Sharing the Spirit of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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November 15th 2026

This Week's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30

Psalm 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-15,19-21

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, November 16th
9:00am Joseph, Carmella, Joe Jr, & Ann Mitchell

Tuesday, November 17th
9:00am Maria Manzi

Wednesday, November 18th
9:00am John Puglisi

Thursday, November 19th
9:00am Edward Skrzypek

Friday, November 20th
9:00am James J. Murphy Sr.

Saturday, November 21st
5:00pm Stephen Christy
Richard Landi

Sunday, November 22nd
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00am Phyllis & Peter Perrone & Sons
Marion Infantino

9:30am Salvatore Sparacino IV
Thanksgiving of Betty Vrondis

11:30am Joseph Beltrani
Michael Leocadi
Carmela Molinaro



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. Albert the Great (11/15)
St. Margaret of Scotland (11/16)
St. Elizabeth of Hungary (11/17)
Presentation of the BVM (11/21)
St. Cecilia (11/22)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 15th 2026

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
Psalm 23:1-3,5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46

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: This Gospel presents the 'Corporal Works of Mercy'. How do you live those works in your daily life?

2: Where is your focus: avoiding harm, or doing good?

Families: How are sheep and goats different? What are you more like? Which *should* we be more like?



our *daily bread*

Mon-Fri
9am

Sat
5pm

Sun
8am
9:30am
11:30am

ST. THOMAS MORE R.C. CHURCH

From the Pastor

One Sunday as a farmer was bringing in his hay crop, his minister stopped by. The pastor asked the farmer if he had been to church. “To tell the truth, I would rather sit on the hay load and think about the church than sit in the church and think about the hay.” When the mind is in the right place even the hay load can be a worshiping place. If the mind is wavering even the church will be turned into a hay load. It is not where we are or what we have. Rather it is about how totally we involve and engage ourselves in anything we do or have.

Today’s Gospel focuses not on what one has but how much one is ready to totally engage oneself in life. The first and second servants actively trade and double their investments (5 talents to 10 talents, 2 talents to 4 talents). The third servant, paralyzed by fear and a distorted view of the master as a "hard man," digs a hole and buries his single talent in the ground to keep it safe. The third servant’s failure stems not from less talents in comparison to the other two, that he was given one talent, but from a crippling, defensive fear. Fear will drive us to a "do-nothing life". It is the mentality of “why to bother; why to get into trouble?”. It is the lack of courage or enthusiasm to engage oneself fully to live one’s life in all its rich talents. It is a mind set to live what one has and be happy doing nothing to live one’s own original and unique gifts. Those who refuse or are afraid to live and grow will be buried in their own tomb even before they die.

All that we are or do should be like a seed. If the seed is buried in the ground, it begins to send roots below, push up the hard soil above, open the buds, blossom and bear fruit. If it just lies on the ground, soon a yard hen will find it and eat it promptly. Jesus says, “If the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies…it produces much fruit” (John 12:23). Jesus has come to give us not just life but life in more abundance. (John 10:10). Jesus invites us to become fruit-bearing seeds.

Calendar Club 2027: The Calendar Club is open for 2027. This week the bulletin carries the form for the Calendar Club 2027. Please show your support by joining the Calendar Club. You can also consider giving the Calendar Club out as a gift to someone. Calendar Club is a great way of fundraising for our Parish.

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.
Catholic Ministry Appeal 2027: Our Parish’s assessment this year is $ 53,547. While I thank all those who have contributed already, I request the others to consider making some contribution to the Appeal. This is our way of living to serve the Lord and His church.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

