Catholic Church Community of

Sharing the Spirit

### St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



#### **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.

# 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Parish Resources**

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#### Masses August 3rd - August 11th 2024

#### 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

Monday, August 5th:

9am- Andrew Kiss by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

Tuesday, August 6th: The Transfiguration of the Lord

9am- Peter Gibbons by Marie & Ross Bracco

Wednesday, August 7th:

9am- Thomas Zarem by John & Marti White

Thursday, August 8th: St Dominic

9am- Patty & Jack Driscoll by Dottie & Phil Castaldo

Friday, August 9th:

9am- Richard Stout by Mom

#### Saturday, August 10th:

5pm- Joseph Sanfilippo by Maria Cherubino

Martha Sullivan by Mike & Cathy Hoffman & Family

Sunday, August 11th: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Jaclyn Aloi by Rob & Louisa Sanfratello

9:30am- Bruce Link by Pat & Steve Fay

11:30am- Letty Russo by STM Hospitality

Nicholas Conzo by Angela Conzo

#### John 6:41-51 (Ordinary 19)

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven, " and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall* all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

#### Focus Questions for Ordinary 19 John 6:41-51

- 1: What do you still murmur about, even when you know the truth?
- 2: Do you feel different after receiving the Bread of Life?

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 This 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

#### Readings for Next Week

August 11th, 2024 (Ordinary 19) 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:2-9 Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51



#### Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

A farmer was seen erecting a newbuilding. When asked what he was building, he replied, "Well, that depends. If I can rent it, then it is a rustic cottage. If I can't, then it is a cow shed."

Our life on earth is like abuildingbeingbuilt frombirth to death. The quality of life becomes rich or poor depending upon whom/what we allow to live in ourselves. In the first reading we see how people were ready to go back to Egypt as slaves in order to have better food of meat and bread, than as free people to eat whatGod gave them in the desert. When the food becomes their priority, Freedom becomes secondary, and they don't hesitate to embrace the slavery willingly.

In theGospel Jesus points out the same. When people came in search of Him, Jesus pointed out to them why they came to Him. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." Though they came back to Him with motive of getting free food again, Jesus took the occasion to inspire them for a noble motive of longing for eternally enduring food.

While praying we usually relate withGod as a person who would grant all our temporal needs. TodayGod invites us to pray for that which is eternally enduring. Jesus wants to become our spiritual food. He expects us to long for Him and take Him as our food that would build our life as a perfect abode for Jesus to live. Once we begin to feed upon Him, (as He promised) we will not hunger or thirst for anything less than Jesus. He says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Let us pray toGod that Jesus may show those real needs that we should pray for. Let us open our hearts to understand the real need which will bring peace and joy of living now and forever.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every first Tuesday of the month we gather here at the church 7:00 to 8:00 pm for a quiet hour in the presence of the Eucharist. I strongly recommend each of you to consider this opportunity to be with Jesus. We live in a world where we encounter so many divisive thoughts every day, disturbing news and depressing situations. Spending an hour with the Lord will revitalize us in the peace and strength of the Lord. It will give the right wisdom to approach each situation and ideology with the wisdom and understanding of the Lord. Please come and pray with us.

You are invited to the St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic. Please remember to mark your calendar for September 8<sup>th</sup> at Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue, starting with Mass at Noon. A picnic follows the mass. Please bring lunch and spend some social time after the Mass at the Beach. The Knights of Columbus will keep the grill hot and ready to help those who want to barbecue their food.

Summer rest and planning: Summer activities are in full swing. As much as we spend time having fun let us also take some time in the relaxed summer days to plan to engage our children in spiritual activities during the school year... like doing some service as altar servers or choir members or in youth ministry. Education and sports will nurture their body and intellect. Church activities will feed their spirit which is the basis of both mind and body.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



#### **Parish Operations**

#### SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: July 27th & 28th

\$5012

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

7/29 (\$25): Dianne Vallette (265)

7/30 (\$25): Nancy & Marty Macaluso (320)

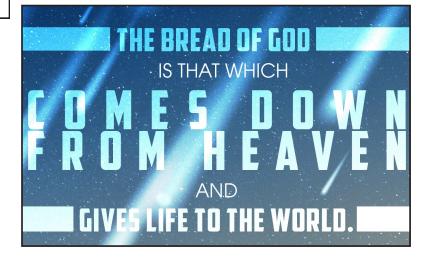
7/31 (\$25): Eileen & Mike Barr (227)

