

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

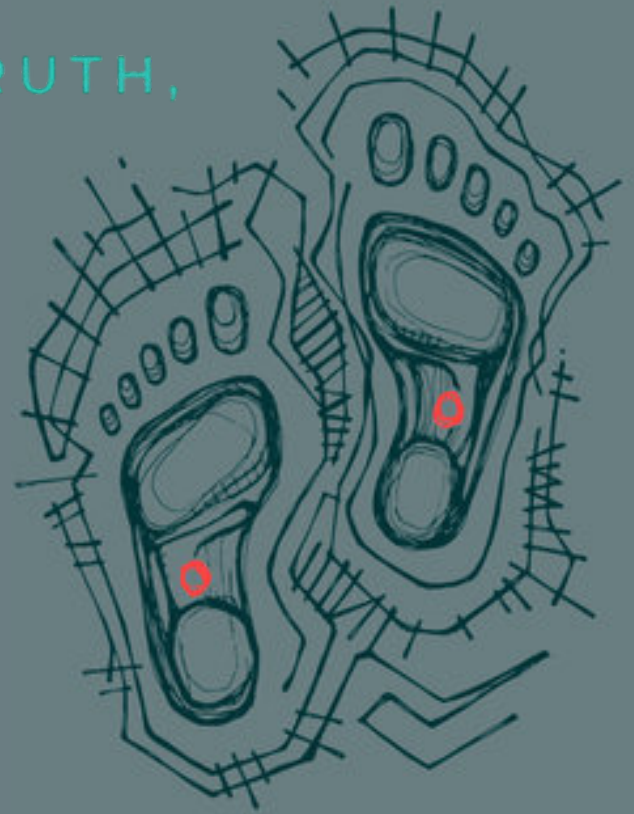
# St. Thomas More

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# I AM

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH,  
AND THE LIFE



May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

## This Week's Readings

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Religious Ed

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# This Week's Masses

## 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

## Monday, May 4th

9:00am The Weidig Family

## Tuesday, May 5th

9:00am Casey McDonald

## Wednesday, May 6th

9:00am Debra Stuart Cameron

## Thursday, May 7th

9:00am Al Weidig

## Friday, May 8th

9:00am Marsha Augustyn

## Saturday, May 9th

5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

## Sunday, May 10th

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Mother's Day Novena

9:30am Mother's Day Novena

11:30am Mother's Day Novena



## 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. Athanasius (5/2)  
Sts. Philip & James (5/3)  
St. Damien de Veuster (5/10)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

our *daily bread*

### Readings

Acts 8:5-8,14,17

Psalms 66:1-7,16,20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

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



[bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar)

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am

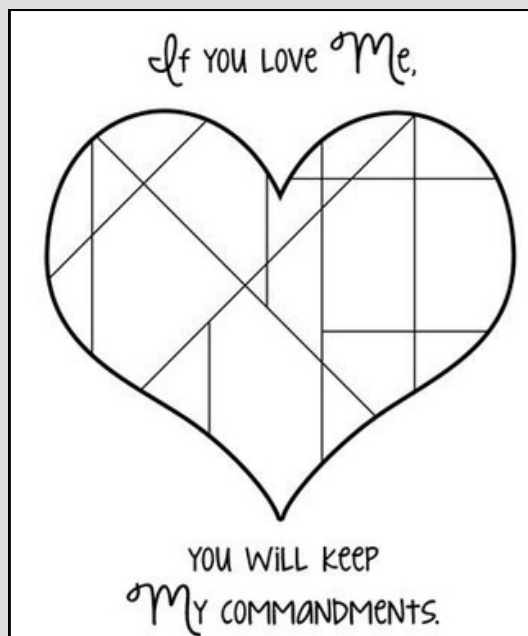
### Focus Questions

1: Describe a struggle you have/had living in a world that does not conform to Christian beliefs.

2: How does God reveal himself to you today?

3: How do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life?

Families: Who has been an advocate or helper in your life?



