

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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November 9th 2025



This Week's Readings

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

Psalms 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17

John 2:13-22

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, November 8th

5:00pm Deceased of the Puglisi Family
Deceased of the Romano Family

Sunday, November 9th

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am Marie & Robert Utter

9:30am Albin Haas
George Labriola

11:30am Peter Catalano
The Warmuth Family

Monday, November 10th

9:00am Dorothy Day

Tuesday, November 11th

9:00am Raphl Marcello

Wednesday, November 12th

9:00am Georgine Schaefer

Thursday, November 13th

9:00am William Track Jr.

Friday, November 14th

9:00am The People of STM

Saturday, November 15th

5:00pm Lauren Fontanetta
Lucille Lambruschi

Sunday, November 16th

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Marion Infantino
George E Hardwick II

9:30am Anthony Importuna

11:30am Matthew O'Connell
Richard Stout



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. Leo the Great (11/10)
St. Martin of Tours (11/11)
St. Josaphat (11/12)
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (11/13)
St. Albert the Great (11/15)
St. Margaret of Scotland (11/16)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16th 2025

Readings

Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Focus Questions

1: Relate an instance when you put your faith in Jesus when you were struggling.
2: Describe a difficult time when you wanted to give up. What kept you going?
3: What is your reaction to God knowing you so intimately that even the hairs on your head are numbered?
Families: How do you bring joy to someone who is suffering?

Gospel of Luke (21:5-19)

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here--the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

A **congregation was about to build a new church.** The building committee passed the following resolutions:

- 1) We shall build a new church.
- 2) The new building is to be located on the site of the old one.
- 3) The material in the old building is to be used in the new one.
- 4) We shall continue to use the old building until the new one is completed.

The resolutions are good, but without destroying the old the new cannot be built. The old cannot continue if the new must take shape.

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral Church of Rome, the Cathedral of Pope.** Until 324 AD the early Church was not free to worship in public. Due to persecution it gathered in secret places and catacombs. When the Emperor Constantine I converted to Christianity, the early Church was freed to exercise and live the religion publicly. Emperor Constantine I built The Basilica of St. John Lateran around 324 AD over the ruins of a Roman cavalry fort, making it the first major church in Rome.

It served as the papal residence and "**mother church**" for over 1,000 years before being rebuilt and renovated multiple times after suffering damage from fires and earthquakes, including extensive renovations in the Baroque era and a significant move by the papacy to the Vatican in 1377. This is called the "Mother and the Head of all churches of Rome and the World". By celebrating the anniversary of this Basilica, we express our faith in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, for when we celebrate the mother and head of all churches, we celebrate all our churches in unity.

Today's second reading invites us to see how **each believer in Jesus is a living church of the Holy Spirit.** We carry the presence of Jesus as we receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. As we are all baptized in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are the children of God the Father, siblings of God the Son Jesus, and the living abode Temple of God the Holy Spirit. Thus, each one of us are the active living place of the Triune God.

We are the Church of God and are called to be the life-giving river of God to the World. Today's first reading picturizes how the Temple became the source of spreading life, like a river that makes the land fertile wherever it flows. We, the Church of God can spread the life of God because we are the life-giving river that God sends, as His Church, as His presence wherever we live.

Today's Gospel describes how **Jesus cleanses the Temple.** At the end of the story, Jesus claims that He will destroy the Old Temple and on the third day by His Resurrection He will rise a new abode of God, the Church. In Jesus we become the new abode of God, individually by our life of faith in Jesus. We also become the new presence of Jesus, coming together in the name of Jesus as an organized Church in our own villages or towns, as Dioceses and the Universal Church as a whole family of God. If God becomes the working force in us, we as a church will be ever new. We become new, not by putting up a new church building. We are new every day when we allow the Risen Jesus to live in us and shine through us.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Raymond Marro

Juana Williams

Dorothy Hendershot

Robert Korrow

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Carol Ann Raucci

Christopher Conley

Christy Torkelsen

Dolores Rudden

Ellen Murphy

Baby Emerson Brae Mark

Helen Kovarik

Jim Moran

Jimmy Cannon

Joseph Tuffarelli

Larry Wilson

Lou Savarese

Louise Soldo

Marge McGowan

Maria U Aldaba

Maria Pipia

Michael Minutillo

Nina Busse

Noah Simonetti

Nunzio Puleo

Patricia Stronczer

Richard Landi

*This listing will reset on March 31st 2026

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

November 10th - November 16th



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

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.

