

*Sharing
the Spirit
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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March 1st 2026



**THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON...
LISTEN TO HIM**

This Week's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Second Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, February 28th

5:00pm Berta Jacome
Ante Bacic

Sunday, March 1st

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Larry Rosenberg
Antonio Visto

9:30am Linda Carey
George Lang

11:30am Al Weidig
Michael Leocadi

Monday, March 2nd

9:00am Joseph Mitchell Sr.

Tuesday, March 3rd

9:00am Joseph Mitchell Sr. & Jr.

Wednesday, March 4th

9:00am Kathy Resh

Thursday, March 5th

9:00am Nury Morcillo

Friday, March 6th

9:00am German Manzi

Saturday, March 7th

5:00pm Ellen Cleary
Nunzio Puleo

Sunday, March 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Julie Phillips

9:30am Anne B. "Nancy" Fornabia
John Harknett

11:30am Christopher Weidig
Kalena Fuentes



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. Katharine Drexel (3/3)
St. Casimir (3/4)
Sts. Perpetua & Felicity (3/7)
St. John of God (3/8)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8th 2025

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



Readings

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

Focus Questions

- 1: What do you thirst for these days?
 - 2: What were some of the detours you experienced on your faith journey?
 - 3: Describe a time when you sacrificed something in order to do God's will.
- Families: World Water Day is March 22nd. Talk about what you can do as a family to help those who do not have access to clean water.

Gospel of John (4:5-42)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

From the Pastor

The beggar walked up to a man and said, “Sir, **would you let me have a hundred dollars for a cup of coffee?**”

“One hundred dollars!” screamed the man. “My good fellow, that is ridiculous!”

Growing indignant, the beggar said, “Give me a yes or no, fella, but don’t tell me how to run my business!”

We want God to grant our prayers. **We just want to know if God can or cannot give us what we want.** We just want to manage our lives in the way we want. Are we ready for God to enter our life and to direct/design our life? Or is our prayer “Give me, God what I ask but don’t tell me what and how to live my life”? In the second reading Paul instructs his disciple Timothy to live his life with the grace (strength) of God and according to God’s design (purpose/plan). The God who has created us has a purpose for each of us. The God who created us never abandons us but showers upon us the grace (power) we need to live that purpose for which we are put on earth by God.

The Gospel narrates the **great event of Jesus’s transfiguration and shining in God’s Glory.** When does one shine in one’s Glory? Whenever one fulfills the purpose of God with God’s power, that person shines in God’s Glory. Jesus is the perfect manifestation of living God’s purpose with God’s power. Both while he lived his most popular time as a powerful preacher and a wondrous worker, and at the shameful hour on the Cross, Jesus lived those moments to express God’s purpose and to manifest God’s grace/power.

The scene of **transfiguration was too Godly for the three apostles** who witnessed it, that they became afraid and fell prostrate at the sight of the transfiguration. They certainly understood from what they saw and what they heard from the cloud, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” that Jesus is God. But while they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” It must have been hard for the apostles to understand or accept these words of Jesus. How can Jesus who is glorious as God on this mount end up dying shamefully and painfully on the other mount, calvary.

Transfiguration is the moment when **God revealed who Jesus is,** “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” The same God reveals on the mount Calvary how much he loves the world through His beloved son, “For God so loved the world that he gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16). Jesus is the revelation of God’s purpose and God’s power of love on both the mounts, mount of Transfiguration and mount Calvary. Jesus is the great manifestation of God’s love and purpose in all situations of His life, glorious as well as suffering.

The aim of our **Lenten spiritual practices** is to make us aware that each one of us is not here accidently or by chance, but we are here by God’s purpose. God empowers us with the divine Grace to live God’s purpose in all moments of life, joyful as well as sorrowful.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Mary Anne Como
 Marianna Sblendorio
 Angela Mingione
 Vincent J Norton
 Anna S Ferrante
 Salvatore J Russello
 Sal Amodeo

