

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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April 19th 2026



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This Week's Readings

Acts 2:14,22-33

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

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, April 20th

9:00am Michael Leocadi

Tuesday, April 21st

9:00am Michael Leocadi

Wednesday, April 22nd

9:00am Elisa Kerényi (healing)

Thursday, April 23rd

9:00am Juanita Williams

Friday, April 24th

9:00am Marion Infantino

Saturday, April 25th

5:00pm Christopher Weidig
Anna Ferrante

Sunday, April 26th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Iammuno Family
Maryclaire O'Donnell

9:30am Sharon Tuthill
Emiddio & Joan Ippolito

11:30am Frank Latorre
Michael Leocadi



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. Anselm of Canterbury (4/21)
St. George (4/23)
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (4/24)
St. Mark the Evangelist (4/25)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th 2026

our
daily bread

Readings

Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

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

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



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.



Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Parents of two teenagers are **worried about their children's failing eyesight**. Their daughter can't find anything to wear in a closet full of clothes, and their son can't find anything to eat in a refrigerator full of food.

Today's Gospel is about **seeing and recognizing Jesus**. The two disciples see the Risen Jesus walking with them on the way to Emmaus, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him." Why or who prevented their eyes from recognizing Jesus. They were having a different picture of Jesus in their mind. Their mental picture of Jesus did not match with the same Jesus who was alive and walking with them. Physically seeing a person doesn't guarantee recognizing that person. We see what we are looking for. If we look for someone with a preconceived idea/image of that person, and if that person does not fit our expected idea/image we will not be able to recognize that person.

They were hoping that Jesus the Nazarene, **who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people**, would be the one to redeem Israel. They were disappointed that the people's acclamation of Jesus with Messianic titles as the Son of David shouting "Hosannahosanna in the highest" on Palm Sunday became merely an empty shout. Because Jesus died as a condemned criminal. So, Jesus volunteered Himself to walk with them not only physically but also spiritually to see that God's promise from the books of Moses and the Prophets is to be fulfilled in Jesus through His suffering, death on the cross, and the Resurrection on the third day.

Just the **Scriptural explanation alone was not sufficient to open their eyes** and to recognize Jesus who is walking with them. But it prepared their hearts to welcome Him. That is why they later recollected how their hearts burned within them while He spoke to them on the way and opened the Scriptures to them. So, they invited Him to stay and dine with them. When Jesus broke bread with them, "their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight.

Eyes may see but unless the **heart recognizes nothing is really seen**. Eye is only the organ of seeing for the heart. It is the heart that makes the seeing meaningful. When a person's heart begins to recognize, the person begins to see and perceive even what the eye does not see. The heart sees beyond physical seeing. The purpose of seeing with eyes comes to an end once the recognition from the heart happens. When the heart of the seer recognizes the person seen, the function of seeing with the physical eyes becomes secondary. That is the meaning of the words in today's reading "their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight."

The Holy Mass we celebrate every day is "**Today's Emmaus Experience**". We begin with scripture reading. That is the time we invite Jesus to walk with us to explain how He is alive and is becoming our Way, Truth and Life. Then we break bread and share the cup which makes us recognize Him by coming into our personal life to enlighten our ways and empower our walk with Him by feeding us with His Body and Blood in the form of Eucharistic Bread and Wine. May all the celebrations, all the Holy Masses, be an Emmaus Experience for us.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Fred Fiore
Michael Acampora
Barbara Ann Collomb
Barbara Schreifer

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Andrew Valentine | Baby Kayden Richard |
| Angela Conzo | Larry Wilson |
| Anna Mancuso | Linda LoCastro |
| Blair Rocchio | Margaret Lombardi |
| Bob Basile | Maria Murphy |
| Christy Torkelsen | Maureen Gunderson |
| Dolores Rudden | Michael Minutillo |
| Ellen Murphy | Michael Redmond |
| Fern Peppe | Mike Acquafredda |
| Helen Kovarik | Patricia Sronczner |
| Jim Engle | Richard Landi |
| Jimmy Cannon | 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 20th - April 26th



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

Pray for our Clergy.