Pray for our Clergy

Father Antony Asir

Deacon Robert Weisz

Deacon Edward Vigneaux

Deacon Matthew Surico

The Capuchin Friars

Bishop John Barres

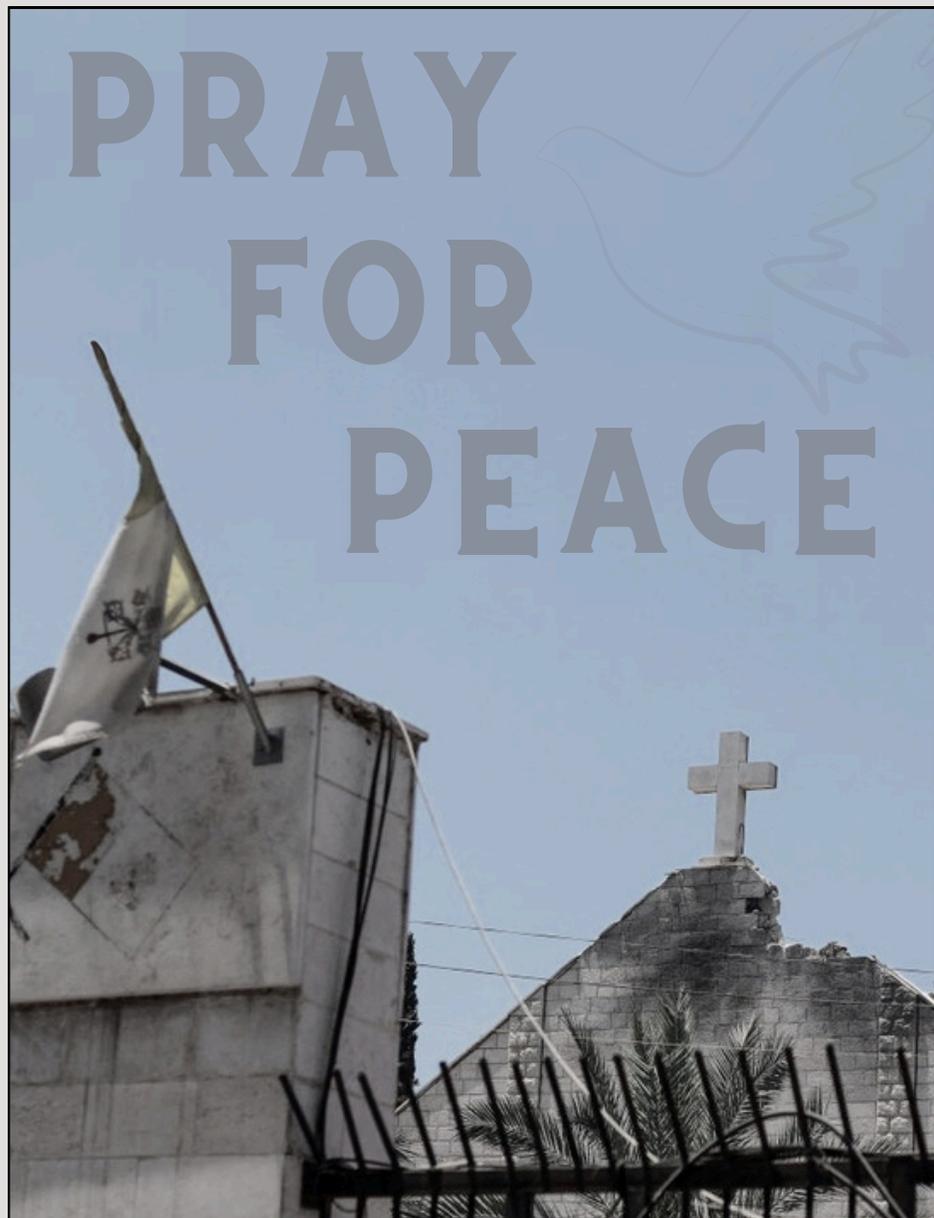
Pope Leo XIV

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:
November 1st & 2nd

\$8208

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

“Charity is not just a promise. It is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility.”

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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive!
See the flyer for recommended items. We are also collecting \$25 gift cards instead of turkeys.

Joseph Innace did a community service food collection for his Confirmation. Thanks Joseph!



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Small Ketchup/Mayo Instant Potatoes
Coffee Paper Towels
Cookies Boxed Milk
Drink Mixes 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that if the temple is destroyed, He will raise it up again in three days. This is the hope that He offers.

When you give the furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give a sign of hope to your neighbors who have nothing.



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

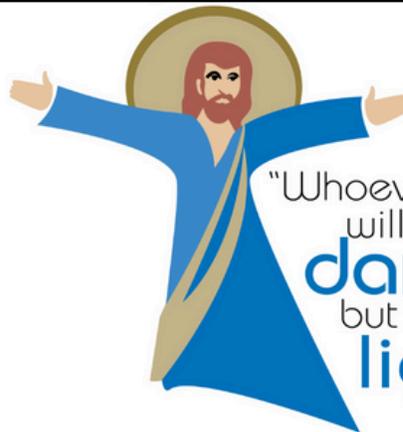




NEXT MEETINGS:
 NOVEMBER 14TH
 CHINESE LUNCHEON @
 GOLDEN DYNASTY!
 \$18/PP

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

DECEMBER 17TH - CHRISTMAS LUNCH
 VILLA OLIVETTI - \$42/PP



"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.

Holiday Hope



A Moloney Family Funeral Home designed program to help those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and may be facing some challenging moments during the approaching holiday season.

