birth to us and continued in their effort to keep the human society alive. Let us pray for God's grace for us and our children to keep this flame of life to continue in our family and society. Wishes and prayers to all the families of our Parish.



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Dec 21st & 22nd

\$5904

Thank You!

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

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.

Calendar Club Winners

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
12/23 (\$25): Margaret Sicurelli (1166)		
12/24 (\$25): Marilyn Amodio (874)		
12/25 (\$150): Ken & Lynn Goodwin (1072)		
12/26 (\$25): Ann Russo (296)		
12/27 (\$25): Ralph & MaryAnn Rantz (815)		
12/28 (\$25): Robert Nachtman (953)		
12/29 (\$50): James Hansen (1343)		
12/30 (\$25): John Egan (766)		
12/31 (\$200): Joanne Leocadi (1208)		



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

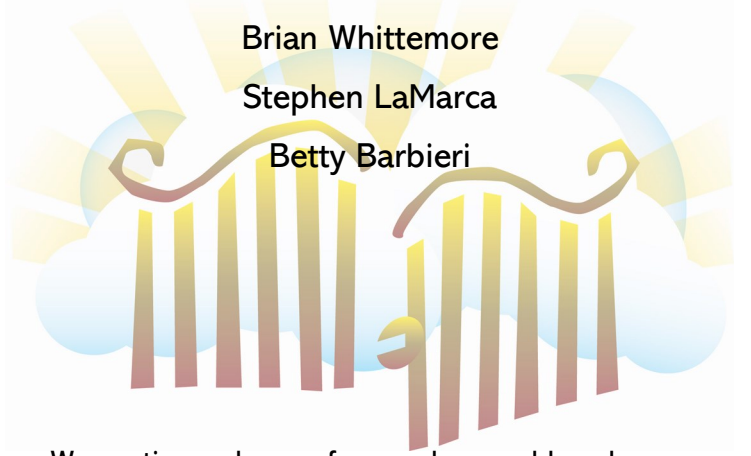
Eddie & Meggie Adams	Richard Landi
Joseph Barrett	Eileen Macholz-Barr
Gregory Bennett	Marge McGowan
Karen Benson	Meagan
Marie Bracco	Len Munzer
Peter Cappisillo	Ellen Murphy
Lillian Catalano	Carol Persan
Fran Cooke	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Patricia Culbert	Tim Ryan
Grayson Danielski	Angelo Santangelo
Brian Fagioli	Rita Schug
Shane Farmer	Noah Simonetti
Barbara Foberg	Kevin Spence Sr
Connie Giunta	Christy Torkelsen
Rick Goodhart	Andrew M Valentine
Stephanie Goodhart	Janet Ward
Linda Heller	Lorraine White
Maryann Landi	



*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2025

Pray for the Deceased

Leonard Munzer
 Brian Whittemore
 Stephen LaMarca
 Betty Barbieri



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.



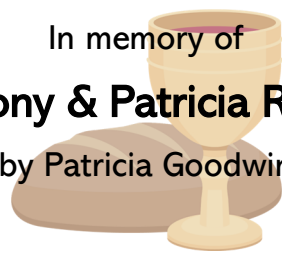
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

12/30-1/5

In memory of

Anthony & Patricia Repetti

by Patricia Goodwin



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
Fr Alex Mariadass	Pope Francis
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	



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


Parish Social Ministry

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”
~Mother Teresa



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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



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.

Thank you...

...from the bottom of our hearts for helping us to spread love this Christmas Season. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide food and Christmas gifts to so many of our neighbors in need. We cannot begin to describe the joy it brought us to be able to bring happiness to so many in our community! Wishing our St. Thomas More family a happy and healthy New Year!

Holiday Schedule

Parish Outreach will be closed from December 24th through January 1st.



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 is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

We are grateful for the love shown to all our brothers and sisters in need during this year.

To contact us, call 631-248-6760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

While today is the Feast, what month is dedicated to the Holy Family?

- a: January
- b: February
- c: March
- d: April



Answer: B (February). Since the 17th century, February has been the month dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the model of virtue for all Christian families.

BANNS OF Marriage

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

CARLY SHEA
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



BRIAN CONNORS
Holy Family
Hicksville



Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.

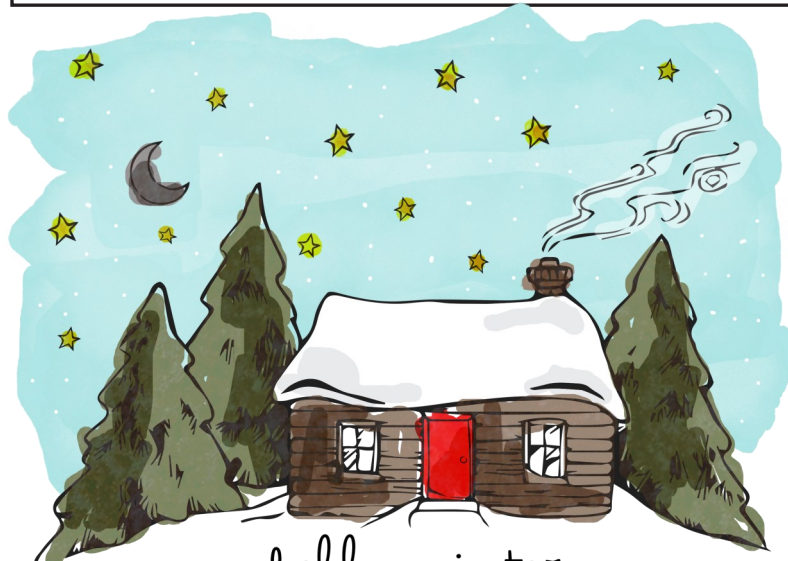
Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

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



hello winter

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!

PRAY25

with Hallow

PARTICIPATE BY...

going to www.hallow.com/parish
search for our parish by zip code

select St. Thomas More Hauppauge

login with phone or email (or
google/apple)

sign up for the \$1 for 120 days offer!

sign into the app (using the same
login as before)

pray!!

bonus: go to the community tab (3
houses) and search for our parish!
pray as a community!

TROUBLES?

try logging out of the app if
you already have it on your
phone

try deleting the app if you
already have it on your
phone

make sure the "promo code"
says STMNYADVENT25

for general issues: contact
Alex in the Rectory

for account/billing issues:
contact
parisheshelp@hallow.com

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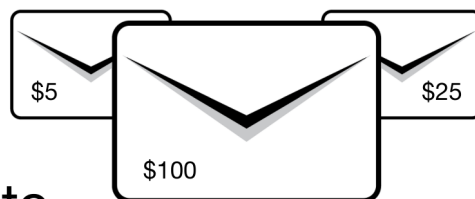
THE WALL OF ENVELOPES

Make a donation to: St. Vincent de Paul / St. Thomas More Conference

A Simple Way to Help Struggling Families

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select the amount you would like to donate by choosing the corresponding envelope.
- Envelope has raffle tickets inside.
- Larger the donation = More chances to win!



Example:

- Envelope #1 would be a \$1 Donation
- Envelope #2 would be a \$2 Donation
- And so on...

PRIZES

1ST PRIZE

\$500

2ND PRIZE

\$300

3RD PRIZE

\$200



PRAYER

to the

Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the
splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too may be
places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and
small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or
scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful of the
sacredness and inviolability of the
family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously
hear our prayer.

Amen

Pope Francis
Amoris Laetitia