

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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March 8th 2026



WHERE THEN CAN YOU GET
THIS LIVING WATER?

This Week's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

Third Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, March 9th

9:00am Mildred Duffy

Tuesday, March 10th

9:00am Stacey Skrzypek

Wednesday, March 11th

9:00am Steve Puleo

Thursday, March 12th

9:00am Stacey Skrzypek

Friday, March 13th

9:00am Juana 'Juanita' Williams

Saturday, March 14th

5:00pm A. Mariadass
Thomas McCriecht

Sunday, March 15th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Olivia Hotar

9:30am Marianne Certa
John Joseph McCabe

11:30am Richard Stout
Angela Mingione



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. John of God (3/8)
St. Frances of Rome (3/9)
St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (3/15)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15th 2025

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when outward appearances clouded your judgement.
2: Relate a time when your stubbornness or unwillingness to see another's point of view caused hurt or division.
3: What experience have you had with someone who was blind?
Families: Jesus asked the man born blind if he believed in Jesus. What is proof that you believe in Jesus in the way you live.

Gospel of John (9:1-41 sf)

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, "but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

In his Apostolic Exhortation ‘**Evangelii Gaudium**’ – **The Joy of the Gospel** – Pope Francis says that to be “a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey....The first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God’s word, perhaps by reading a Bible verse or relating a story...” (Paragraphs 127-128)

What Pope Francis says today is just the **summary of what Jesus did to Samaritan woman in the Gospel today**. Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem was thirsty. He stopped at Jacob’s well which was in a town of Samaria called Sychar. A Samaritan woman came to the well to fetch water. The thirsty Jesus began to converse asking for water to quench his thirst. The conversation began on an uncomfortable note with the woman asking how Jesus, a Jew, could ask water from a Samaritan woman, because Jews and Samaritans treated each other as unfriendly.

But soon the **bitter start developed into a personal conversation with Jesus** creating a thirst for a grace-filled life to be given as a gift by Jesus, in the woman’s heart. The woman who came to fetch ordinary water to quench her thirst, now she returned to her village filled with life-giving water. She explained to the people of her village how she met a person who revived and regenerated life in her. Because of her the whole village came to believe in Jesus. In the same way Jesus, who stopped to get water to quench his thirst, now explained to his disciples how he was quenched of his thirst by giving life-saving water to the whole village.

If we **begin conversation with Jesus in our prayer and meditation** we too will be led like Samaritan women. Jesus will quench our thirst and at the same time will inspire us to share our life as life-giving water to others thirst. When Jesus converses with us he does not value us for what we lack but looks into our needs and our potential at the same time. He meets our needs and strengthens our potential to live our life fully well. Jesus wants us for what we can be and sends us as His disciples to do others all what He wanted to do for them. For Jesus we are never a failure but His potential missionary.

Let us **realize our potential** in the light of how Jesus looks at us. Let this lent be the quality time to know that we are God’s potential waiting to be unfolded as Jesus’ mission.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Umberto Testani
George Rolfe Jr.
Mary Anne Como
Marianna Sblendorio
Angela Mingione
Vincent J Norton
Anna S Ferrante

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 Raucci	John McGann	Michael Minutillo
Christopher Conley	Joseph Beltrani Sr.	Michelle Chiarulli
Christy Torkelsen	Joseph Tuffarelli	Nina Busse
Diane McCann	Baby Kayden 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
Gary Hollins	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 9th - March 15th