Returning guest speaker, Mr. Thomas Petriano, Ph. D. will be presenting on
 "How to Deal with the Holidays"

Saturday, November 22
 12:00-2:00pm
 Refreshments will be served

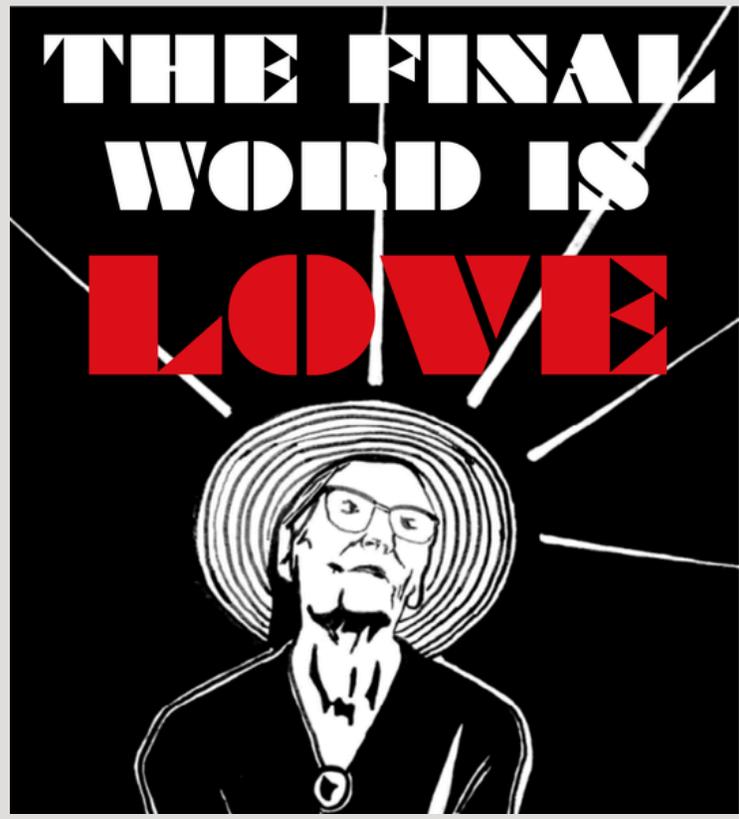
Moloney's Lake Funeral Home
 132 Ronkonkoma Ave.
 Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Please call 631-588-1515 by November 16th to make your free reservation.

Program printed material is available if you are unable to attend.



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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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E-Giving News



ParishSOFT®

Faith Direct has officially changed to ParishSoft Giving. Please see the information below from ParishSoft with FAQs and Support Contact. Unfortunately, the STM Parish Office cannot help with any issues you experience with your account.

If you haven't yet, please consider signing up for electronic giving! It reduces our overhead, allowing your money to go farther in helping our parish!

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For more information about ParishSOFT, please contact:
(866) 930-4774 | donorsupport@parishsoft.com
parishsoft.com

Donor Experience

1. Do donors need to do anything before the upgrade?

- No. However, we recommend informing the donors that their giving page will look different after the upgrade.

2. How will donors be notified about the change?

- To maintain donor trust and ensure a smooth upgrade to ParishSOFT, we recommend your administrative staff proactively communicate the change to your donors. Faith Direct will provide ready-to-use materials to support your outreach and can be found here: <https://www.parishsoft.com/faith-direct-to-parishsoft>
- Additionally, most donors will be informed of the upgrade to ParishSOFT through updated messaging in their Payment Reminder emails.

3. Will printed Offertory Cards still be offered?

- A printable template can be provided from your Client Relations Manager, that you can share with donors if they still want to put Offertory Cards in the basket, but they will no longer be mailed from Faith Direct. Please email your Client Relations Manager, or managed.giving@ministrybrands.com for the template that you or your donors can print.

4. Will the donor support phone number change?

- This is still being confirmed. If changes occur, we'll notify you with the updated contact information.

5. Can donors still call for help?

- Yes. While support agents can no longer log in as the donor due to updated security policies, they will continue assisting donors over the phone and can walk them through any necessary changes step-by-step.

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

Archbasilica of St John Lateran



More formally known as “The Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, Mother and Head of All Churches in Rome and in the World”, the Lateran is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, and the seat of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). About 4km from Vatican City, the archbasilica is the oldest public church in Rome, dedicated in 324 by Pope Sylvester I.

From its dedication until the 14th century, the archbasilica served as the residence of the Holy Father (a full millennia!). Even when St. Peter’s was built in the 16th century, St. John Lateran remained the “Cathedral of Rome”. For perspective, the Vatican has hosted two ecumenical councils compared to five hosted at the Lateran. The global Church celebrates the dedication of the Lateran on Nov 9th.

The Lateran has six extant papal tombs, and claims to have the skulls of St Peter and St Paul. In addition, the interior is dominated by a set of colossal statues of the 12 apostles (with St Paul replacing Judas Iscariot), each over 15 feet tall!



Calendar Club 2026

The Every Day Lotto!

Names 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 entry for \$25, or 5 entries 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 14th

Buy FIVE entries and get a SIXTH on us!

Note: You must return your form and payment by Sunday
December 14th.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2026 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!