

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

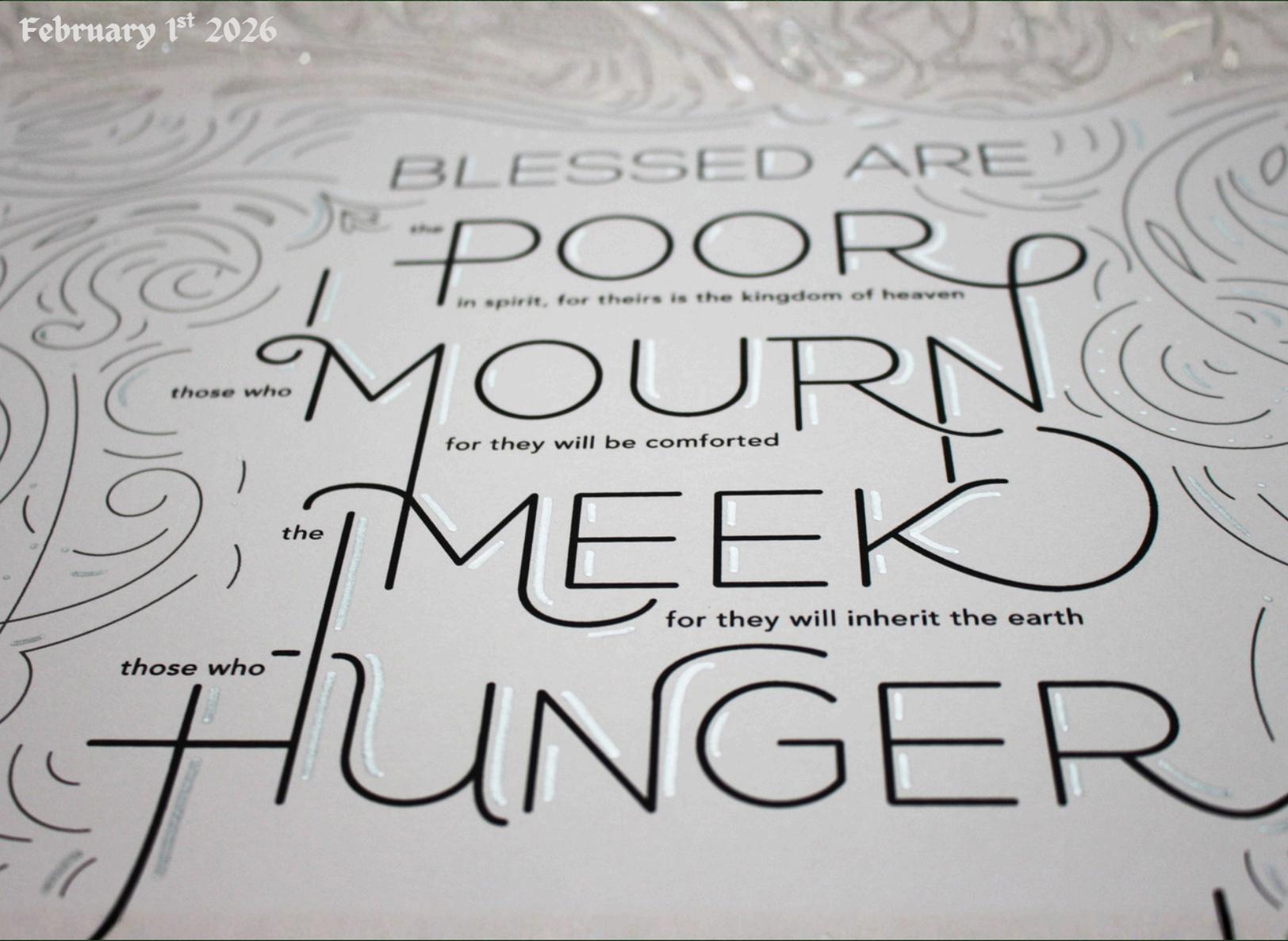
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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February 1st 2026



This Week's Readings

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Psalms 146:6-10

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, January 31st

5:00pm Nancy Fornabia

Sunday, February 1st

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Carlo Alberto Costagliola

9:30am Robert Bellini
Bobby Williams

11:30am Charles Walters
Deacon Thomas Samson

Monday, February 2nd

9:00am Al Weidig

Tuesday, February 3rd

9:00am Mary Romano (living)

Wednesday, February 4th

9:00am Geraldine Koudelka
Kowalchuk

Thursday, February 5th

9:00am Al Weidig

Friday, February 6th

9:00am Mary Anderson

Saturday, February 7th

5:00pm Ralph M Marcello
Mildred Duffy

Sunday, February 8th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Assad, Marian, & Carmella
Hanna

9:30am Maria Euginia Hernandez

11:30am James J Murphy Sr.
Patricia Repetti



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

Presentation of the Lord (2/2)

St. Blaise (2/3)

St. Agatha (2/3)

St. Paul Miki & Companions (2/6)

St. Josephine Bakhita (2/8)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1st 2025

Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm 112:4-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Focus Questions

1: Which image that Jesus uses - salt, light, or a city on a mountain - encourages you the most to do good to others?

