

*Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

November 17th, 2024



## 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.

# 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Parish Resources

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# Masses November 16th - November 24th 2024

## Saturday, November 16th:

5pm- Joseph DiMarco *by Paulette & Family*

Janet Mallen *by Their Family*

## Sunday, November 17th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Maria Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

9:30am- Josephine Hauk *by Marilyn Amodio*

Joseph Gargagliano Bardarni *by M Romano, J Moretti, & T Kwasnick*

11:30am- Matthew O'Connell *by The Kane Family*

Esther Burghardt *by Rose Russo & Family*

## Monday, November 18th:

9am- Fay Chambart *by Dottie & Phil Castaldo*

## Tuesday, November 19th:

9am- Edward Skrzypek *by Mary Ellen Skrzypek*

## Wednesday, November 20th:

9am- Jim Murphy Sr *by Joan & Family*

## Thursday, November 21st: Presentation of the BVM

9am- John Gallagher *by The Hayes Family*

## Friday, November 22nd: Saint Cecilia

9am- William McDonald *by Joe Schaefer & Jim Cussen*

## Saturday, November 23rd:

5pm- Livia Liberatoscioli *by Mr & Mrs Dieter Thomann & Family*

## Sunday, November 24th: Our Lord, King of the Universe

8am- The Rapone Family *by Jim & Marie Marsala*

9:30am- Nicholas Conzo *by Angela Conzo*

11:30am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Mario Russo *by Mario Russo & Family*

## John 18:33b-37 (Christ the King)

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

## Focus Questions for Christ the King

John 18:33b-37

- 1: Why do you think the crowds that followed Jesus turned against Him?
- 2: Recall a time when someone was unjustly accused of something. How did you react?
- 3: Relate a time when you were rejected.

## Family & Children's Question:

Sun Dec 1st is the First Sunday of Advent. Use this week to find your Advent calendar or Advent wreath. Talk about how you can make the season of Advent more spiritually fulfilling.

## Readings for This Week

November 17th, 2024 (Ordinary 33)

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16:5,8-11

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Mark 13:24-32

## Readings for Next Week

November 24th, 2024 (Christ the King)

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 93:1,2,5

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

MY  
WORDS

WILL NEVER

PASS  
AWAY.

# Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

**Wife: I cannot sleep. I keep thinking there's a mouse under the bed.**

Husband: Well, start thinking there's a cat under the bed and go to sleep.

**Today's Gospel begins speaking about the terrible signs** of the days of tribulation – scary signs that can disturb one's sleep. If we take the signs themselves at their face value as events of disaster, they would be like nightmares disturbing our sleep. But if we could treat them as signs, they would indicate some spiritual reality to come/happen in the future. Though the signs seem to be terrifying, the reality they indicate is the glorious coming of the Son of Man with power. Focusing on the Lord's coming will empower the believers to live through the disturbing facts of the signs.

**Jesus turns our attention to what happens in nature.** When the tender branches sprout leaves, they stand as sign indicating that the summer is near. In the same way Jesus wants us to understand the sign value of these terrible things. He turns our focus from the terrifying signs to the reality they stand for, his nearness and proximity.

**Our focus on the Lord and his nearness** will change the nature of anything that happens to us in our life. If our focus is right on the Lord, we will be empowered to look for something good even amidst the bad, and to experience something wonderful amidst the worrisome. If our focus is not on the Lord even the good will appear as evil and the most promising will look like the most depressing.

**This is the thirty-third week of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar.** Next Sunday is the last week of the Liturgical Year, with the celebration the solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. When we are close to the time of closing the Liturgical Year, the readings like today's, reflect the end of the World. The World will end in destruction and the end itself will precede with destructive events leading towards the end of human history. But as I explained in the previous paragraphs, Jesus wants the end itself as the occasion to look for a new beginning with the second coming of the Lord. Jesus wants us to treat even the negative things leading to positive signs of the return of the Lord.

**'Evil attracts most people'** may seem to be a harsh statement, but when we look at it closely, we cannot fail to see that it is absolutely true, and if anything, it might even be an understatement. Evil gets published more than good. Thus, the fear of evil seems to be a more motivating factor than hoping for good, for people to act/react to an event or a person. Jesus invites us today, never to focus on the negative or evil but to strive to be positive and good. It is God's world. Everything is God's redemptive act of moving human history from negative to positive, from sin to the Grace of God. Let us believe in the providence of God, and work for good.

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony



# Parish Operations

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:  
November 9th & 10th

# \$7187

Thank You!

*St. Thomas More Parish needs your support  
now more than ever!*

## Calendar Club Winners

11/11 (\$25): Wyatt Tate (654)

11/12 (\$25): Bernard Nagel (69)

11/13 (\$25): Ann & Joseph Kwarta (40)

11/14 (\$25): David Holdorf (1397)

11/15 (\$25): Linda & Rich Ronning (539)

11/16 (\$25): Colleen & Gary Connors (931)

11/17 (\$50): James Hansen (609)

## Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

*All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.*

We Saved a  
*seat for you*

## Staff

### Pastor

Father Antony Asir

### Deacons

Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico

Deacon Edward Vigneaux

Deacon Robert D. Weisz

### Rectory

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Dottie Castaldo (finance)

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# Prayers for Our Community

## Pray for the Sick

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Joseph Barrett      | Meagan               |
| Marie Bracco        | Ellen Murphy         |
| Peter Cappisillo    | John Puglisi         |
| Lillian Catalano    | Nunzio (Steve) Puleo |
| Patricia Culbert    | Angelo Santangelo    |
| Barbara Foberg      | Rita Schug           |
| Linda Heller        | Noah Simonetti       |
| Maryann Landi       | Christy Torkelsen    |
| Richard Landi       | Andrew M Valentine   |
| Eileen Macholz-Barr | Janet Ward           |
| Marge McGowan       | Lorraine White       |

To add names to the Pray for the Sick list, contact the Rectory or fill out a card found in the literature rack and place it in a collection basket.

