

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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November 16th 2025



La distruzione del tempio di Gerusalemme, Francesco Hayez

This Week's Readings

Malachi 3:19-20a

Psalm 98:5-9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, November 17th

9:00am Maria Manzi

Tuesday, November 18th

9:00am Margaret Vogt
John Puglisi

Wednesday, November 19th

9:00am Edward Skrzypek

Thursday, November 20th

9:00am James J Murphy Sr.

Friday, November 21st

9:00am Frank Franceschini

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00pm Albin Haas
Deceased of the Merget &
Pondt Families

Sunday, November 23rd

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00am Marge Wolejsza

9:30am Joseph Santora

11:30am Steve Kallman
Stephanie Barry



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. Margaret of Scotland (11/16)
St. Elizabeth of Hungary (11/17)
Basillicas of Sts. Peter & Paul (11/18)
Presentation of the BVM (11/21)
St. Cecilia (11/22)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23rd 2025

Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Focus Questions

1: Relate a time when it was hard for you to turn the other cheek.
2: Describe a time when someone tried to bait you into acting out. How did you remain calm?
3: To whom in your life are you being called to show mercy?
Families: If you were there when Jesus was on the cross, what would you have done?

Gospel of Luke (23:35-43)

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,
"He saved others, let him save himself
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."
Even the soldiers jeered at him.

As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
"If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."
Above him there was an inscription that read,
"This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,
"Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us."
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri
9am

Sat
5pm

Sun
8am
9:30am
11:30am



From the Pastor

Abraham Lincoln once said: “**The best thing about future is that it comes only one day at a time.**” The future is a mystery. We don’t know what it will bring. On the other hand, as T. S. Eliot would say, “Time present and time past. Are both perhaps present in time future, and time future contained in time past.” We try to interpret the mystery of the future with past experiences or try to predict it with present; because it would be too much for us to bear the mystery of the future.

Today’s Gospel teaches us **how to handle the mystery of future.** Living the present with the grace of God is the best way to face the future. Jesus warns about the future troubles and turmoil, sufferings and sudden attacks from nature, rulers and peoples. In all these situations Jesus asks us not to prepare the defense beforehand, for he himself would give us wisdom to speak and defend, that all our adversaries would be powerless to resist and refute. Only our perseverance will secure our lives.

Jesus admonishes to **live our PRESENT fully well.** Engaging our total self to live our present in God’s grace will lift us up from the burden of the past and the anxiety of the future. Past is the water under the bridge that has left us. It will not come back again. We cannot rewind our time and live again to correct the past. What was lived is a past experience. There is no use in being guilty about it if it was not well lived. We can only be cautious enough not to repeat it. If it is lived well, we could thankfully recall it and be happy about it. But we can learn a lesson about life from both good and bad ways of past life.

We have to move forward from the bad past and **carry the good lesson into the present life.** Past is a memory; future is a moment yet to come, while the present is NOW reality in our hand. By living well in the present, we can see that the bad past does not repeat and prepare a fertile ground for the flower of future to bloom colorfully. As Mother Teresa says, “Leave the past to the mercy of God (God would heal it); Surrender the future to the providence of God (the Good Shepherd will lead to green pasture and still waters). Fill the present with the love of God (God is walking with you even if you were to walk in the valley of death; with His staff and rod comfort and secure our ways).”

Future is a mystery in so far as it invites us to **live our present well as a preparation to embrace its newness.** Future is a mystery in so far as it is not out of God’s control. As God brought us out of the past to this present time God will lead us also through unknown future. Let us live our present as God’s gift to liberate from clutches of the past and the anxieties of the future.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Antoinette Pepe
Raymond Marro
Juana Williams
Dorothy Hendershot

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	Lou Savarese
Christopher Conley	Louise Soldo
Christy Torkelsen	Marge McGowan
Dolores Rudden	Maria U Aldaba
Ellen Murphy	Maria Pipia
Baby Emerson Brae Mark	Michael Minutillo
Helen Kovarik	Nina Busse
Jim Moran	Noah Simonetti
Jimmy Cannon	Nunzio Puleo
Joseph Tuffarelli	Patricia Stronczer
Larry Wilson	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