# From the Pastor

**Rob: What is four yards long, has six legs, and would kill you if it fell off a tree?**

Ted: I don't know.

Rob: A billiard table.

A riddle is a mental exercise to find the right answer from some known facts. Known facts may not always lead to the right answer, that is why it is called riddle. If we have to live life only from the known facts, life would be simply a riddle leading to incorrect or less correct and confused answers.

Today's Gospel **liberates us from the riddles of life and invites us to begin living life from relationships.** Jesus explains that life is to be lived on the realization that Jesus lives in us and we in Him. Life is a living experience of loving relationships, both in gain or loss, in suffering or joy. It is not built upon dry reason or hard fact. Reason or fact can show only those sides of life that senses or mind can grasp. But life, as a loving relationship with God and others, will open all the faculties of our being; our senses will begin to experience life, the mind will try to understand it, and the soul will become one with it.

Today's Gospel speaks about how it is **time for Jesus to go away from His disciples.** But He encourages that He is only going to God the Father, to prepare a dwelling place for them where they will also eventually come and they know the way to come to the Father. It was too much for the disciples to grasp. Thomas expressed his bewilderment, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus did not respond to him directly giving the address and direction to the place He was going. Rather He answered them saying, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." Jesus wanted them to realize that He is the direction and the destination. Yes, He is the GPS, the way and He is the life, the destination where the disciples arrive if they walk in the Way.

Jesus explains **that Heaven or life with God the Father is more interpersonal than spatial.** Heavenly life is qualified more realistically as a personal and intimate relationship with God which Jesus makes it happen by becoming a WAY to lead the travelers to the Father. He becomes the TRUTH by enlightening their path while they travel towards the Father. He also empowers them to travel without fainting by becoming their LIFE.

When anyone travels with **Jesus, in His Way, Truth and with His Life,** that person can be sure that they are living the Heaven on earth, making the place and persons around them heavenly. Because God the Father reveals to them that Heaven is real as an interpersonal and intimate relationship with God; through, with, and in Jesus. For those who live this loving relationship with Jesus the Heaven (Life with God the Father) starts already here on earth. For Jesus is in God the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus and we are in Jesus.

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased

John Aspromgos  
Joseph Kriklava  
Nicholas Magrogan  
William D Track Jr.  
Fred Fiore

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	Patricia Sronczer
Helen Kovarik	Richard Landi
Jim Engle	Baby Sienna Dwyer
Jimmy Cannon	Trish Landi

\*This listing will reset on September 30<sup>th</sup> 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

