

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

JULY 7TH, 2024

PROPHETS
ARE
NOT
WITHOUT
HONOR
EXCEPT
IN
THEIR
HOMETOWN



IMAGE GENERATED BY DALL-E 3

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.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote:

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



Office Contacts

Rectory:

(631) 234-5551

rectory@stmli.org

Religious Education:

(631) 234-0397

reled@stmli.org

Outreach:

(631) 234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Masses July 6th - July 14th, 2024

Saturday, July 6th:

5pm- Annette Citarella *by Michael & Vivian Jacobs*

Sunday, July 7th: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Rev Peter Miqueli *by Dcn Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

9:30am- Dorothea Starr *by Dorothy & Bob Smith*

11:30am- Kenny Granville *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

Livia Liberatoscioli *by Chris & Kevin Tellekamp*

Monday, July 8th:

9am- John Challice *by The Iacometta Family*

Tuesday, July 9th:

9am- Jason Oscar (living) *by Joan Oscar*

Wednesday, July 10th:

9am- Antonia Leonidas dela Cruz Fernandez *by The Torres Family*

Thursday, July 11th: St Benedict

9am- Patricia Orzano *by Dottie & Phil Castaldo*

Friday, July 12th:

9am- Guillermo Morcillo *by The Rodriguez Family*

Saturday, July 13th:

5pm- Michael Marcello *by The Dublynn Family*

Henry Thoben *by Walter & Terry Happe*

Sunday, July 14th: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Kenneth Scaduto *by Dcn Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

9:30am- Agnes Gajda *by Carolyn & Peter*

Christopher Loring *by Joan Loring*

11:30am- Marie Papola *by Cass & Al Nagy*

Kenny Granville *by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton*

Mark 6:7-13 (Ordinary 15)

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick— no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Focus Questions for Ordinary 15

Mark 6:7-13

- 1: Relate a time when you were sent with another person to perform a specific task.
- 2: How do you feel called to spread the Good News?
- 3: Describe a time when you felt called to simplify your life.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about a time when you overcame obstacles to help someone else.

Readings for This Week

July 7th, 2024 (Ordinary 14)

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm 123:1-4

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

Readings for Next Week

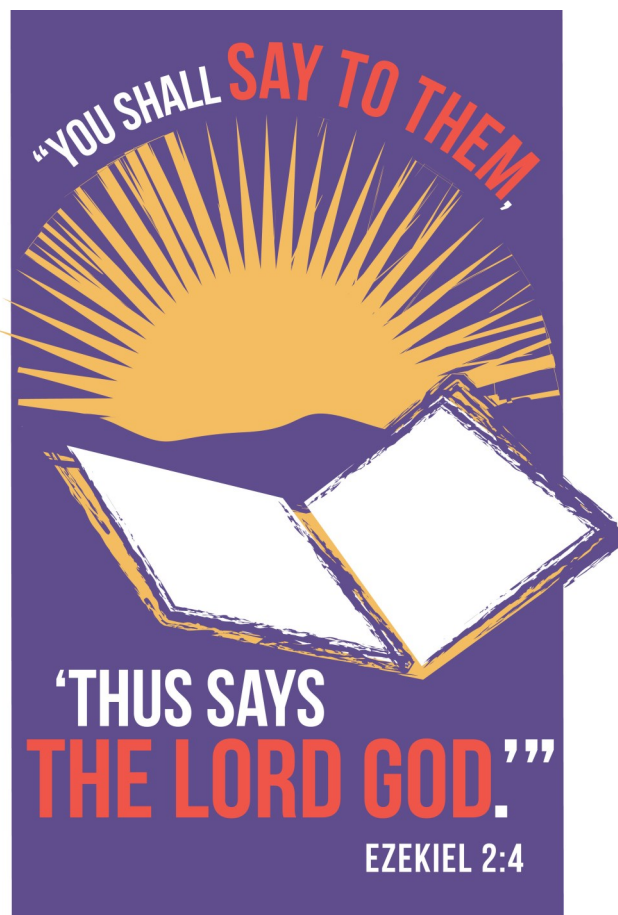
July 14th, 2024 (Ordinary 15)

Amos 7:12-15

Psalm 85:9-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer. Now, let's try that again. Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, sir.

If everyone begins to show off his authority, then soon life will become a battle of powers. Then power will decide what is right and what is to be eliminated. Also, the majority, as a definition of power, will decide for the minority. But God does not go by power or majority. God loves us even when we are powerless and weak.