In memory of

Joan Graham

by the Family of Joan Graham

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

Pray for our Clergy

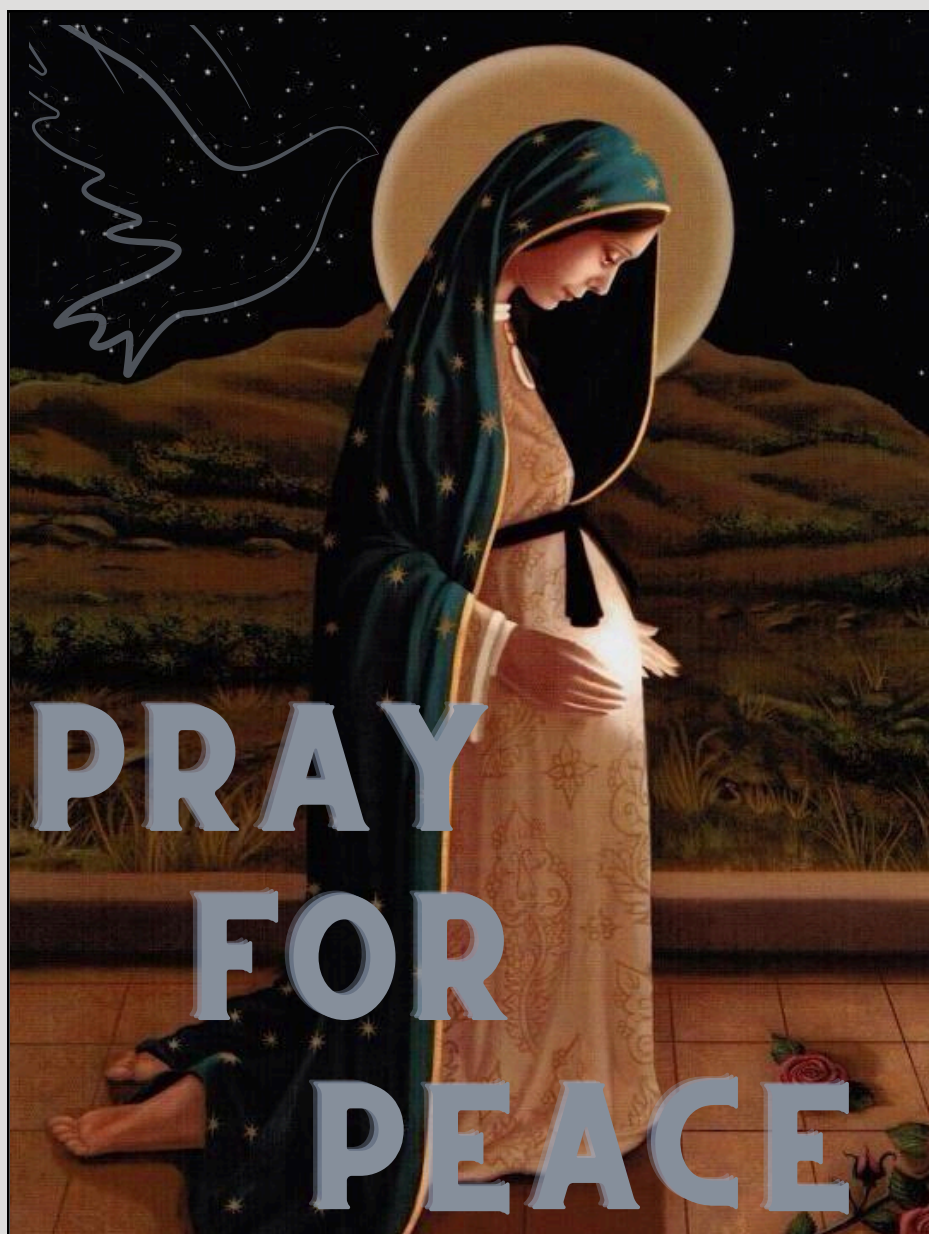
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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 28th & March 1st

\$7967

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

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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
Toilet Paper
Instant Potatoes
Cookies
Boxed Milk
Peanut Butter/Jelly

*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!

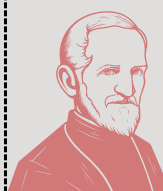
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work".

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Please donate to our Lenten Project so that we can continue this work of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.



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

866-930-4774 x5

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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR OCIA NEOPHYTES
AS THEY JOURNEY TO THE EASTER
VIGIL AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN
THE CHURCH.

JONATHAN APRILE
EMMA CLARE BARRASSO
JORDAN CAPILETS
RYAN DEMPSTER
MITZY RINCON RUIZ
NAYLA RUIZ
DANIEL SHEBSHAYEVICH
OLIVIA VASSALLO



Pre-Cana 2026

Congratulations to our couples
that completed the Pre-Cana
program. Pray for them please!

Jennifer Falcone
&
Nicholas Tush

Deanna Knopf
&
John Cullen

Julie Mazzie
&
Andrew Opacke

Leanne Walsh
&
Erick Idtensohn

Rose Recce
&
Tyler Schiavone



NEXT MEETINGS:
MARCH 13TH -
ST PATRICK LUNCHEON

MARCH 27TH -
STAINED GLASS DEMO
WITH ED MCMANUS

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

In 2025, Parish Outreach fed 773 families over 12 months, and provided an additional 154 holiday meals (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas). These numbers include 1015 children, 901 adults, and 262 seniors. Each family receives 1-3 bags of food each month worth approximately \$100. In addition, we provide some type of meat and gift cards to ShopRite (\$20-50, depending on family size). We are able to provide Easter baskets for kids, and gift cards to Target or Walmart at school time in September, and for gift at Christmas.



How Your Donations Help...



During 2025, St. Vincent de Paul was able to help 78 people from donations totaling \$20,500.

Where did that money go?

- \$8400 - rent payments
- \$3700 - utility payments
- \$1700 - storage fees
- \$2000 - Christmas gifts
- \$1200 - relocation help
- \$850 - car insurance
- \$670 - car repairs
- \$300 - gas
- \$1700 - furniture
- \$745 - housing

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!