2: How have you been a beacon of light to others?

3: What is the bushel basket that keeps you from sharing your light?

Families: Name some good deed that you do that God will be pleased with.

Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Yuri Gagarin returned from space and Khrushchev asked him a question: "**While you were up there, did you see god?**" Yuri replied: "Yes." Khrushchev said, "That's what I suspected, but don't tell anybody."

Yuri Gagarin traveled to Rome and met the Pope, who asked him a question: "While you were up there, did you see God?" Yuri replied: "No." The Pope said, "That's what I suspected, but don't tell anybody."

This is an imaginary humorous story. Its message is that God is not an abstract reality or a lofty idea to be proved to the satisfaction of the other. God is rather "the spiritual reality and encounter with a person which becomes one's life with a new horizon and a decisive direction." (Pope Benedict)

Today's Gospel portrays **God's way of 'ruling' or God's way of building His kingdom** among the humans. It lists at least eight Godly ways of experiencing God's kingdom among us. We call them eight beatitudes. They teach us that God, God's ruling, and God's kingdom are not what we usually imagine them to be. Human Kingdom means a particular territory, certain group of people as citizens, and specific style of ruling.

God's **kingdom includes all people**, every place on earth, and a Godly style of ruling. Like St. Paul points out in the second reading, it is not a community of people formed and built by human power but solely gathered by God. It is not any human excellence that keeps the kingdom efficient and alive but their experience of Jesus among them as God's wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption in whatever they think, say, and do. The kingdom is God's choice and not mere human achievement. As the Prophet Isaiah would put it, the kingdom's people are enlightened by God to walk in light; filled by God's abundant joy to live in great rejoicing. When God becomes the unifying and enlivening force of His Kingdom among His people, God would smash the yoke that burdened them, break the pole on their shoulder, and impede the rod of their taskmaster. (Isaiah 9:1-3)

The Gospel invites us to see **God's kingdom from the perspective of its citizens**. It demonstrates who the citizens are and what they should do and how they should live in order to feel the presence and benefit of God's Kingdom (ruling). Yes, God's rule includes all, but the poor, the meek, the merciful, the clean of heart, and the peacemakers are their citizens. They would inherit and feel the presence of God's Kingdom among them.

God's kingdom **belongs to those who live in God's qualities**. To be the people of God's Kingdom is not only a privilege but also a responsibility. To enjoy the benefits of God's Kingdom the citizens must qualify themselves. The qualification is not to boast what they can achieve but to open oneself to God to act in them. The citizens should commit themselves to live God's wisdom and humble themselves to God's power to act in them. They should reflect God's mercy in them which makes them merciful to each other. In short, God's ruling among the humans means each person becomes God's presence to the other.

Every day we pray Jesus's prayer 'Our Father' asking God His Kingdom to come. Let us try to open our heart and employ all our will and power to do His Will as it is done in Heaven. When we become doers of His will, we will experience the presence of God's Kingdom among us.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Edward Saltys
Joan Fagioli
Carmine DiLullo
Michael Leocadi