The first reading says that God sends his prophet with a good message even though the Israelites were rebellious against God. In the second reading Paul shares his personal experience. God's grace is not a reward of our good deeds but sufficient support in our weakness. The responsorial psalm states that God is the God of Mercy who saves the poor and the weak.

We find in the Gospel that the people are astonished at the wisdom of Jesus. They could not comprehend how he could get such wisdom while he was coming from a poor family circle, from the village of Nazareth, from where no good can come (John 1:48). After all, he was a carpenter's son. The people were familiar his whole family, Mary his mother, his brothers and sisters. What He was did not match with the background that He came from. Then, where did he get all his wisdom? What kind of wisdom has been given to him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands? There is something very unusual with Jesus. The worldly way is, 'Power generates power' and 'wisdom begets wisdom.' How can the weak and poor carpenter be a mighty worker and wisdom speaker?

What they found in Jesus was just the opposite of what the world would expect from Jesus from His background in Nazareth. God's grace deals with us not according to worldly calculation. He turns the human weakness into God's strength. Through human nothingness God expresses the divine greatness. If we believe God's grace working in us, we will agree with St. Paul that we are strong when we are weak, because it is not we who do, but God's grace that does everything in us. Let us turn to God and allow God's grace to act in us. Let us surrender to God to transform all our weakness into the wonderful manifestation of his Power. Let us be led by God's wisdom. Let us live by God's power.

You might have seen the flags around the parking lot. It is for the Marian festive mass that Sri Lankan community have after 11:30 mass today. They celebrate their coming together once a year in the name of Blessed Mother Mary.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
June 29th & 30th

\$6291

Thank You!

*St. Thomas More Parish needs your support
now more than ever!*

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.

Calendar Club Winners

7/1 (\$25): The Daley Family (803)

7/2 (\$25): Ellie Stout (424)

7/3 (\$25): Vincent Cordina (465)

7/4 (\$25): Jim & Marie Marsala (382)

7/5 (\$25): Linda & Rich Ronning (917)

7/6 (\$25): Michele Cloke (451)

7/7 (\$50): Emma Tjersland (1126)



Staff

Pastor

Father Antony Asir

pastor@stmli.org

Deacons

Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico

deacon.matt@stmli.org

Deacon Edward Vigneaux

Deacon Robert D. Weisz

Rectory

Theresa Recce (sacraments)

theresa@stmli.org

Dottie Castaldo (finance)

finance@stmli.org

Alex White (operations)

rectory@stmli.org

Religious Education

Mary Ellen Carroll, DRE

mecarroll@optonline.net

Linda Ronning

reled@stmli.org

Joanne Anelli

Youth Ministry

Noelle White

youthgroup@stmli.org

Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Director

631-724-8820

Contact

Ministry

Parish Outreach

Marti White

outreach@stmli.org

Pastoral Council

Barbara & Joe Fratamico

bjfrat1@gmail.com

Altar Servers Ministry

Deacon Matt Surico

altarservers@stmli.org

Eucharistic Ministers

Patty Citro

pcitro78@yahoo.com

Lector Ministry

Mike Petagna

mpetagna22@gmail.com

Hospitality Ministry

Ellie Stout

gram11@optonline.net

Consolation Ministry

Eileen Weidig

631-724-2462

OCIA

Ann Russo

redaa@aol.com

Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani

631-234-0714

Contact

Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Jim Marquette
Baby Kaden	Mia Mednick (10yrs)
Ana Beltrani	Ellen Murphy
Gregory Bennett	Bernice Noeker
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Matt O'Connell
Christine DiFilippo	Nancy O'Connell
Rocco DiMaggie	Deacon Al Pankus
Linda Dowling	Joseph Platia
Robert Ferro	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Stephanie Goodhart	Richard Ronning
Joan Kelly	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Richard Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Ellen Lentino	Laura Vigneaux
Frank Lewis	Debbie Ward
Eileen Macholz-Barr	



*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Edward Boney
 Patricia Algar
 Judith Nan MacDonald
 Lauren Weiler
 Olga Gunther

John Reddy
 Erin Fafard

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

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
Christopher Sidor	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Ryan Smith	Andrew Lynch
Will Maley	



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

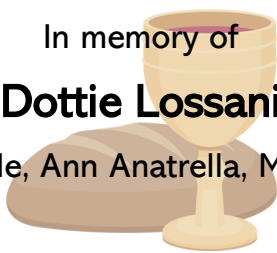
Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

7/8-714

In memory of

Dottie Lossani

by Judy Coyle, Ann Anatrella, Mary Romano



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

Pray for our Clergy

Fr Antony Asir	Deacon Bob Weisz
The Capuchin Friars	Deacon Matt Surico
Fr Lenny Carlino	Bishop John Barres
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	Pope Francis



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.



