

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

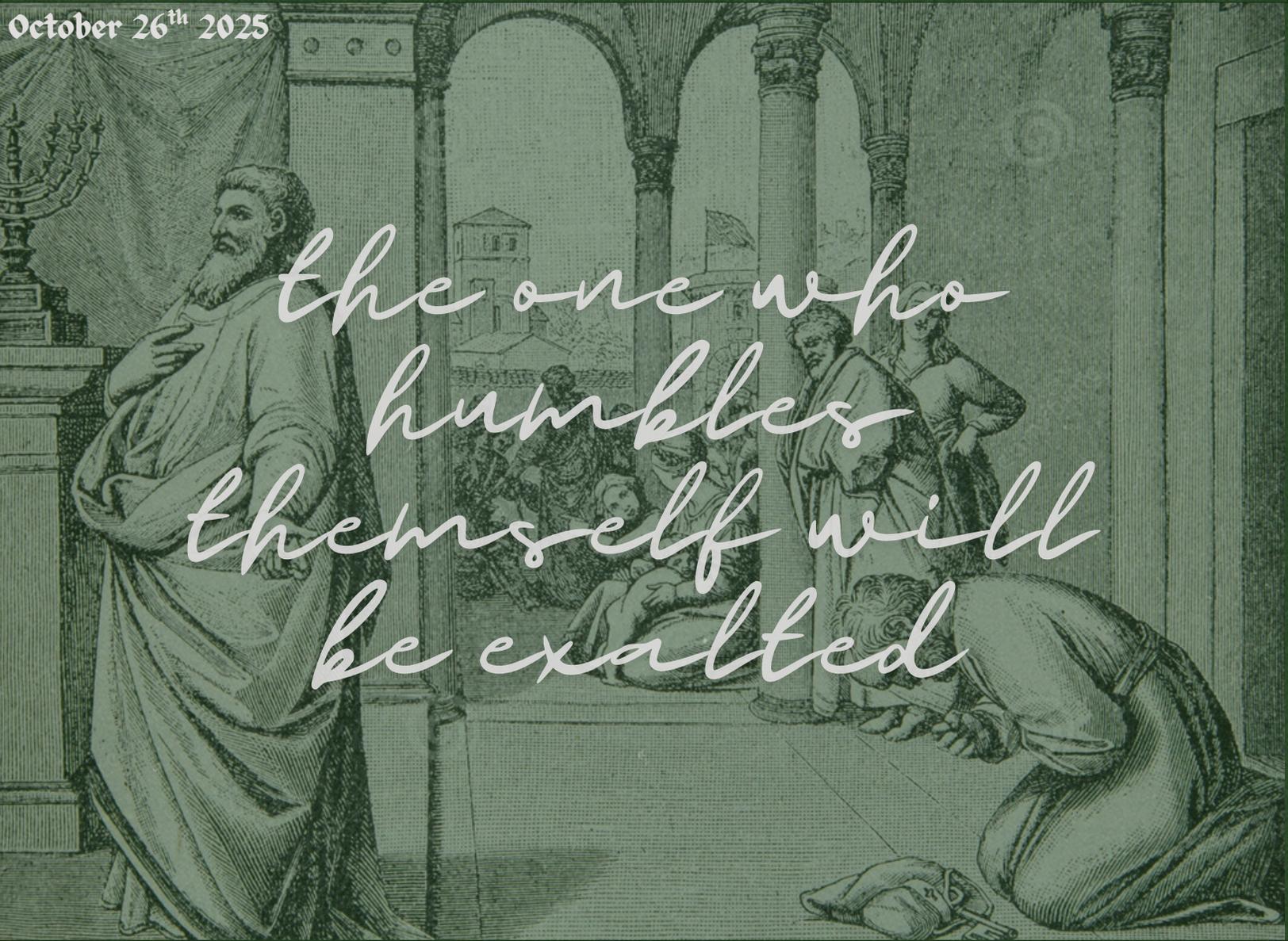
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

