

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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January 11th 2026



This is my beloved Son

with whom I am well pleased.

This Week's Readings

- Isaiah 42:1-4,6,7
- Psalms 29:1-4,9-10
- Acts 10:34-38
- Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, January 10th

5:00pm Alphonse Cruz Manickam

Sunday, January 11th

Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Ted Rapone (healing)

9:30am Janet & Richard Weil

11:30am Al Weidig

Monday, January 12th

9:00am A. Mariadass

Tuesday, January 13th

9:00am Al Weidig

Wednesday, January 14th

9:00am A. Mariadass

Thursday, January 15th

9:00am Scarlett Reese Radziul

Friday, January 16th

9:00am Jaime Rodriguez

Saturday, January 17th

5:00pm Annamae Francese

Sunday, January 18th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Angelina Crociata

9:30am Kara Decker

11:30am Richard Stout

Elizabeth Casares



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. Hilary of Potitiers (1/13)
St. Anthony of Egypt (1/17)
Sts. Fabian & Sebastian (1/20)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18th 2025

Readings

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Psalm 40:2,4,7-10

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Focus Questions

1: Who came first: John or Jesus?

2: Would you have recognized Jesus when the Spirit came down?

Families: The Gospel says the Spirit came down "like a dove". What other ways can you see the Spirit taking shape?

Gospel of John (1:29-34)

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said,

'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him,

but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying,

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.

I did not know him,

but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Sometime back I happened to read a saying that goes like this: “**Live in such a way that those who know you but don’t know God, will come to know God because of you.**” It beautifully reminds us of the truth that each of us has a personal influencing spiritual power that if we begin to live it, people will experience in us a greater divine presence, which our words may fail to communicate effectively.

Today **we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.** As John the Baptizer expresses in today’s Gospel, if Jesus is the source and dispenser of Baptismal grace, then why did He ask John to baptize Him? Jesus as a human person received the rite of baptism in order to make the receiving baptism a moment of revealing the greater truth about himself, as God’s beloved Son. Baptism was the moment when God from heaven affirmed who Jesus is, by a sign and a voice. When Jesus came up from the water after Baptism, the Spirit of God descended like a dove coming upon him: this was the sign. A voice accompanied the sign saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

After Baptism, **Jesus began his public life of preaching the Kingdom of God.** After revealing the identity of Jesus at the time of Baptism, God commissions Jesus to begin talking about God and establishing God’s kingdom. Thus, Baptism is not only the moment of revelation but also the moment of initiating God’s active mission. Jesus went through the rite of Baptism to let us know that Baptism is the sacrament confirming God’s identity and God’s mission on those who receives it. In Baptism we become aware of our identity as God’s children and get initiated into God’s active mission.

The Catholic Catechism explains that **Baptism is a sacrament that not only purifies us from all sins,** but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," a member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit (CC 1262-1274). What happened to Jesus at His baptism is happening in our time for those baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We become God’s Children, Jesus’s brothers and Sisters, Temple of the Holy Spirit. Baptism empowers us to live as God’s Children. It brings us together as one Body of Christ, as a Church Community. In Baptism we receive the Grace of the Holy Spirit to live as witnesses to God’s work in and through us.

Every time when we **bleed ourselves with holy water while entering the church** we remind ourselves that we are baptized persons to live God’s identity and God’s mission. We have in us a God-given spiritual power to live in such a way that those who believe us, but don’t believe in God will come to believe God because of us. We have an influencing force within us to live in such a powerful way that those who believe in us but don’t believe in mercy, kindness and forgiveness, will come to believe in them and live them because of us. Let us live the grace and power of our baptism.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Anne "Nancy" Fornabia
 Elizabeth Casares
 Stacey Skrzypek
 Dennis Sudbrink
 Ian Anderson
 A. Mariadass

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	Emily Bolkas	Louise Soldo
Barbara Foberg	Helen Kovarik	Marge McGowan
Blair Rocchio	Jim Moran	Maria U Aldaba
Carol Ann Raucci	Jimmy Cannon	Maria Pipia
Christopher Conley	John Heller	Michael Minutillo
Christy Torkelsen	Joseph Beltrani Sr.	Nina Busse
Diane McCann	Joseph Tuffarelli	Noah Simonetti
Dolores Rudden	Larry Wilson	Nunzio Puleo
Ellen Murphy	Linda Heller	Patricia Stronczer
Baby Emerson Brae Mark	Lorraine White	Richard Landi
	Lou Savarese	

*This listing will reset on March 31st 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

