

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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April 12th 2026



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This Week's Readings

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, April 11th

5:00pm William McKechnie
Mildred Duffy

Sunday, April 12th

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00am Rosalie Tafoya

9:30am Marianne Certa
Thomas Koster

11:30am Al Weidig
Michael Leocadi

Monday, April 13th

9:00am Juana Mitchell &
Juanita Williams

Tuesday, April 14th

9:00am Michael Leocadi

Wednesday, April 15th

9:00am Aida Hurtado

Thursday, April 16th

9:00am John Michalkewicz

Friday, April 17th

9:00am Al Weidig

Saturday, April 18th

5:00pm Jason & Justin LaFerla
Nunzio Puleo

Sunday, April 19th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am David Hines

9:30am Marin Lamia
Edward Zebrowski

11:30am Richard Stout
Al Weidig



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. Martin I (4/13)
St. Anselm of Canterbury (4/21)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th 2026

our
daily bread

Readings

Acts 2:14,22-23

Psalms 16:1-2,5,7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am

Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when your heart was touched by something in the Scriptures, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

2: Relate a time when you strongly felt the presence of Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

3: Relate a time when you walked away from a community after being disappointed. Who tried to bring you back?

Families: This week as you are walking, invite Jesus to walk with you. At the end of the week, talk about what the experience was like.



From the Pastor

The city editor had just been informed that a wire had fallen across Main Street in a storm. He assigned two reporters to the story. One of the two called the editor and said, "We are here at the spot, but no one knows whether the wire is live or not," The editor replied, "so one of you is to touch it, and the other is to write the story." We know what will happen if one does touch the live wire.

Today's Gospel is the story of doubting Thomas. The Risen and Living Jesus appeared to the disciples, but Thomas was not there. When the disciples told him on his return about the Risen Lord's appearance to them, Thomas was not ready to believe their story; he wanted to touch the Risen Jesus to believe that He is alive. Later when Jesus actually appeared and invited Thomas to touch Him, Thomas did not attempt to touch him but surrendered to the live presence of Jesus, crying 'My Lord and my God'.

What was needed is not proof, but faith to experience the presence of Jesus. Proof can establish a fact; but only faith will make us feel, relate, communicate, love, and enter the living-presence of a person. Jesus appears primarily to relate with us, not merely to prove his presence.

Life is more an experience of oneself and the other in faith and love than a bunch of proof and evidence. Touching (physical proof) can only make us feel the person but would not take to the level of believing in that person.

Love and relationships start from believing in the beloved for who that person is. Such a kind of belief does not depend on any physical touch to prove a person's love to the beloved. The physical touch is rather an expression of one's love for the beloved. Love is born out of believing and blossoms in physical closeness, touch, and intimacy.

Love of the heart is expressed in the senses of the body. Believing can certainly lead to bodily expressions through various senses. But every physical expression need not be an expression of one's true love to the beloved. Jesus invites us through Thomas to start loving from believing and not merely through physical touch or other bodily senses.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Michael Acampora
Barbara Ann Collomb
Barbara Schreifer
Philip Camera
Geraldine Keena

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Blair Rocchio
Bob Basile
Christy Torkelsen
Ellen Murphy
Fern Peppe
Jim Engle

Baby Kayden Richard
Linda LoCastro
Margaret Lombardi
Maria Murphy
Maureen Gunderson
Michael Redmond
Richard Landi
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Trish Landi

*This listing will reset on September 30th 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

April 13th - April 19th

In memory of

Edward Zebrowski

by Mary Lou Braun

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

Pray for our Clergy

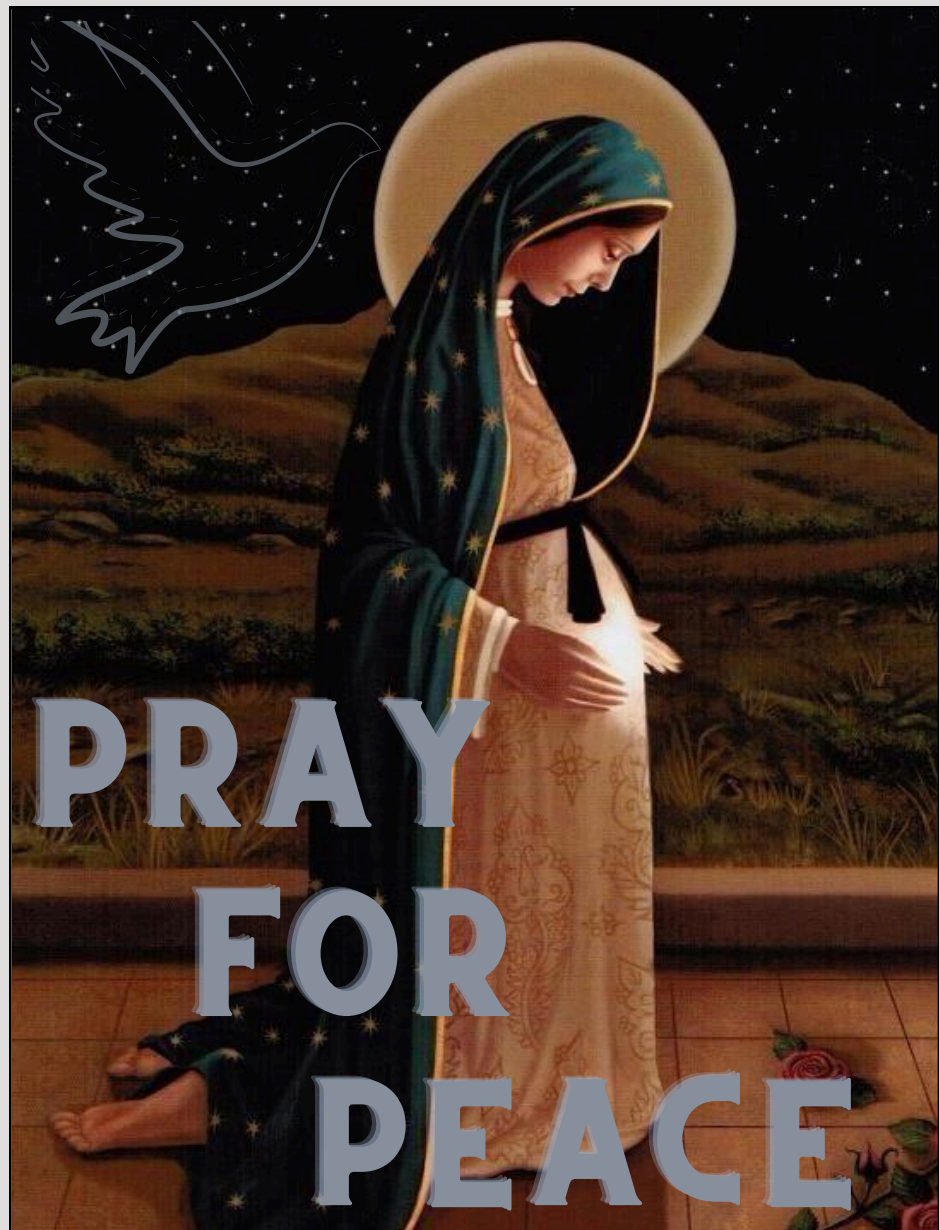
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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	Matthew P Dell'orto