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October 26th 2025



*the one who
humbles
themselves will
be exalted*

This Week's Readings

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18

Psalms 34:2-3,17-18,19,23

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Luke 18:9-14

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, October 27th

9:00am Margaret Terranova

Tuesday, October 28th

9:00am Gerard Paterno

Wednesday, October 29th

9:00am Arputha Mary Asir

Thursday, October 30th

9:00am Richard Lanzetta

Friday, October 31st

9:00am Christopher & Mary
Beth Weidig

Saturday, November 1st

5:00pm All Soul's Novena

Sunday, November 2nd

All Soul's Day

8:00am All Soul's Novena

9:30am All Soul's Novena

11:30am All Soul's Novena



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. Simon & Jude (10/28)
All Saints in Heaven (11/1)
St. Martin de Porres (11/3)
St. Charles Borromeo (11/4)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 2nd 2025

Readings

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalms 23:1-6

Romans 5:5-11

John 6:37-40

Focus Questions

1: Who are the people you pray for on All Soul's Day?

2: Jesus said he came to do the will of the Father so no one would be lost. Relate a time when you felt lost.

3: How important is your belief in eternal life?

Families: Share a story of a loved family member who has died.

Gospel of John (6:37-40)

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

City Slicker: **Is it right to say “a hen lays” or “a hen lies” eggs?**

Farmer: Where I come from, the people just lift her up to see.

Some are more interested in the correct description of reality while others in the perfect perception of it. Some spend energy being politically correct and become furious at non-inclusive expressions, while others don't want to grow beyond the literal understanding and become angry at being vague and unspecific.

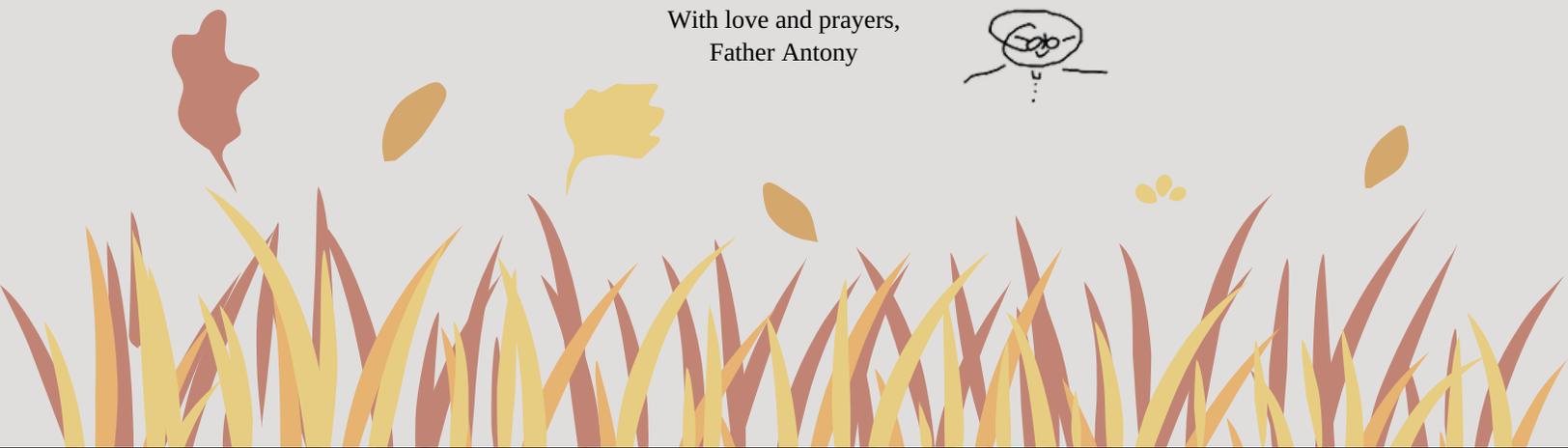
Today's Gospel Story is about a **Pharisee and Tax Collector praying before God**. The Pharisee observes the law meticulously and considers himself to be better than the other. Anybody who is not doing what he does is unworthy of God's mercy. He could not admit anything or anybody to be Godly that does not concur with his way of living. On the other hand, the Tax Collector admits his way of life to be wanting, and invites God's mercy to work in him. He stands before God being aware of himself in most need of God's mercy.

The **Pharisee prays before God, citing how good and justified he is**, consciously fulfilling all God's law requires him to do. Also he gloats over his own observance of God's law and over the tax collector's misfortune with smugness. His prayer was more of him boasting before God. On the other side, the prayer of the tax collector was a request to God to do in him what the pharisee's prayer was listing what he did for God.