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 Conzo	Jim Engle	Maria U Aldaba
Anna Mancuso	Jim Moran	Maria Murphy
Barbara Foberg	Jimmy Cannon	Maria Pipia
Blair Rocchio	John Heller	Michael Jacobs Sr.
Carol Ann Raucchi	John McGann	Michael Minutillo
Christopher Conley	Joseph Beltrani Sr.	Michelle Chiarulli
Christy Torkelsen	Joseph Tuffarelli	Nina Busse
Diane McCann	Baby Kaden Richard	Noah Simonetti
Dolores Rudden	Larry Wilson	Pat Camera
Ellen Murphy	Linda Heller	Patricia Stronczer
Baby Emerson Brae Mark	Lorraine White	Phil Camera
Emily Bolkas	Lou Savarese	Richard Landi
	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

March 2nd - March 8th

In memory of

Michael Leocadi

by The Cannella & Altherr Families

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

Pray for our Clergy

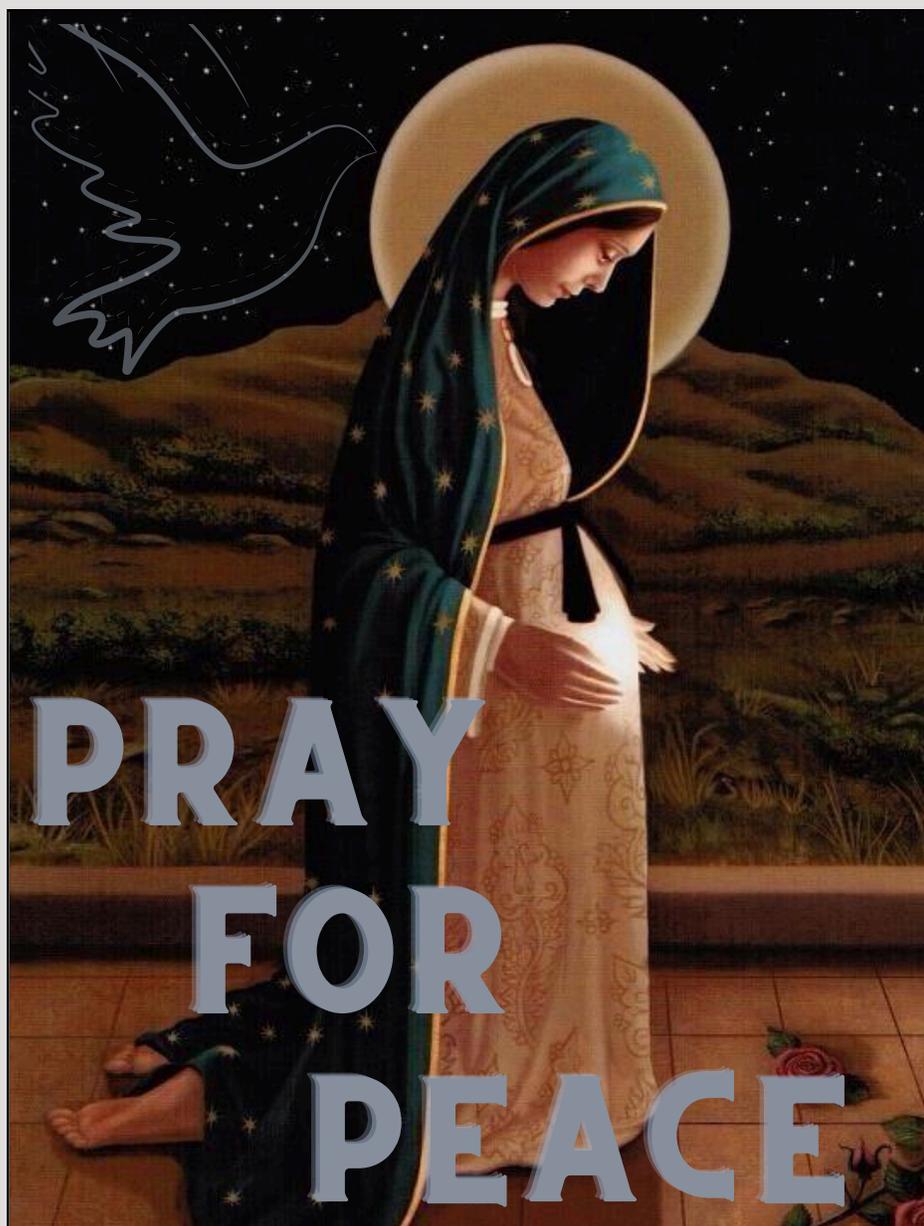
Father Antony Asir
 Deacon Robert Weisz
 Deacon Edward Vigneaux
 Deacon Matthew Surico
 The Capuchin Friars
 Bishop John Barres
 Pope Leo XIV

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:
February 21st & 22nd

TBA

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.

