

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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October 11th 2026



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, October 10th

5:00pm The Leopold Family (living)

Sunday, October 11th

Twenty-eighth Ordinary

8:00am Edward Mansfield

9:30am John Racos
Tadeusz Pietrzak

11:30am James John
Philip Camera

Monday, October 12th

9:00am Julia Silva

Tuesday, October 13th

9:00am Fr. Joseph Mirro

Wednesday, October 14th

9:00am Benito Gaudio

Thursday, October 15th

9:00am Tony Sciortino

Friday, October 16th

9:00am Leo Ramos

Saturday, October 17th

5:00pm Maria Eugenia Pineda
Hernandez

Sunday, October 18th

Twenty-ninth Ordinary

8:00am Sue Robinson
Jose Mendes

9:30am Scott E. Smith
Chet Kalenty

11:30am Richard Stout
Joesph Beltrani Sr.



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. John XXIII (10/11)
St. Callistus I (10/14)
St. Teresa of Jesus (10/15)
St. Hedwig (10/16)
St. Ignatius of Antioch (10/17)
St. Luke the Evangelist (10/18)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18th 2026

Readings

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Psalm 96:1,3-5,7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Focus Questions

1: Jesus stands firm against the Pharisees when they flatter and try to entrap him. How can you stand against manipulation and focus on what is right?

2: How can we reconcile paying taxes that go to sources against Catholic teaching? (ex, unjust wars, capital punishment, abortions, etc)

Families: What of your God-given talents can you use to repay God?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Boy: If you give me your phone number I would give you a call.

Girl: It is in the phone book.

Boy: Good, what is your name?

Girl: It's in the same book, too.

The girl answered the boy's questions, but the boy did not get the needed information. They talked with each other but communicated nothing. Life is not just about doing something but savoring and becoming life itself.

Today's Gospel Story depicts life as a wedding banquet set for each of us to taste it. But as the story goes, all those who were invited refused to join the celebration.

Each one of the invitees had their own excuse to deny the king's invitation to the wedding dinner, one to his farm, another to his business. The worst was that some of the invitees laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. But the king did not want to stop the wedding feast because some of them refused to attend. Instead, he ordered his servants to go to all the high roads or by-roads to invite everyone they found.

The whole story is a parable to explain how God wants us to live our lives. The nature of life is not to live in our own self-built bubble with our own reasons and excuses. It is to join the big celebration that God puts forth. This celebration is not reserved only for any chosen or worthy person. It is an open invitation to one and for all without any discrimination, irrespective of their creed, color or status. All that is required to attend the wedding party is the same mindset of the king who wants to celebrate his Son's wedding. But if anyone comes with a different mindset they will be thrown out of the party. Today's parable explains the figure of the one who attended the party without party-attire.

The basic approach to life is one of celebration. Every moment of life, sorrow or joy, pain or blessing, can be celebrative if only we can liberate ourselves from our narrow perception of life and embrace it as a celebrative moment gifted to us from God. If only we have the right attitude towards life we will always live it as a moment of celebration.

Let us try to look at life more as a gift from God to be celebrated with joy than our own self-made bubble where we hide in for our own reason and excuses.

Let us pray that God fills us with a broader outlook on our life as God looks at it.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Rev. Frederick (Fred) Hill
Richard Landi
Jose Mendes

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

October 12th - October 18th



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
Ryan Smith	Allen Kirsch
Will Maley	Nicholas Gajda
Chris Capasso	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Luciano Corpora Ellis	Andrew Lynch
	Matthew P Dell'orto
	Timothy Fallon

