

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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January 18th 2026



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Psalms 40:2,4,7-10

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, January 19th

9:00am Henry Joseph Figel

Tuesday, January 20th

9:00am Alphonse Cruz Manickam

Wednesday, January 21st

9:00am Al Weidig

Thursday, January 22nd

9:00am Al Weidig

Friday, January 23rd

9:00am Norman Ruel

Saturday, January 24th

5:00pm Elizabeth H Casares

Sunday, January 25th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of STM

9:30am Helen Sirico

11:30am Larry Langone Sr (healing)



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

Sts. Fabian & Sebastian (1/20)

St. Agnes (1/21)

Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope (1/23)

St. Francis de Sale (1/24)

The Conversion of St Paul (1/25)

Sts. Timothy & Titus (1/26)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25th 2025

Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

Focus Questions

1: Jesus' call for repentance is an invitation to a change of heart. What needs to change in your life in order to more fully embrace the Gospel?

2: What have you left behind to follow Jesus?

3: Reflect on the ordinariness of Jesus' life before he began preaching. How does that speak to your life?

Families: What do you do to show you are a follower of Jesus?

Gospel of Matthew (4:12-23)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:
Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

“Nothing improves a person’s driving skills like the sudden discovery that his license has expired.” A license is not a guarantee that we will never cause or have an accident. A license is the privilege to drive even though we are all not perfect drivers. Drivers who are aware of the weakness and carelessness of both themselves and others will do better driving than those who claim the right to drive because they have the license to drive.

In today’s Gospel **John the Baptist knows his limitation as the prophet whose job is just to introduce Jesus** and nothing more. John was fully aware that Jesus ranks ahead of him and Jesus existed before him. He introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Then John said about himself, “I came baptizing with water that Jesus might be made known to Israel.” He was also aware that the Baptism of Jesus would be incomparable and superior to the baptism he was performing for the people. John came baptizing with water, but Jesus is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

The First reading is the **promise of God that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth** though the humble service of His Servant, as it happened in John the Baptist. He lived as God’s servant doing his great mission of introducing Jesus, acknowledging how his was a simple baptism in comparison to that of Jesus’ Baptism of fire and Holy Spirit. John understood God’s way of rendering Salvation as a servant would do. His mission was a God given privilege.

In life, **if we have the spirit of John the Baptist, we will be able to savor life better.** Each of us as God’s work is unique and incomparable. We are not a copy of any human being, not a program of anybody or any organization. We are not here to defend or defeat anybody. Our lifestyle is not any particular ideological implementation at the cost of losing our personal participation in life. Each of us is a unique expression God’s light and original act God’s salvation. We, like John the Baptist are called to serve each other God’s salvation through our uniqueness. God’s Salvation is executed among us in and through Jesus. Our life must be like that of John the Baptist a proclamation and indication of how and where God’s Salvation is effectively at work.

ParishSoft and Sacrificial Giving: I am grateful to you all who support our parish with your sacrificial offering every week. With your financial contribution we continue to do God’s work in Hauppauge. There is another way of making your offering called, offering electronically. This will ensure your support even on those Sundays you are not able to come to our Parish Church, due to various reasons. You can do it by a credit card or directly through the bank. I appreciate either of your choices. Please call the Church Office for the information.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Marianne Certa
Nunzio Puleo

Anne "Nancy" Fornabia
Elizabeth Casares
Stacey Skrzypek

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
Barbara Foberg
Blair Rocchio
Carol Ann Raucci
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Diane McCann
Dolores Rudden
Ellen Murphy
Baby Emerson Brae Mark
Emily Bolkas
Helen Kovarik

Jim Moran
Jimmy Cannon
John Heller
Joseph Beltrani Sr.
Joseph Tuffarelli
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lorraine White
Lou Savarese
Louise Soldo
Marge McGowan
Maria U Aldaba

Maria Pipia
Michael Jacobs Sr.
Michael Leocadi
Michael Minutillo
Michelle Chiarulli
Nina Busse
Noah Simonetti
Pat Cameron
Patricia Stronczer
Phil Cameron
Richard Landi

