

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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February 8th 2026

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This Week's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalms 112:4-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, February 7th

5:00pm Ralph M Marcello
Mildred Duffy

Sunday, February 8th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am MaryClaire O'Donnell
Assad, Marian, & Carmella
Hanna

9:30am Maria Euginia Hernandez

11:30am James J Murphy Sr.
Patricia Repetti

Monday, February 9th

9:00am Thomas Hurtado

Tuesday, February 10th

9:00am Peter Williams Sr.

Wednesday, February 11th

9:00am Marsha Augustyn

Thursday, February 12th

9:00am Assad & Marian Hanna
Carmella Mitchell

Friday, February 13th

9:00am Assad, Maian, Carmella
Hannah, Juanita Williams

Saturday, February 14th

5:00pm Leo Ramos
Nicholas Conzo

Sunday, February 15th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Antonia Castagna

9:30am German Vinzente Manzi

11:30am 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. Apollonia (2/9)
St. Scholastica (2/10)
Our Lady of Lourdes (2/11)
Sts. Cyril & Methodius (2/14)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15th 2025

Readings

Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when you acted out of anger and regretted it.
2: Relate a time when you chose to do something that was unpopular because of love.
3: What or who helps you to make good choices?
Families: How quick are you to call another person names? What can you do to stop that?

Gospel of Matthew (5:17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

There are **two types of people in the world**: those who enter a room and say, “here I am!” and those who say, “ah, there you are!”. The “here I am” people are like ‘salt’, which dissolves and becomes a part of the whole. The “there are you are” people are like ‘light’ who illuminate its surroundings and include, ready to accommodate people into their realm.

In today’s Gospel **Jesus calls us to be salt of the earth and light of the world**. One of many usages of salt that a disciple of Jesus easily adopts is salt’s dissolving and adding taste. Salt dissolves: it pervades into every part of anything in which it is added. It does not show itself, but enhances the taste of all the other ingredients. When salt is missing in food the taste is not whole.

Food without salt is tasteless. **The disciple of Jesus, like salt, dissolves into the community** and enhances the tastes of all the other ingredients into the wholistic taste of Jesus. The dissolved salt is known by its nature of taste. The disciple of Jesus dissolves in the community in such a way that their nature is felt by the people, as their life brings the taste of Jesus to the people.

Salt dissolves into water so thoroughly that its **presence cannot be known except through tasting**. Tasting is the only way of knowing if the water is salty or not. Likewise, the presence of Jesus’s disciples should be known only as the taste of Jesus. Our life is not a show of who we are with all that we possess; but that of dissolving ourselves as salt of Jesus, to bring forth the taste of Jesus among whom we live.

We are the light of the world. **The light that enlightens everything cannot be seen**. For example, the sun is the source of light, but the traveling path of the light from its source to the object which it enlightens cannot be seen. The source of the light and the enlightened object are visible to our eyes but not the light itself which leaves the source and reaches the object.

When Jesus wants us to be the light of the world, He invites us to **illuminate whomever we encounter, without showing ourselves** but only revealing Jesus, the source of light. We are His light but our service of bringing light to others must help them to focus on the source (Jesus) and not the persons who are just like an invisible path of light. As Jesus instructs in today’s Gospel our light must shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. The purpose of all the good deeds we do is not promote our glory but shine forth God’s glory. Let us dissolve like salt, so that people taste Jesus. Let us burn like light, so that people may see the divine glory.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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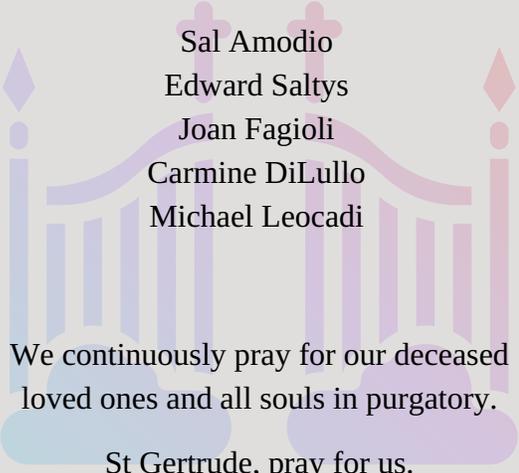
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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased



Sal Amodio
Edward Saltys
Joan Fagioli
Carmine DiLullo
Michael Leocadi

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Andrew M Valentine	Helen Kovarik	Marge McGowan
Angela Mingione	Jim Engle	Maria U Aldaba
Anna Mancuso	Jim Moran	Maria Pipia
Barbara Foberg	Jimmy Cannon	Michael Jacobs Sr.
Blair Rocchio	John Heller	Michael Minutillo
Carol Ann Raucci	John McGann	Michelle Chiarulli
Christopher Conley	Joseph Beltrani Sr.	Nina Busse
Christy Torkelsen	Joseph Tuffarelli	Noah Simonetti
Diane McCann	Larry Wilson	Pat Camera
Dolores Rudden	Linda Heller	Patricia Stronczer
Ellen Murphy	Lorraine White	Phil Camera
Baby Emerson Brae Mark	Lou Savarese	Richard Landi
Emily Bolkas	Louise Soldo	Baby Sienna Dwyer

*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.

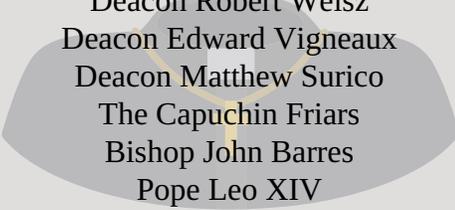
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