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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. 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

“Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. The is the law and the prophets.”

MATTHEW 7

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...

Coffee Drinks (Juices/Powdered)
Paper Towels Boxed 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, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

Do we listen to Jesus when He asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Please do so by contributing to our Lenten Projct which will benefit our SVdP Conference and Parish Outreach.



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



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

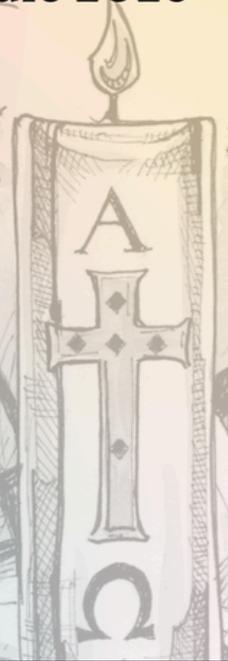
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Paschal Candle 2026

As Lent begins, the Parish is looking for sponsors for our 2026 Paschal Candle.

Sponsorships can be *in memoriam* or on behalf of your family. Contact the Rectory for more information!

Fun Fact: The Paschal Candle is lit for all of Easter, as well as at all Baptisms and Funeral.



Do you want to serve our Parish?

We are in need of dedicated volunteers!

Altar Servers

Altar Serving is not restricted to children; we gladly welcome adults who would like to join the ministry!

We especially need help for the upcoming events of Holy Week.

Training will be provided by Deacon Matt, and parents or adults who are interested or have further questions can reach out by email (altarservers@stmli.org) or by calling the Rectory!



Parish Weddings

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



Jessica Boisrond-Canal & Christian Damour

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
FOR THE NEEDY



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY

“THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON, WITH WHOM I
AM WELL PLEASED;

Listen
to Him!”

MATTHEW 17:5, NASB



NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 13TH

JOIN US!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!
CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

COME AND BE FED

a lenten mission in three parts

Join us in exploring the Lenten theme of being fed by physical and spiritual food, with a focus on Faith and Art. Each session will feature...

- Reading of the Sunday Gospel (in parts)
- Simple Lenten meals (AM: coffee, bagels; PM: soup, stew)
- Video presentation on a piece of art related to the theme, and its religious significance
- Group discussion with meditation questions on the art, how it relates to our life & relationship with God
- Short session of guided imaginative prayer
- Take-home assignments for further spiritual feeding and growth!



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL **MON 3/9**

HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN **WED 3/18**

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS **WED 3/25**

Each session will be offered twice, a morning and an evening session. Morning sessions will start at 9:45am (after Daily Mass) and evening sessions at 6:30pm. The program will run for about 75 minutes.

As we are serving food, we request you RSVP using the QR code below or leaving the slip in the collection basket. If you are willing to volunteer to serve as a facilitator or lector, you can also indicate that below.



Name(s): _____

3/9 AM

3/18 AM

3/25 AM

3/9 PM

3/18 PM

3/25 PM



LENTEN *Parish* PROJECT

SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established in 1833 in Paris France. The group, called a “Conference” took St. Vincent de Paul as their patron saint. Their faith inspired them to love and care for others and to learn about, deepen, and be strengthened in their faith to grow closer to God. The first conference in the United States was established in Missouri in 1845. The Conference here at St. Thomas More consists of twelve men and women who are called Vincentians. They follow Christ through service to those in need and bear witness to His compassionate love.



Parish Social Ministry: Who We Are



Parish Outreach Program is comprised of a group of volunteers from the parish, some who have direct contact with the families we serve and others who take care of stocking our pantry and preparing the bags of food. Our “pantry” group (6 to 8 parishioners) come to Outreach Monday through Thursday after the 9AM mass to prepare bags of food for the day and put all our donations on the shelves. In addition, they prepare the donations for holiday meals. There are 8 volunteers who work in the Outreach office who have direct contact with our families, arrange deliveries (if needed), provide referrals for other needs, and maintain our paperwork. We have additional “back up” volunteers who come in on an as needed basis.

Checks can be made payable to **St. Thomas More** and placed in the little house by the bulletin board, the collection basket, or dropped off at the Rectory. Please note “**Lenten Project**” in the memo line.



