

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025



IF YOU HAVE FAITH THE SIZE  
OF A **MUSTARD** SEED...

This Week's Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Luke 17:5-10

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, October 4th

5:00pm Cheri Graf Johnston  
The Leopold Family (living)

## Sunday, October 5th

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Connie Giunta  
Janette Shatarah

9:30am Vincent Cavaliere  
JoAnn Semma

11:30am Roderick J Cawley  
Isabella Pillco (living)

## Monday, October 6th

9:00am Warren Tackenberg

## Tuesday, October 7th

9:00am Judy Rizzuto

## Wednesday, October 8th

9:00am Anthony Buynak

## Thursday, October 9th

9:00am The Parish of STM

## Friday, October 10th

9:00am The Parish of STM

## Saturday, October 11th

5:00pm James John  
Cheri Graf Johnston

## Sunday, October 12th

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Palmina Gangliano

9:30am Maria Tranchina  
Sal Caliendo

11:30am Arputha Mary Asir  
John Green



## 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

Our Lady of the Rosary (10/7)  
St. Denis & Companions (10/9)  
St. John XXIII (10/11)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

## Prepare for Next Weekend

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Readings

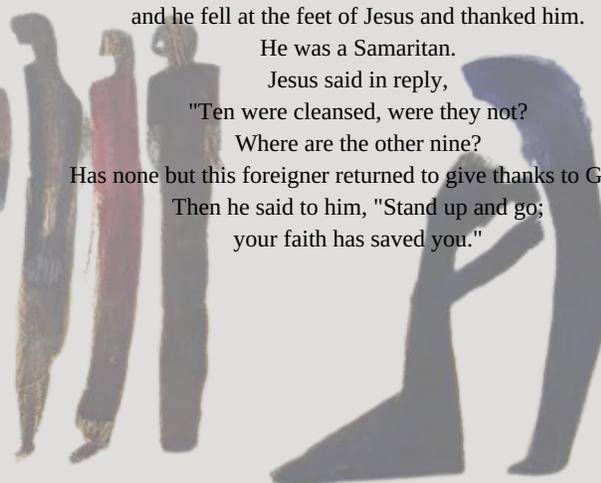
2 Kings 5:14-17  
Psalm 98:1-4  
2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Luke 17:11-19

### Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when you were overwhelmed with gratitude.  
2: How do you express your gratitude to God?  
3: How do you see going to Mass as an act of gratitude to God?  
Families: Write down one thing you are grateful for about each person in your family. Talk about what you wrote.

### Gospel of Luke (16:5-10)

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."



## our daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

First golfer: **I'd move heaven and earth to break my score of 110.**

Second golfer: Try moving heaven. You've already moved plenty of earth today.

With all that is going on in our day and age like terrorism, corruption, murder, war, violence, etcetera, we feel like we have to move heaven, praying harder than ever to God to save us.

In the first reading the Prophet Habakkuk **cries to God to intervene and to relieve them from violence, ruin, and misery.** God encourages him to lose not hope in God's providence but only to have faith in God's way of handling the human history. When we ask those who wage wars, people on both sides of the war say that they fight for their right to live in peace and prosperity. Then why do we kill each other while peace and prosperity are the goal?

**Maybe we don't believe that we are all for peace.** We don't believe that the other is for peace, likewise the others have no faith in us that we do aspire for peace. It is time now to invite God to work among us, God the pure Love to work in us. It is the time to believe in God. God promises as he did to Habakuk, that the faith in God would save us from all the impending dangers.

In the Gospel, Jesus admonishes his disciples to hold on to faith in God. **He explains the power of faith saying,** "If you have faith the size of mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be rooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." If we don't have faith then all that we are left with is just ourselves with our own little strength and mounting weakness. Without faith in God, we are left with our own personal concerns to live and our burdens to ease. Without faith the whole of human history is just a bundle of many individual stories, one opposing the other or dominating and subjugating the others.

Faith in God gives us the **vision to look and grasp the broader perspective of life,** embracing the whole universe. We will begin to perceive and feel that our individual self belongs to a bigger and richer universal wholeness. Our individual self will be elated and empowered to join the unstoppable ever-flowing life and living force. Because by believing in God, we allow God to act in us. We let God to take control of all what we do and speak. We turn to be God's act.