May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>



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

## Pray for our Clergy.

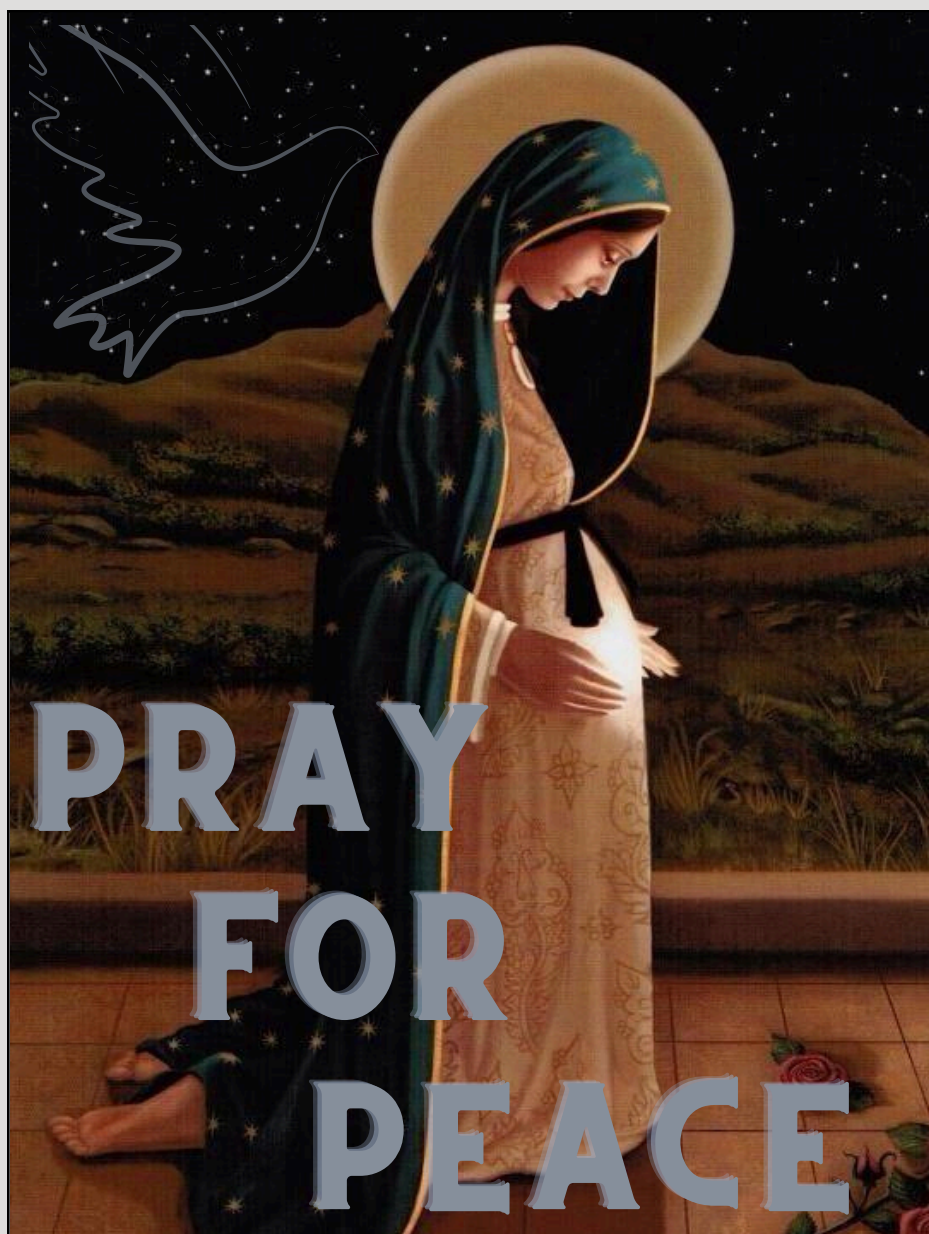
Father Antony Asir  
Deacon Robert Weisz  
Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
Deacon Matthew Surico  
The Capuchin Friars  
Bishop John Barres  
Pope Leo XIV

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

# \$5411

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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

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### OCIA

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### Young at Heart

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631-234-0714

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.

### Senior Scam

#### Protection Seminar

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Pancake Mix

Cookies

Ketchup

Laundry Detergent (sm)

Mayonnaise

Cereal

Tuna Fish

### WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

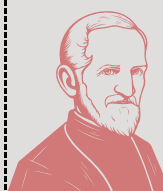
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Your donations bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.



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



# 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

## THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

JENNIFER FALCONE  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



NICHOLAS TUSH  
Christ the King  
Commack

DEANNA KNOPF  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



JOHN CULLEN  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Melville



# EASTER COLLECTION 2026

**\$23,375**

*Thank you for your continued  
generosity to our Parish!*



# 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



### NEXT MEETINGS:

MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - 12:30

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> - \*NO MEETING

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> - 9:30

MASS & COMMUNION  
BREAKFAST (RSVP)

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN  
631-234-8118

# baby bottles



**Thank you St. Thomas More Family!**

**Our KoC Council recently facilitated a fund raiser for the Long Island Life Center by handing out Baby Bottles after weekend Masses and collecting them a few weeks later.**

**The STM Family responded generously and as a result, almost \$5,000 in coins, bills, and checks were raised. Anyone still with a bottle to drop it off may place it in the "Baby Bottle Box" in the narthex. THANK YOU!**

# Baptisms in our church

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

Frank Kevin Bonavise  
child of Francine & Frank

Hannah Carol Donnarumma  
child of Marisa & Steven

Chase William Jones  
child of Melissa & Daniel

# The Rosary

## AND WHY WE SHOULD PRAY IT DAILY

THE FOLLOWING COME DIRECTLY FROM MARY, AS GIVEN TO ST DOMINIC AND BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE

1: Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

2: I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

3: The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4: The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.

