

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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October 12<sup>th</sup> 2025



### This Week's Readings

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

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# This Week's Masses

## 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

## Monday, October 13th

9:00am The People of STM

## Tuesday, October 14th

9:00am Steve Zicaro

## Wednesday, October 15th

9:00am The People of STM

## Thursday, October 16th

9:00am Leo Ramos

## Friday, October 17th

9:00am Tadeusz Pietrzak

## Saturday, October 18th

5:00pm Scott E. Smith  
Robert Stanley Catan

## Sunday, October 19th

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Arputha Mary Asir  
Josephine & Stanley Sadowski

9:30am Edward Skrzypek  
Giovanni "Johnny" Esposito

11:30am Richard Stout  
Grace Harold



## 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

St. Teresa of Jesus (10/15)  
St. Hedwig (10/16)  
St. Ignatius of Antioch (10/17)  
St. Luke the Evangelist (10/18)  
Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions (10/19)  
St. Paul of the Cross (10/20)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

## Prepare for Next Weekend

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Readings

Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm 121:1-8  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8

### Focus Questions

- 1: Recall a time when your persistent prayers were answered.
  - 2: Relate a time when you thought God was not answering your prayer and came to accept that.
  - 3: Describe a time when you helped a friend or family member to keep praying and to rely on a loving God who cared about them.
- Families: Who has "nagged" you into doing the right thing? How did that work out?

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

Patient: Doctor, **I think everyone tries to take advantage of me.**

Psychiatrist: That's silly. It's a perfectly normal feeling.

Patient: Is it really? Thanks for your help, doctor. How much do I owe you?

Psychiatrist: How much do you have?

Life would simply be a business deal between persons taking advantage of each other, if life were not built upon the noble foundation of Gratitude and Thanksgiving. It is "thanks" that lifts up the human life from the 'tit-for-tat' mentality to the noble plane of loving relationships.

Today's Gospel **narrates the healing of ten lepers** on their way to report to the health-officers (priests) at Jesus' command. As we read in the Gospel, "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." Only one of them realized that he had been healed and comes back to thank the healer. 'Thanking' is possible only for those who realize that everything happens in a person, not merely because of one's own striving but because of bigger positive forces working in favor of that person. Only one of the ten healed persons, the Samaritan, realized that Jesus is miraculous source of healing. The realization led him back to thank the healer.

The healing happened to the other nine persons, and led them in a hurry to the health officers to prove that they are no more lepers but healed persons. Their own **desire to be approved by others as healed ones over-powered their inner realization that they were healed by Jesus**, the bigger positive healing power. 'Thanks' will never occur until one realizes that all that one has is not one's private property, but simply a gift offered to them from nature and others. 'Thanks' naturally blossoms from the heart which realizes that one's life and its riches are bigger and broader, deeper and richer than one's own endeavors and achievements or one's own self-centered desires and ideological conveniences.

Let us pray that we are enriched by the inner realization of the healing influence around us and from above us.

Next Sunday, **October 19<sup>th</sup> is World Mission Sunday**. We are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. Pope Leo invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased

Ralph Marcello  
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  
Jim Moran  
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 13<sup>th</sup> - October 19<sup>th</sup>

