



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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses July 27th - August 4th, 2024

Saturday, July 27th:

5pm- Arthur D'Antonio by The Crudden Family Edward Boney by Fran & Walter Duffy & Girls Sunday, July 28th: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am- Joseph Codispoti by Paul, Kathy, Amanda Borowski 9:30am- Eleanor Thompson by The Recce Family 11:30am- Patrick Kelly by Arleen & Ed Rogan Linda Esposito by The Reistetter Family Monday, July 29th: Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus 9am– Rosemarie Scopo by The Calcagni Family Tuesday, July 30th: 9am- James John by Joan Oscar Wednesday, July 31st: St Ignatius of Loyola 9am- Andre Wilson by Maureen Hayes Thursday, August 1st: St Alphonsus Liguori 9am- Andrew Paino Sr by Chris & Andy Paino Friday, August 2nd: 9am- Joseph Codispoti by Ellie Stout Saturday, August 3rd: 5pm- Bill Lentino by Wayne & Kim Boney Paul Linder by Theresa & Walter Happe Sunday, August 4th: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am- Larry Micera by Toni & Steve Mattessich

9:30am- Peter Christopoulos by Joyce & Jim D'Arienzo

11:30am- Patricia Loiacono by Andrea Mullin

Michael Marcello by Thomas & Kam Prunty

Readings for This Week

July 28th, 2024 (Ordinary 17)

2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-11,15-18 Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

John 6:24-35 (Ordinary 18)

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 18 John 6:24-35

1: What do you thirst for? How can Jesus sate your thirst?

2: How can you work for the food that endures for eternal life?

3: Relate a time when you hungered for more than food, and Jesus answered the call.

Family & Children's Question: Transubstantiation means the bread we eat during Mass is Jesus himself. Discuss the importance of Jesus himself being the bread of life.

Readings for Next Week August 4th, 2024 (Ordinary 18) Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Psalm 78:3-4,23-25,54 Ephesians 4:17,20-24 John 6:24-35

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A schoolteacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says that happens at home." We live what we believe. We stay away from what we doubt. To believe is not about what we can or cannot do, but what kind of activity we choose to empower.

In today's first reading the servants of Elisha expressed their inability to fulfill his wish, that they had not enough food to feed a hundred people. But Elisha invited them to believe in divine abundance to meet the human insufficiency. He fed them and when they had eaten, there was some left over. Elisha made them believe not in human limitation but in divine abundance. Thus, the human limitations were met by God's abundance.

Today's Gospel also narrates how the divine abundance met the human insufficiency. The disciples were asked by Jesus to feed a larger crowd. They had no bread with them. Their inability to feed them all was expressed by Philip, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." Peter clearly stated their helplessness saying, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Humans see how weak and insufficient they are. But God treats the weak and insufficient moments of the humans as occasions/openings of allowing God to work through and among them. The boy's five barley loaves and two fishes, which were an insufficient quantity of food for a larger crowd, became more than enough quantity of food in and through the person of Jesus among them. By ourselves we will be insufficient to meet the need of a bigger crowd. But allowing God to work through our insufficiency, the abundance of God will meet all the needs of our humanity. As the limited quantity of bread from the boy was multiplied, human insufficiency can be turned into God's abundance.

If we consider that we are nothing more than just what we can do, we will not be able to do anything beyond our capacity. Our capability would become our limit. But God has given us spiritual strength which our heart can generate by believing in God and allowing God to work in us. We may value ourselves to be not more than five loaves and two fishes which may feed just our hunger. But if we offer ourselves and our resources into God's hand, we and ours will be multiplied into food for five thousand people and above. Let us consider our limitations as an opening for God to come into us. Let us offer ourselves into the hands of God that we may live as God's miraculous abundance.

My summer visit to India: I am leaving for India on July 31st to visit my mom. I will be with her and my brothers' families for the whole month. See you all in September!

With love and prayers,





Parish Operations



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.

Staff

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JANUARY Calendar Club Winners MARCH
7/22 (\$25): Maureen Fallona (1214)
7/23 (\$25): Deacon Bob Weisz (1089)
7/24 (\$25): Stephanie Scaduto (1265)
7/25 (\$25): Erik & Christine Tjersland (477)
7/26 (\$25): William Waters (190)
W T 7/27 (\$25): Rita Malavet (10) T W T
7/28 (\$50): Francis & Charlene Dowd (1128)



Ministry

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne Baby Kaden M Ana Beltrani Gregory Bennett Steve Cotsalas Sr Christine DiFilippo Rocco DiMaggie Linda Dowling Robert Ferro M Stephanie Goodhart MaryAnn Landi Richard Landi Ellen Lentino Pa Eileen Macholz-Barr A