Parish Social Ministry

“The only thing of importance when we depart will be the traces of love we have left behind.”
~Albert Schweitzer



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM
631-234-3149
Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs this week:

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Jelly
Canned Vegetables
Chef Boyardee
Cereal
Drink/Drink Mixes
Tea
Packaged Milk
Shampoo
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

All the donations to restock our shelves!!
We appreciate all of your donations!



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.

FYI...

Long Island Virtual Career Fair on July 10th
The State Department of Labor will conduct an online career fair from 11am to 2pm Wednesday July 10th. Three dozen employers are looking for employees. A preview day to learn about job opportunities begins at 9am Tuesday July 9th. Register online at nysdolvirtual8.easyvirtualefair.com or call 1-888-469-7365

Cooling Assistance Benefit

NYS 2024 Cooling Assistance Benefit helps eligible households buy and install a home air conditioner or fan. If you are eligible, you may receive one benefit per applicant household to help your home stay cool. For details, go to www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap or call 631-854-2300 x3

Free Community Lecture sponsored by the American Parkinson Disease Association

“Little Talked About Symptoms of Parkinson’s Disease”
Monday July 15th 12:20-2pm at St Charles Hospital Wisdom Conference Center. Registration is required, call 631-862-3560, a light lunch will be served.



In today's Gospel the people ask: “How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?”

Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, many “miraculous deeds” are accomplished for the poor. These miraculous deeds only occur through your generosity. Thank you!

We can be reached at 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish



Communion for the Homebound

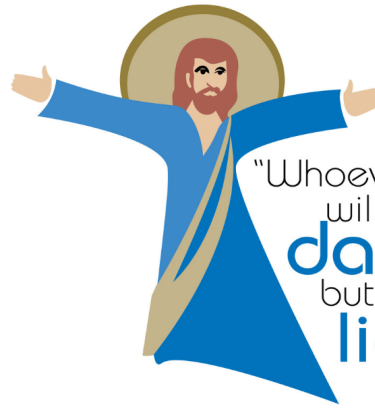
As a parish, we would like to make you aware of our ability to bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. It is a privilege and responsibility that we do so. We ask that you call the rectory to request Communion in the home.

Please note that if you or a loved one is in need of Communion to be brought to the home, we must adhere to the following guidelines, for the safety of both the recipient and our Eucharistic Ministers:

If anyone in the home is suffering from a contagious illness, we are unable to enter the home.

There must be a companion with the recipient to

Have you been called by Name?

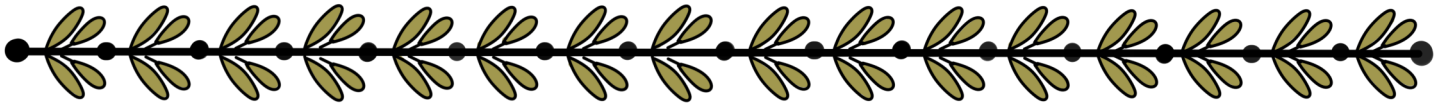


"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

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.

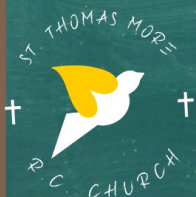
Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As a result of Original Sin, human nature has been weakened, subject to ignorance, suffering, and this, which is our inclination to sin.

- a: concupisence
- b: ex opere operato
- c: consequence
- d: imitation



Answer: A (CCC 418)

In Our Parish

In July and August, as he has done for the past five summers, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home. Do you have questions about our faith? Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, or suggestions you'd like to make? The floor is yours!

Deacon Matt will be the facilitator. The format is simple: find around 6-10 people to gather at your home on a specific date, serve dessert, and come with your questions/topics.

Deacon Matt is especially interested in hearing the voices of the young. So teenagers and young adults are most certainly encouraged to get a group together!

