

*Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

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# Gloria in excelsis Deo



**Christmas 2025**

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# From the Pastor

**Long ago in Persia, there ruled a wise and good king.** He loved his people. He wanted to know how they lived. Often, he dressed in the clothes of a working man or a beggar and went to the homes of the poor. No one whom he visited thought that he was their ruler. One time he visited a very poor man who lived in a cellar. He ate the coarse food the poor man ate. He spoke cheerful, kind words to him. Then he left. Later he visited the poor man again and disclosed his identity by saying, "I am your king!" The king thought the man would surely ask for some gift or favor, but he didn't. Instead, he said, "You left your palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the coarse food I ate. You brought gladness to my heart! To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself!" In Christmas we feel like the poor man, "To me, Jesus you have given yourself!"

**Today is Christmas.** We celebrate the birth of Jesus among us. When we celebrate anything concerning God it is not merely a sweet remembrance of some event God did to people in the remote past. God is eternal. His presence pervades our history, as alive and real today as he was in the past and will be in the future. He is ever present. The birth of Jesus is a present-day reality. In the faith and love of God, we can realize and allow God's birth in Jesus into our hearts and homes. How could the past event be a present reality in my life?

**As an event, Jesus' birth took place about 2025 years back.** He was born as a human child and grew up as a human person, embracing all human conditions even death. As much as He was a human person, He was also the divine person at the same time. Jesus was called Emmanuel, which means "God with us". The event took place in the past but His presence as God and Man continues forever. We can recall the event from the past while we can realize and feel His presence in the present, in our days and times. Jesus has given HIMSELF to us, to be with us forever.

**Christmas as an event** has lots of external symbols of decoration and celebration, such as Christmas tree lights, displays of Jesus' birth (creche and manger), families coming together, wearing red and green, wishing Merry Christmas, singing Christmas carols, etc. These external celebrations are the expressions of the internal realization of God's presence among us. Then, He came as a human child to be with us forever. Today, He comes to us in the Holy Mass and in the poor. Then, He was seen by the shepherds and wisemen. Today, He is available to whoever seeks Him with an open heart. Then, He was born a son of Mary and Joseph. Today, He wants to be a child in your heart and Home. May our celebrations be that of welcoming Him among us. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

With love and prayers,

Father Antony



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# A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Loving Father,

Help us to remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,

the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and

Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen

attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

PRAYING THAT THIS

# CHRISTMAS

FINDS YOU WITH PLENTY OF  
PEACE, HOPE, LOVE AND JOY.



our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# Rejoice!

For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And  
His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Might  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ON BEHALF OF THE VOLUNTEERS AT  
OUTREACH AND THE WONDERFUL FAMILIES  
WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR, WE WISH  
YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS DAY!



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

 **YOUNG AT HEART**

YOUNG AT HEART MEETS  
ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS  
TWICE A MONTH! JOIN US!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

CALL ANNA  
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**Children's Liturgy  
Crew**

*Sundays @ 9:30*



*Children ages 4-8 are invited to join  
our team to learn all about our faith  
during the 9:30 Mass on Sundays*

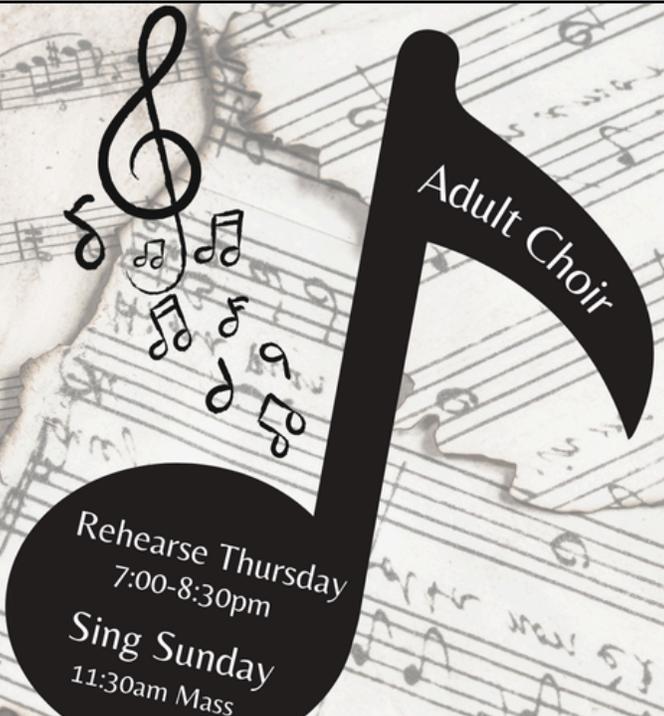
**Join us weekly!**

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



This day is a special  
celebration of Mary as the  
Mother of God, the  
Theotokos, she who is "more  
spacious than the heavens".

Mass will be held  
Wednesday December 31st at 5pm  
Thursday January 1st at 9am  
\*Holy Day of Obligation

  
Rehearse Thursday  
7:00-8:30pm  
Sing Sunday  
11:30am Mass

# CHRISTMAS

## A CATHOLIC TIMELINE



ANNUNCIATION

MAR 25

DEC 1

ADVENT 1  
"HOPE"

ADVENT 2  
"LOVE"

MARY & JOSEPH  
SET OUT FOR  
BETHLEHEM

ADVENT 3  
"JOY"

ARRIVAL IN  
BETHLEHEM

ADVENT 4  
"PEACE"

BIRTH OF JESUS!

OCTAVE  
OF  
CHRISTMAS



SOLEMNITY  
OF MARY

JAN 1

FEAST OF  
THE  
EPIPHANY

12 DAYS  
OF  
CHRISTMAS

JAN 6



PRESENTATION  
OF JESUS IN  
THE TEMPLE

FEB 2



# JOIN US ALL YEAR!

All are welcome to join us throughout the year at all our events and celebrations! Keep your eyes on the website or Instagram for more info!

## March

### St. Patricks Dinner

The 6062 Knights of Columbus hosts the annual dinner, featuring the classic Corned Beef and Cabbage! Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style!

## April

### Holy Week

We offer a wide range of services, starting on Palm Sunday (4/13) through Holy Week to Easter Sunday. Join us for these fundamental and beautiful celebrations of our faith.

## May

### Spring Sacraments

Pray for the children of our Parish as they receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation! Contact Religious Education if your child needs these!

## June

### Feast Weekend

Celebrate our Patron St. Thomas More and our Parish Family! Participate in the raffle, and join us for the annual Pancake Breakfast! On Pentecost, attend our still popular Parking Lot Mass, a callback to our resilience in 2020.

## Sept

### Beach Mass & Golf

Like golf? Play in our annual Golf Outing! Lots of fun, and a great fundraiser for our Parish. Like the beach? Join us for our annual Beach Mass in Nissequogue. A beautiful celebration of the Eucharist under the sun, by the waves!

## Nov

### Spaghetti Dinner

Join the 6062 Knights of Columbus for a veritable feast of all things pasta! Spectacular spaghetti, delicious desserts, and raffles to rave about!

## Dec

### Tree Lighting

We welcome Santa and the Peace Light each year for Mass and the lighting of the tree! Pictures with Santa and winter treats follow!

# 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

Deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> and the first winners will be announced in February. Thank you for your support of our Parish!

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

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