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:
Easter

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

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

PSALM 118:24

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.

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you! Because of all your donations, Outreach was able to provide 45 families with an Easter meal and 74 children with Easter Baskets! In addition, we helped 55 families with food this past month. This includes 28 seniors, 65 adults, and 77 children. We are so very grateful for our wonderful Parish family!

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

Canned Vegetables

Rice

Canned Fruit

Instant Potatoes

Shampoo

Coffee

Soap

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 the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you."

Your gift to our parish Lenten Project or Outreach or SVdP is another way of saying "Peace be with you" to our neighbors in need.

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





NEXT MEETINGS:

APRIL 10TH

APRIL 24TH -
GUEST SPEAKER
FROM PSEG

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

Paschal Candle 2026

Thanks to all who sponsored this years
Paschal Candle!

In Memory of...

Augie Vrondis

Paul Watral

Edward Zebrowski

Juanita Williams

Patricia & Anthony Repetti

Elizabeth & Thomas Atkinson

Patricia & Joseph Phelan

Joseph Beltrani Sr.

Joseph & Roberta Kavanagh

Eileen-Macholz Barr

In Honor of...

The Citro Family

The Fagioli Family

The Lovelock Family

The Ferraro Family

Easter Water Bottles...

The Barrasso Family



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



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



COMMON GOOD
(Thinking of everyone)



DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE
(Sharing fairly)



HUMAN DIGNITY
(Everyone is special)



PARTICIPATION
(Taking part)



PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR
(Putting people in most need first)



PROMOTING PEACE
(Being peacemakers)



SOLIDARITY
(Showing we care by
working together)



STEWARDSHIP
(Caring for God's Creation)



SUBSIDIARITY
(Everyone should have a say)

Happy Easter!



*"And God raised the Lord and will also raise
us up by his power." 1 Corinthians 6:14*

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Parish Social ministry is ready to launch our Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound. We have wonderful volunteers who are ready to start making phone calls and connect with those who would benefit from a weekly check-in. Now we need to identify those in our parish and community who may be alone and lonely. If you have a relative, friend, or neighbor who would benefit from a weekly check in, please contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149
outreach@stmli.org



SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING



September 14th, 2026

9am Shotgun Start

Contact Ed Rogan for more Information

516-319-8643

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



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

Spring Flower Sale 2026



Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next to the color options. Write the total in the box on the bottom with your name & phone number, and place this form with your payment, cash or check, in an envelope marked "flowers" (if using, make checks payable to St. Thomas More). **Return the envelope to the collection basket or rectory by April 19th**

Cal Small Petunia
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$20.00

Pink Yellow
 Purple/ Blue

New Guinea Impatients
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$20.00

White Salmon
 Lavender

Balkin Ivy Geraniums
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$20.00

Pink

Begonia

\$20.00/ flat

Green Leaf/Pink
 Green Leaf/Mixed
 Bronze Leaf/White

Impatients

\$20.00/ flat

Purple Red
 Mixed

Marigolds

\$20.00/ flat

Large Yellow
 Dwarf Yellow
 Dwarf Mixed

Geraniums
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Salmon White
 Pink Red
 Blue Violet

New Guinea Impatients
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Red White
 Pink Orange

Total Enclosed:

Name:

Phone #:

All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend of May 9 & 10 before and after all masses!

Blood Drive

Critical Need

St. Thomas More RC Church

Wednesday April 22, 2026

1:30pm-7:30pm

Walden Hall

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.



Scan the QR CODE to schedule
your donation



Musical

Bingo

Songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's

Come dressed like it's
your favorite decade!

Saturday, May 2nd
Doors open at 6pm



Food, 50/50,
Bingo, and a
night of fun!



\$20 per
Ticket

Tickets are
available after
all Masses!



Hosted by the St. Thomas More Columbiettes

Easter & Holy Week



Holy Thursday:
washing of the feet



Good Friday:
the cross is revealed



Tenebrae

Holy Saturday: baptisms and all our catechumens!