In memory of

Ralph Porter

by Judy Coyle

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

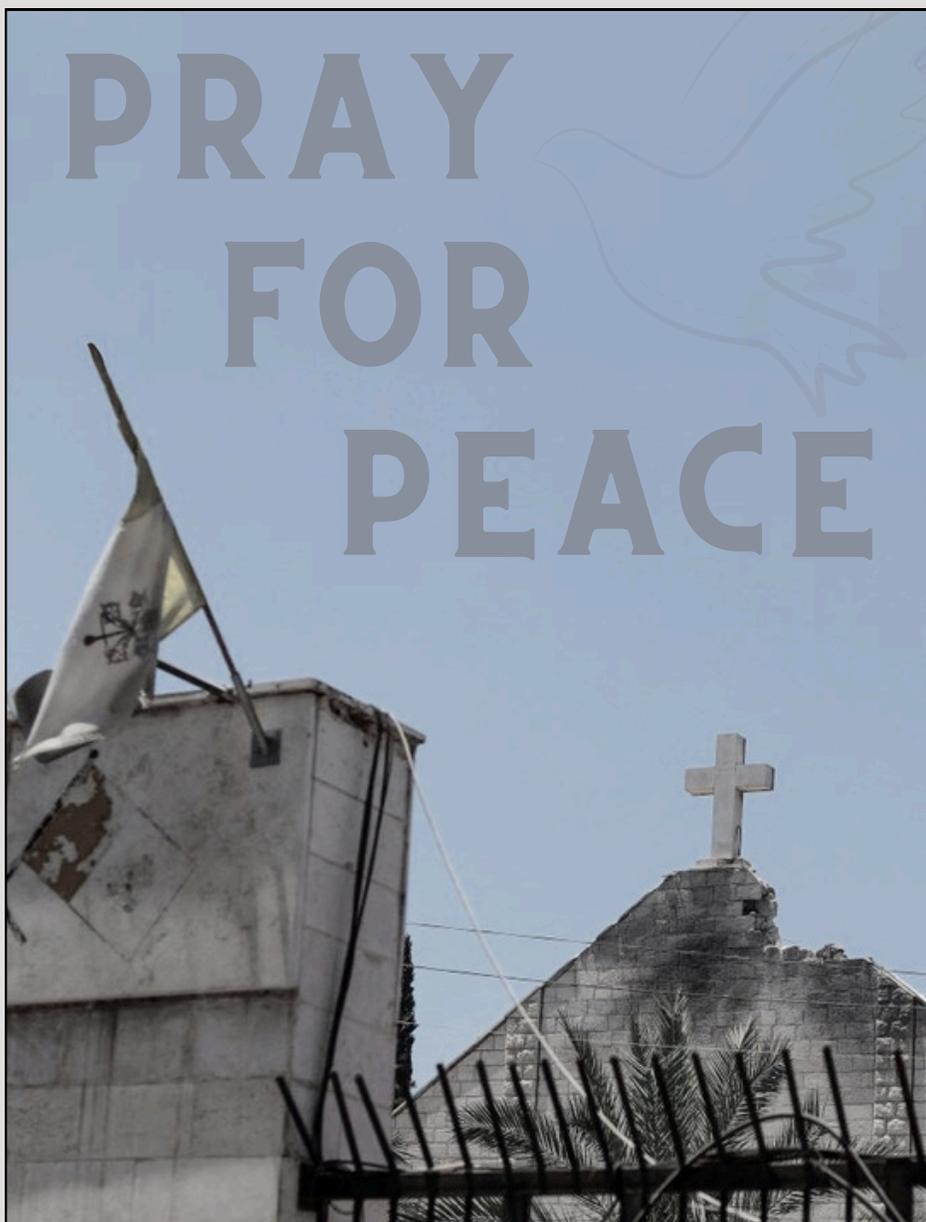
## Pray for our Military

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:  
October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

# \$6722

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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### Consolation Ministry

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### 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.

### Who you helped in September!

54 families  
23 seniors  
66 adults  
61 children

Thank you for your generosity!

### OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Pancake Mix

Soup

Syrup

Instant Potatoes

Jelly

Paper Towels

Rice

Toilet Paper

Tuna

SMALL Laundry Detergent

### 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 †

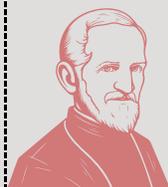


## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify and give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

To give thanks for all that God has given you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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





NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 24TH  
AT 12:30PM

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

# BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ALEXANDRA COLBY  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



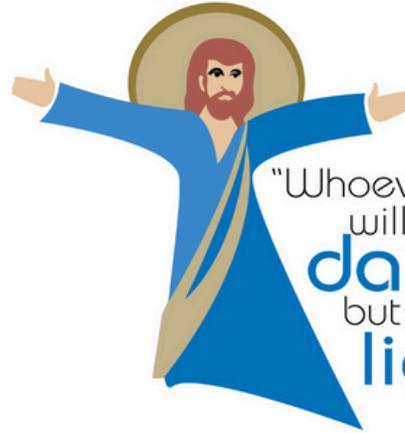
DOMINICK DOMINGUEZ  
Our Lady of the Cenacle  
Richmond Hill, NY



# 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



"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.