November 17th - November 23rd



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

Pray for our Clergy

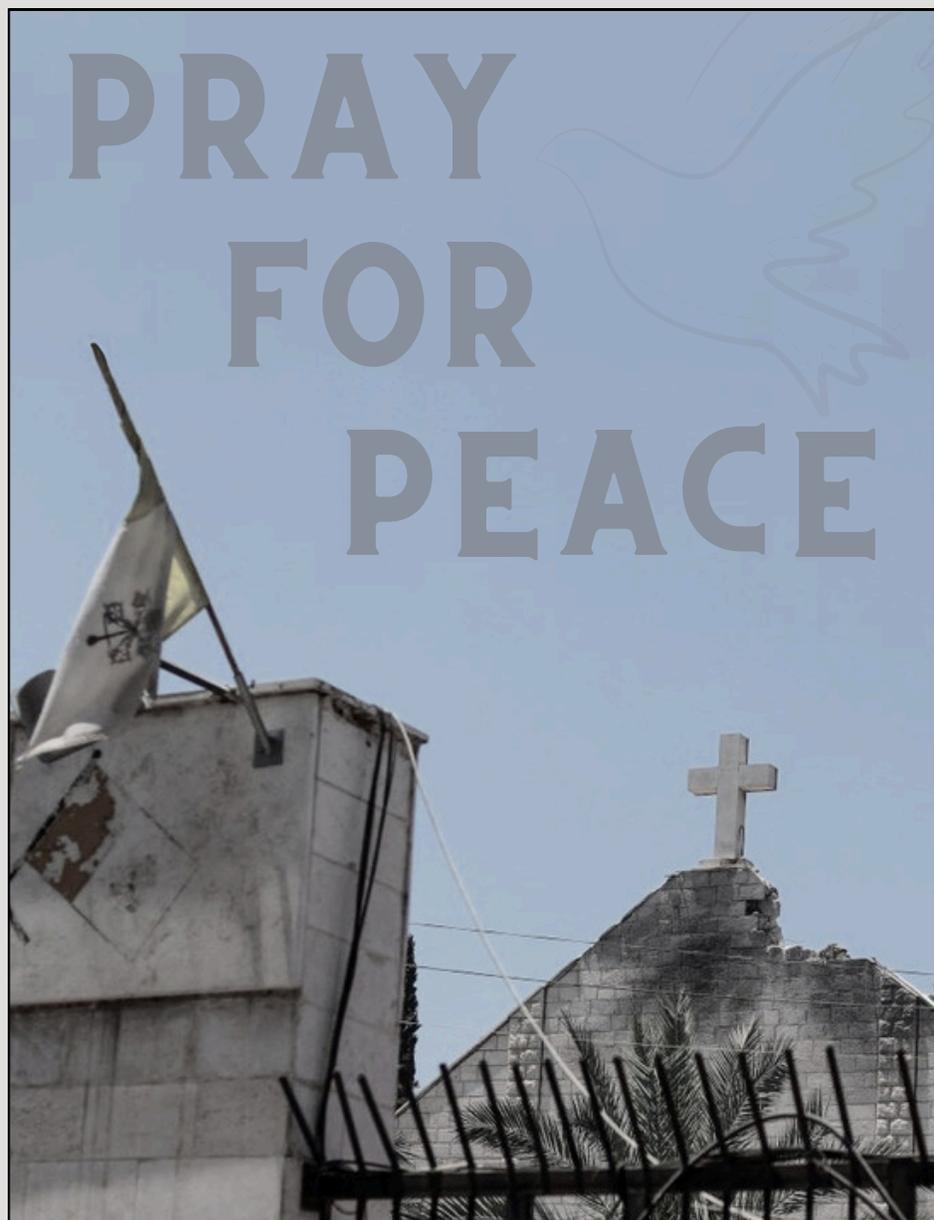
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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:
November 8th & 9th

\$6654

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

"It's not about how much you do but about how much love you put into what you do that counts."

SAINT 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.

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

Who you helped during October...

66 Families
87 Children
86 Adults
28 Seniors

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Coffee Instant Potatoes
Cookies Paper Towels
Drink Mixes Boxed Milk
Small Laundry Detergent

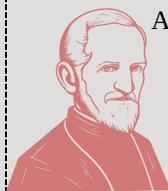
WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

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

The Gospel precludes end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus do, if he were in my place now?"