8/1 (\$25): John & Denise Zappia (101)

8/2 (\$25): Justin Carroll (165)

8/3 (\$25): Susan Dennehy (1045)

8/4 (\$50): Emma Tjersland (428)



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#### **Prayers for Our Community**

#### Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne Baby Kaden Ana Beltrani **Gregory Bennett** Steve Cotsalas Sr Christine DiFilippo Rocco DiMaggie Linda Dowling Robert Ferro Stephanie Goodhart Thomas Holloway MaryAnn Landi Richard Landi Ellen Lentino Eileen Macholz-Barr Lee Mambuca

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
Joseph Kirsch
Allen Kirsch
Nicholas Gajda
Nicholas Gajda
Alexandria Feys Gajda
Andrew Lynch

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

#### Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

8/5-8/11

In memory of

#### Edward Zebrowski

by Mary Lou Braun

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

#### Pray for the Deceased

Charles Potuzak

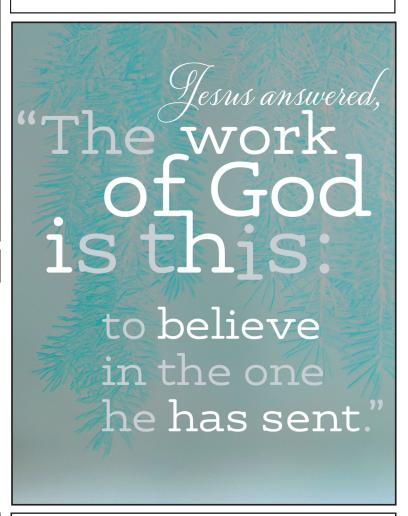
Patricia Ann McLaughlin

Lorenzo Garofalo

Franklin Lewis

WELCOMED HOME

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:

TUNA
SOUP
CANNED VEGETABLES
Jelly
Syrup
Cereal
Drink/Drink Mixes
Packaged Milk
Coffee/Tea
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.



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

#### School Supplies!

Our School Supply Drive has begun!

Please see the flyer in the bulletin, or look for the big yellow bus in the Narthex for suggestion on how to help. We are especially in need of \$25 gift cards from Target or Walmart to help our families get their children ready for school.

Your generosity is always greatly appreciated!

# BELOVED. BEKIND. Be You.



The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who become vulnerable when seeking help.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to those in need.

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

#### In Our Parish







#### The Music Corner

Hot in the middle of their current tour and right in time for a performance at the National Eucharistic Congress, The Hill-billy Thomists have released a new album, "Marigold".

Recorded on retreat at a cabin in the Catskills, this group of friars from the Order of Preachers continues to put out great bluegrass types, drawing from the cultural and spiritual landscape of their unofficial patron, Flannery O'Connor. This album of original music is deeply rooted in the tradition of American bluegrass, and faith in our Lord.

The album (and their others) can be heard on your favorite

streaming service. If you like what you hear, considering giving the album a purchase and helping support the musical mission of these priests.

hillbillythomists.com IG: @hillbillythomists FB: The Hillbilly Thomists



#### 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 <a href="mailto:deacon.matt@stmli.org">deacon.matt@stmli.org</a> or leave a message at the rectory.



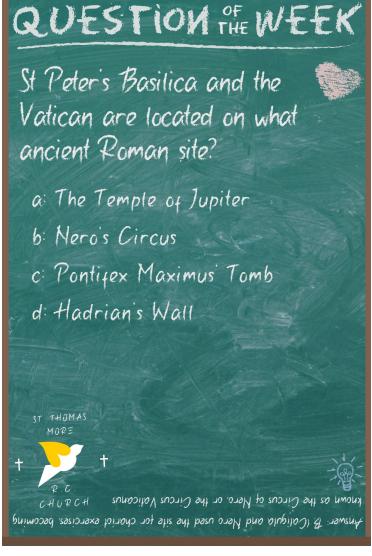


#### Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri August 9th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



