

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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October 4th 2026



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9,12-16,19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, October 3rd

5:00pm Ralph C. Marcello
Nicholas Russo (healing)

Sunday, October 4th

Twenty-seventh Ordinary

8:00am DonnaMarie La Sala

9:30am Randolph Thomas Aloise

11:30am Theresa Lathrop
Salvatore & Franca Basile

Monday, October 5th

9:00am Rita Ryan

Tuesday, October 6th

9:00am Connie Giunta

Wednesday, October 7th

9:00am Martha Michalkewicz

Thursday, October 8th

9:00am Anna LoCastro

Friday, October 9th

9:00am Theresa Haas

Saturday, October 10th

5:00pm The Leopold Family (living)

Sunday, October 11th

Twenty-eighth Ordinary

8:00am Edward Mansfield

9:30am John Racos
Tadeusz Pietrzak

11:30am James John
Philip Camera



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. Francis of Assisi (10/4)
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos (10/5)
Our Lady of the Rosary (10/7)
St. Denis & Companions (10/9)
St. John XXIII (10/11)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11th 2026

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

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: Relate a time when your hospitality went unreceived.

2: How can we endeavor to show the same hospitality and compassion to all around us, not just our invited guests?

Families: Why does Jesus want us to gather the 'bad and good alike'?



From the Pastor

After serious operation a lady was still in a coma. Her worried husband stood at the foot of her bed. "Well," said the nurse reassuringly, "at least her age is on her side." "Yes" said the husband. "She is forty-five." At this point the patient moved slightly and quietly but firmly murmured, "Forty-four."

Like age, we have many measures to describe who we are. For example, bank account, popularity, talents, bodily strength, beauty, etc. are some of the measures by which we want to establish who we are. Yes, it is easy to express who we are with what we have. Because all that we have or possess can be measured by numbers and quantity. This is why we feel useless or life becomes burdensome when we increase in age or decrease in what we have.

Today's Gospel reading focuses on who we are and not on what we possess. We are the vineyard of God, and our way of living is not how much vineyard we have but if we bear fruit. The Gospel story tells us how God expects us, the tenants, to bear fruit while we, the tenants, try to possess the vineyard. The tenants not only refused to give the lease they owe to the landowner, but they also ill-treated and killed those who came in the name of the landowner, to get the lease for him. The tenants' intention was to take the land from the landowner and use the land as their own.

The landowner believed the tenants to the end that they would be faithful to their end of giving the lease. So, he sent his own son to collect the lease. His whole expectation was that the son who is the landowner's heir would be respected and tenants would give him their due. But it did not happen. They killed the son to possess the land. So, Jesus asked the people what their judgement on the tenants was, who behaved not as tenants but as owners of the land. The people gave a human verdict, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

But God's verdict is totally different from that of the humans. Jesus quoted from the scripture to explain how God dealt with the tenants. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." The tenants like the builders killed the son and threw him out of the vineyard as the builders would do with the stones that would not fit to build the building as they would like. But God took the so-called unfit stone and made it as a cornerstone that would hold the building in shape. Yes, God took the ill-treatment given to His Son on the cross and set it as the means of saving the world. They did so out of hatred, but God gave His Son as a love-offering on the Cross and thus, established the Cross as God's way of loving the people to save them.

The whole story clearly explains how I can easily equate 'what I have' with 'who I am.' Mine becomes me. The more I have, the greater I feel. I construct a self-image of myself with what I have and thus I fail to realize my real inner identity of who I am. I prefer to possess, not to bear fruit. I make my life an attempt to possess anything and everything and thus lose the savor of living the life in its original taste of bearing fruit. Life is lived not in possession but in blossoming.

October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. We will pray the Rosary every day in the Church before the mass. The Rosary is a very easy way of praying not only in the Church but also wherever we are, at home, while travelling, or just before falling asleep. We pray each decade of the Rosary meditating upon an event from the life of Jesus and Mary. The Rosary is a simple way of experiencing the grace of Jesus and the help of Mary for us. Just google 'Rosary'. You can download apps to pray the rosary in various forms. Let us pray the Rosary every day.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Richard Landi
Jose Mendes

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

October 5th - October 11th

In memory of

Connie Giunta

by Jim & Marie Marsala and Joe & Joyce Trezza

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
Ryan Smith	Allen Kirsch
Will Maley	Nicholas Gajda
Chris Capasso	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Luciano Corpora Ellis	Andrew Lynch
	Matthew P Dell'orto
	Timothy Fallon