\*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

## Pray for the Deceased



James Kreider  
Thomas McCrave  
Anne Marie Martino-Fehl  
Rose Marie Vaccariello  
Rosemary Mango  
Josephine Hauk  
Mary "Molly" Young

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

## 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          |



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.



## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

## Pray for our Clergy

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Fr Antony Asir      | Deacon Bob Weisz   |
| The Capuchin Friars | Deacon Matt Surico |
| Fr Lenny Carlino    | Bishop John Barres |
| Deacon Ed Vigneaux  | Pope Francis       |



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

# Parish Social Ministry

“The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.”



**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM  
631-234-3149  
Outreach@stmli.org

## Our needs for the month...

Coffee/Tea  
Instant Dry Milk  
Rice  
Canned Fruit  
Shampoo  
Small Laundry Detergent/Pods

Thanksgiving is coming! Please see our flyer for suggested food items. We are especially in need of \$25 gift cards to Shop Rite and Stop & Shop so our families can purchase a turkey or ham.

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.



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 Time to Give Thanks

The fiscal year for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ended on September 30th 2024, and that required a report of all the activities for our St. Thomas More Conference.

During that fiscal year, we aided 120 people. Approximately \$38,000 of funds was provided in assistance.

You make all of this possible and we, and those helped, are very grateful. God Bless You!

# SUNDAY *Masses*



**JOIN US EVERY WEEK!**

(VIGIL MASS) **SATURDAYS @ 5PM**  
(QUIET MASS) **SUNDAYS @ 8AM**  
(FAMILY MASS) **SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM**  
(ADULT CHOIR) **SUNDAYS @ 11:30AM**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him. ~John 6:56*

## Academic Advancement

Congratulations to our parishioner and altar server, Chaminade High School Junior

**Timothy Sandbichler**

for his induction to the National Honor Society and Academic Award Achievement.

## Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: December 11th  
Christmas Luncheon!!

RSVP to Anna, or call for more info  
631-234-0714

# Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children  
in your prayers as they take the first  
step on the path of Catholicism!



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the most common  
language spoken by Catholics  
worldwide?

- a: Latin
- b: Italian
- c: English
- d: Spanish



Answer: D! It's estimated that as many as 50% of Catholics across the world are Spanish speakers. Mexico alone has over 100 million Catholics in their population.



# Children's Christmas Choir

Sung to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"...

God bless you all His children, for Christmas time is near

The little child of Bethlehem will very soon appear.

What can we give for a gift, this tiny little King?

We can join in the Christmas Choir this year

**Give a cheer!**

You can join the Christmas Choir for time is near!

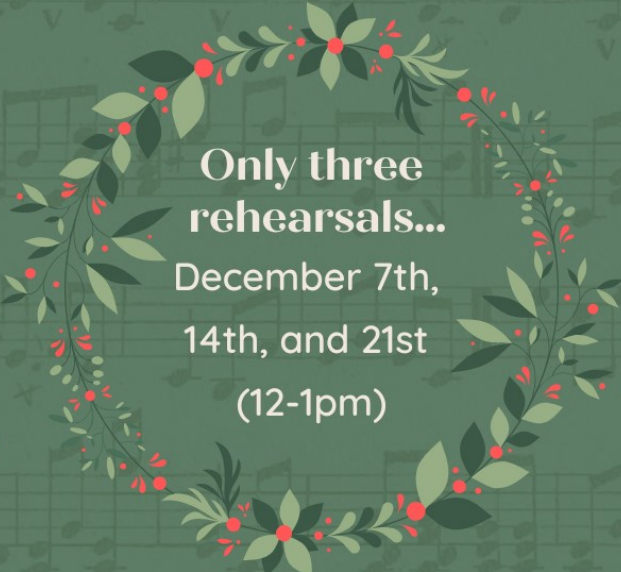


Calling all children to be a part of the celebration of Christmas!

Jesus came as a gift to us. What can we give Him in return? We  
can give Him our love and voices in joyful song!

Kids from 2nd grade through  
High School are welcome  
to share their voices at the  
3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass!

Let's get together and celebrate  
the best "birthday" ever!



Only three  
rehearsals...

December 7th,

14th, and 21st

(12-1pm)

Please call Emilia at 631-724-8820 or stop by the organ to register!

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 or Stop & Shop)**

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

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

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# 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 27th

@ 7pm

Temple Beth Chai

870 Townline Road

Hauppauge

# Calendar Club 2025

## The Every Day Lotto!

Numbers are drawn every day of the year (except during the Easter Triduum). The lucky winner of each day is awarded \$25 (or \$50 on Sundays and Holy Days!)

One number for \$25, or 5 numbers for \$100.

Buy as many entries as you want, and win as many times as your luck allows! You can even purchase numbers as gifts for family and friends.

The Calendar Club is a great way to support our parish, and a very important annual fundraiser for us! Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory, or put it in the basket during Sunday collection.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ONE for \$25     TWO for \$50     THREE for \$75     FIVE for \$100

**\*Early Bird Special: Deadline Sun Dec 15th\***

Order FIVE numbers and get a SIXTH on us!

Note: You must return your form and payment by Sunday  
December 15th.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2025 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!