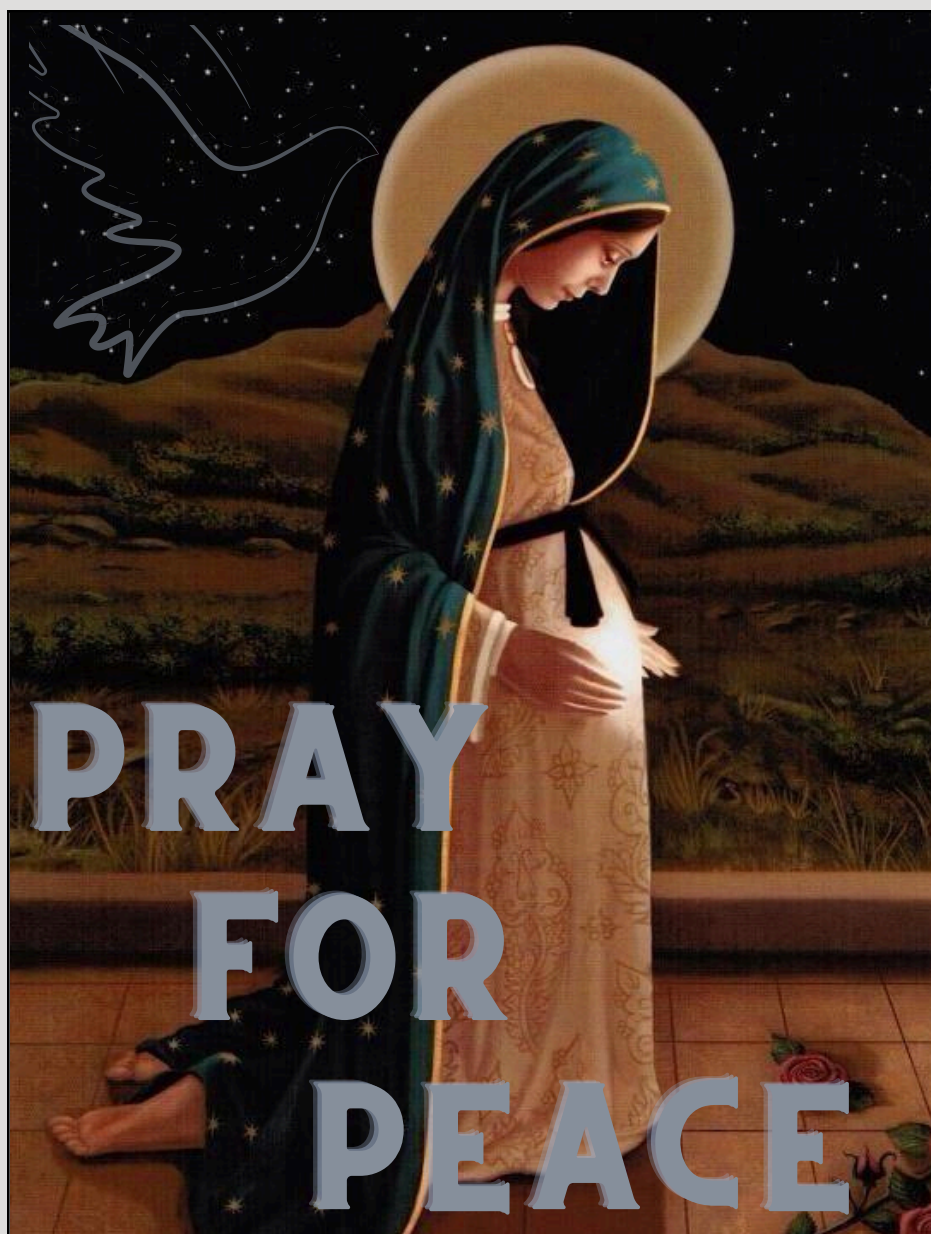
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

Pray for our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our Parish Family who serve our country:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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:
April 11th & 12th

\$6160

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

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

JOHN 3

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Mon-Thur 10AM to 2PM

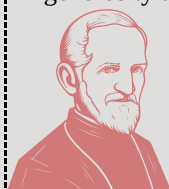
Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

Since March 1st we have received calls from 11 families requesting assistance. Some we were able to help, and others we could not. Since Jan 1st, we have spent \$14,685 helping our neighbors. Your generosity allows your conference of SVdP to assist our neighbors.



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



Canned Vegetables

Canned Fruit

Instant Potatoes

Coffee/Tea

Mayonnaise

Shampoo

Soap

Laundry Detergent (sm)

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children in your prayers as they take the first step on the path of Catholicism!



BANNS OF Marriage

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

JENNIFER FALCONE
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



NICHOLAS TUSH
Christ the King
Commack

DEANNA KNOPF
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



JOHN CULLIN
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Melville



Baptisms in our church

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

William Peter Parisi
child of Cathleen & Stephen

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



NEXT MEETINGS:

APRIL 24TH -
GUEST SPEAKER
FROM PSEG

MAY 8TH

YOUNG AT HEART

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

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)



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





CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22nd

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Activities Include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Free Raffles!/Giveaways!
- Native Plants
- Music



Elementary School students are encouraged to bring a picture of their pet!

Call Religious Education for more info: 631-234-0397