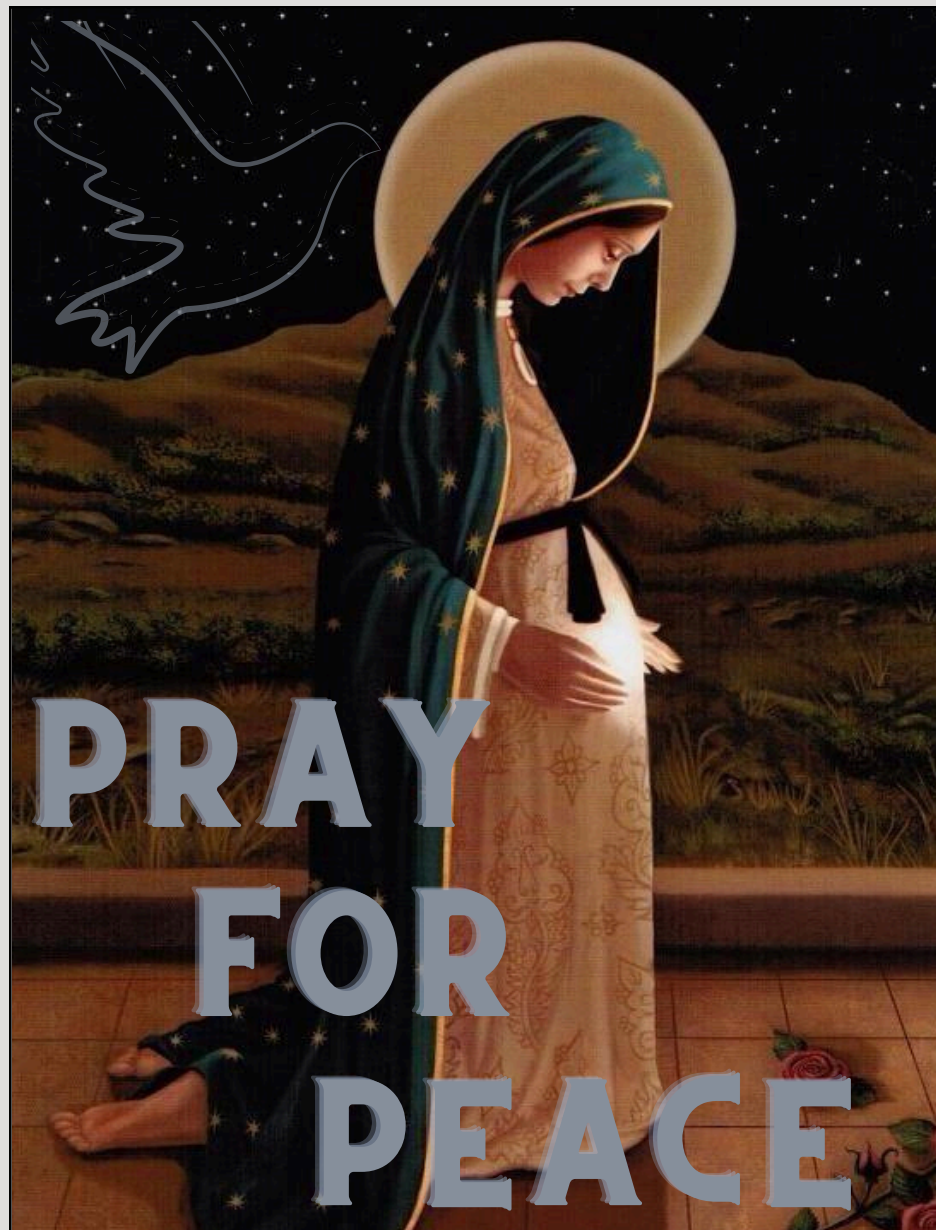
We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Aaron Serrano
Betty Vrontis
Ed Baer
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Joan Perks
Maria U. Aldaba
Pam Procaccini
Sinead Rodgers
Susan Furuno
Valentin Cedillo

*This listing will reset on March 31st 2027

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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
October 3rd & 4th

\$9099

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. There is a clothing bin in the back of the parking lot where clothing can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have household items, please call the Outreach office!

Parish Social Ministry

"True charity lovingly offers help, expecting nothing in return. In helping one another, we honor the body of Christ, wounded and at the same time in continual healing."

-POPE LEO

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.

Eastern Farm Workers Association

is a membership association of Suffolk County's farm workers and other low paid workers. They provide benefit programs like emergency food, preventative medical care, legal advice, and more. It is completely volunteer run and non-government funded.

They are urgently in need of a roadworthy vehicle. If you have a car that you are looking to donate, please contact Parish Outreach. EFW is also seeking volunteers to help during the holiday season. If you are interested, contact EFWA at 631-286-8004

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say, "Many are called, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor, by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Please check out our GOGREENflyer in this bulletin. Your donated household items will help our conference serve the needy of our parish.



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or
email svdp.stm@aol.com



Paper Towels
Soup
Laundry Detergent (small)
Snacks - Syrup
Pancake Mix

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.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Congratulations to our new
Grand Knight, Paul Gruner.

Want to join the Knights?

Have any questions?

Call Paul!

631-538-6334

pegruner@yahoo.com



Follow us on Facebook:

Msgr Francis S. Midura
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REV. FRED HILL

SEPT 29, 1941 - OCT 4, 2026

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Fr. Fred Hill, who entered eternal life on Sunday October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

Ordained in 1967, Fr. Fred served as chaplain for more than 30 years at the St. Catherine of Siena hospital and nursing home in Smithtown, retiring in June 2014.

He led our parish Lenten Mission in March 2015 with the topic "No Ifs, Ands, or Buts".

He began serving as a regular visiting priest in our parish for Sunday Masses starting in late August 2016, until the pandemic, and was known for his heartfelt and spiritually engaging homilies.



MAY HIS SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

SOCK DRIVE

Daisy Troop 1765

Please join us in helping kids in need within our own community by collecting new children's socks to benefit the Smithtown Children's Foundation, now through the end of October. There is a marked box in the Narthex!