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

*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

February 2nd - February 8th

In memory of

Al Weidig

by Marcia & The Late Jack Gaudet

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

Pray for our Clergy

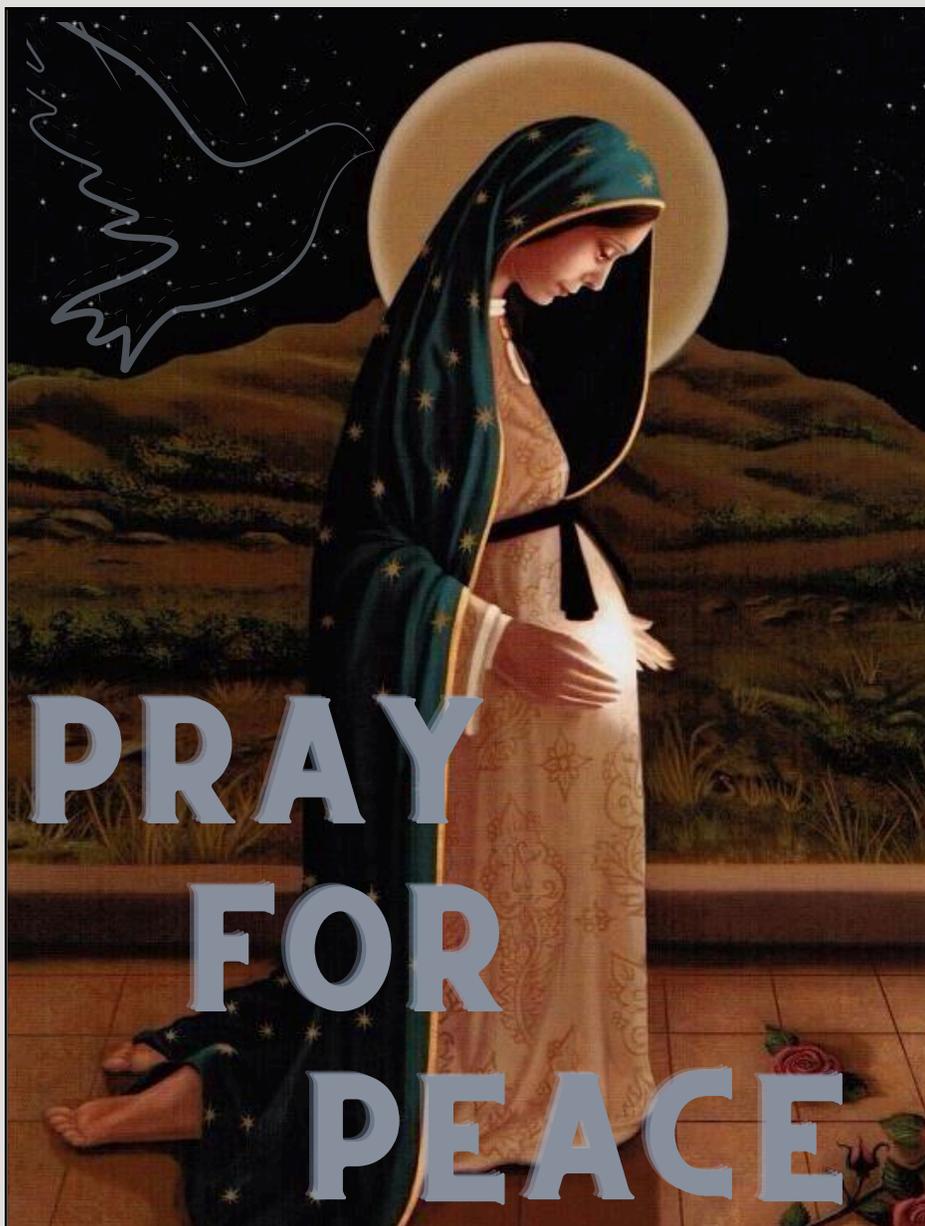
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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 24th & 25th

\$3190

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

"In this call to recognize Him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate."

POPE FRANCIS, GUADETE ET
EXSULTATE

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
Toothpaste 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!

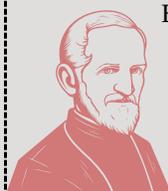
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "...went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Your support of our conference at St. Thomas More parish enables us to reach out to those in need. We are grateful to all those who supported our Wall of Envelopes fundraiser and congratulate the prize winners: Elizabeth Kane, George Brennon, and Mirable Calcagni. Thank you!



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:

Leonardo Anthony Dima
child of Rachel & Anthony

Matthew Donald Vigliarolo
child of Kerri & Michael

BANNS OF Marriage

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

JESSICA BOISROND-
CANAL

St. Matthew's
Dix Hills



CHRISTIAN
DAMOUR

St. Thomas More
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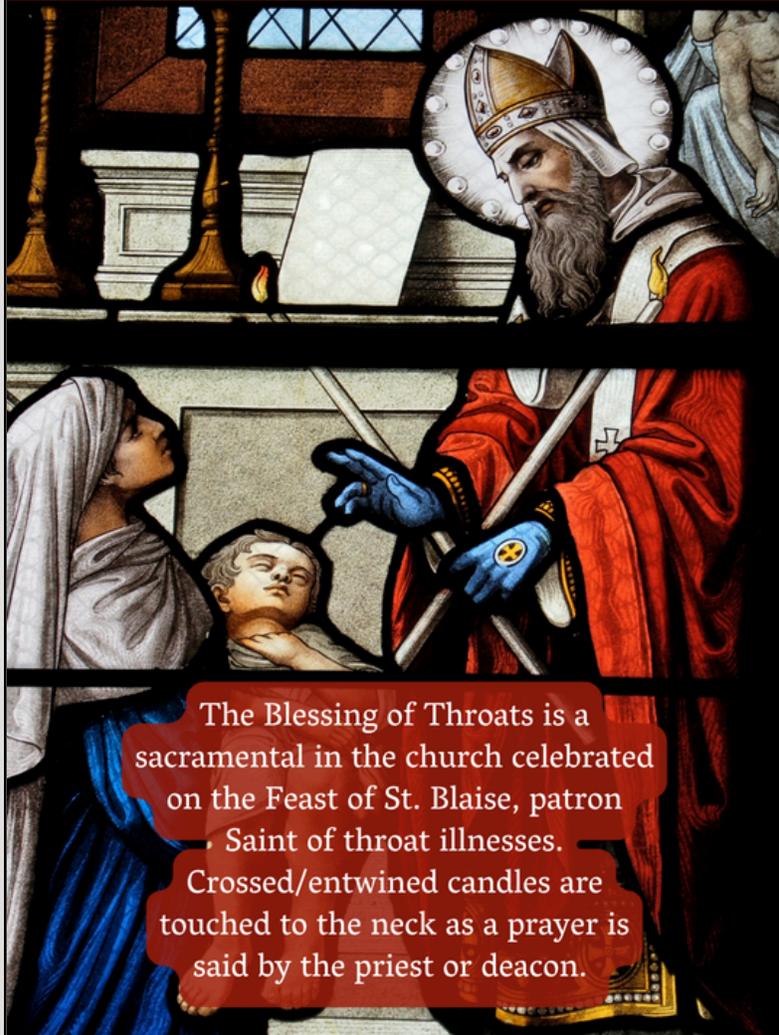
OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

