

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

January 12th, 2025

HE
WILL
BAPTIZE
YOU WITH
THE HOLY
SPIRIT AND
WITH FIRE

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.

Baptism of the Lord

Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses January 11th - January 19th 2025

Saturday, January 11th:

5pm- Kazimiera Dyjak *by Trish Goodwin*

James Kreider *by Bruce & Joan Cameron*

Sunday, January 12th: Baptism of the Lord

8am- Joan Gail Guerne *by Salvatore & Paula Campo*

9:30am- William Ferguson *by Michael & Florence Aquafredda*

11:30am- Eugene M Hourican *by The Kane Family*

Christopher Loring *by Elisa Kerenyi*

Monday, January 13th:

9am- Mary M & Francis J Braun *by Mary Lou Braun*

Tuesday, January 14th:

9am- Frank Franceschini *by Molly & Frank Prisinzano*

Wednesday, January 15th:

9am- Edward J "Skip" Wilkinson *by John & Mary Fitzgerald*

Thursday, January 16th:

9am- Jaime Rodriguez Jr *by Their Family*

Friday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

9am- Patricia O'Connell *by Their Family*

Saturday, January 18th:

5pm- John Puglisi *by Edie & Ken Nachreiner*

Sunday, January 19th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

9:30am- Linda Dowling *by Evelyn Mentock*

Bernie Nagel *by Knights of Columbus Council 6062*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Taylor & Tommy*

John 2:1-11 (Ordinary 2)

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Focus Questions for Ordinary 2

John 2:1-11

- 1: Describe a time when you ran out of something important. Who helped you by providing what you needed?
- 2: Relate a time when your mother urged you to do the right thing for someone else.
- 3: Where in your life do you need Jesus to bring a transformation?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the importance of noticing situations where you can help.

Readings for This Week

January 12th, 2024 (Baptism)

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalms 29:1-4,9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Readings for Next Week

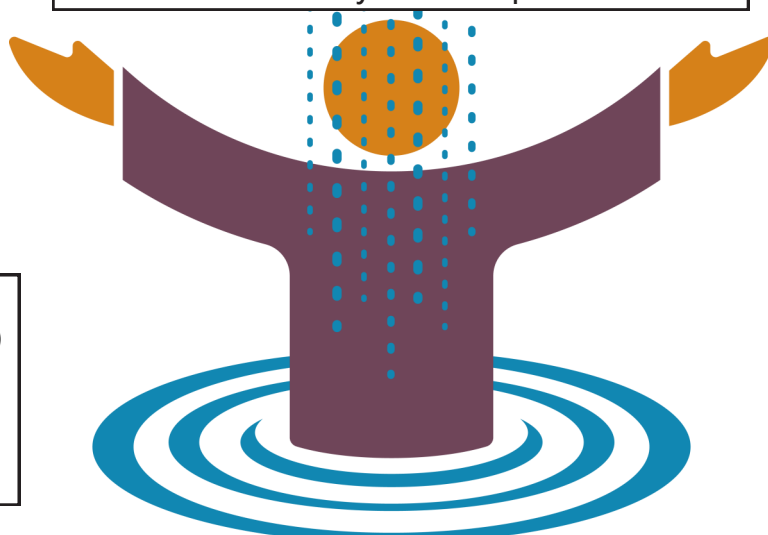
January 19th, 2024 (Ordinary 2)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 96:1-3,7-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11



We pray for Father Antony and his whole family during this time of pain and loss. Please continue to pray for them, and for the repose of the soul of Arputha Mary Asir.

"I am the life and the life; he that believeth in me shall live even after death." (Revelation 11:25)

She joined God



born

12.07.1926



died

04.01.2025

Wife of late I. Asherwad

Arputha Mary Asir

Annar's requiem mass will be held on Monday 06.01.2025 at 11.30 am at St. Amala Church, Erode.

Sons grieving over separation

A. Francis

Grace: Anthony Benedict

A. Albert

Family and relatives

Bharathipuram, Surampatti, Erode-638009.

Contact: 9486770065 -A. Frances 9488066884 -A. Albert 9789500901 - Vivian

This flyer (translated from the original Tamil) was hung in their church, home, and on street corners.

The funeral was celebrated by 35 priests, with Fr Alex Mariadass delivering the homily.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Jan 4th & 5th

\$6899

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

Winners for January will be published at the end of the month. There is still time to claim your spots for 2025!

**PRAY
FOR
PEACE**

LET'S UNITE IN LOVE
AND UNDERSTANDING TO CREATE A
PEACEFUL WORLD.



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Anna Beltrani

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

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



*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2025

Pray for the Deceased

Arputha Mary Asir
 Joseph Krees
 Dominick Montanino
 Samuel Provisero
 Michael Ferrante
 Alta Milord
 Leonard Munzer
 Brian Whittemore
 Stephen LaMarca



Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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.