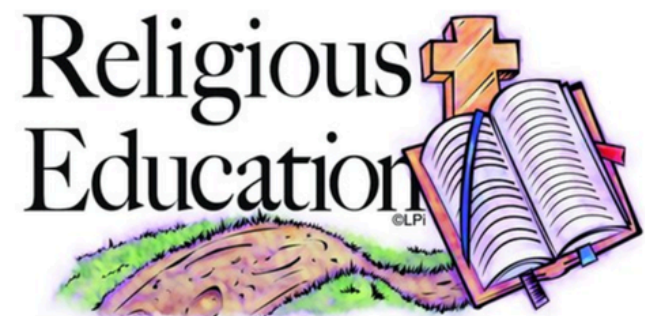


YOUNG AT HEART

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

NEXT MEETINGS:
OCTOBER 30TH: 12:30
HALLOWEEN LUNCH,
COSTUMES OPTIONAL!

NOVEMBER 13TH: 12:30
GUEST CHRISTOPHER
PETILLO, ELDER LAW
ATTORNEY



St. Thomas More
Religious Education Registration
2026/27 School Year
— Sharing the Spirit of Love —

If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



Calling All Singers

Love to sing?

Join the choir! The STM Choir is open to all postpubescent voices. Experience singing in a choir is helpful, but not a requirement.

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm, and we sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays!

Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.

Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

Go Green



Clothing Drive Plus

St Thomas More

115 Kings Hwy,
Hauppauge



St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting new and gently used items in the church parking lot on **Saturday, November 7th between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM**



We accept new and gently used items you may wear (clothing, shoes, jackets, handbags, jewelry, etc.) as well as linens, bedding, toys, sporting equipment, small household electronics, and goods.

(We recommend using white garbage bags for your donations.)

We are unable to accept VHS tapes, CDs, books, furniture, fragile or large items.

@gogreenclothingrecycling_Li

Baptisms in our church

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

Maxwell James Corcoran
child of Candace & Daniel

Harper Ann Mildon
child of Nicole & Nicholas

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

Find your community.

Every Catholic young adult group — one map.



findmylic.org

Ages 18+ - free



The Troops are Gathering

To Raise Money for
The St. Vincent dePaul Conference of St. Thomas More Parish

Military Bridge!

ATTENTION!



October 24, 2026
Doors Open: 6:00pm
Instructions: 6:45pm
Game Begins: 7:00pm

No Game Knowledge needed.
We will teach you.

A great way to
mix & mingle with parish friends

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Finger Foods
- Wine, Beer, & Soda
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person
*Adults Only



At St. Thomas More Church

(Following the 5pm Mass)

Get your tickets NOW!

No Tickets sold at the Door



Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 10/3, 10/10, and 10/17

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

ALLHALLOWTIDE

AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Allhallowtide is a triduum including All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) and All Souls' Day. It is a time to remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians.

Teens, Tweens, &
Families join us for a

HALLOWEEN PIT-STOP

CANDY, TREATS, &
SPOOKY ENTERTAINMENT

31 October

Open 1pm-5pm

St. Thomas More
Church, Hauppauge

Stop by or stay for a while.
Find us in the White Room!
(side entrance of church)



All Saints Costume Mass

Sunday November 1st

9:30am

Children are encouraged to join us in their
Halloween/All Saints Costumes. Show off those
cool looks, and learn a little something about our
faith at the same time!



ALL SOULS' DAY

A special memorial Mass will be held at St. Thomas
More. All are welcome to join us to celebrate and
remember our loved ones who have gone on to
God's Kingdom before us.

MASS
MONDAY
NOV 2ND 7PM



How to pray the Rosary



1: Make the Sign of the Cross

2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed

3: On the first bead, say an Our Father

4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each

5: Say the Glory Be

6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father

7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.

8: After finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

1. The Annunciation to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist



CLARIFYING CATHOLICISM

Marian Antiphons

As Catholics tend to have a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, it is not surprising that we have written many hymns, odes, and lauds in honor of her. There are four specific ones that have long held prominence referred to as "The Marian Antiphons". These are seasonal and are sung each night at the end of Compline (night prayer). If you've been attending Masses in the last month here at STM (particularly 11:30) you might have heard one of them after Communion! As the year progresses we will continue to chant the seasonal antiphon after Communion, and we hope that over time you will learn them and join your voices with ours!

Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen)

Probably the most well recognized, we sing this from Trinity Sunday until the beginning of Advent. In addition, Hail Holy Queen is the final prayer when reciting the Rosary

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our
life, our sweetness and our hope.*

*To thee do we cry, Poor banished children of
Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.*

*Turn then, most gracious advocate, Thine
eyes of mercy toward us: And after this our
exile, Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet
Virgin Mary.*

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Loving Mother of our Redeemer)

Our Advent/Christmas antiphon, this will be sung from the first Sunday of Advent until Candlemas (the presentation of Jesus in the Temple).

Ave Regina caelorum

(Hail, O Queen of Heaven)

After Candlemas (2/2) we begin this antiphon, carrying through until the Wednesday of Holy Week

Regina caeli (Queen of Heaven)

Easter has come, and
we sing of the Queen of
Heaven from Easter
Sunday until Pentecost.

