

*Sharing
the Spirit
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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April 26th 2026

This Week's Readings

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalm 23:1-6

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, April 27th

9:00am Aida Hortado

Tuesday, April 28th

9:00am Juanita Williams

Wednesday, April 29th

9:00am Paul Watral

Thursday, April 30th

9:00am Joe Beltrani Sr.

Friday, May 1st

9:00am Bob Boston

Saturday, May 2nd

5:00pm Rosa Amalia Banguera
Laura Jennings

Sunday, May 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Joseph Puorro

9:30am Robert Biello
John Aspromgos

11:30am Joachim Valerian Vas
Alphonse Cruz Manickam &
A. Mariadass



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. Mark the Evangelist (4/25)
St. Louis de Montfort (4/28)
St. Catherine of Siena (4/29)
St. Pius V (4/30)
St. Joseph the Worker (5/1)
St. Athanasius (5/2)
Sts. Philip & James (5/3)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd 2026

our
daily bread

Readings

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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: What has Jesus revealed to you about who God is? How has that image of God changed for you over the years?
 - 2: Jesus said he was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Which aspect of Jesus resonates the most in your life?
 - 3: Where do you feel most at home?
- Families: How do you live out Christ's trust in you?



From the Pastor

Once, a university professor went to **visit a well-respected Zen Master to learn about Zen.** The Master first invited him to sit for a cup of tea. The professor sat down and started talking about Zen. The Master quietly prepared and poured the tea. When the tea was filled to the cup's brim, he kept pouring. The professor watched the overflowing cup until he could no longer restrain himself. "It's full! No more will go in!" blurted the professor. "The same with your mind. How can I teach you Zen unless you first empty your cup?" If we want to learn anything, we must first empty our mind of all our pre-existing opinions so that we can listen with full respect and attention.

The **Fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday.** On this Sunday we always read from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, in which Jesus presents Himself as the Good Shepherd. This week's Gospel is the first ten verses from the tenth chapter of John in which Jesus pictures Himself as the Gate for the Sheep: "I am the gate for the sheep." Jesus wants us, His sheep to move through and into Him. He wants us to leave our own comfort 'sheepfold' and empty ourselves that we may enter into Him and be filled fully with Him.

Jesus, the Shepherd **opens the gate for His sheep, His disciples to enter into Him,** not through Him into a structure or a system. He did not say that He is the gate for sheepfold but for the sheep. This is to mean that Jesus is not a gate into a building, a structure or a corporate system, but an opening for the people to come to Him. That which exists between the Shepherd and His sheep is an interpersonal relationship, not a corporate system. Jesus invites His disciples to live with Him as friends who can relate with Him. Jesus expressed this relationship in different words at the Last Supper: "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Jesus "the Gate for the Sheep" is an **everlasting opening given to us by God so that we enter through Him.** By entering through Him we arrive at having an interpersonal relationship with Him as a friend, to live eternally with God as God's friend, in love. He says, "I am the gate for the sheep whoever enters through me... will find pasture." And "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." He is the gate and when we enter through Him, we find Him relating with us interpersonally giving good pasture, the eternal life. Yes, through Him we reach Him. Jesus is both the destination and way to that destination. We sing this eternal truth in every Holy Mass, "Through Him with Him and in Him O God Almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever." We acknowledge this by singing with Great AMEN.

Let us leave behind all our personal convenient comfort zones. **Let us hear Jesus calling us by our name.** Let us follow Him. He is the gate which opens and invites us to enter, to live with Him in an intimate and interpersonal relationship. We will find our life's real pasture. He promises to give us life and have it more abundantly. Let us follow our Good Shepherd.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

John Aspromgos
Joseph Kriklava
Nicholas Magrogan
William D Track Jr.
Fred Fiore
Michael Acampora
Barbara Ann Collomb

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

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 Sronczer
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 27th - May 3rd



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

Pray for our Clergy.