Who could do anything for God? **God is not lacking anything that God needs a human to do for God**. Rather, as the Tax collector expressed in his prayer, God is ready and willing to mercifully come down and work with humans. God's mercy means that God wants to work with us. In a perfect prayer God and humans are becoming partners. Together they live in each other to realize God's plan through human cooperation.

Through this parable **Jesus instructs us that life is not a bunch of doings**. Doing things will add some products to life but will not enhance or empower the moments of living. Life is more of opening oneself to the mercy of God, allowing God's creative power to work and make us cherish one's moments of living. Life is not condemning each other or comparing each other's view or way of life and thus excluding each other in big circle of life. Rather, life is a realization that it is gifted to us from others and God. It becomes livable only when we mercifully give it to others and allow it to happen in others. Life blossoms in gratefully receiving it from others and generously giving it to others.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Robert Korrow
Ralph Marcello

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Christopher Conley	Marge McGowan
Christy Torkelsen	Maria U Aldaba
Baby Emerson Brae Mark	Maria Pipia
Helen Kovarik	Michael Minutillo
Jim Moran	Nina Busse
Jimmy Cannon	Noah Simonetti
Joseph Tuffarelli	Nunzio Puleo
Larry Wilson	Patricia Stronczer
Louise Soldo	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 27th - November 2nd

In memory of

Richard Stout

by Mom

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

Pray for our Clergy

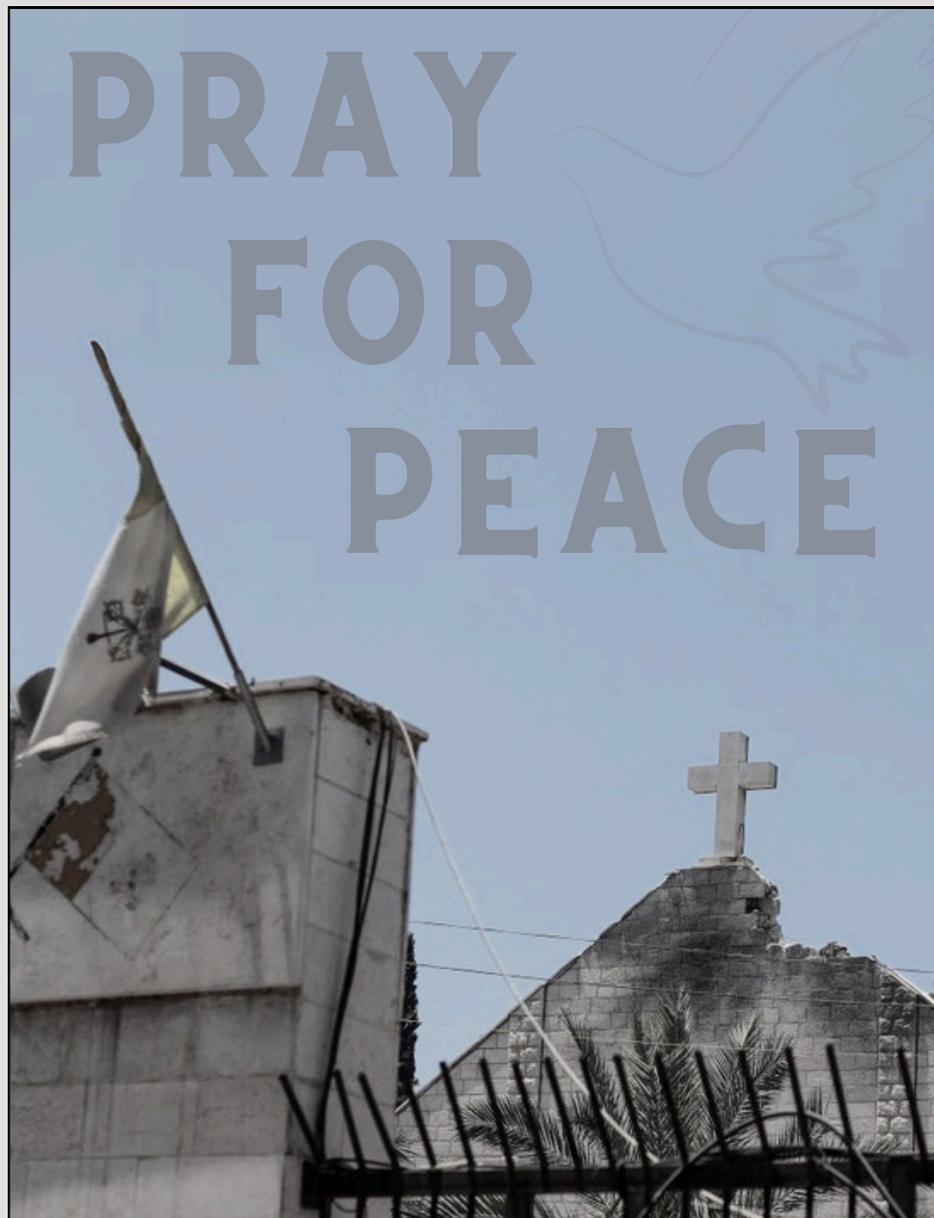
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
October 18th & 19th

