

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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October 25th 2026

Love your neighbor



as yourself.

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalms 96:1,3-5,7-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, October 24th

5:00pm Olive Boney

Sunday, October 25th

Twenty-ninth Ordinary

8:00am Sue Robinson

9:30am Joseph Lombardi Jr.
Salvatore Sparacino IV

11:30am Mary Beth Weidig
Joseph Beltrani Sr.

Monday, October 26th

9:00am Mary Ann Lilly

Tuesday, October 27th

9:00am Dorothy Citro

Wednesday, October 28th

9:00am Juanita (Juana) Williams

Thursday, October 29th

9:00am Mary Ann Lilly

Friday, October 30th

9:00am Marian Williams

Saturday, October 31st

5:00pm Richard Stout
Augie Vrondis

Sunday, November 1st

Solemnity of All Saints

8:00am Juanita (Juana) Williams

9:30am Raymond Pitts
Salvatore Sparacino IV

11:30am William Track Jr.
Christopher & Mary Beth 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. Anthony Mary Claret (10/24)

Sts. Simon & Jude (10/28)

Solemnity of All Saints (11/1)

Commemoration of All Souls (11/2)

St. Martin de Porres (11/3)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Solemnity of All Saints

November 1st 2026

Readings

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

Psalms 24:1-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

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: We are called to be peacemakers. How can you promote peace in your daily life?

2: Relate a time when you turned to the beatitudes to comfort yourself.

3: There are nine beatitudes. Think about nine saints that line up with the values indicated in the Gospel.

Families: Do you have a favorite Saint? How can you live your life more like theirs?



Kelly Latimore Icons

our *daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Judge: What crime has this man committed?

Lawyer: He has not done anything wrong. He was merely an innocent bystander when the killer shot a clerk in a hold-up. We are holding him as a witness.

Judge: And where is the killer?

Lawyer: He is out on bail.

The law is just a directive force upon an action, not on anybody's heart. Law can either allow or forbid an action but cannot decide whether to act or not. It does not have any effect on our will, the function of the heart. It can judge our actions as right or wrong but can neither help nor control our heart to decide.

In today's Gospel a Pharisee, the meticulous observer of the Law, asked Jesus, "which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" Jesus mentions that the greatest is the Law of the Love of God and humans, but also explains how that Law of Love is to be observed. The Law of Love is not simply doing something for God or humans but engaging the whole person. One should love God engaging the whole self, with whole heart, soul, and mind. Likewise, one should love the other as totally as one would love oneself. The answer of Jesus invites us to observe the law not for the sake of the law, but to engage and involve the whole person in the act of loving. The greatest law is that which engages our whole self in whatever we do, as an act of love of God and the other.

October 31st Halloween - November 1st All Saints. The origin of the word Halloween is Christian. Halloween falls on the evening before the Christian Holy Days of All Hallows' Day (also known as All Saints', Hallowmas or Hallowtide) on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2, thus giving the holiday on October 31st the full name of All Hallows' Eve which in popular use became Halloween.

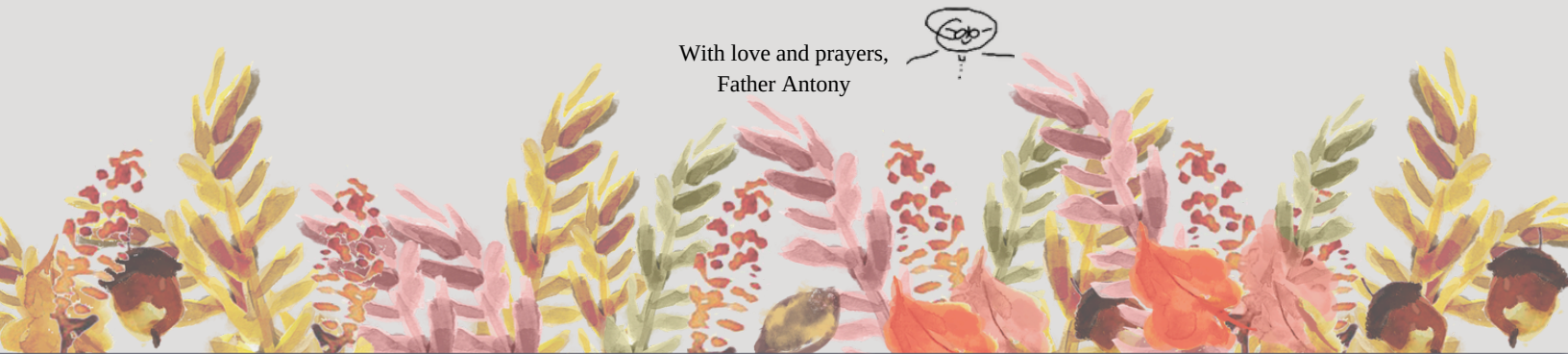
God calls us to be saints and has given us the power to become saints. Thus, when we celebrate our inner power and identity of being saints on the first of November we rightfully ridicule and make fun of evil on the eve of 'All Saints' feast. The Halloween costumes are geared towards making fun of evil only to highlight the goodness and the saintliness we are created with.