#### In Our Parish



#### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

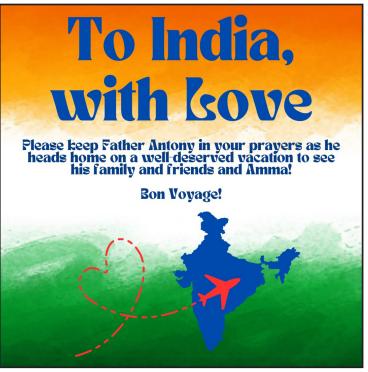
8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

#### Confessions

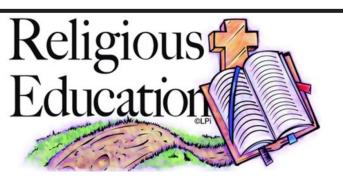
Every Saturday 4:00 PM-4:45 PM



#### Coming Up @ STM

Tues August 6th, 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wed August 7th: 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting



#### 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



# Flather Changed" "Yearne and be Thanged"

Contemporary music by Alex and Noelle!

Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt!

On The Feast of the Transfiguration! Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"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 gift cards (\$25 Walmart/Target)







MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL



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	
3	
4	
Please fill out a separate form with other golfers.	for each Foursome. Singles or Twosomes will be paired
Include a check for <b>\$190.00</b> pe	r golfer made out to: St. Thomas More Parish
Registration begins at <b>7:30 AM</b>	with coffee and donuts.
<b>Dinner Only Patrons:</b> Please in Thomas More Parish	clude a check for <b>\$90.00</b> per person made out to St.
1	2
3	4
Return Form in envelope provi	ded by mail or drop off at Church

### GOLF RAFFLE



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES OR AT THE RECTORY!



1 for \$10

3 for \$20

9 for \$50

1st: \$1250

2nd: \$750

3rd: \$500

STM MSGR FRANCIS MIDURA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

#### Youth Group, July 28th

How Can I Resist Evil?



We listened to "Drive Out The Darkness" by The Porters Gate as part of our outdoor closing prayer!



Snacks, Bagels, and Alpha Youth Video on Resisting Evil



**Community Service!** 



Watching "Understanding Our Capacity for Evil" by Father Mike Schmitz on the Ascension Presents Youtube channel

**Upcoming Meetings** 

**Sundays 12:30-2:30** 

August 11th
August 25th

Follow us on Instagram!

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#### News from the National Eucharistic Revival

Report on the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress, Part 2 by Deacon Matt

Welcome to my second of three articles about my experiences at the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, from July 17-21. Today I'd like to mention some highlights from Day 2 (Thursday July 18) and Day 3 (Friday July 19).

The presider of the Mass on Thursday morning in Lucas Oil Stadium was Cardinal Timothy Dolan, head of the Archdiocese of New York. His homily was delivered in his usual folksy and down-to-earth style. Several deacons around me had never really heard him speak at length before, and they were both amused and impressed at what he had to say.



Cardinal Dolan (NYC) presides over morning Mass on Day 2

Each morning on Days 2-4 there were special Impact Sessions; I attended sessions for ministry leaders. We were treated to excellent presenters each day, MC'd by Mari Pablo, a nationally known presenter who also works in youth ministries across the country. For all of you who participate in any kind of ministry here at St. Thomas More, I bring an important message from these sessions. We really need time for ourselves, so we can better serve the parish. We need to take time to fill ourselves with Jesus. Only then can we lead or assist in our ministries. We need to both inhale (surrender to Jesus' love) and exhale (share him with our parish family). And during those morning sessions we were brought to our feet and treated to uplifting music by the well-known

Christian artist Josh Blakesley and his band.

The Deacon

Distribution
of the
Eucharist
A deacon's mission
to animate graces
throughout culture

Fr. Antony makes a surprise appearance at the Deacon luncheon!

Deacons had the opportunity to sign up for the Deacon Experience, which consisted of a sit down lunches on Days 2,3 and 4 and talks by nationally known deacons. It was great to get to know several brother deacons from around the country. The luncheon was sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor. One of their publications is The Deacon, a bi-monthly magazine. In the July/August 2022 issue, Fr. Antony and I appeared on the cover, related to an article on the Eucharist. To my surprise, this very cover appeared on the notepads we were given at lunch. This amused many of my brother deacons, who took pictures with me and their notepads, and even asked for my autograph!