John Zuzzolo
Eileen Venezia
Frank Bianco
Klaus Kleinstauber

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

November 16th - November 22nd



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

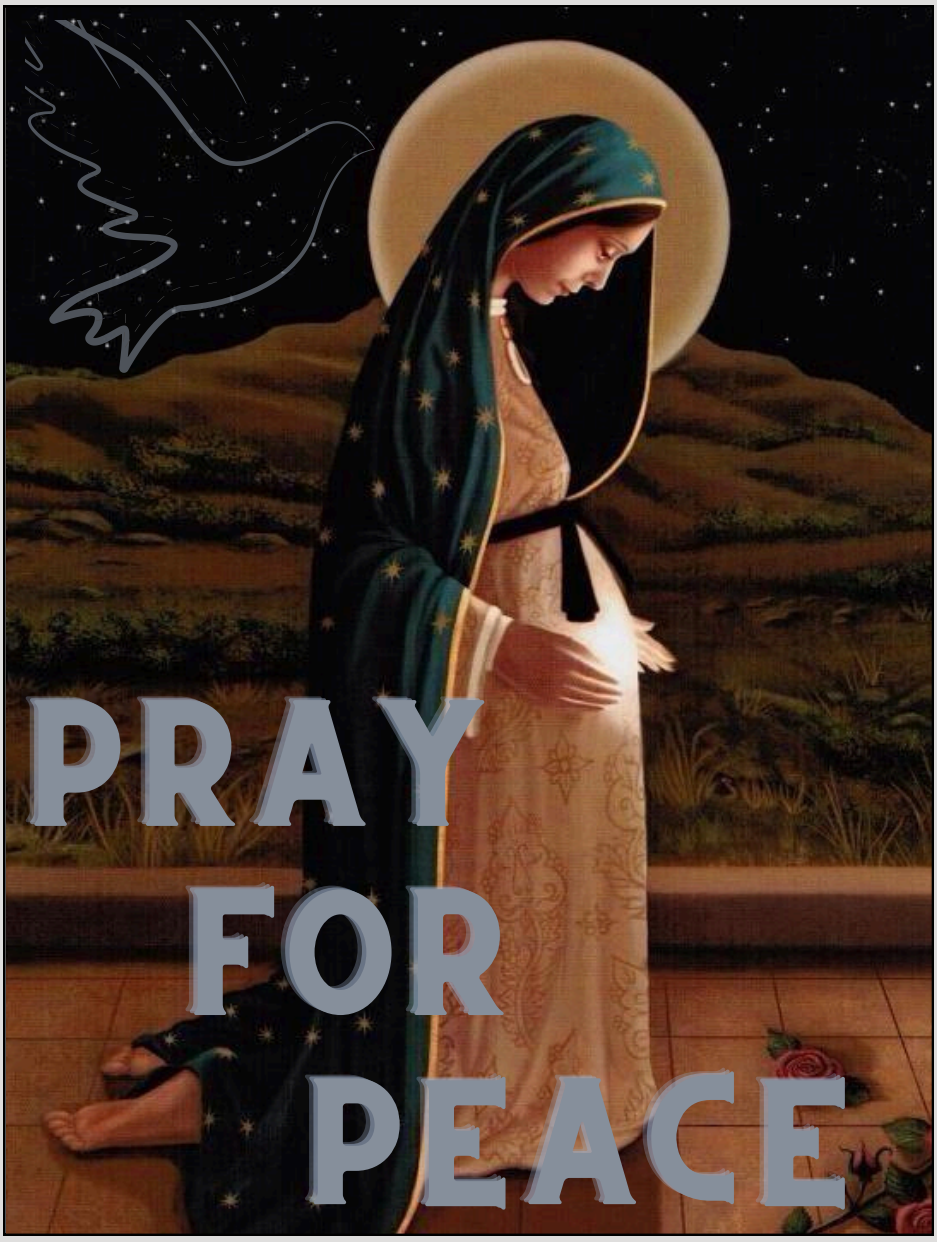
We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Aaron Serrano
Alexander Acevedo
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Christy Torkelsen
Dan O'Brien
Ed Baer
Edna Carraba
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
Liz
Lorraine White
Maria U. Aldaba
Marsha Mucaria
Michael Minutillo
Mona DeMarco
Pam Procaccini
Patricia Kinney
Patricia Stronczer
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:
November 7th & 8st

$6757

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
Mary Ann Gruner
631-234-8118

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

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

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!





Paper Towels - Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent (small)
Cookies - Syrup
Boxed Milk
Pasta

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.

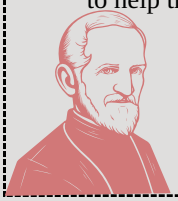
ST. THOMAS MORE
✝PARISH OUTREACH✝

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given to us. All we need do is be faithful "in small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

Thanks to your gifts, we spent $5290 during this past month to help three families avoid eviction. As always, we are so grateful for your ongoing support.



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

ST. THOMAS MORE R.C. CHURCH

CLOTHING DONATION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPS PEOPLE

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the poor in our community, thank you to all who donated clothes and other goods. Thank you also to our 8th graders who helped unload cars and load the truck!



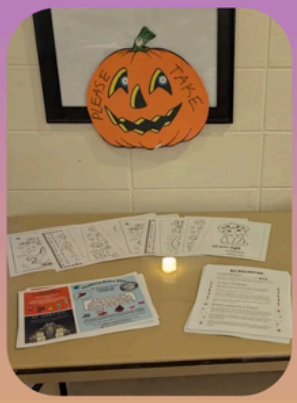




Halloween Pit-Stop! Candy, snacks, movies, coloring, Hallowtide facts, and balloon animals!













New York Blood Center

Blood Drive

St. Thomas More Church

Monday, November 30, 2026
1:30pm to 7:30pm

Walden Hall

Each donor will receive a T-shirt

Please scan QR code to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Meet minimum weight requirements
- 17+ Must be 17-75
  - 16 with parental permission form
  - 76+ with written physician consent

Visit **nybc.org/eligibility** for complete donation guidelines.

800.933.BLOOD · nybc.org



All Saints Day Costume Mass!







YOUNG AT HEART

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

NEXT MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 18TH: 12-3
CHINESE LUNCHEON
GOLDEN DYNASTY
(SMITHTOWN) $18PP

DECEMBER 9TH: 12-3
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
NAPPER TANDY'S
(SMITHTOWN)

CONTACT MATT PHELAN TO SIGN UP FOR LUNCHEONS

Advent is Coming!

Your family can participate by lighting the Advent Wreath! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex by the literature rack.

Stay awake! Be ready!



KNIGHT'S CORNER



In honor of our veterans a new flag was raised after Mass on 11/7, presented by the Brother Knights with our parish veterans and Fr Antony. Thank you to all vets for past and present for your service!

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

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

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



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



Calendar Club 2027

The Every Day Lotto!

Names 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 entry for $25, or 5 entries 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:
Get your form in by Tuesday December 15th to get SIX entries for the price of five!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2026 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!