5: The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

OUR LADY  
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

# Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation, commemorates the ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of the Father 40 days after the Resurrection! This year we celebrate this Feast Day on Thursday, May 14th 2026.

St. Augustine's work appears to be the first written evidence of the observance of the feast day on Ascension Thursday, although he traces its origin to the apostles. John Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa, and the Constitution of the Apostles also make reference to the feast.



## Find it in the Bible:

Mark 16:19

Luke 24:51

Acts 1:2

## Also referenced in:

John 6:63

John 20:17

1 Corinthians 15:27

Ephesians 4:8-10

Colossians 3:3

1 Timothy 3:16

1 Peter 3:22

The Feast of the Ascension is one of the ecumenical feasts, celebrated by many Christian churches. In various faiths and provinces, the date of observation varies.

Please join us in celebration!



## Mass Times

Wed 5/13 @ 7pm

Thur 5/14 @ 9am

Thur 5/14 @ 7pm

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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# Calendar Club 2026

## Congratulations to our April winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

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25	26	27	28	29											28	29
1	2	3	4	5											4	5

- Apr 1 \$25 Louise Soldo
- Apr 2 - TRIDUUM:
- Apr 3 - NO DRAWINGS
- Apr 4 -
- Apr 5 \$200 Loretta Catalano
- Apr 6 \$25 Helen & Charles Beisel
- Apr 7 \$25 Mary Ann Gruner
- Apr 8 \$25 Arthur & Kathryn Ultsh
- Apr 9 \$25 Greg Kelly
- Apr 10 \$25 The Daley Family
- Apr 11 \$25 Ann Russell
- Apr 12 \$50 Marie Reddy
- Apr 13 \$25 Paul & Mary Ann Gruner
- Apr 14 \$25 Toni & Steve Mattessich
- Apr 15 \$25 Heidi & Pedro Contreras
- Apr 16 \$25 Susan & Jim Hansen
- Apr 17 \$25 John & Marie Hanna
- Apr 18 \$25 Joseph & Joy Licari
- Apr 19 \$50 Frederick Hegner
- Apr 20 \$25 Steven J Lot
- Apr 21 \$25 Paul & Sheila Cotrone
- Apr 22 \$25 William Waters
- Apr 23 \$50 The Datre Family
- Apr 24 \$25 Denise & Terrence Coumou
- Apr 25 \$25 Pam & Chris Collins
- Apr 26 \$50 Mary Lou Braun
- Apr 27 \$25 Angelo & Mary Joan DiFrancisco
- Apr 28 \$25 Richard Soldano
- Apr 29 \$25 Rick Mallen
- Apr 30 \$25 Aidan Gunsel

JANUARY

MARCH

T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T
3	4	5	6	7											1	2
10	11	12	13	14											8	9
17	18	19	20	21											15	16
24	25	26	27	28											22	23
31	1	2	3	4											29	30

APRIL

JUNE

T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T
28	29	30	31	1	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8

# Earth Day Celebration!



Lots of fun crafts and face painting!



Collage of our families pets!



Lots of raffles: books and native plants



## We have a new beautiful bench!



All those bottle caps you collected and brought back to church? Tim Sandbichler's project got them turned into a beautiful new bench for our property. Fr will be blessing it after the 9:30 Mass on 5/3



# Holy Hour

*"Fruit of thy Womb"*

Traditional &  
Contemporary  
music by Alex &  
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,  
Adoration and  
Benediction led  
by Deacon Matt

**Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:00pm**

*Word, Music, and Silent Prayer*

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

Luke 1: 46-49