In today's Gospel Jesus invites us to **be like the servant doing all that God wants us to.** Faith makes us to be servant of God with the master's power, authority and grace to accomplish all what the Master-God wants to achieve in us. Faith is power. Faith in our weapons to achieve peace is an oxymoron. That which destroys can't promise or pave way to peace. Faith in God is to have faith in God's power and God's guidance. Faith is allowing God to work with love, understanding, and tolerance. Faith in God illuminates and empowers us in overcoming our weakness of disbelieving other's goodness to us and presenting ourselves as instruments of peace.

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased

Ronald Singlemann  
Warren Tackenberg

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

## Pray for the Sick

Christopher Conley  
Christy Torkelsen  
Joseph Tuffarelli  
Larry Wilson  
Louise Soldo  
Marge McGowan  
Maria U Aldaba  
Noah Simonetti  
Nunzio Puleo  
Richard Landi

\*This listing will reset on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

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.

## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

October 6<sup>th</sup> - October 12<sup>th</sup>

In memory of  
Edward Spiegel  
by Pat Spiegel

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

## Pray for our Clergy

Father Antony Asir  
Deacon Robert Weisz  
Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
Deacon Matthew Surico  
The Capuchin Friars  
Bishop John Barres  
Pope Leo XIV

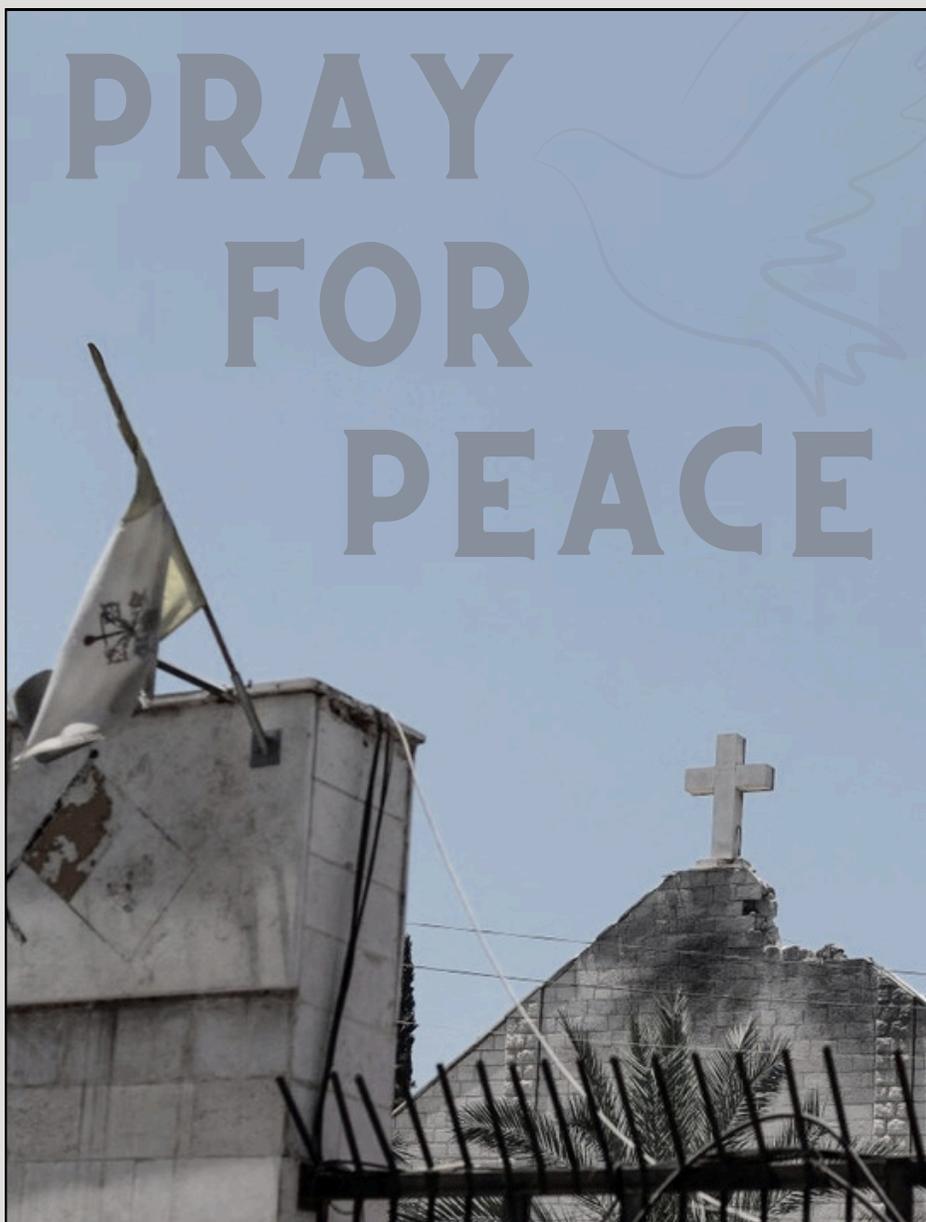
## Pray for our Military

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
Chris Capasso	

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  
PEACE



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

# \$7477

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

Patty Citro  
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### Parish Outreach

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631-724-2462

### OCIA

Ann Russo  
[redaa@aol.com](mailto:redaa@aol.com)

### Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani  
631-234-0714

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.

### A Gentle Reminder:

Please do not place clothing or household items in the food bins or leave them at Outreach. We do not have a lot of extra storage space. Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family that could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

## Parish Social Ministry

“Bless the LORD, all you angels, you ministers, who do his will.”

PSALM 103:21

### Gift Card Donations

Please place any gift card donations in the collection basket, or drop them off at Outreach or the Rectory. Please do not put them in the bins in the Narthex. The church is open for visitors who sometimes “look through” the bags of food.

### 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.

**“BLESSED are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN OF GOD.”** *Matthew 5:9*

### OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Boxed Milk

Rice