*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 19th - January 25th



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

Pray for our Clergy

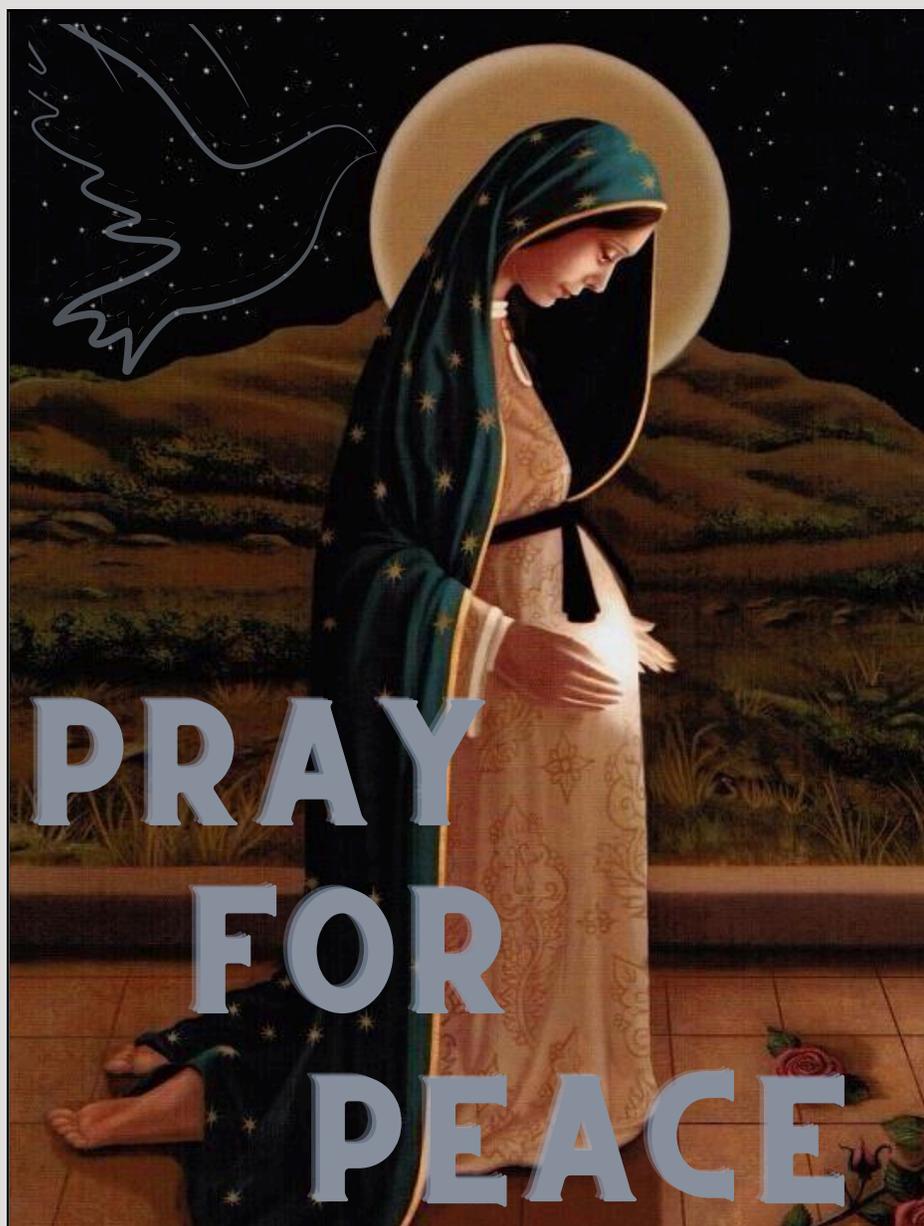
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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 10th & 11th

\$7359

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.

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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

"The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God."

JOHN 1:14A,12A

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.



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Shampoo Drinks (Juices/Powdered)
Hand/Bath Soap Syrup
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.



**"BLESSED are the
PEACEMAKERS,
for they will be called
CHILDREN OF GOD."** *Matthew 5:9*

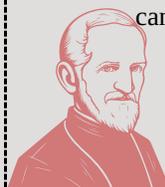
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

Through our Baptism we seek to be a sign of God's Spirit of love to all, especially those who are in need.

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



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



Baptisms in our church

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

Nicholas James Vilaca
child of Melissa & Pedro

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

Ash Wednesday

February 18th, 2025

Services

12pm

4:30pm



Masses

9am

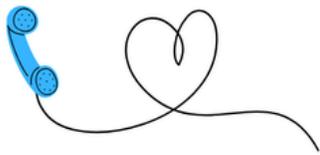
7pm



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP..



Parish Outreach is beginning a new ministry to reach out to our elderly and homebound. We are hoping to start at the beginning of February and are looking for volunteers who may be available one or two hours a week to make a "check in" phone call. We will have a meeting to discuss the protocol for these calls at the end of January.

If you are interested, please give Outreach a call at 631-234-3149 and we will take your information.

In order to complete this ministry, we need to identify those in our community who are living alone, elderly, or homebound. If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call once a week, please contact the Outreach office.

2025 Parish Contribution

To request a copy of your 2025 contributions for tax purposes, please write down your name and submit this form in the collection basket, or to the Rectory.

Alternative: scan the QR code!

Name: _____

*If you use Faith Direct (now ParishSoft Giving), you can obtain your tax information via their website.



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 31st 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!

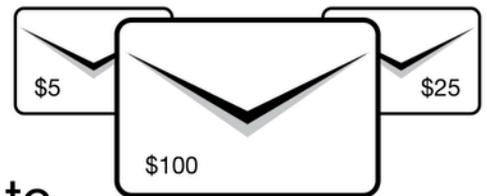
THE WALL OF ENVELOPES

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

**Drawing
THIS
WEEKEND
at
Hospitality!**

1ST PRIZE

\$500

2ND PRIZE

\$300

3RD PRIZE

\$200

*Go in
together!*
Chip in with a
friend to help
make this a
community effort!

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



WHAT IS *Ordinary Time*

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

-from usccb.org