February 9th - February 15th



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

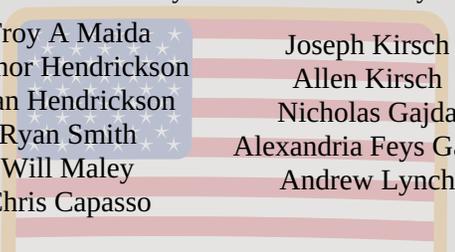
Pray for our Clergy



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

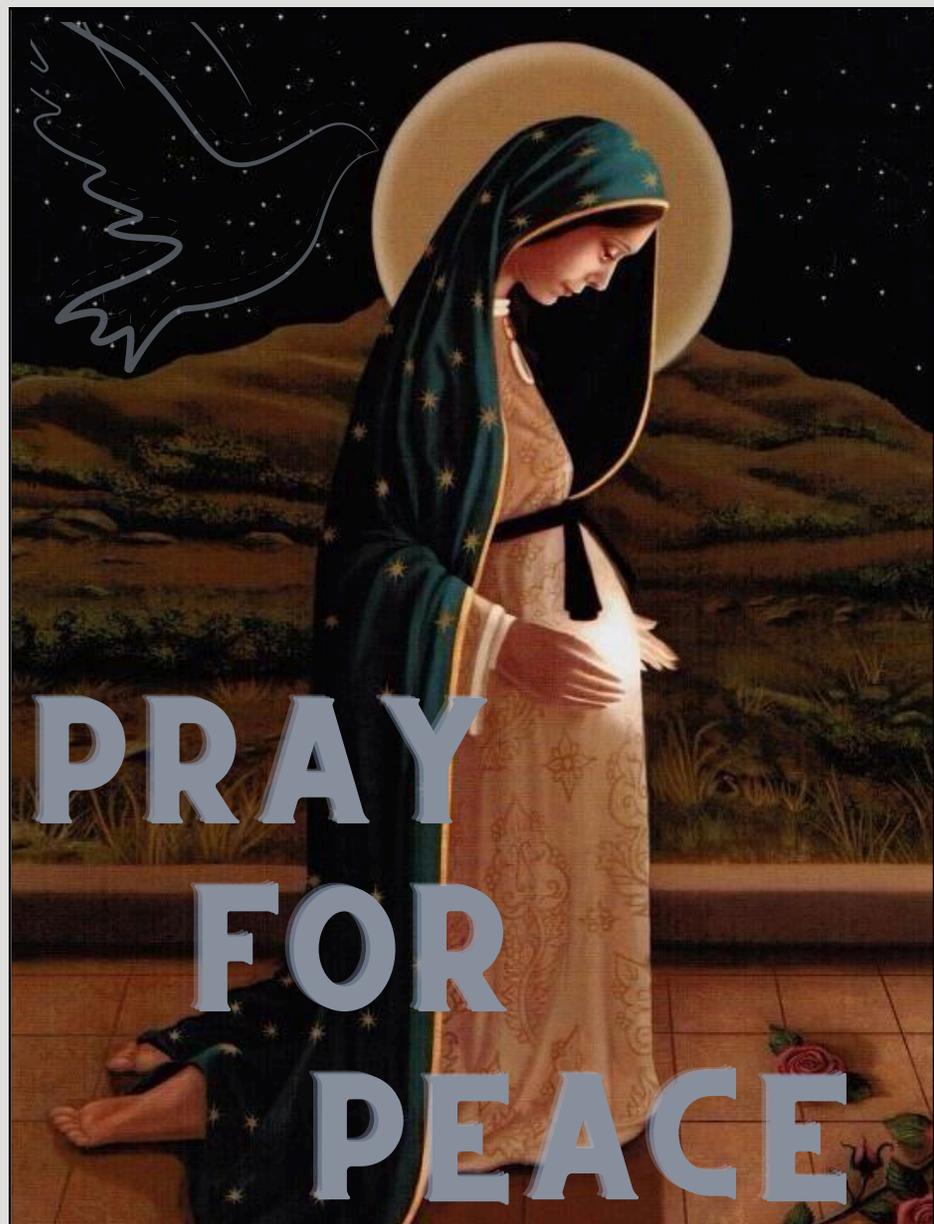
Pray for our Military

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:
January 31st & February 1st

\$7248

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. It is both convenient and secure. For more information, 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.

Eucharistic Ministers

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OCIA

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Young at Heart

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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. There is a clothing bin in the back of the parking lot where clothing can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have household items, please call the Outreach office!

Parish Social Ministry

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

MATTHEW 5

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.



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Pancake Mix Drinks (Juices/Powdered)
Cookies Syrup
Toothpaste Paper Towels
Boxed/Powdered Milk

**We are overflowing with BEANS. We would appreciate it if you could pick up different items instead of beans! Thanks!*

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 says "You are the light of the world." He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Your generous gifts to SVdP bring light to our sometimes darkened world. Let me explain: our recent fundraiser netted \$3053 for our treasury after deducting the \$1000 in cash prizes. Recently, we received a request from a neighbor whose husband had died and she could not afford to bury him - no funeral or wake - just to bury him. His body had been held for 40 days. Because of your generosity, we were able to fulfill a Corporal Work of Mercy and bury the dead. No words can describe the peace she finally felt, all because of your support. Thank you!



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or
email svdp.stm@aol.com



Pre-Cana 2026

Please pray for these couples
on their journey to the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jennifer Falcone
&
Nicholas Tush

Deanna Knopf
&
John Cullen

Julie Mazzie
&
Andrew Opacke

Leanne Walsh
&
Erick Idtensohn

Rose Recce
&
Tyler Schiavone



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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

JESSICA BOISROND-
CANAL

St. Matthew's
Dix Hills



CHRISTIAN
DAMOUR

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



Gluten Free Eucharist



Gluten Free* hosts are available at all Masses, upon request.

Before Mass, speak with the priest or deacon and request a GF host.

The GF host will be placed in a GF pyx (container for holding the Blessed Sacrament) and will be consecrated on the altar alongside the other hosts in the ciboria.

Go to the communion line of the clergy you spoke to before Mass. They will get the GF pyx for you.

They will open the pyx for you, but not touch the host to avoid contamination.

Receive the Blessed Sacrament!

*Please note that while we refer to these as being GF, they are actually "Low Gluten". The Catholic Church requires that all bread used for communion must be made from wheat. The hosts we use for gluten intolerant persons are certified to have "less than 0.001% gluten content".

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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baby bottles



Our local Knights of Columbus Chapter 6062 is facilitating the Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island!

The Life Center helps to provide:

Free pregnancy tests and sonograms

Maternity housing and medical care referrals

Aid ranging from car seats to diapers to cribs

Please take home a bottle and fill it with your donation (or checks payable to 'Life Center of LI' and return to church on March 14th & 15th)



NEXT MEETING:
FEBRUARY 13TH

JOIN US!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

CALL ANNA
631-234-0714

ParishSOFT[®] Giving

As FaithDirect was acquired and rolled into ParishSoft Giving, many parishioners are still having issues with their accounts. If you need help, please contact ParishSoft Support directly. We apologize for any inconvenience this process has caused, and we are looking into other options.