The fiscal year for our Conference ended on 9/30/25. The Annual Report on our activities has been completed. The report notes that \$20,584 was expended helping 78 neighbors. Of that, \$8,460 (41% of the total) went toward eviction preventions, which is no surprise with high rental costs on Long Island



All of this good work is only possible because of your ongoing support. On behalf of our neighbors in need, THANK YOU!

Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or email 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

Baptisms in our church

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

Dominic Giuseppe Canonico
child of Amelia & Andrew

Emma Rose & Skyla Ryan Dutton
children of Amanda & Ryan

Christopher James & Matthew Paul Groth
children of Michelle & Nicholas

Michael Joseph Jacobi, Jr.
child of Felicia & Michael

Adam Joseph Legato
child of Katherine & Fortunato

Layla Everly Mulford
child of Dawn & Scott

Return of the Precious Blood for Distribution at Mass

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a far-reaching impact on our lives, both physical and spiritual. One element of Mass that has been missing in most parishes is the distribution of the Precious Blood to the lay faithful. The Diocese of Rockville Centre continues to leave the decision to offer the cup during Mass to the pastor of the parish. After careful consideration by Fr. Antony and with input from parishioners, deacons, EMs and the Pastoral Council, St. Thomas More will resume the cup cautiously, on a limited basis.

We will begin on the First Sunday of Advent by offering the Precious Blood from one cup minister at the 11:30 AM Mass. Please understand that, as always, all the Precious Blood consecrated at Mass must be consumed during that Mass. Since we don't know in advance how many will partake, we need to err on the side of caution and we may run short the first couple of times we try this. We will all adjust.

Each of us must make our own decision when it comes to receiving one or both species. Please remember the principle of *concomitance*: that Jesus Christ is fully present under both Precious Body and Blood, and "communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace." (CCC No. 1390) And thank you for bearing with us as we make adjustments based on the experience we gain with the number of people who seek to receive the Precious Blood.

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас



**Our Halloween Pit-Stop
was so much fun and so
many kids came in costume
for All Saints Day!**



THE SEVEN Corporal WORKS OF MERCY

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To care for the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

—Source: Archdiocese of Boston

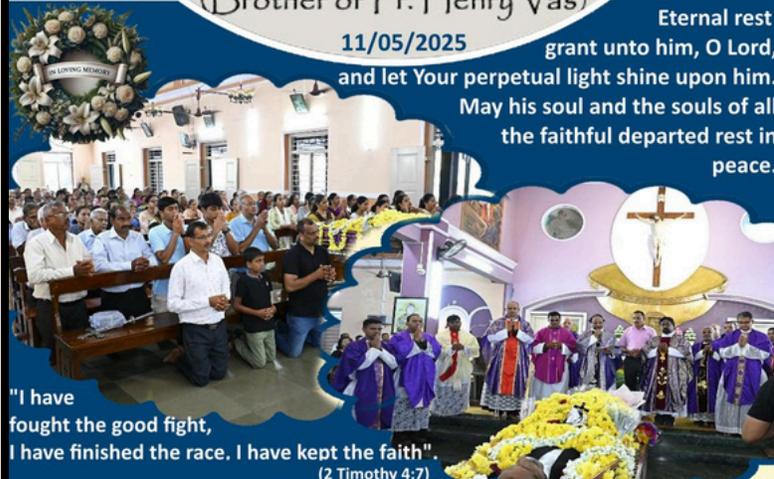
Final Journey of



JOACHIM VALERIAN VAS
(Brother of Fr. Henry Vas)

11/05/2025

Eternal rest
grant unto him, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed rest in
peace.



"I have
fought the good fight,
I have finished the race. I have kept the faith".
(2 Timothy 4:7)



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**

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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!

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Each year the Hauppauge Community hosts an interfaith prayer service. Please join us to pray for peace and thanksgiving with our neighbors.

A beautiful night of music, scripture, and prayer
with...

St. Thomas More RCC

Temple Beth Chai

Calvary Lutheran

United Methodist

Wednesday November 26th

@ 7pm

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway

Hauppauge NY

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Presentation of babies is always a great time! Pray for these soon to be new Catholics.



Samantha Vermilyea and Robert Smith, after their wedding on 11/9



Alexandra Colby and Dominick Dominguez, at their wedding on 11/1



Our parish veterans after the raising of our new flag, donated by the Knights of Columbus!