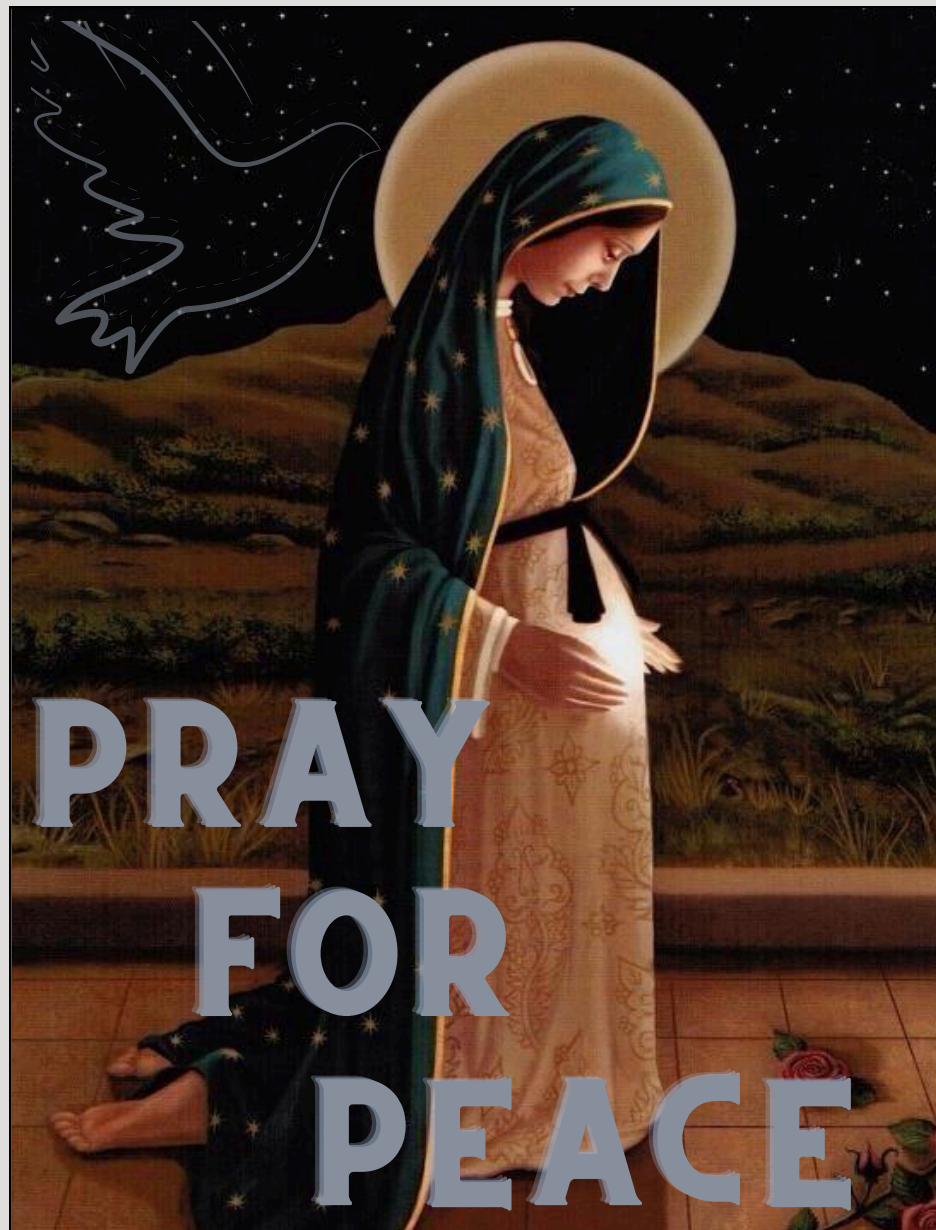
We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Aaron Serrano
Betty Vrontis
Ed Baer
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Pam Procaccini
Sinead Rodgers
Susan Furuno
Valentin Cedillo

*This listing will reset on March 31st 2027

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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
September 26th & 27th

\$4812

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

"True charity lovingly offers help, expecting nothing in return. In helping one another, we honor the body of Christ, wounded and at the same time in continual healing."

-POPE LEO

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.

Eastern Farm Workers Association

is a membership association of Suffolk County's farm workers and other low paid workers. They provide benefit programs like emergency food, preventative medical care, legal advice, and more. It is completely volunteer run and non-government funded.

They are urgently in need of a roadworthy vehicle. If you have a car that you are looking to donate, please contact Parish Outreach. EFW is also seeking volunteers to help during the holiday season. If you are interested, contact EFWA at 631-286-8004

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

One of the ways you can help the SVdP bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned is through your donations and support.

Please see our GOGREEN flyer! It will explain another way that you might donate, and clear out some of your new or gently used household items as well.



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



Paper Towels
Cookies
Laundry Detergent (small)
Snacks - Syrup
Pancake Mix

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.



CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

Find your community.

Every Catholic young adult group — one map.



findmylic.org

Ages 18+ - free

Baptisms in our church

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

Nicholas John Brady
child of Alexandra & Peter

Nora June Guerriero
child of Kristin & John

Giovanni Anthony Johnsen
child of Vanessa & Michael

Connor Charles Straub
child of Michelle & Joseph

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

4 OCTOBER
2026
1:30PM

Join us on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for the Annual Blessing of the Animals!

