

*Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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December 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

# PREPARE

*The way of  
the Lord!*



### This Week's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

## Second Sunday of Advent

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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, December 6th

5:00pm Patricia Hatta

## Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am John J Thompson  
Juanita Williams

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir  
Rose Marie Guarin

11:30am Cora Taday  
Eugene Kelly

## Monday, December 8th

9:00am Marco Aruta

7:00pm People of St. Thomas More

## Tuesday, December 9th

9:00am Maureen DeMarinis  
(healing)

## Wednesday, December 10th

9:00am Alphonse Cruz Manickam

## Thursday, December 11th

9:00am Al Weidig

## Friday, December 12th

9:00am Joan Martin

## Saturday, December 13th

5:00pm Peggy Terranova  
Robert Conti

## Sunday, December 14th

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Barbara Cappisillo

9:30am Scott E Smith  
Rosalind Warmuth

11:30am Marin Lamia  
Robert & David Mohlenbrok



## 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. Ambrose (12/7)  
St. Juan Diego (12/9)  
St. Damasus I (12/11)  
Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/12)  
St. Lucy of Syracuse (12/13)  
St. John of the Cross (12/14)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Second Sunday of Advent

November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

Psalms 146:6-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

### Gospel of Matthew (11:2-11)

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

### Focus Questions

1: Was there ever a time when, like John the Baptist, you doubted Jesus? What or who helped you with your doubts?

2: Describe a time when someone opened you up to a new better reality.

3: Relate an experience when you felt surprised by God.

Families: Who are the people who point you to God? Take some time to pray for them this week.

our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

“**Middle age is very difficult time in one’s life. You are too tired to work and too broke to quit.**” The difficulty lies in the tension between the willingness to stop working but the financial inability to do that. It is a battle between willingness and inability. On the second Sunday of Advent the readings invite us to enable and empower our ability by allowing God into our lives.

Isaiah, in the First Reading, **encourages us to come out of fear because ‘here is our God, coming with power,** bringing his reward with Him.” For those who accept this call their life is not what they can or cannot do, but what they allow God to do in their lives. Their everyday living becomes a daily reward from God.

**God also has the plan to equip in the believer** not only the power/ability to do, but also with the wisdom to employ the power for the right cause in the place of need and at the right moment. When we allow God the power to work in us the Lord will perform God’s dream with “a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.”

When God’s wisdom works in us, **we will begin to see people and problems as God sees;** this will make us understand others as God’s people and their problems can be solved with God’s power. Seeing others and understanding others as God does would give us the counsel, that is the practical understanding and practical knowledge to deal with problems of people. When we allow God’s wisdom to work for the people with God’s power, real delight of living harmoniously with others and universe will happen.

Today’s Gospel is **John the Baptizer’s description of Jesus as mightier than himself,** who will begin God’s life (baptize) in us not with water as John did but with God’s very power, the Holy Spirit. During Advent we not only prepare for something to happen but allow ourselves to become God’s power and God’s wisdom. The gifts we buy these days for our friends and family is just the reflection of God’s reward coming to us. Let us pray and open our hearts for something Godly to happen.

As Christmas is approaching fast, we will put out **Christmas decorations and set the little nativity set at home.** When you place the figurines in the manger please come together as a family before the manger and bless all the decorations and the figurines praying the following prayer.

*God our Father, you loved us so much. You sent us your only son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.*

*We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.*

*Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, family and friends,*

*Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us and see him in those who need our love.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world. You who live and reign forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



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## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased

Carmela Molinaro

Al Weidig

Alphonse Cruz Manickam

Frank Latorre

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

## Pray for the Sick

Andrew M Valentine

Carol Ann Raucci

Christopher Conley

Christy Torkelsen

Dolores Rudden

Ellen Murphy

Baby Emerson Brae Mark

Helen Kovarik

Jim Moran

Jimmy Cannon

Joseph Tuffarelli

Larry Wilson

Lou Savarese

Louise Soldo

Marge McGowan

Maria U Aldaba

Maria Pipia

Michael Minutillo

Nina Busse

Noah Simonetti

Nunzio Puleo

Patricia Stronczer

Richard Landi

\*This listing will reset on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

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.

## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

December 8<sup>th</sup> - December 14<sup>th</sup>



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

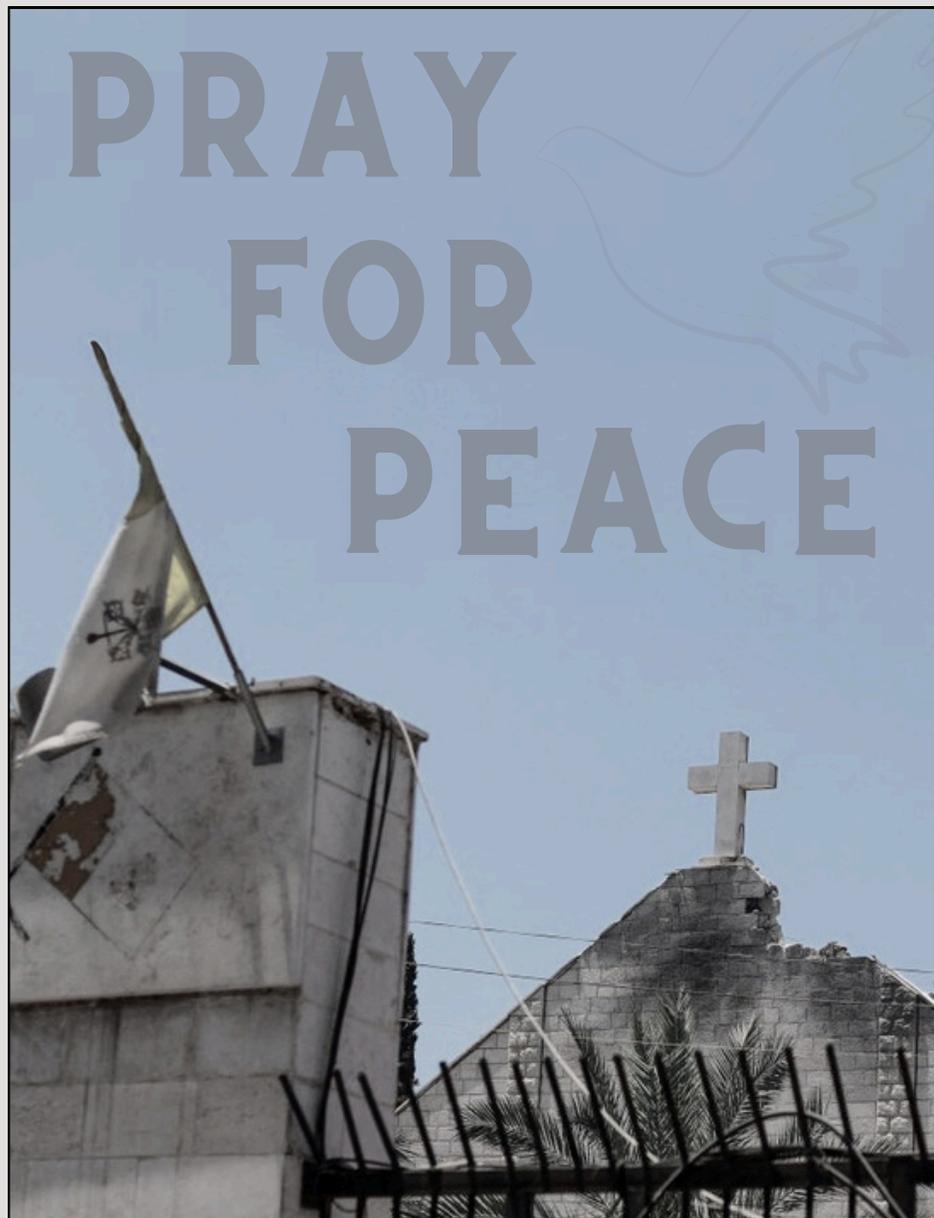
Pope Leo XIV

## 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
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch
Chris Capasso	

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.



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

# \$6311

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, check the literature rack in the Narthex, or visit us online at [stmli.org](http://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

Patty Citro  
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### Altar Servers

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### Consolation Ministry

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### Parish Outreach

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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.

### 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. Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family that could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

## Parish Social Ministry

"It's not about how much you do but about how much love you put into what you do that counts."

SAINT MOTHER TERESA

If you have household items, please call the Outreach office. We have a family in need of pots!

### Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

[outreach@stmli.org](mailto: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.



### OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Instant Coffee

Tea

Pancake Mix

Small Syrup

Instant Potatoes

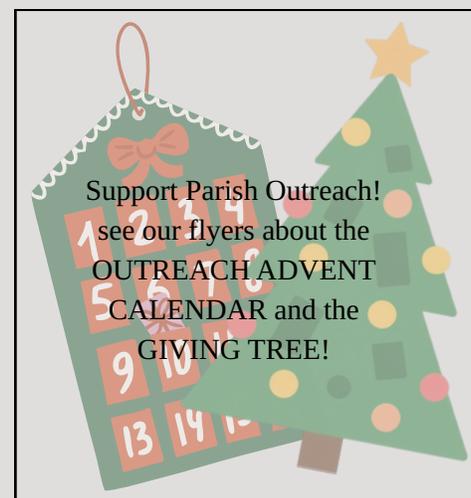
Canned Fruit

Boxed Milk

Peanut Butter/Jelly

### 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.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, in our own family, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call us! Together we can help those in need celebrate Christmas

Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or email [svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)



# Baptisms

in our church

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

Briella Rae Otanez-Fallona  
child of Jessica & Diego

New child? Expecting?  
Contact the Rectory to learn more about the sacrament of Baptism!

## New Hymnals

Last week started the new liturgical year (an A-II year), which means new copies of the Breaking Bread Missal/Hymnal.

In order to make sure they last a whole year, we kindly ask you return them to the back of the pews when Mass is finished, and that you put them in the **spine side up**.

We thank you for your consideration, and look forward to another beautiful year of liturgy and music!

## BANNS OF Marriage

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

DIANA FALCONE  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



DENI YANG  
Dix Hills, NY



### YOUNG AT HEART



**NEXT MEETINGS:**

DECEMBER 12TH

DECEMBER 17TH - 12PM  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH @  
VILLA OLIVETTI \$42/PP

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

CALL ANNA  
631-234-0714



# OUR LADY

# QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

# Would you like to be an Angel or Shepherd?

This is an exciting opportunity for  
your child to become an active  
part of the Nativity story!

## Requirements:

At least 5 years old

Rehearsal at 1:00 on 12/20

Mass at 3:30 on 12/24



Email [theresa@stmli.org](mailto:theresa@stmli.org) by 12/9  
to participate. Please include...

Child's name

Child's age

Guardian's contact info

\*Spots are limited. Names  
will be accepted in the order  
they were received

# Calendar Club 2026

## 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: Deadline Sun Dec 14th\***

Buy FIVE entries and get a SIXTH on us!

Note: You must return your form and payment by Sunday  
December 14th.

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

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

# *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

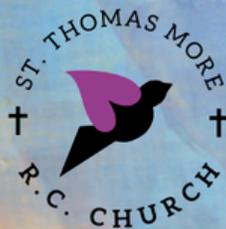
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Let us come together and celebrate this Solemnity, honoring the conception of our Blessed Mother Mary, free from original sin. Please join us for Mass, and consider praying this prayer below by St. Maximillian Kolbe.

*Immaculata, Queen and Mother of the Church, I renew my consecration to you for this day and for always, so that you might use me for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus in the whole world. To this end I offer you all my prayers, actions and sacrifices of this day.*

**MON DEC 8TH @ 9:00AM**

**MON DEC 8TH @ 7:00PM**



# Outreach Advent Calendar

Each day, add an item to a box. After Christmas, donate the box to the STM Outreach Pantry!

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- Day 1 Pancake Mix
  - Day 2 Spaghetti Sauce
  - Day 3 Coffee or Tea
  - Day 4 Syrup
  - Day 5 Canned Tuna
  - Day 6 Package of Spaghetti
  - Day 7 Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
  - Day 8 Oatmeal
  - Day 9 Jelly
  - Day 10 Peanut Butter
  - Day 11 Chef Boyardee Meal
  - Day 12 Rice
  - Day 13 Canned Soup
  - Day 14 Applesauce
  - Day 15 Rice
  - Day 16 Canned Beans
  - Day 17 Juice/Drink Mix
  - Day 18 Boxed Milk
  - Day 19 Box of Cereal
  - Day 20 Instant Potatoes
  - Day 21 Macaroni & Cheese
  - Day 22 Box of Crackers
  - Day 23 Canned Fruit
  - Day 24 Cookies





ST. THOMAS MORE  
+PARISH OUTREACH+

# Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is now up in the narthex and filled with tags! This year we will be collecting slipper socks, as well as diapers, wipes, and toddler clothing. We invite you to help us make Christmas special for those less fortunate in our neighborhood.

There is a table set up in the Narthex for your donations as well as a basket for gift cards. Please attach the tag to your donation. You can also put gift cards in the weekly collection basket or drop them off at the Outreach office.

There is no need to put gift cards in special envelopes or to wrap any gifts. Your generosity is always appreciated and is a clear reflection of who we are as a St. Thomas More parish family! Thank you and God Bless you and your families this Christmas season!

(Please submit all donations by December 14th)