Jim Marquette Mia Mednick (10yrs) Ellen Murphy Bernice Noeker Matt O'Connell Nancy O'Connell Deacon Al Pankus Joseph Platia Nunzio Steve Puleo Richard Ronning Noah Simonetti (2yrs) Louise Soldo Patricia Theiergartner Andrew M Valentine Debbie Ward

*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:

Troy A. Maida Connor Hendrickson Evan Hendrickson Christopher Sidor Ryan Smith Will Maley

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

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

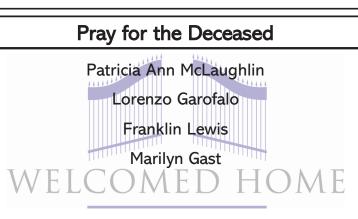
7/29-8/4



Rosemarie Scopo

by The Calcagni Family

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



We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.



Pray for our Clergy

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

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

Parish Social Ministry

"Love is by its very nature focused on the other. To love is to desire what is good for the other person."

Our needs this week:

Syrup CANNED VEGETABLES Jelly Cereal Drink/Drink Mixes Tea Packaged Milk Coffee Toilet Paper Paper Towels

All the donations to restock our shelves!! 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.



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.



ST. THOMAS MORE †PARISH OUTREACH**†**

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

Help Needed!

Some of our neighbors in need have no transportation to get to Parish Outreach. In order to take the SCAT bus provided by Suffolk County, they need to reserve in advance, get dropped off at Outreach, and then wait another 30-60 minutes for another bus to take them back home. If you have some extra time and would be willing to deliver food locally, please call the Outreach office (631-234-3149) and speak with Marti.

Thank you and may God bless you!





In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many.....Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love.

Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

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

In Our Parish





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 ensure the safety of your loved one and our EM. Have you been called by Name?

"Whoever follows me will never walk in Carkness, but will have the light of life." JOHN 8:12 Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are

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.



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!

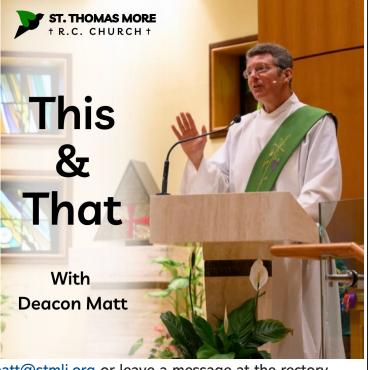
QUESTIONS? TALK TO EMILIA OR ALEX AFTER MASS, OR CALL THE RECTORY

In Our Parish

In July and August, has 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.m



specific date, you can send an email to <u>deacon.matt@stmli.org</u> or leave a message at the rectory.



Young at Heart New Members Always Welcome! Next Meeting: Fri August 9th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

QUESTION OF WEEK

The complete canon of Sacred Scripture consists of...

- a: 39 Old Testament, 27 New
- b: 46 Old Testament. 27 New
- c: 53 Old Testament, 27 New
- d: 24 Old Testament. O New



Answer: B (The Catholic bible contains 7 more books than the Protestants (a), and 7 tewer than the Orthodax (c). The Hebrew Bible has no New I advant (1))

In Our Parish



To India, with Kove

Please keep Father Antony in your prayers as he heads home on a well-deserved vacation to see his family and friends and Amma!

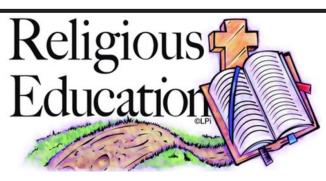
Bon Voyage!



Weekly Mass Schedule Monday-Friday 9:00 AM Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM

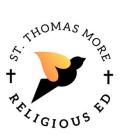
Confessions Every Saturday 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

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St. Thomas More

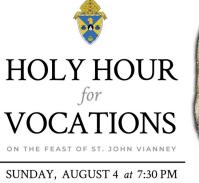
Religious Education Registration 2024/2025 School Year -- Sharing the Spirit of Love --



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



In Our Community



at the Church of Curé of Ars 2323 MERRICK AVENUE, MERRICK NY



reflection by Father Walter Kedjierski

"The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

> ST. JOHN VIANNEY PATRON OF PARISH PRIESTS

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LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



Join Bishop Andrzej For Scripture Reflection Series on JESUS and NICODEMUS <u>Tuesday, July 30, 2024</u> at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verse

NICODEMUS the PHARISEE Invitation to Life of Faith Gospel of John 3. 1-21

Reborn in Water and Spirit



Contemporary music by Alex and Noelle!

Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt!

On The Feast of the Transfiguration! Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:00 pm

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"After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus."

Matthew 17:1-3

PARISH OUTREACH: Donate School Supplies

Parish Outreach will be collecting school supplies for our families from now until August 18th.

Donations can be left in the food bin inside the Church or dropped off at Outreach.

Whatever you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated!