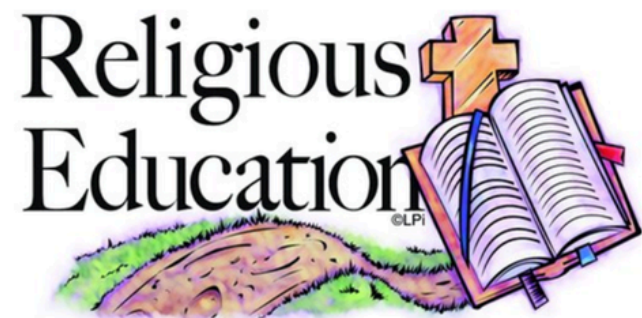
All animals are welcome! Fish, cats, dogs, chickens, horses, and everything in between! Meet by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi (NE side of parking lot) at 1:30pm (or in front of the Rectory in case of rain)



CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

NEXT MEETINGS:
OCTOBER 9TH: 12:30PM
GUEST SPEAKER- TOM
WILLIAMS, FINANCIAL
PLANNER

OCTOBER 30TH: 12:30
HALLOWEEN LUNCH,
COSTUMES OPTIONAL!



St. Thomas More Religious Education Registration 2026/27 School Year — Sharing the Spirit of Love —

If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



Calling All Singers

Love to sing?

Join the choir! The STM Choir is open to all postpubescent voices. Experience singing in a choir is helpful, but not a requirement.

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm, and we sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays!



Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.

Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

Go Green



Clothing Drive Plus

St Thomas More

115 Kings Hwy,
Hauppauge



St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting new and gently used items in the church parking lot on **Saturday, November 7th** between the hours of **11:00 AM and 1:00 PM**



We accept new and gently used items you may wear (clothing, shoes, jackets, handbags, jewelry, etc.) as well as linens, bedding, toys, sporting equipment, small household electronics, and goods.

(We recommend using white garbage bags for your donations.)

We are unable to accept VHS tapes, CDs, books, furniture, fragile or large items.

@gogreenclothingrecycling_Li

Teens, Tweens, &
Families join us for a

HALLOWEEN PIT-STOP

CANDY, TREATS, &
SPOOKY ENTERTAINMENT

31 October

Open 1pm-5pm

St. Thomas More
Church, Hauppauge

Stop by or stay for a while.
Find us in the White Room!
(side entrance of church)



Holy Hour

"A Devotion to Love"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son."

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2026

Congratulations to our September winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

September 1	\$25	Kim & Wayne Boney
September 2	\$25	Don Cleary
September 3	\$25	Andy & Kathy Turano
September 4	\$25	Christina Falcone
September 5	\$25	Daniel & Loenor Umali
September 6	\$50	Amadeo Fasolino
September 7	\$25	Ken & Dolores Fensterer
September 8	\$25	Veronica M Young
September 9	\$25	Jen Vermilyea
September 10	\$25	Don Cleary
September 11	\$25	Mike & Ann MARino
September 12	\$25	Ryan Tjersland
September 13	\$50	Allison & Glenn Madison
September 14	\$25	Phyllis Ann Ehrhardt
September 15	\$25	Mary Lou Braun
September 16	\$25	Mary Ellen Skryzpek
September 17	\$25	Walter Happe
September 18	\$25	Patrick & Dianne Delgado
September 19	\$25	Michael Welch
September 20	\$50	Patrick & Dianne Delgado
September 21	\$25	Mary Ellen Skryzpek
September 22	\$25	Bill & Lori Rudden
September 23	\$25	Ed & Madeline Drobinko
September 24	\$25	John & Denise Zappia
September 25	\$25	Joe & Ann Kwart
September 26	\$25	Sandra Kowalchuk
September 27	\$50	Mike & Andraia Miller
September 28	\$25	Patrick & Susan Dennehy
September 29	\$25	Frank & Eileen Stuart
September 30	\$25	John & Denise Zappia

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

The Troops are Gathering

To Raise Money for
The St. Vincent dePaul Conference of St. Thomas More Parish

Military Bridge!

ATTENTION!



October 24, 2026
Doors Open: 6:00pm
Instructions: 6:45pm
Game Begins: 7:00pm

No Game Knowledge needed.
We will teach you.

A great way to
mix & mingle with parish friends

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Finger Foods
- Wine, Beer, & Soda
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person
*Adults Only



At St. Thomas More Church

(Following the 5pm Mass)

Get your tickets NOW!

No Tickets sold at the Door



Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 10/3, 10/10, and 10/17

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

How to pray the Rosary



1: Make the Sign of the Cross

2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed

3: On the first bead, say an Our Father

4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each

5: Say the Glory Be

6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father

7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.

8: After finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

1. The Annunciation to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

