

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

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October 19th 2025



PRAY
ALWAYS

This Week's Readings

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm 121:1-8

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, October 20th

9:00am Attilio Frisenda

Tuesday, October 21st

9:00am Louise O'Connor

Wednesday, October 22nd

9:00am Patricia Florie

Thursday, October 23rd

9:00am Ana Cecilia & Cirilo
DeJesus Castro

Friday, October 24th

9:00am Mary Beth Weidig

Saturday, October 25th

5:00pm Claire Bouffard
Alice Mack

Sunday, October 26th

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Stella Pienkowski

9:30am Luigi Volpe
Joseph Lombardi Jr.

11:30am Richard Stout
Debra Cirino



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

Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions (10/19)
St. Paul of the Cross (10/20)
St. John Paul II (10/22)
St. John of Capistrano (10/23)
St. Anthony Mary Claret (10/24)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th 2025

Readings

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
Psalm 34:2-3,17-19,23
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Focus Questions

- 1: Are you more like the Pharisee or the tax collector?
- 2: How difficult is it for you to recognize an unhealthy pride in yourself?
- 3: When have you learned a lesson from a person who was younger, less educated, simpler, or poorer than you? What lesson were you taught?

Families: Talk about the importance of being grateful for your talents or accomplishments while not proudly boasting about them.

Gospel of Luke (18:9-14)

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

A **preacher once asked an actor why he had such large audience** and the preacher only had a small audience at church. “I act as if I believe in what I say,” said the actor, “while you preach as if you do not believe what you preach.” Prayer is neither an act or a show of oneself before God, nor an utterance of meaningless words to God.

Today’s first reading figuratively **describes that prayer is a steady uplifting of the heart to God**. One has to pray without being tired or frustrated. Moses, with his uplifted hands stands as a symbol of steady prayer. When Moses grew tired keeping his hands raised, his helpers Aaron and Hur supported his hands. This symbolically instructs us how we can help in one’s tireless steady prayer to God. We all pray with one mind, helping each other when someone becomes tired of praying individually. We will win any kind of battle we have to wage when we all pray as one in heart and mind. Communal prayers like the Holy Mass, Rosaries, Prayers of the Church etc. are examples of praying in one voice and in unison, believing in God’s providence.

In today’s Gospel **Jesus reiterates the same aspect of praying with an undivided mind and tireless heart**. He affirms that God will certainly ‘secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night.’ The poor widow stands as symbol of not being discouraged even when she has to face the unjust judge who neither feared God nor respected any human being. She felt herself to be small like an ant, to stand before the unjust judge who was mighty like an elephant. When we, like the widow are persistent in one’s faith in God, God becomes our strength and support of our cause. We begin to live in the name of God with God’s strength and support.

Why should the prayer be steady and tireless? **Steadiness and tirelessness mean the undivided and total dependence on God** and God alone. Unless one has childlike confidence in God’s help one cannot steadily and tirelessly pray. That is why the Gospel ends with the words, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Let us pray steadily and tirelessly with faith. As Paul write to the Ephesian Church “For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground.”

Our life as **Christians is not merely a war against evil**. “Fight against evil” is a negative way of describing our style of living. Rather, the Christian way of living is like that of the widow in today’s Gospel. We have nothing against anyone. We are not here to defeat anything but establish God’s kingdom. “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17) God’s kingdom is not about physical things like food and drink, or outward religious observances and rules, but rather about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Let us pray and live like the widow of the Gospel, striving to establish God’s kingdom in peace and joy.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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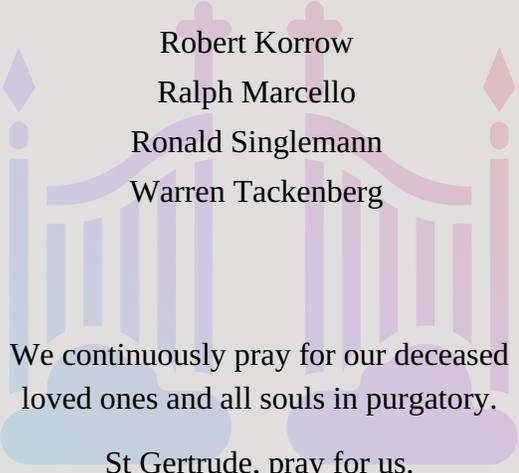
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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased



Robert Korrow
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 31st 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.