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Backpacks Composition Notebooks Crayons (24 count) Markers (fine & broad tip) Two Pocket Folders Pencils Rulers Fiskar Scissors Glue Sticks Pencil Case or Box Highlighters Post-It notes (2" square) Loose Leaf Paper Black Pens Binders (2") & Dividers

We are in need of backpacks, school supplies, and gifts cards (\$25 Walmart/Target







PLEASE CALL OUTREACH AT 631-234-3149 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF-OUTING

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

THOMAS MOR

15 +

\$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

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Golfers:	Name			Contact	Number		
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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

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

GOLF RAFFLE

NOW WITH BIGGER PAYOUTS!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES OR AT THE RECTORY!

1 for \$10 3 for \$20 9 for \$50

> 1st: \$1250 2nd: \$750 3rd: \$500

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STM MSGR FRANCIS MIDURA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

News from the National Eucharistic Revival

Report on the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress, Part 1 by Deacon Matt

My dear fellow parishioners, I have returned from the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, held July 17-21 in Indianapolis. The Congress is now history, and the Church in the United States launches the final year of the three-year revival - the year of missionary sending. I wanted to share some of my personal experiences and insights from the five days I spent there. There is so much to tell that I am splitting this into multiple parts. And yet I still won't be able to cover everything I experienced. Furthermore, words fail to fully capture the true beauty, spirituality and graces of my time there.



Selfie! Deacon Matt by the main entrance to the Convention Center

In terms of sheer numbers, current estimates are that there were as many as fifty thousand people that attended at least one day of the Congress! Among these were about 200 bishops, 7 cardinals, 1200 priests, 650 brother deacons, 750 seminarians and 1300 religious. The Congress took over all the blocks of the city where events took place: Lucas Oil Stadium, the Indiana Convention Center, and St. John the Evangelist Church. There were banners about the Congress everywhere, and everyone in town knew what was going on!

There were so many prayerful moments. Please know that I offered the intentions of our whole parish during some of this prayer time. In a way, you all were with me during my participation in this Congress.

Let me begin some of the specifics by talking about Day 1 on Wednesday. The first official event was the gathering in the stadium that night. This session opened with something wonderful. You'll recall there were four national pilgrimage routes going on since May that were completed in Indianapolis right before the start of the Congress (the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton route is the one that I participated in that went through Manhattan and Brooklyn).

Well, there were young pilgrims assigned to each route that walked their entire route. Each group came into the stadium bearing a portrait of their saint, and placed it on a stand near

the elevated center stage for the monstrance. It was an emotional moment for all of us. Personally, I was so moved to hear the cheers for the Seton pilgrims. Many of those

cheering in the stands also had partaken in some of that route, including a few people I met along the way! This was one of the great examples of how we found we were all connected.



Seton pilgrims enter the stadium

News from the National Eucharistic Revival

We also had our first opportunity at Adoration and Benediction. On this first night, it was led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, MN. He was the chairman of the board of the Congress and wrote the Prayer of the National Eucharistic Revival. With regards to Adoration, I reflected several times on one thing in particular. Lucas Oil Stadium is the home of the Indianapolis Colts. Normally there are large, noisy gatherings there for football and music concerts. But when Jesus was present in the monstrance (which, by the way, was blessed by Pope Francis), tens of thousands fell to their knees and were completely silent.



Adoration with Bishop Cozzens on the large screen

What a beautiful testimony to our shared faith in and worship of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I also was struck by the reaction of stadium staff personnel, who work all the big events there. Several of them are Catholic, and they were especially joyful about our presence. I spoke at length to a Catholic security worker on the floor one night before the session began, and she was so overcome with



Sister Miriam

awe at what was taking place at her work place.

Those of you who have experienced the Hallow app will know who Sr. Miriam James Heidland is. She was one of the MCs for each of the night sessions in the stadium, along with Montse Alvarado (President and COO of EWTN News) and Fr. Josh Johnson (Vocations Director for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, LA). As is true to her form, Sr. Miriam's genuineness, kindness, devotion to faith, and ability to bring us to prayer with her calming and reassuring voice was welcomed by all.

Next week I will fill you in on events that took place on Thursday and Friday. For now, please pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us at St. Thomas More to trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who loves us so much that he gives himself totally to us in the Eucharist.

To learn more about what happened last weekend at the Eucharistic Congress, check out the links below, and keep an eye on the bulletin for more from Deacon Matt!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress eucharisticcongress.org youtube.com/@eucharisticrevival facebook.com/eucharisticrevival instagram: @eucharistic_revival



St. Thomas More Annual BEACH MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue Mass is at 12:00pm on the beach!

Please bring lunch to enjoy in the picnic area after mass!

> There will be grills available if you want to barbecue! The Knights will keep them hot and ready.

> > **OMAS MORE**

C. CHURCH **†**