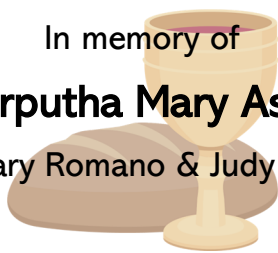
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

1/13-1/19

In memory of

Arputha Mary Asir

by Mary Romano & Judy Coyle



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

“Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.”

~Denis Waltley



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs for the month...

Boxed Milk
Rice
Vegetables
Cereal
Tuna
Toothpaste
Shampoo

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!

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to everyone who contributed to our Christmas collections!

To those who provided gift cards, hats & gloves, diapers, baby clothes - you made Christmas a little brighter for so many people in our community.

We are especially grateful to the St. Thomas More Columbiettes who generously completed wish lists for 9 of our most needy children!

Thank you to the religious education classes who donated money from their hot chocolate stand!

And to all those who completed the Outreach Advent Calendar - you have helped restock our shelves!

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.



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. As you help those who are in need, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased.”

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the following represents the only valid phrasing during the Sacrament of Baptism?

- a: "Jesus baptizes you..."
- b: "I baptize you..."
- c: "We baptize you..."
- d: "John baptizes you..."



Answer: B (I baptize you). In 2020, a young priest watched a video of his own baptism and realized that it was done incorrectly ("we vs I"). WHY? During baptism, the congregation isn't performing the sacrament. The priest is acting in persona Christi, as an instrument of God.

Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: January 24th

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



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

2024 Parish Contribution

To request a copy of your 2024 contributions for tax purposes, please write down your name and submit this form in the collection basket, or to the Rectory.
Alternative: scan the QR code!

Name: _____

*If you use Faith Direct, you can obtain your tax information via their website.



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!

**St Thomas More
Columbiettes 6062**

BAKE SALE

Fundraiser!
**Join us after mass on February
15th and 16th for:**
**Baked Goods
Basket Raffles
50/50**



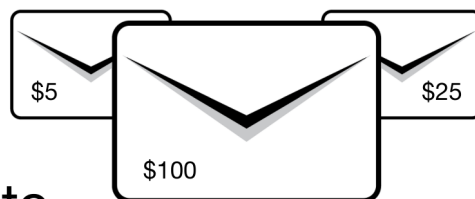
THE WALL OF ENVELOPES

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

Saints of January



Sts Gregory & Basil
 Feast Day: January 2nd
 Bishops & Doctors of the Church
 Patron: Cappadocia, Monks

Known as the Cappadocian Fathers, friends known for supporting the Nicene Creed and Trinitarian theology and opposing heresies.



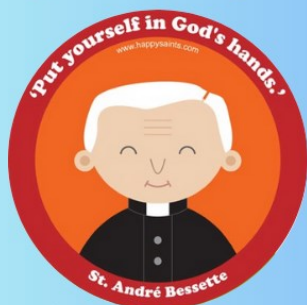
St Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Feast Day: January 4th
 Religious, Foundress
 Patron: Catholic Schools

First person born in what would be US to be canonized. Established first Catholic girls school in the nation, and founded the Sisters of Charity.



St John Neumann
 Feast Day: January 5th
 Bishop, Redemptorist
 Patron: Catholic Education

Founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in US. Only male US citizen to be named a saint. 4th Bishop of Philadelphia.



St Andre Bessette
 Feast Day: January 6th
 Lay Brother
 Patron: Montreal

Lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Credited with thousands of miraculous oil healings. Great devotee of St Joseph.



St Marianna Cope
 Feast Day: January 23rd
 Virgin, Religious
 Patron: Lepers, HIV/AIDS

German-born American from Sisters of St Francis. Founding leader of St Joseph's Hospital (Syracuse). Cared for lepers in Hawaii, never got leprosy



St Francis de Sales
 Feast Day: January 24th
 Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Patron: Deaf people, educators

Known for writings on spiritual direction and formation. Noted for his deep faith, and gentle nature during the Protestant Reformation.



Sts Timothy & Titus
 Feast Day: January 26th
 Bishops & Companions of Paul
 Patron: Stomach disorders (Tim), Crete (Titus)

Disciples of the Apostle Paul in the first century AD. Multiple Epistles are addressed to them. Timothy was the first bishop of Ephesus (i.e. letter to the Ephesians), and Titus was the second bishop of Crete (after Paul)



St John Bosco
 Feast Day: January 31st
 Priest & Confessor
 Patron: Children, Juvenile Delinquents

Devoted life help and education of disadvantaged youth. Follower of Francis de Sales, devotee of Mary Help of Christians. Founded the Salesians of Don Bosco (with whom our own Fr Lenny is serving).