How about All Saints and Costume Mass on November 1st: In the background of what I explained above, I invite all children, teens, and adults with your Halloween costumes to attend the All Saints Mass on Sunday, November 1st at 9:30 am. Also, we can encourage some of our children to wear the costume of a Saint (like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American Saint etc.).

Thus, we can celebrate our potency to be saints by ridiculing all that is non-saintly and evil.

This year, November 2nd, All Souls Day falls on Monday. So, the memorial mass for all those who passed away from us in the past year will be celebrated at 7:00 pm in the church. Letters of invitation have been sent to the families. Please join us to pray for them at this Mass.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Rev. Frederick (Fred) Hill
William Rockford
Joseph Boccuzzo
Clarice McSorley

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

October 26th - November 1st

In memory of

Juanita Williams

by Peter Williams

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

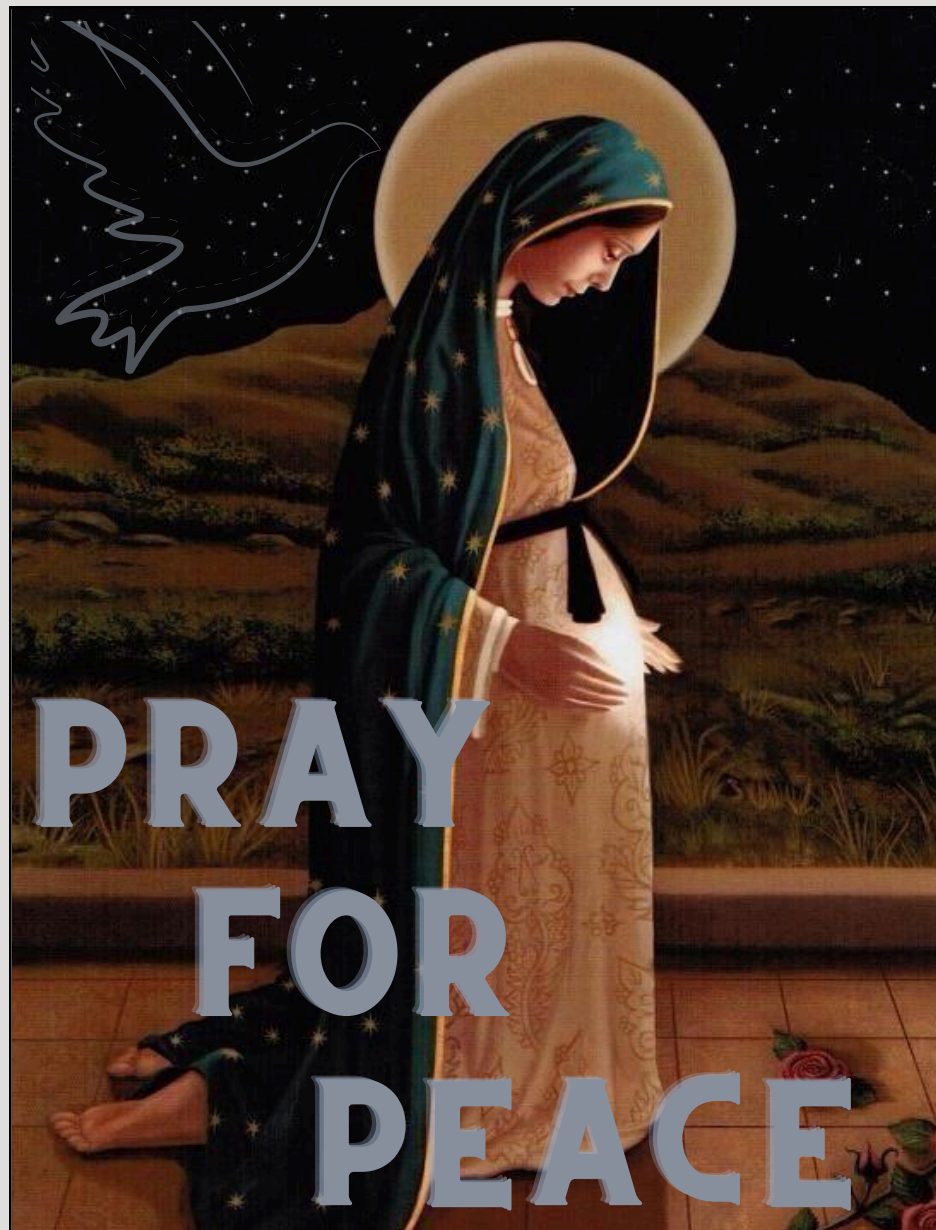
We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Aaron Serrano
Anthony Trentini
Betty Vrontis
Ed Baer
Edward Houser
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Ernesto U. Aldaba
Joan Perks
Maria U. Aldaba
Mona DeMarco
Pam Procaccini
Patti Demarest
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:
October 17th & 18th

\$7474

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

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

-MATTHEW 22

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.