January 12th - January 18th

In memory of

Thomas & Elizabeth Atkinson

by The Phelan Family

Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

Pray for our Clergy

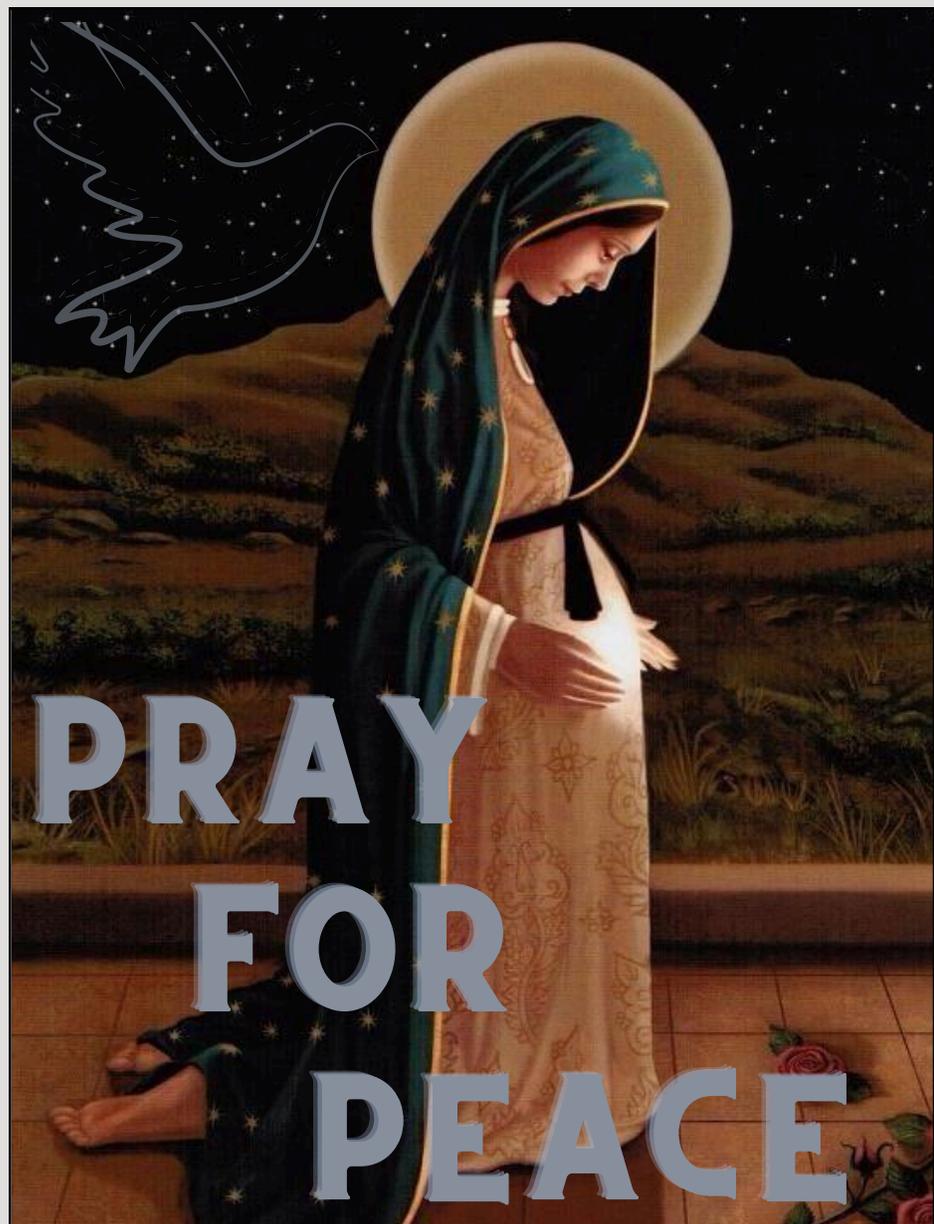
Father Antony Asir
 Deacon Robert Weisz
 Deacon Edward Vigneaux
 Deacon Matthew Surico
 The Capuchin Friars
 Bishop John Barres
 Pope Leo XIV

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:
January 3rd & 4th

\$6930

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

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.

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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

"For a child is born to us, a song is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests."

ISAIAH 9

During December and for Christmas, you helped us feed 64 families in our community, including 112 children and 110 adults! God Bless you!

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.

As we continue to celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus we would like to send a special thank you to all who made donations of gift cards, items from the Giving Tree, and food.

We would also like to thank the following donors:

The Hauppauge Fire Department

School Construction Consultants

1st Grade Religious Education Students

St. Thomas More Columbiettes Council #6062

Kate Llanos' 7th Grade Religion Class

Islip/Smithtown Chapter of UNICO

Dr. Vincent Sellaro Lodge #2319 Order Sons of Italy America

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Shampoo Drinks (Juices/Powdered)
Hand/Bath Soap Detergent (Pods/Small)
Paper Towels

*Our pantry is overloaded with canned and dried beans for the time being. We will let you know when we need more. Thank you!

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

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully? Please consider donating to our current Wall of Envelopes fundraiser. It's simple and one or more can purchase an envelope and possibly share in a cash prize.

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



Pre-Cana 2026

Please pray for these couples
on their journey to the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jennifer Falcone
&
Nicholas Tush

Deanna Knopf
&
John Cullen

Julie Mazzie
&
Andrew Opacke

Leanne Walsh
&
Erick Idtensohn

Rose Recce
&
Tyler Schiavone



To India, with Love

Please keep Father Antony in your prayers as he heads home on a well-deserved vacation to see his family and friends! We look forward to his safe return in February.

Bon Voyage!



Ash Wednesday

February 18th, 2025

Services

12pm

4:30pm



Masses

9am

7pm



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

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 15th 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!

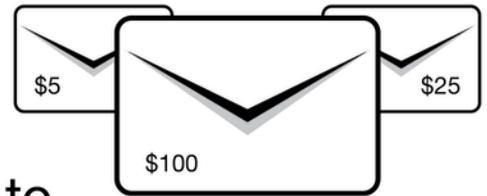
THE WALL OF ENVELOPES

Make a donation to: St. Vincent de Paul / St. Thomas More Conference

A Simple Way to Help Struggling Families

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select the amount you would like to donate by choosing the corresponding envelope.
- Envelope has raffle tickets inside.
- Larger the donation = More chances to win!



Example:

- Envelope #1 would be a \$1 Donation
- Envelope #2 would be a \$2 Donation
- And so on...

PRIZES

1ST PRIZE

\$500

2ND PRIZE

\$300

3RD PRIZE

\$200

Join us to celebrate the Feast Day of
ST. JOHN BOSCO

Patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers,
schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents.



All are welcome to celebrate the life and legacy of Saint
Don Bosco with dessert, coffee, and activities for kids!

JAN | 31 | 6 PM

in Walden Hall, following the 5pm Mass



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