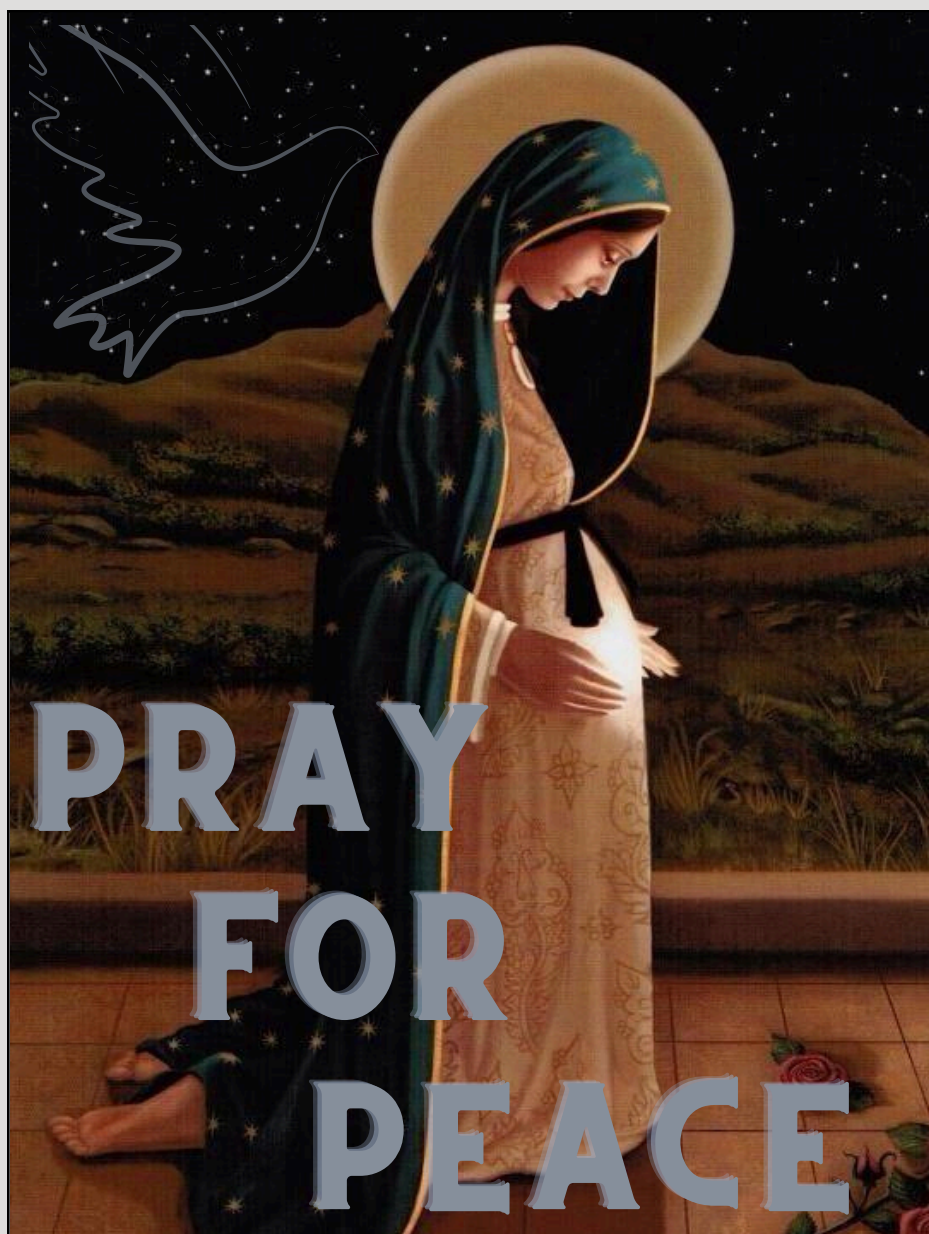
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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:
April 19th & 20th

\$6145

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

"I am the bread of life, says the Lord: whoever comes to me will never hunger."

JOHN 6:35

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.

Medicare/Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesday, April 28th. 10am to 1pm, Elwood Public Library
1929 Jericho Turnpike at Elwood Road

A facilitator from the Health and Welfare council of Long Island helps with application processes and questions about health plans. Make an appointment: Call 516-505-4426. Walk-ins taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Senior Scam

Protection Seminar

Thursday May 7th, 1:30pm. Cinema Arts Center
423 Park Ave, Huntington

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office will present a seminar to help avoid fraud. Topics include ways to recognize home improvement, romance, and grandparent scams; how to protect yourself from fraud and identity theft; and how to respond if you believe you have been a victim of a scam. Contact 631-351-3030 for more information.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" so that your neighbors may also live life more abundantly.



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



Drink Mix (powder)

Instant Potatoes

Laundry Detergent (sm)

Mayonnaise

Coffee

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.

Pre-Cana 2026

Please pray for these soon to be wed couples participating in our Pre-Cana program!

Jenna Von Bevern
&
Drew Sajdak

Maria Scammell
&
Dan Sullivan

Victoria Lombardi
&
Sean Brodersen



BANNS OF Marriage

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

JENNIFER FALCONE
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Hauppauge



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Commack

DEANNA KNOPF
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



JOHN CULLEN
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
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OF LONG ISLAND

Second Collection Weekend 2026



On the weekend of May 2-3, all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will hold a second collection in support of Catholic elementary schools. Your generosity helps sustain the vital mission of Catholic education on Long Island. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic School Difference*—where faith, academic excellence, and values come together to shape tomorrow's leaders. For parishes with schools, the funds support their own school; for parishes without schools, the funds provide scholarships through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.



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Department of Education, Diocese of Rockville Centre

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

YOUNG AT HEART

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

NEXT MEETINGS:

APRIL 24TH -
GUEST SPEAKER
FROM PSEG

MAY 8TH

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

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