Drinks

Small Laundry Detergent

Tea

Paper Towels

Jelly

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.

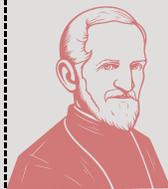


ST. THOMAS MORE  
† PARISH OUTREACH †

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we are obliged to do.”

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing “what we are obliged to do?”



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or  
[email svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)





NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 10TH  
AT 12:30PM

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!  
CALL ANNA  
631-234-0714



## E-Giving News

Our current e-giving platform is changing its name!  
Faith Direct is becoming unified under the *Ministry Brands* umbrella and will be known as ParishSoft Giving



Some minor (but helpful!) changes:

Weekly Donations...will now be paid weekly, not per month  
Donations can be scheduled for any day, not just the 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>  
Donations can be made with Google Pay, Apple Pay, Venmo, or PayPal

We encourage all parishioners to consider signing up for e-giving. Donating online is safe and secure, and allows you on demand access to your tax information and giving history.

# ALL SOULS' DAY

A special memorial Mass will be held at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to join us to celebrate and remember our loved ones who have gone on to God's Kingdom before us.

**MASS**  
**SATURDAY**  
**NOV 1ST 9AM**



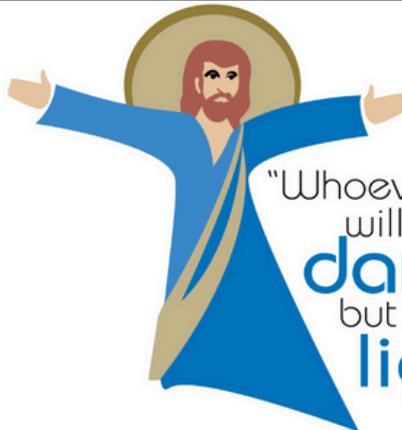
# BANNS OF *Marriage*

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

KRISTINA SCHEIM  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



JESSE MARRO  
St. Patrick  
Smithtown



"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.

OUR LADY  
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

## Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2025

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. 21 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm**  
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A  
• Lector Workshop

**Tuesday, Nov. 18 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm**  
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

**Tuesday, Oct. 28 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm**  
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A  
• Lector Workshop

**Wednesday, Nov. 5 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm**  
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

**Saturday, Nov. 15 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall**  
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 1 pm - 4 pm  
(there will be NO Lector Workshop or EMHC Part B 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 are 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.