#### News from the National Eucharistic Revival

The Knights of Columbus had a prominent display on the Exhibit Floor. I stopped by to chat with some brother Knights from around the country. The display included a first class relic (a bone fragment) of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights. I prayed before the relic, touching my rosary beads to it. I wanted my brothers here in Council 6062 to know that I also added a public prayer petition to the large prayer wall in their display, lifting up the intentions of our council.

Before the evening session in the stadium that night, we were treated to an outstanding live preview of a new stage production coming to our country in 2025: Bernadette de Lourdes, The Musical, which has already played to rave reviews in France. I highly recommend making plans to see this if it comes to our area next year. The evening session itself featured talks on Eucharistic Miracles from Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart. Hallow app fans will know all about Fr. Mike Schmitz. He gave a very spirited keynote address in his usual style, including a very important message for all of us: Even though we may be doing all the right things, in order to be in a true revival, first we must be repentant, then we can more fully love.



First class relic of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

On Friday, morning Mass in the stadium was celebrated by Cardinal Wilton Gregory (Archbishop of Washington DC). A critically important point of his homily: "The most prolonged and profound adoration moments will be inadequate unless they direct us to deeds of kindness toward others." In our Deacon Experience lunch, Dcn. Jim Keating reminded us all that we must remain in Communion with God in order to be effective in ministry. All of us, whether we serve in the parish or not, should keep this in mind as we serve

each other as Christians.



Procession in the stadium on the night of Day 3

During the evening session in the stadium, Sr. Josephine Garrett (who converted to Catholicism after being raised a Baptist in Houston) gave an inspiring talk about not only growing in our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, but in reverencing him in our brothers and sisters, especially those whom we don't always like, and in having patience in Jesus, who seeks to heal us. We then experienced a very simple but powerfully moving Eucharistic Procession, which traversed the floor of the stadium. The monstrance was carried by Fr. Boniface Hicks, a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Pennsylvania, who then led us in Adoration and Benediction.



I look forward to sharing with you about the final two days of the Congress in next week's bulletin. Until then, let us spend quiet personal time reflecting on the great saving power of Jesus contained in the Eucharist, his Real Presence, which is the source and summit of our faith.

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.



## Saints of August



Feast Day: August 1st
Doctor of the Church
Bishop of Sant'Agata de' Goti
Patron: Arthritis, Lawyers, Confessors

Founded the Redemptorists (religious order), educated as a lawyer.

Considered one of the most widely read Catholic Authors



Feast Day: August 10th Deacon and Martyr First Archdeacon of Rome Patron: Archivists, Librarians

Distributed riches of Church to the poor, rather than turn them over to Roman Empire. Baptized fellow prisoners after arrest.



Feast Day: August 21st
Pope and Traditionalist
Bishop of Rome
Patron: First Communicants

Pope from 1903 to 1914. Promoted daily eucharist, and lowered the age for First Communion. Staunchly opposed to modernist philosophies.



Feast Day: August 4th Priest and Confessor Known as "Cure d'Ars" Patron: Parish Priests

Known for his radical spiritual transformation of the community in Ars, ardent devotee of BVM. Often spent 12-16 hrs hearing confessions



Feast Day: August 11th
Virgin
Founder: Order of Poor Ladies
Patron: Eye Disease

One of the first followers of Francis of Assisi, professed she would have no husband but Jesus Christ. Fought to keep her order's vows of poverty.



Feast Day: August 24th Apostle and Martyr aka Nathaniel Patron: Bookbinders

Reportedly went on mission to India, where he left the Gospel of Matthew.
Continued to Armenia with Jude
(Thaddeus) where he was martyred,





Priest
Founder: Dominican Order
Patron: Astronomers, Natural Science

Sold his clothes and books to feed the hungry during famine. BVM gave him a rosary in a vision, his order promulgated the form of prayer.



Feast Day: August 14th
Priest and Martyr
Conventual Franciscan Friar
Patron: Prisoners, Journalists

Polish priest, turned his monastery into a hospital during WWII. Was sent to Auschwitz, where he volunteered to die in place of another.



Feast Day: August 28th
Doctor of the Church
Bishop of Hippo Regius
Patron: Brewers, Theologians

Considered an eminent early Church Father by Catholics and Protestants. Heavily influenced Western Christianity, help develop the just war theory.