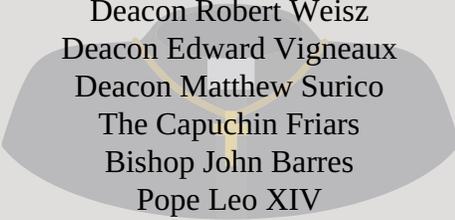
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

October 20th - October 26th



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

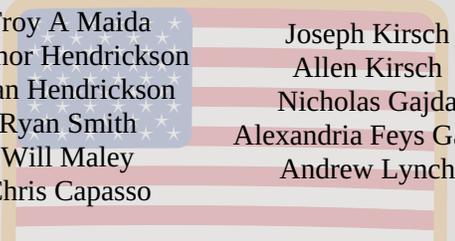
Pray for our Clergy



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

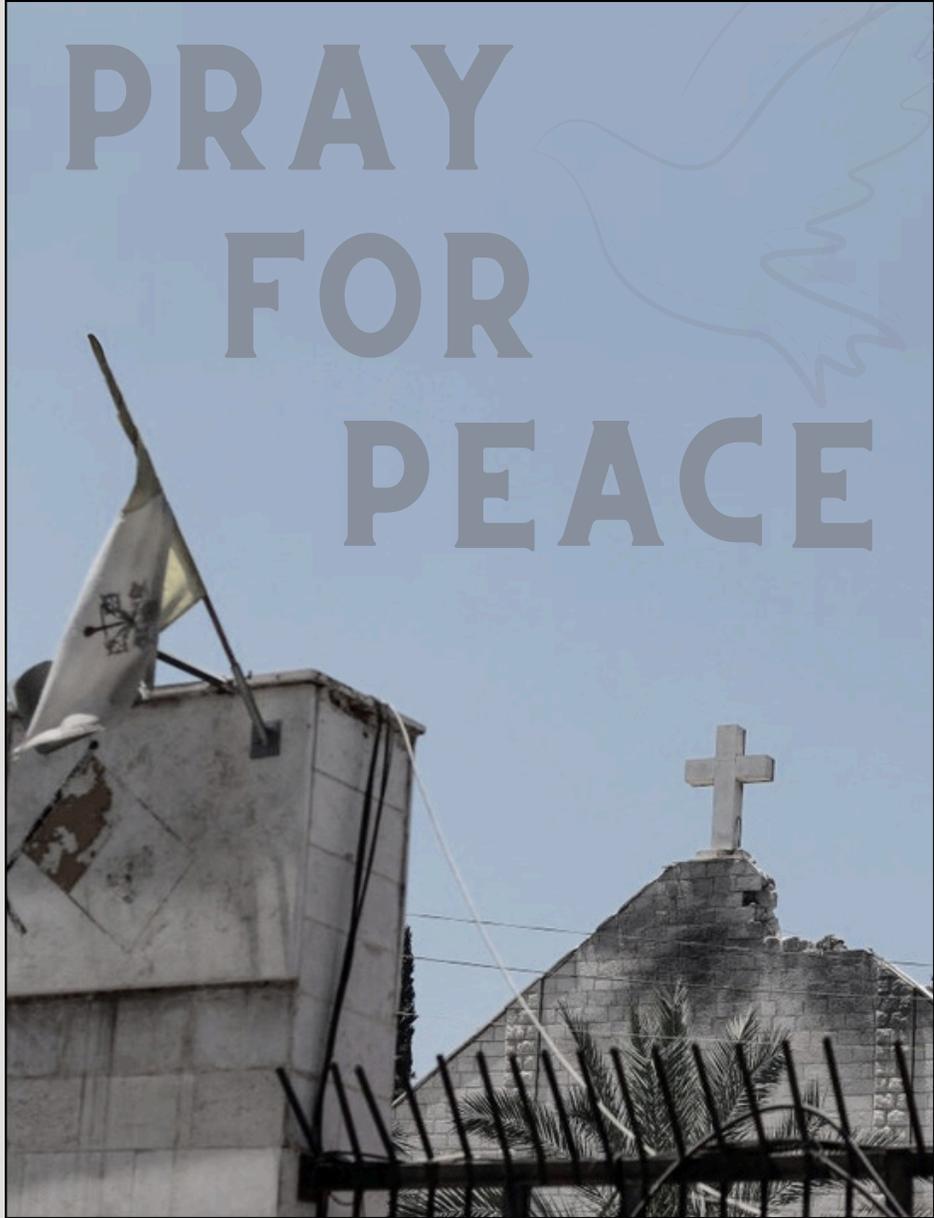
Pray for our Military

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 11th & 12th

\$4788

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

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.

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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

"In general, we are witnessing an increase in different kinds of poverty, which is no longer a single, uniform reality, but now involves multiple forms of economic and social impoverishment, reflecting the spread of inequality even in largely affluent contexts."

POPE LEO XIV

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

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.

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.



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Small Ketchup	Soup
Small Mustard	Instant Potatoes
Small Mayo	Paper Towels
Small Laundry Detergent	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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary....indeed our prayers must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them, and who often feel alone and abandoned.

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





NEXT MEETING:

**OCTOBER 24TH
AT 12:30PM**

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

Parish Weddings

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



Kristina Scheim & Jesse Marro



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

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

SAMANTHA VERMILYEA
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



ROBERT SMITH
Ss. Peter and Paul
Manorville

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

ALEXANDRA COLBY
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