In general, late afternoons/early evenings during the week, and possibly Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings, are available. To discuss a specific date, you can send an email to deacon.matt@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.

 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† R.C. CHURCH †

This & That

With
Deacon Matt



Wedding Congratulations!

Saturday June 29th we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with Elizabeth DeMonte and Dustin Mariboe. Please keep this newly wed Catholic couple in your prayers as they continue their journey together!



A Visit from Fr Lenny

We are so grateful that Father Lenny took time out of his vacation to visit us at STM and say a few Masses. Please keep him in your prayers as he heads back to the DC Metro area to continue his priestly service as the Director of Youth Ministry at the Don Bosco Christo Rey School.



BEACH MASS 2024

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
8TH @ 12PM

OTTO SCHUBERT BEACH
NISSEQUOQUE

ST. THOMAS MORE
R.C. CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

DISCOVER JESUS THRU
VIDEOS, GAMES, PRAYER,
& COMMUNITY SERVICE

12:30-2:30PM | CLASSROOM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

14 JULY

28 JULY

11 AUGUST

25 AUGUST

TEENS OF ALL AGES INVITED!

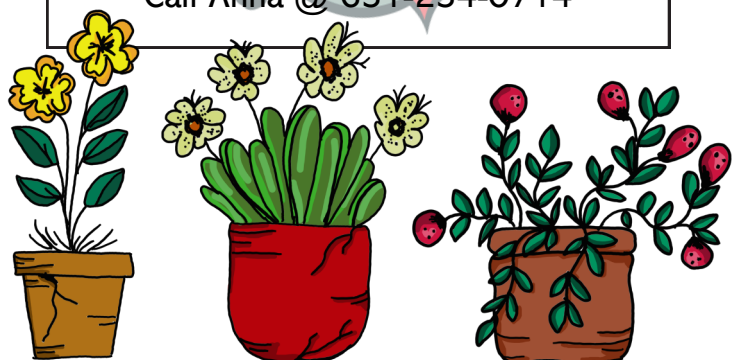
Join the Choir!

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? DO YOU LIKE TO
PRAISE GOD? HAVE YOU TRIED DOING BOTH
AT THE SAME TIME?

THE CHOIR SEASON IS OVER FOR THE
SUMMER, BUT WE WILL BE BACK IN
SEPTEMBER, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN
OUR RANKS! ITS A SMALL COMMITMENT
THAT CAN LEAD TO BIG SPIRITUAL
SATISFACTION! ADULTS AND CHILDREN!

QUESTIONS? TALK TO EMILIA OR ALEX
AFTER MASS, OR CALL THE RECTORY

Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!
Next Meeting: Fri July 12th
Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Fri July 12th, 12:30pm
Young At Heart

Sun July 14th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Wed July 17th, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday
5:00 PM

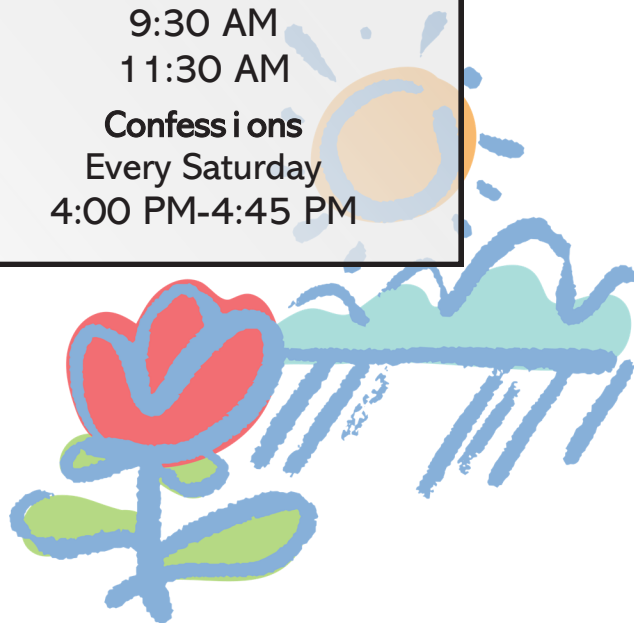
Sunday
8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

Confessions
Every Saturday
4:00 PM-4:45 PM

....LIVE FOR THE
PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.