ST. Thomas More
Msgr. Francis S Midura
Council 6062
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Saturday, March 14, 2026

Following the 5 PM Mass

The cost will be **\$25.00** per person.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Ed Rogan, PGK

Email: eroganjr@verizon.net

516-319-8643



EASTER

• 2026 •

EASTER DINNER

WE ARE IN NEED OF FOOD ITEMS!
SWEET POTATOES, VEGETABLES, CRANBERRY
SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT, STUFFING MIX,
DESSERTS, COFFEE, DRINKS, AND GOCERY
STORE GIFT CARDS (\$25)

EASTER BASKETS

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING CANDY FOR
OUR CHILDREN! CHOCOLATE BUNNIES OR
CROSSES, MARSHMALLOW PEEPS, MINI
EGGS, JELLY BEANS, SNACK PACKS,
COOKIE PACKS. (NO BASKETS)

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST NO TOYS
AS THIS MAKES DISTRIBUTION MORE
DIFFICULT!



Holy Hour

"All We Need"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Yet even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster."

Joel 2:12-13

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*AVE GRATIA PLENA
DOMINUS TECUM*

*FIAT MIHI SECUNDUM
VERBUM TUUM*

On March 25th, we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, when the archangel Gabriel visited Mary. As told in the Gospel of Luke, the archangel Gabriel said “hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee”. The Immaculate Mary responded with “be it done to me according to thy word”. Exactly nine months later, we celebrate Christmas!

Consider praying a Rosary on this most blessed day!



Fun Fact: if March 25th falls during Holy Week or Easter Week, the Annunciation is celebrated on the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter

LENTEN *Parish* PROJECT



SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Funds collected will be split between Parish Outreach and the Society for St. Vincent de Paul. All the money collected will be going right back into our Hauppauge community.

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RSVP

Featuring...
Gospel Readings
Meditations on artworks
Group discussion
Simple Lenten meals



Easter Sunday

Masses at:

8:00am

9:30am

11:30am

TENEBRAE

GOOD FRIDAY, 7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A READING OF
THE LORD'S PASSION WITH
NEOTRADITIONAL CHANTING

LED BY DEACON MATT
COMPOSED BY ALEX WHITE
SUNG BY NOELLE WHITE



LENT 2026

ST. THOMAS MORE
CHURCH

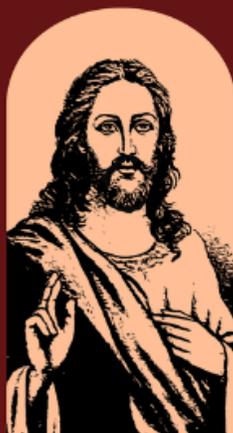


THE 7 LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

MARCH 22 @ 3PM

Join the STM Choir in song as we hear the last words of Christ.

3pm on March 22nd, in the Church. All are welcome.



LENTEN MASS OF HEALING

Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30am
anointing of the sick to follow



· BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED ·

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. See the guidelines below!

- Fasting is obligatory for ages 18-59 inclusive.
- Fasting constitutes no more than one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are less than a full meal.
- Abstinence is obligatory for all Catholics aged 14 or older.
- Abstinence is to avoid eating meat (chicken, pork, beef, etc). Fish is allowed.
- Please remember to drink lots of water!



If possible, the fast on Good Friday can be continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully for his Resurrection.

SUN 3/29
PALM SUNDAY

Normal weekend Masses will be offered: 5pm Vigil, 8am, 9:30am, and 11:30am. Please arrive early to be seated before the Gospel at the start of Mass.

MON 3/30
RECONCILIATION DAY

Confession available from 3:00pm-9:00pm at St Thomas More, as well as all parishes in the Diocese.

THUR 4/2
MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm in the Church. This mass is always followed by the Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Repository will be available until 10:00pm, ending with Night Prayer from the Liturgy of Hours.

HOLY WEEK

AT ST THOMAS MORE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FRI 4/3
GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross for Young People at 1:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00pm in the Church

Tenebrae at 7:30pm in the Church. A presentation of the Lord's Passion with neotraditional Chant

SAT 4/4
HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Food at 10:00am in Walden Hall

*NO 5:00pm MASS

Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in the Church