Blessing of the Throats

FEB 3RD, AFTER 9AM MASS



The Blessing of Throats is a sacramental in the church celebrated on the Feast of St. Blaise, patron Saint of throat illnesses. Crossed/entwined candles are touched to the neck as a prayer is said by the priest or deacon.



NEXT MEETING:
FEBRUARY 13TH

JOIN US!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

CALL ANNA
631-234-0714

ParishSOFT® Giving

As FaithDirect was acquired and rolled into ParishSoft Giving, many parishioners are still having issues with their accounts. If you need help, please contact ParishSoft Support directly. We apologize for any inconvenience this process has caused, and we are looking into other options.

Thank you for your patience.

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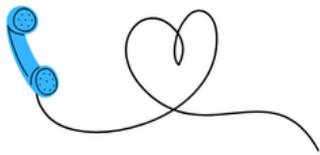
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“BLESSED *are the*
PEACEMAKERS,
for they will be called
CHILDREN OF GOD.”

Matthew 5:9



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.



Holy Hour

"As Christ Loves You"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt



Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."

1 John 4:9-11



Ash Wednesday

February 18th, 2026

Services

12pm

4:30pm



Masses

9am

7pm



Saints of January



Sts Gregory & Basil

Feast Day: January 2nd

Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Patron: Cappadocia, Monks

Known as the Cappadocian Fathers, friends known for supporting the Nicene Creed and Trinitarian theology and opposing heresies.



St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Feast Day: January 4th

Religious, Foundress

Patron: Catholic Schools

First person born in what would be US to be canonized. Established first Catholic girls school in the nation, and founded the Sisters of Charity.



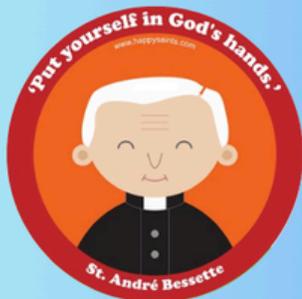
St John Neumann

Feast Day: January 5th

Bishop, Redemptorist

Patron: Catholic Education

Founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in US. Only male US citizen to be named a saint. 4th Bishop of Philadelphia.



St Andre Bessette

Feast Day: January 6th

Lay Brother

Patron: Montreal

Lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Credited with thousands of miraculous oil healings. Great devotee of St Joseph.



St Marianna Cope

Feast Day: January 23rd

Virgin, Religious

Patron: Lepers, HIV/AIDS

German-born American from Sisters of St Francis. Founding leader of St Joseph's Hospital (Syracuse). Cared for lepers in Hawaii, never got leprosy



St Francis de Sales

Feast Day: January 24th

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Patron: Deaf people, educators

Known for writings on spiritual direction and formation. Noted for his deep faith, and gentle nature during the Protestant Reformation.



Sts Timothy & Titus

Feast Day: January 26th

Bishops & Companions of Paul

Patron: Stomach disorders (Tim), Crete (Titus)

Disciples of the Apostle Paul in the first century AD. Multiple Epistles are addressed to them. Timothy was the first bishop of Ephesus (i.e. letter to the Ephesians), and Titus was the second bishop of Crete (after Paul)



St John Bosco

Feast Day: January 31st

Priest & Confessor

Patron: Children, Juvenile Delinquents

Devoted life help and education of disadvantaged youth. Follower of Francis de Sales, devotee of Mary Help of Christians. Founded the Salesians of Don Bosco (with whom our own Fr Lenny is serving).

