Sharing the Spirit of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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November 8th 2026



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 63:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, November 7th
5:00pm All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 8th
Ordinary 32
8:00am All Souls Novena

9:30am All Souls Novena

11:30am All Souls Novena

Monday, November 9th
9:00am Dorothy Day

Tuesday, November 10th
9:00am Mary Ann Lilly

Wednesday, November 11th
9:00am Susan C. Robinson

Thursday, November 12th
9:00am Georgine Schaefer

Friday, November 13th
9:00am Juanita 'Juana' Williams

Saturday, November 14th
5:00pm Antoinette Pepe
Sister Julie Houser

Sunday, November 15th
Ordinary 33
8:00am Angie Mingione

9:30am Alphonse Cruz Manickam
A. Mariadass

11:30am Lauren Fontanetta
Richard Stout



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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (11/9)
St. Leo the Great (11/10)
St. Martin of Tours (11/11)
St. Josaphat (11/12)
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (11/13)
St. Albert the Great (11/15)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15th 2026

Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,31
Psalm 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Focus Questions

1: Relate a time when you used a gift to grow yourself further

2: When has fear kept you from pushing yourself to do more?

Families: How can you use what God has given you to give more back to God?

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

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Annette Fortt c1987

our *daily bread*

Mon-Fri
9am

Sat
5pm

Sun
8am
9:30am
11:30am

ST. THOMAS MORE R.C. CHURCH

From the Pastor

In a small town everyone made fun of a small boy who, according to them, is mentally challenged. They would hold out a dime and nickel to him and ask him which he wanted. He would always choose the nickel. One day someone asked him why he always chose the nickel. The boy replied, “If I ever took a dime, they’d quit giving me nickels.” Now, who is wise enough to get the best for their life? The people of the town or the boy?

Today’s Gospel is Jesus’s story of the ten virgins. Jesus narrates this story to instruct us that the wise will celebrate the kingdom, and the foolish will lose their opportunity to celebrate it. Of the ten virgins, what made five of them to be wise and the other five to be foolish? All ten did almost everything the same… all ten waited for the bridegroom, and all of them fell asleep while waiting; all of them woke up to the cry 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' The only difference between them was that the wise ones took with them the oil to burn their lamps while the other five became foolish; they failed to take the oil to burn their lamps.

The message is that it is not enough that we know all the facts about what to do. Rather more important is that we should have the right spirit (i.e., oil) to engage our life enthusiastically (i.e., to burn our lamp) to join the wedding celebration. It is not enough to have lamps, but we should have oil to keep the flame burning. It is not enough that we have life, but to live it in a spirit-filled way. It is not enough to do something, but to do that something with the right spirit. To know the facts is knowledge, but to live the facts with enthusiasm and the right spirit is wisdom. To have the lamp is knowledge, but having enough oil (spirit) to keep the flame burning is wisdom.

Jesus says that it is not enough that we know the facts about the kingdom of God but we should be ready and willing to live it, participate in it, cherish it, and share it. When Jesus finished the sermon on the mount, He concluded his instruction to His people saying, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven,* but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” Then, He uses the same image of the foolish virgins who could not join the wedding celebrations, “Many will say to me on that day ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name? Then I will declare to them solemnly, I never knew you.* Depart from me, you evildoers.’”

Jesus invites us to live like the wise people who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house, but it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. Jesus also warns us not to be foolish people who listen to His words but do not act on them; they will be like fools who built their house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Eileen Venezia
Frank Bianco
Klaus Kleinstauber
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

November 9th - November 15th

In memory of

The Zullo & Molinaro Families

by Ursula Molinaro

Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested dontaion 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
Ryan Smith
Will Maley
Chris Capasso
Luciano Corpora Ellis
Joseph Kirsch
Allen Kirsch
Nicholas Gajda
Alexandria Feys Gajda
Andrew Lynch
Matthew P Dell'orto
Timothy Fallon