DOMINICK DOMINGUEZ
Our Lady of the Cenacle
Richmond Hill, NY

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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Baptisms

in our church

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

Lorenzo Matthew Farren
child of Nicolette & Matthew

Emma Lina Mooney
child of Maria & Shawn

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



Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children in your prayers as they take the first step on the path of Catholicism!



Celebrating 13 Years with Father Antony!

At the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, we took the time to celebrate Father's thirteenth anniversary as Pastor of St. Thomas More. He first took charge of our little parish community on October 11th of 2012 (10/11/12). The choir sang a song that Father wrote, "Nun-tre Yesuve" which is Tamil for "Thank you Jesus". We have been so blessed to have him, so heres to 13 more!

13 YEARS!



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

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE
OPEN HOUSE
 Saturday, October 25th
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
GET A GLIMPSE OF LIFE AT SJB! 🐾 TOURS AVAILABLE!
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
 Scan the QR Code to register!
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS OFFICE: (631) 587-8000 X113
 🐾 1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795 🐾

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!





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.

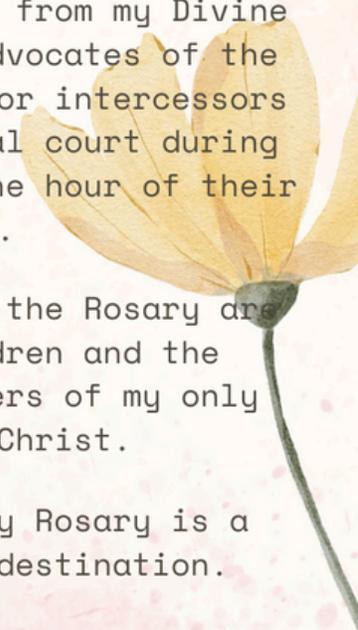
14: All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

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)



Mobile Outreach Bus

Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccinations

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



St Thomas More R.C. Church
115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
10 am- 2 pm

No insurance or ID required. No need to fast.

Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- **Free flu vaccination**
(senior dose available)