Thank you for your patience.

ParishSoft Contact Options

866-507-8757

donorsupport@parishsoft.com

866-930-4774 x5

Feast of St. Don Bosco

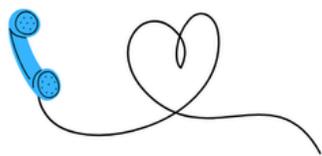
Thanks to all who joined us for our little Don Bosco Hospitality after 5pm Mass on his feast day. We were joined by many who enjoyed treats, and learned all about this Saint of the youth!



PRAY FOR PEACE

LET'S UNITE IN LOVE
AND UNDERSTANDING TO CREATE A
PEACEFUL WORLD.





LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP..



Parish Outreach is beginning a new ministry to reach out to our elderly and homebound. We are hoping to start at the beginning of February and are looking for volunteers who may be available one or two hours a week to make a "check in" phone call. We will have a meeting to discuss the protocol for these calls at the end of January.

If you are interested, please give Outreach a call at 631-234-3149 and we will take your information.

In order to complete this ministry, we need to identify those in our community who are living alone, elderly, or homebound. If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call once a week, please contact the Outreach office.

2025 Parish Contribution

To request a copy of your 2025 contributions for tax purposes, please write down your name and submit this form in the collection basket, or to the Rectory.

Alternative: scan the QR code!

Name: _____

*If you use Faith Direct (now ParishSoft Giving), you can obtain your tax information via their website.





Ash Wednesday

February 18th, 2026

Services

12pm

4:30pm

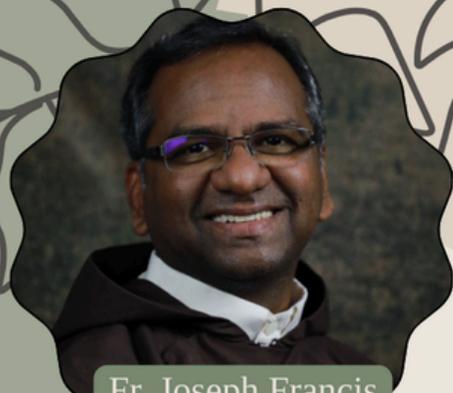


Masses

9am

7pm





Fr. Joseph Francis
Capuchin



Fr. Charles Gnanapragasam
St. Mary



Fr. Ed Sheridan
St. Anthony Padua
St. Francis of Assisi

THANK YOU!

Our deepest thanks to all the clergy that assisted while Fr Antony was away. Please continue to keep them in your prayers, and please pray for future vocations.

Msgr. Walden
Retired



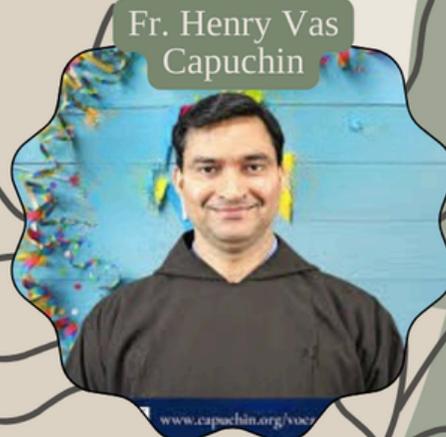
Fr. Norbert D'Souza
Capuchin



Fr. Augustine D'Souza
Capuchin



Fr. Henry Vas
Capuchin



St. Thomas More Choir

Have you ever felt the joy of singing from your heart? Imagine raising your voice in harmony with others, filling the church with heavenly music, and being part of something truly special

Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or simply love to sing, we welcome you! No formal training is required—just a love for music and a desire to be part of a beautiful tradition. Every voice matters, and together we create something magical that touches hearts and souls at every Mass.

Why join?

Make a Joyful Noise: Use your gift of music to glorify God

Build Community: Connect with fellow parishioners in a fun, welcoming environment

Lift Spirits: Help lead worship and inspire others through song.

When?

Children

Rehearsal: Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Mass: Sundays 9:30

Adults

Rehearsal: Thursdays 7-8:30

Mass: Sundays 11:30