A special thank you to our anonymous donor. We are very grateful for you consistent kindness and generosity!

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

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

We who are members of our parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul are very aware of all the good done by you and are truly grateful.

Please see our Clothing Drive Plus flyer. Simply put, your donation of new and gently used items in the church parking lot on Saturday 11/7 between 11am and 1pm will help assist our neighbors in need.

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.

KNIGHT'S CORNER



Recognition dinner for two loyal Knights! Jerry Ferrara (past Faithful Navigator, moving to FL) and Ernie LaFontaine (retiring Comptroller) for the 4th Degree Shea Assembly. Thank you for all you've done!



Want to join the Knights? Have any questions? Call GK Paul!

631-538-6334 OR pegruner@yahoo.com

Follow us on Facebook:

Msgr Francis S. Midura
Council #6062



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](https://www.instagram.com/gogreenclothingrecycling_Li)



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

NOVEMBER 13TH: 12:30
GUEST CHRISTOPHER
PETILLO, ELDER LAW
ATTORNEY

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

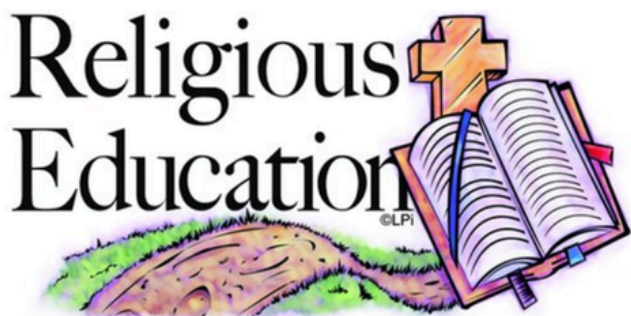
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Ages 18+ - free



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



BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

LEANNE WALSH

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY



ERICK IDTENSOHN

St. Anthony of Padua
East Northport, NY

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

JULIE MAZZIE

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY



ANDREW OPACKIE

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY



"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.

STM Columbiettes Honor Former President

The STM Columbiette Chapter celebrated the service of Past President Willy Ferrara as she and her husband leave our community for sunny Florida. We thank her for all she has done for our organization and wish her all the best in their new home!



Mass of Thanksgiving

Nov 26th
9am



SOCK DRIVE

Daisy Troop 1765

Please join us in helping kids in need within our own community by collecting new children's socks to benefit the Smithtown Children's Foundation, now through the end of October. There is a marked box in the Narthex!



ALLHALLOWTIDE

AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Allhallowtide is a triduum including All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) and All Souls' Day. It is a time to remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians.

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)



All Saints Costume Mass

Sunday November 1st

9:30am

Children are encouraged to join us in their
Halloween/All Saints Costumes. Show off those
cool looks, and learn a little something about our
faith at the same time!



ALL SOULS' DAY

A special memorial Mass will be held at St. Thomas
More. All are welcome to join us to celebrate and
remember our loved ones who have gone on to
God's Kingdom before us.

MASS
MONDAY
NOV 2ND 7PM



LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

FALL 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter of approval from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

You may **not** take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day – you may be registered for one or the other – not BOTH on the same day.

DATES & LOCATIONS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Monday, Nov. 16 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Monday, Nov. 30 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Nov. 21 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am – 12 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part B – 1pm – 3 pm
(*there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date*)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration, are NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

ST. THOMAS MORE, MSGR. MIDURA COUNCIL 6062



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Spaghetti Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 6PM

AT ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



*Dinner, Drinks,
Music and More*

*Auction, Raffles,
and Door Prizes*

TICKETS ARE \$20 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES, NOT SOLD AT DOOR

**Bring a food donation for Parish Outreach,
Get entered into a special raffle!**

Questions & ticket sales...

GK Paul Gruner
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PGK Stephen Loccisano
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Parish Outreach

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING



Please donate food items and/or gift cards to pay for turkeys as we are not accepting donated turkeys!

Food is great, Gift Cards are preferred!!

**Yams
Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Veggies
Applesauce
Coffee & Tea
Desserts**

**\$25 Gift Cards
(ShopRite preferred)**

**Cards/Cash donations
can be sent to Outreach
or put in the collection
basket at mass.**

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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