# Fall Blood Drive

Thank you to all who came out to donate!  
Your gift directly SAVES LIVES! Join us at the next blood drive, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let's see if we can do even better!

## Whole Blood

35 units!



## Red Blood Cells

6 units!

## Lives Saved

123!

# Baptisms in our church

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

Loretta Mariella Bonanno  
child of Samantha & MarcAnthony

Daniel Joseph Sullivan  
child of PatriciaAnn & Daniel

New child? Expecting?  
Contact the Rectory to learn more  
about the sacrament of Baptism!



## Deacon Ministry

**Are You Being Called ?**  
**LISTEN!-PRAY!-REFLECT!-DISCERN!**

**Attend ONE of the following dates:**

1:00PM, Saturday, October 18th

*Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington*

**RSVP by Friday, September 26th,**

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

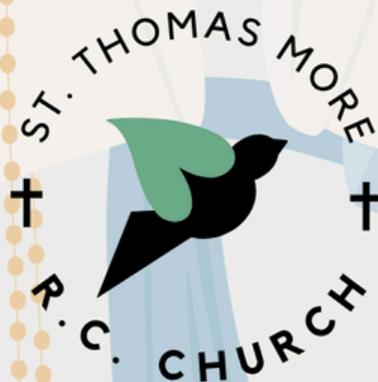
OR by email to

[diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

# Holy Hour

## "Our Lady of, The Rosary"

Special recitation  
of the Rosary  
with music led by  
Noelle White!



Adoration and  
Benediction led  
by Deacon Matt!

**Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00pm**

*Word, Music, and Silent Prayer*

"Our Lady of the Rosary, you care for each of us with tender motherly love. You wish us to truly turn to you so that you may care for us as a mother. Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in true devotion to you!"

Our Lady of The Rosary Novena



# The Rosary

## AND WHY WE SHOULD PRAY IT DAILY

THE FOLLOWING COME DIRECTLY FROM MARY, AS GIVEN TO ST DOMINIC AND BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE

1: Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

2: I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

3: The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4: The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.

5: The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

6: Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune.

7: Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8: Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces.

9: I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10: The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

11: By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.

12: Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13: I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

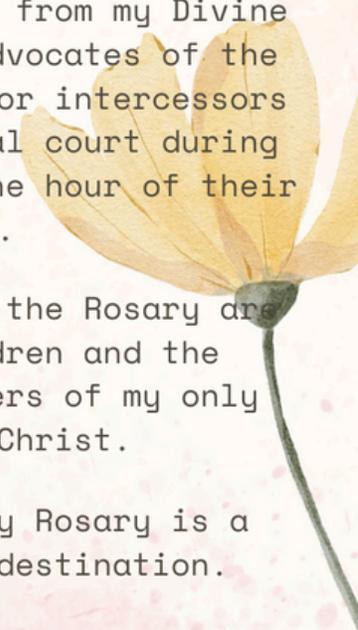
14: All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

15: Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
† R.C. CHURCH †

*"United in the Love of Christ"*



# JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

**STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.**

## CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



**Egg mass**  
Sept.-June



**Early nymph**  
April-July



**Late nymph**  
July-Sept.



**Adult**  
July-Dec.

## SCRAPE. SQUASH. REPORT.



**Scrape**  
egg masses into a  
container of rubbing  
alcohol or hand sanitizer

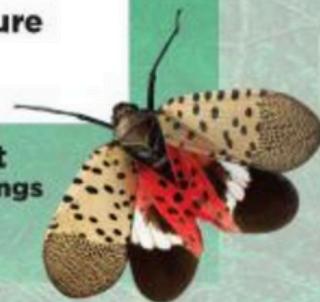


**Squash**  
any bugs  
you see



**Contact your  
State Department of  
Agriculture**

**Report**  
any sightings



**LAUDATO SI'  
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home



BACK by Popular Demand...

# Military Bridge!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,

October 18, 2025

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Instructions: 6:45pm

Game Begins: 7:00pm



## ATTENTION!

This is a simple card game that everyone can learn.  
A great way to mix & mingle with parish friends

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Raffles and 50/50
- Finger Foods
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person  
\*Adults Only



At St. Thomas More Church  
(Following the 5pm Mass)

**Get your tickets NOW!**

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740