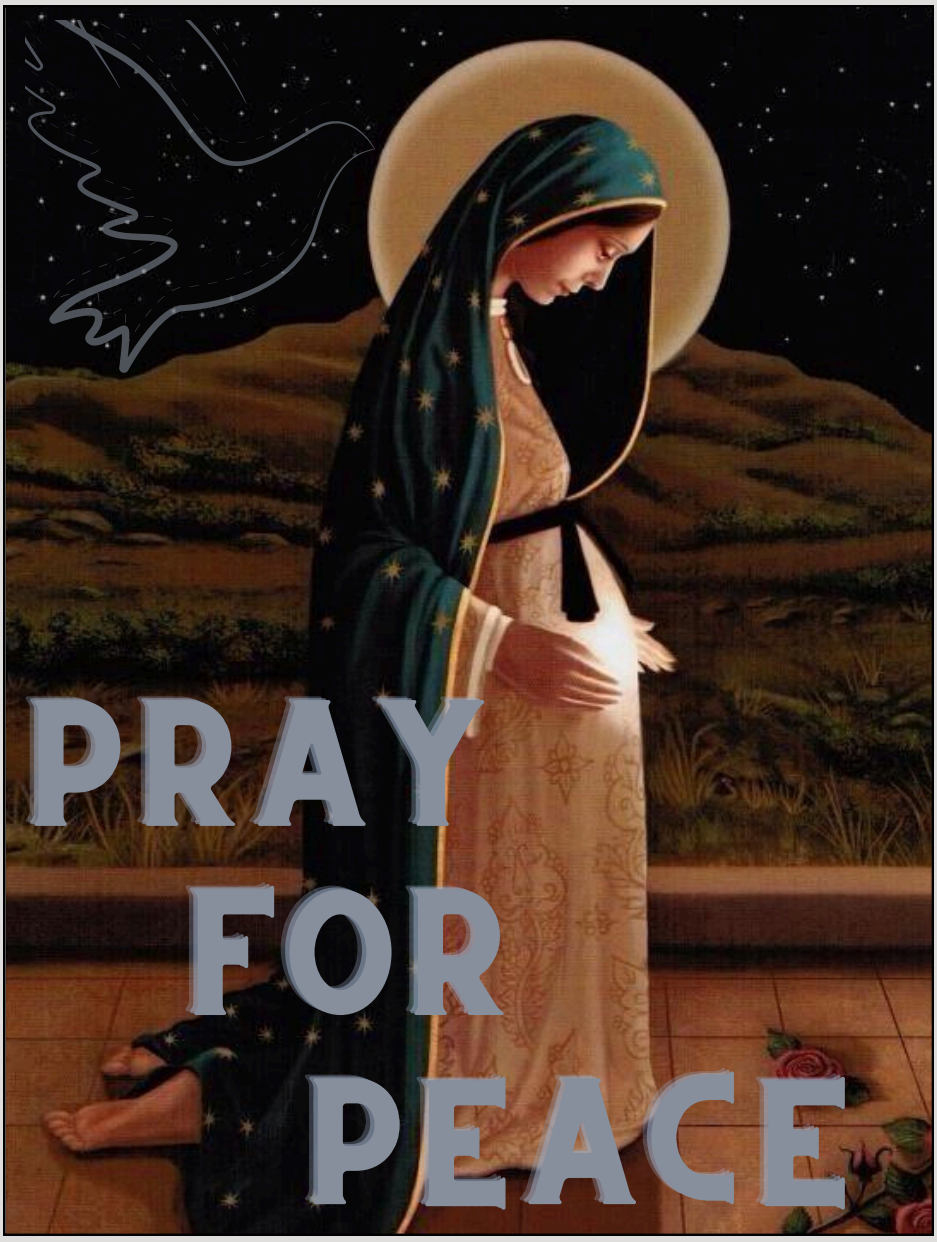
We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Aaron Serrano
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Christy Torkelsen
Dan O'Brien
Ed Baer
Edward Houser
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Ernesto U. Aldaba
Helen Kovarik
Irene O'Brien
Jim Engle
Jimmy Cannon
Joan Perks
John Heller
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lorraine White
Maria U. Aldaba
Marsha Mucaria
Michael Minutillo
Mona DeMarco
Pam Procaccini
Patricia Kinney
Patricia Stronczer
Patti Demarest
Ralph Rantz
Rodrigo Crafa
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Sinead Rodgers
Susan Furuno
Thomas Duffy
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 31st & November 1st

$8281

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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Parish Outreach
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OCIA
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Young at Heart
Anna Beltrani
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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.

Parish Social Ministry

"Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich."
-2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

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!

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 recent Newsday article reported that there are about 53,000 children on Long Island currently facing food insecurity. According to Island Harvest, this represents a 20 percent increase since last year!

Old Pumpkins? Compost them!

Instead of throwing away your pumpkins from Halloween, you can turn them into compost. Long Island Organics Initiative is working with the Town of Smithtown to recycle Halloween pumpkins. You can drop them off at the Smithtown Municipal Services Facility at 85 OId Northport Road in Kings Park from 7am to 3pm through November 9th.



Paper Towels
Cookies
Laundry Detergent (small)
Snacks - Syrup
Mayo - Mustard - Ketchup

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

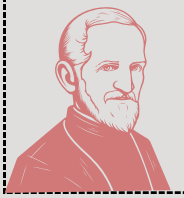
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.

ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH OUTREACH

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself, "what would Jesus Christ do?" and then consider donating to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul so that our needy neighbors might be helped.



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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPS PEOPLE

Pre-Cana 2026

Please pray for these couples in our Pre-Cana program as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony!

Kristin Garofalo & Nicholas Patti

Jenna DiBartolo & Nicholas Salerno

Francesca Capilets & Dominick DiBenedetto

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BANNS OF Marriage

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

LEANNE WALSH
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY

&

ERICK IDTENSOHN
St. Anthony of Padua
East Northport, NY

ST. THOMAS MORE R.C. CHURCH

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Each year the Hauppauge Community hosts an interfaith prayer service. Please join us to pray for peace and thanksgiving with our neighbors.

A beautiful night of music, scripture, and prayer with...

St. Thomas More RCC
Temple Beth Chai
Calvary Lutheran
United Methodist

Wednesday November 25th
@ 7pm
Calvary Lutheran
860 Townline Rd
Hauppauge NY





YOUNG AT HEART

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

NEXT MEETINGS:

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

NOVEMBER 18TH: 12:30
CHINESE LUNCHEON



Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

Veterans Day
EVENING OF PRAYER

Wednesday, November 11th
Doors Open: 7:00pm
Prayer Begins: 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration, Live Worship Music, Reflection

Reflection Offered by
Fr. Luke Neitzke, OP



Fr. Luke served in the U.S. Navy for a short period before becoming a Dominican Friar. He was ordained a priest in 2024 and has been assigned to St. Barnabas Parish on Long Island since then. The only time he had been to Long Island before being assigned here was when he sailed into Freeport for summer training while attending the U.S. Naval Academy.

Church of the Good Shepherd
Holbrook, New York



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Kids grade 2 - 12 are invited to spread Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear!

REHEARSALS

Thursday 12/10 6-6:45pm
Saturday 12/12 11am-12pm
Thursday 12/17 6-6:45pm
Saturday 12/19 11am-12pm

The choir will sing at 3:30pm mass on Christmas Eve, beginning with carols at 3:00pm

ST. THOMAS MORE MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Alex to sign up!

Email music@stmli.org
or call/text 631-213-1322



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

bete für uns

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε για εμάς

ora pro nobis

молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למעננו

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.

Parish Outreach

THANKS GIVING

FOOD DRIVE

ST. THOMAS MORE R.C. CHURCH

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 colllection basket at mass.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

631-234-3149
outreach@stmli.org

LAST CHANCE

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Knights of Columbus®

Annual

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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pegruner@yahoo.com

PGK Stephen Loccisano
631-357-4122
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St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Fiscal Report – September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

Where It Came From

	Last Year	This Year
Regular Collection	$ 634,486	$ 616,110
Fund Raising	$ 28,849	$ 42,775
Parish Programs	$ 71,419	$ 75,830
Auxiliary Revenue	$ 103,610	$ 103,697
Collections on behalf of others	$ 13,397	$ 13,005
Non-Operating Income	$ 70,364	$ 91,983
Extraordinary Income	$ 461,233	$ 14,700
Total	**$1,383,358**	**$ 958,100**

Where It Went

Salaries	$ 287,435	$ 285,879
Fringe Benefits	$ 85,892	$ 103,234
Parish Programs	$ 29,389	$ 42,038
Regional School Subsidy	$ 56,141	$ 76,138
Printing & Office	$ 80,002	$ 61,464
Auxiliary Expenditures	$ 86,147	$ 73,377
Rectory/Household	$ 4,441	$ 3,291
Collections on behalf of Others	$ 13,397	$ 13,005
Bldgs., Utilities & Maintenance	$ 182,035	$ 205,637
Non-Operating Expenses	$ -	$ -
Total Other Expenditures	$ 322,125	$ 8,671
Total Capital Expenditures	$ 394,661	$ -
Total	**$1,541,665**	**$ 872,734**
Net Difference	**$ (158,307)**	**$ 85,366**

Summation:

Once again our financial status is good. There are certain expenditures that have increased such as fringe benefits (health insurance costs have increased universally), building maintenance (roof repairs for the church building, tree removal, air conditioning, maintenance for both the Rectory and Religious Ed center), and regional school subsidy (this assessment is out of our control). We continue to run a "tight ship" and even have a slight surplus. We are grateful for the continued support of our parishioners and the hard work of those who have run the various fund-raising events.

Submitted by the Finance Committee, approved by Father Antony Asir