\$5749

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

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who YOU are."

ST MOTHER TERESA

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/Mayo Instant Potatoes
Coffee 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

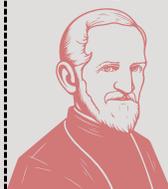
In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart.

When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

A great big THANK YOU to all who supported our recent Military Bridge! We raised \$3,522!

Congratulations to Denise Zappia for winning the parish-wide 50/50!

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





NEXT MEETING:
 NOVEMBER 14TH
 CHINESE LUNCHEON @
 GOLDEN DYNASTY!
 \$18/PP

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you enjoy learning about Catholicism?

- a: Yes
- b: Very Much Yes
- c: Obviously
- d: St. John the Evangelist



Answer: A, B, or C!

Thank you for all who have played along with the Question of the Week! Over the last year and a half, our bulletin has featured 65 different trivia questions about scripture, the Catholic faith and its practices, and our Catholic history. We hope you have learned some cool things, and maybe some of them have prompted you to do your own research.

The QoW might be over, but education never ends! Stay tuned to the bulletin for our next column, "Concepts in Catechism", starting in Advent!

BANNS OF Marriage

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

SAMANTHA VERMILYEA
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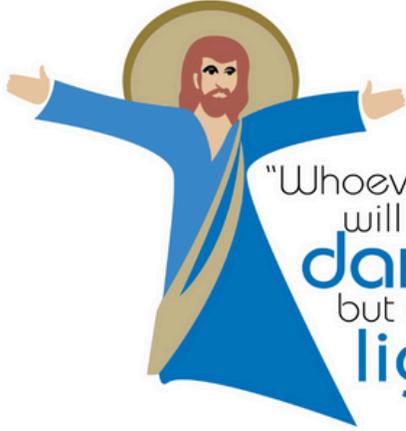
ROBERT SMITH
 Ss. Peter and Paul
 Manorville

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

ALEXANDRA COLBY
 St. Thomas More
 Hauppauge



DOMINICK DOMINGUEZ
 Our Lady of the Cenacle
 Richmond Hill, NY



"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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Parish Outreach

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING



Please donate food items and/or gift cards to pay for turkeys as we are not accepting donated turkeys!

Food is great, Gift Cards are preferred!!

Yams
Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Veggies
Applesauce
Coffee & Tea
Desserts

\$25 Gift Cards
(ShopRite or Stop & Shop)

Cards/Cash donations
can be sent to Outreach
or put in the collection
basket at mass.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

631-234-3149
outreach@stmli.org



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

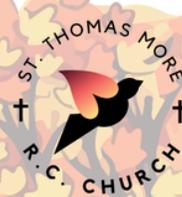
FREE ADMISSION

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

Holy Hour

"For the Least of These"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'"

Matthew 25:42-44

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!



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)



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
NOVEMBER 1ST
9AM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace



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)

ST. THOMAS MORE, MSGR. MIDURA COUNCIL 6062



Knights of Columbus®
Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 6PM

AT ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



*Dinner, Drinks,
Music and More*

*Auction, Raffles,
and Door Prizes*

TICKETS ARE \$20 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES, NOT SOLD AT DOOR

**Bring a food donation for Parish Outreach,
Get entered into a special raffle!**

Questions & ticket sales...

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