E P H E S I A N S 1 : 1 2



OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

ادعو لنا

молися за нас

bete
für
uns

ruega por nosotros

молитесь за нас

pray for us

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

התפלל למענו

ora
pro
nobis

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 9TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$190 per golfer
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing- 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 or Tom Prunty @ (631) 682-4177

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL, BULLETIN, OR LIT RACK FOR REGISTRATION

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/9/24 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start



Registration Form

Golfers:	Name	Contact Number
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

Please fill out a separate form for each Foursome. Singles or Twosomes will be paired with other golfers.

Include a check for **\$190.00** per golfer made out to: St. Thomas More Parish

Registration begins at **7:30 AM** with coffee and donuts.

Dinner Only Patrons: Please include a check for **\$90.00** per person made out to St. Thomas More Parish

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

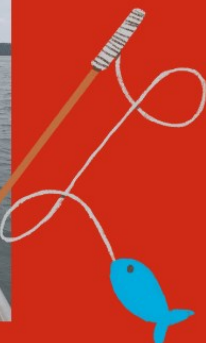
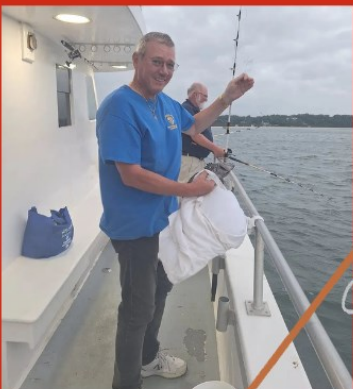
Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Many thanks go out to everyone who came out for Bingo to play, as well as all the Columbiettes who worked so hard to make this event possible and lots of fun! There were many prizes, delicious food, and good company!



Meanwhile...our Knights were out fishing!



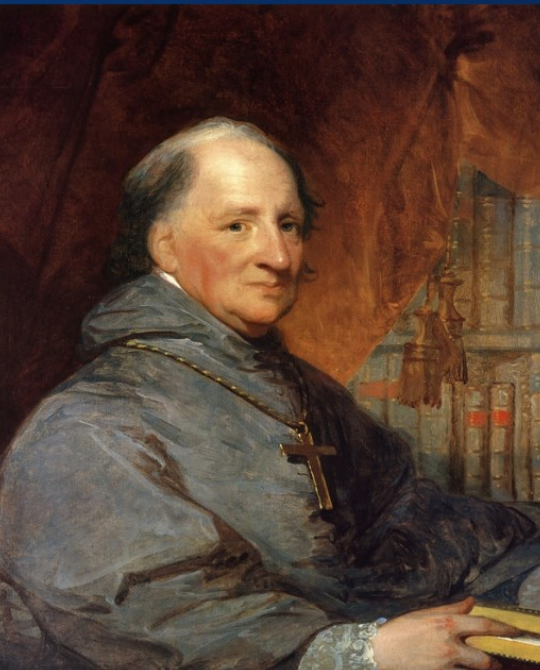
John Carroll

AMERICA'S FIRST BISHOP

Born in 1735 in the Province of Maryland, John Carroll was first home-schooled, then sent to a secret Catholic School run by Jesuit Reverend Thomas Poulton (Catholic education was illegal in the Province of Maryland). At 13 he was sent to study in France, joining the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) at the age of 18.

After returning to America in 1773 due to the suppression of the Society of Jesus, he worked as a missionary in Maryland and Virginia (it was still illegal to establish a Catholic Parish in Maryland), eventually building a small chapel on his family's land called St. John the Evangelist.

In the time following the American Revolution, as anti-Catholic sentiment and laws were loosened, Carroll became a prominent figure in establishing an American Catholic Church. In 1784, Pope Pius VI appointed him as "Provisional Superior of the Missions for the United States" with the authority to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. During this time he worked to refute anti-Catholic misinformation, and fought proposals to establish a Protestant denomination as a state religion.



In 1789, Pius VI approved a recommendation from the Catholic clergy in Maryland to appoint John Carroll as the first Bishop of Baltimore (the only Diocese in the newly established USA). He served in that role until his death in 1815.

FUN FACT

Bishop Carroll strongly argued that Catholics should be able to read and hear the scriptures in their own language, and insisted that priests perform liturgical readings in the vernacular. He encouraged both clergy and laity to purchase English bibles so they could read and learn from the scriptures. Despite his push, he was unable to get the support from the Vatican.

An American flag with stars and stripes, waving across the top of the page. The stars are in the upper left corner, and the stripes extend across the top and down the right side.

Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carrol (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

AMEN