## SOCK DRIVE

*Daisy Troop 1765*

Please join us in helping kids in need within our own community by collecting new children's socks to benefit the Smithtown Children's Foundation, now through the end of October. There is a marked box in the Narthex!

# 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.



## Coping with Grief Through the Holidays

Sponsored by Bereavement Ministry

St John Nepomucene

Thursday, November 13, 2025

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

1140 Locust Ave  
Bohemia, NY

(Elevator access to lower level of Church)

Please RSVP to (631) 589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat

Refreshments will be served.

Free will offering is appreciated.

**2025 SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
10 AM TO 4 PM

Featuring 300+ unique vendors.  
Handmade Gifts • Holiday Decor • Boutique Finds  
Baked Goods • Unique Crafts  
Family Friendly • Indoor Event  
**FREE ADMISSION**

NO PETS ALLOWED! REGISTERED SERVICE DOGS ONLY | 275 WOLF HILL ROAD, SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY 11747

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





# 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.

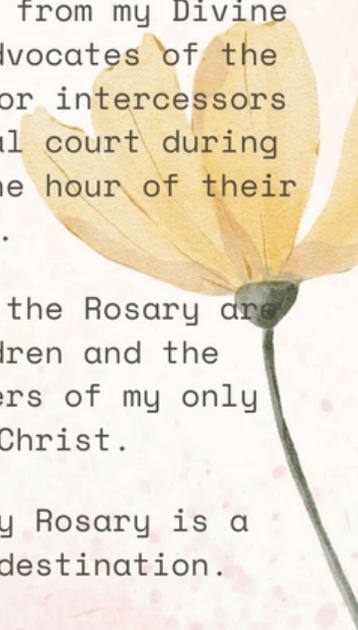
14: All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

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



**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
† R.C. CHURCH †

*"United in the Love of Christ"*



Teens, Tweens, &  
Families join us for a

# HALLOWEEN PIT-STOP

CANDY, TREATS, &  
SPOOKY ENTERTAINMENT

31 October

Open 4pm-8:00pm

St. Thomas More  
Church, Hauppauge

Stop by or stay for a while,  
Find us in the White Room!  
(side entrance of church)



# WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



On the Feast of St. Francis, our parishioners brought many pups to be blessed!



Deacon Matt blessing some dogs!



Antoinette Bastone & Orion Kluckhohn were married in a beautiful ceremony!

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

# Calendar Club 2025

## Congratulations to our September winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

September 1	\$25	150	Fran Donato
September 2	\$25	804	Christian Castellano
September 3	\$25	820	Rosemaria McLennon
September 4	\$25	958	Ann Russel
September 5	\$25	230	Ryan Tjersland
September 6	\$25	1034	The Fine Family
September 7	<b>\$50</b>	953	Susan Sorrentino
September 8	\$25	643	Donna & Gary Fortmeyer
September 9	\$25	1973	Matthew Fortmeyer
September 10	\$25	1405	Donna Basile
September 11	\$25	494	Olivia Hotar Eyring
September 12	\$25	978	Michele Cloke
September 13	\$25	1524	The Daley Family
September 14	<b>\$50</b>	1100	Loretta Calano
September 15	\$25	1253	Carolyn Burton-Gajda
September 16	\$25	485	Thomas J Lovelock
September 17	\$25	669	Anita Lomino
September 18	\$25	1459	Mark & Karen Anderson
September 19	\$25	78	The Mildon Family
September 20	\$25	118	John & Denise Zappia
September 21	<b>\$50</b>	342	Michele & Mike Musto
September 22	\$25	721	Greg Kelly
September 23	\$25	1333	Joan Murphy
September 24	\$25	592	Aidan Gunsel
September 25	\$25	646	Emma Tjersland
September 26	\$25	1653	Erin & Michael Punturieri
September 27	\$25	1883	Christian Castellano
September 28	<b>\$50</b>	1286	Daniel & Nori Umali
September 29	\$25	797	Michael & Kathleen O'Brien
September 30	\$25	533	Dennis West

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE