

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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June 22nd 2025



This Week's Readings

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalm 110:1-4

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17

Feast of Corpus Christi

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, June 21st

5:00pm James J Murphy Sr.
Lauren Weiler

Sunday, June 22nd

Corpus Christi

8:00am Robert Joseph Prestopino

9:30am Don Friedman
Elaine Addie

11:30am Richard Stout
Segundo Francisco Pillco
(living)

Monday, June 23rd

9:00am Arputha Mary Asir

Tuesday, June 24th

9:00am Ana Cecilia & Cirilo
DeJesus Castro

Wednesday, June 25th

9:00am Anthony Scotti

Thursday, June 26th

9:00am Guerin & Mary Bernard

Friday, June 27th

9:00am John Siedlecki

Saturday, June 28th

5:00pm Jorge Isaac Manzi
Howard Nordin

Sunday, June 29th

Sts. Peter & Paul

8:00am Georgine Schaefer

9:30am Rita M Hetzler
Josephine Guastella

11:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Eileen Macholz-Barr



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. Thomas More (6/22)

St. Paulinus of Nola (6/22)

St. John Fisher (6/22)

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (6/24)

St. Cyril of Alexandria (6/27)

St. Irenaeus (6/28)

Sts. Peter & Paul (6/29)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Sts. Peter & Paul
June 29th 2025

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



Readings

Acts 12:1-11

Psalms 34:2-9

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Focus Questions

1: How do you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am"?

2: Jesus named Peter, the rock on which his church is built. We have a new successor of Peter. Why do you think Pope Leo is a good leader for the church today?

3: Recall a time when you believed, not because of concrete evidence, but because of your faith.

Families: Talk about how to keep your faith alive during the summer months when there are a lot of distractions.

Gospel of Matthew (16:13-19)

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

From the Pastor

A little boy was working hard on a drawing and his dad asked him what he was doing. **The son replied, “Drawing a picture of God”.** His dad said, “You can’t do that, honey. Nobody knows what God looks like.” But the little boy was undeterred. He said, “They will in a few minutes when I finish drawing.”

We look at the face of Jesus in pictures and may imagine that this is how God looks. Most of them are artists’ imagination. Some have tried to rework the image from facial impression of the person of the Shroud of Turin, to be the image closest to Jesus. Jesus did not leave his portrait nor anything physical (biological) in his memory, except for what he left us in the Last Supper, “He took the bread and said, ‘This is my body... do this memory of me’. He took the Chalice of wine and said, ‘This is my blood... do this in memory of me.’”

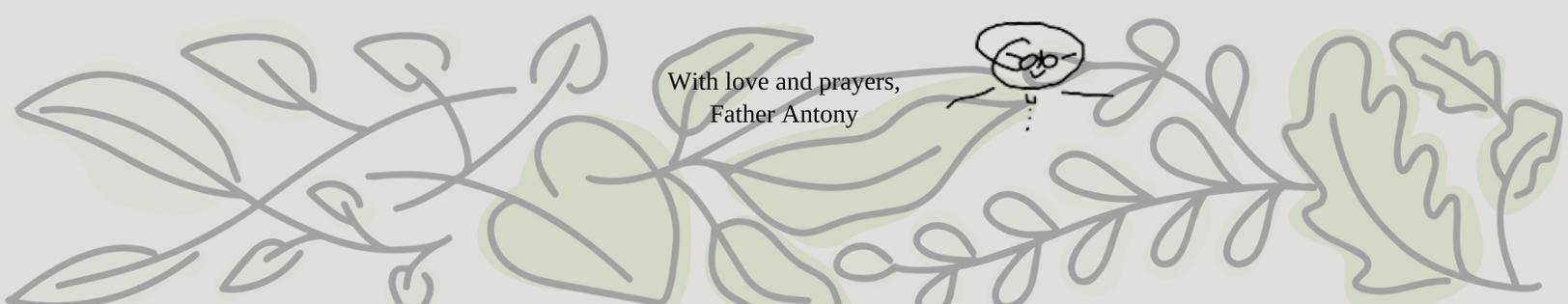
The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated this Sunday. **‘Corpus Christi’, these two Latin words mean ‘The Body and Blood of Christ’.** In every Mass we celebrate the truth, the memory of Jesus and his presence in the form of Bread and Wine. Jesus offers himself in the form of food. The food we eat becomes part of our body. In the same way Jesus, whom we take in the form of bread and wine becomes one with us.

We the human become the body of Christ.

During the Last Supper on Holy Thursday **Jesus offered Himself in the form of bread and wine.** The self-offering that Jesus made on the Cross on Good Friday, Jesus made it sacramentally on Holy Thursday in the form of bread and wine. Giving the bread to His disciples He said, “this is my body which will be given up for you.” In the same way, giving the cup to them He said, “Drink from it the blood of the new and everlasting covenant it will be shed for you.” Thus, “the bread and wine” does not only proclaim the real presence of Jesus, but also makes it available to us as the great offering of Jesus on the cross.

In the Gospel today, **Jesus takes the five loaves and two fishes, multiplies them,** and feeds the people. They gave Jesus what they had. Jesus made them food for many. By giving what we have in the hand of Jesus we partake in the great act of Jesus “giving Himself.” When we allow Jesus who comes within us in the form of food, Jesus will join us in His great act “giving of Himself”, multiply us, and will offer us as food wherever and to whomever are in need. We eat the food of Christ, and we will be offered by Christ as food for others. We become Corpus Christi to others by eating the Corpus Christi.

Can evil become good? St. Thomas More, Man of Hope, wrote to children in 1522, “While there is nothing so neat and witty that will not be made insipid by silly and inconsiderate loquacity, so also there is nothing in itself so insipid, that you cannot season with grace and wit if you give a little thought to it.” As much as the evil can have influence on the good and change it to be evil, our patron Saint believed, that the good can have influence on the evil and change it to be good. Let us allow Jesus to touch us and make us His bread and wine, bringing His presence and the gift of giving oneself for others.



With love and prayers,
Father Antony

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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Joan V Dobbs Dana
Grace Harold
Margaret Sheehan
Vito Marziliano
Perry Lipari

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Ana Beltrani
Andrew Valentine
Angela Mingione
Angelina Tolentino
Ann Russo
Barbara Foberg
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Codier Codispoti
Diane McCann
Ellen Murphy

Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Zuzzolo
Joseph Barrett
Joseph Tuffarelli
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lori Rooney
Lorraine White

Marge McGowan
Maria U Aldaba
Maria Andria
Mary Leister
MaryAnn Landi
Michael Jacobs Jr.
Noah Simonetti
Nunzio Puleo
Peter Cappisillo
Richard Landi
Rosalie Malerba

*This listing will reset on September 30th, 2025

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

June 23rd - June 29th

In memory of

Connie Giunta

by Jim & Marie Marsala
and Family

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

Pray for our Clergy

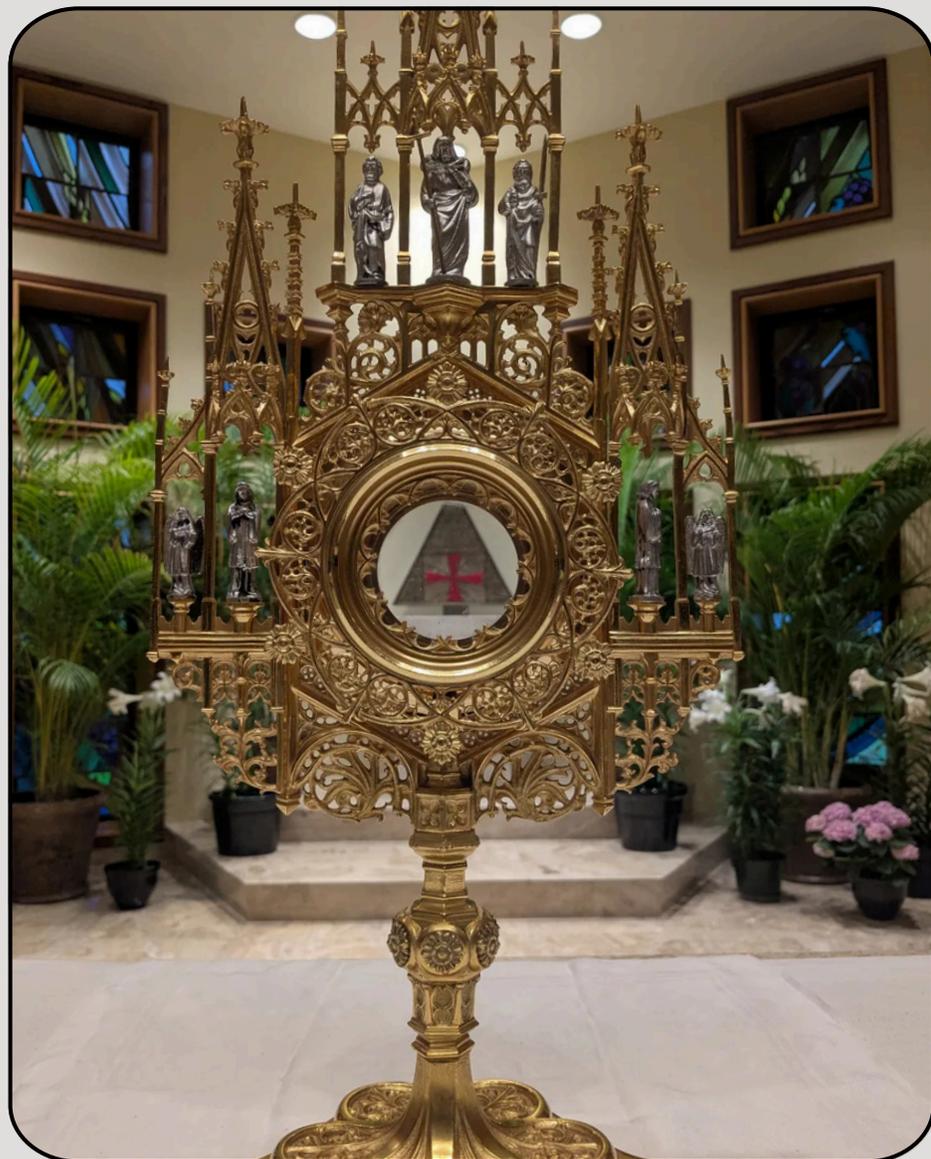
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Father Lenny Carlino
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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

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.



The STM Monstrance! Join us on the first Tuesday of each month during Adoration to see it in person!

Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
June 14th & June 15th

\$6634

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, 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

Humanity is greatly diminished whenever the unborn, or the undocumented, the unemployed, the unhealthy are excluded, uninvited and unwelcome, or whenever we tell ourselves that they are of no concern to us

CARDINAL BLASE CUPICH

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.

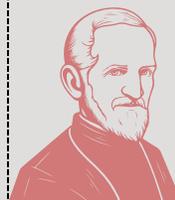
Can you help?

We have an elderly parishioner who needs a ride to Sunday Mass (either 9:30 or 11:30). If you are able to help, please call the Outreach office. (located on the Hauppauge/Nesconset border)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ and we hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" And He shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

Through your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again, and the needy will be helped.



Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are in need. To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com



OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Cereal
Pasta
Jelly
Cookies

Boxed Milk
Drinks
Drink Mixes
Soap
Toothpaste
Detergent

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.

Baptisms

in our church

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

Oliver Thomas Blakely
child of Ivanah & Robert

Aubrey Patricia Davanzo
child of Valerie & Christopher

Santino Benedetto Imperato
child of Terri-Ann & Joseph

Jamiee Barbara Vogel
child of Donna & James

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the following ingredients are NOT allowed in the baking of Altar Bread (for transubstantiation)?

- a: Yeast
- b: Wheat
- c: Honey
- d: Baking Soda



Answer: A, C, and D.

Altar Bread must be unleavened (no yeast or baking soda), and must not be changed in anyway to include sweeteners or flavorants (honey, sugar, etc).

Fun Fact: Catholic Altar Bread MUST contain gluten (at least a very small amount) because it MUST be made from wheat.

Happiness is...

Singing in
the choir!

Choir returns in September! See Emilia for more info
Adults and Children welcome!

Explore issues of life & faith...

Alpha-

Returning to STM
September 15th 2025

Alpha

Children's Liturgy
Crew

Last meeting 6/22



Children's Liturgy will return in
September with the new school year!
Have a safe and blessed summer!

See you soon!



St Thomas More/Msgr. Francis S Midura

Council #6062

Grand Knight Brad Fine

Council Scholarship Application

The Knights of Columbus Council # 6062 is a nonprofit organization established to assist the St. Thomas More community. The organization is comprised of men from the St. Thomas More Parish. Through a variety of events and activities, we donate funds, provide services and time to many causes, one of them being our community youth. This scholarship is one way we as a council, have decided to give back to a member of our community that lives his or her life in a way that echoes the mission of our council.

Who is eligible? All current graduating high school seniors who are members of the St. Thomas More Parish

How will the winner be selected? The winner will be selected by the Grand Knight and a committee comprised of officers of the council. The judges will evaluate eligible student's application in relation to their goals, school and community service, as well as other significant information that the applicant includes in the required essay. The winner will be notified by the end of June. The award winner and his or her family will be invited to the council's regular business meeting on the first Wednesday of July or other day to be specified. No materials will be returned to the candidates. All entries will see results posted in the church bulletin.

How much is the scholarship? The council will award the winner with a check for \$250 with the intention that the money be used to offset the expenses of college.

How do I apply? Complete the application on the next page, and attach a typed 300-word essay.

Essay Question Jesus was asked which is the Greatest Commandment in the law? Jesus replied this is the First and Greatest Commandment and the second is like it. What were those Commandments? What did they mean then and what do they mean to you today? There are no wrong answers, just follow your heart.

Mail both the application and essay to:

Knights of Columbus
115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Deadline is June 25th 2025



Council Scholarship Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Are you a member of the St. Thomas More Parish? _____

Which high school did you attend? _____

Which college/university are you attending in the fall? _____

What is your intended major? _____

List community service activities that you have been involved in. Most recent first.

	Activity	Organization	Date(s)
1:	_____	_____	_____
2:	_____	_____	_____
3:	_____	_____	_____
4:	_____	_____	_____
5:	_____	_____	_____

List any awards or achievements you have earned. Most recent first.

	Award	Organization	Date(s)
1:	_____	_____	_____
2:	_____	_____	_____
3:	_____	_____	_____

I declare that all information entered above is true and correct, and the essay I submitted is my own work.

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 15TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$190 per golfer
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing
495 Landing Avenue

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

*Price increase to \$200
after 8/15. Register early!

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/15/25 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start



Registration Form (Please Print)

Golfers:	Name	Contact Number	Email
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 prior to August 15th - **\$200.00** per golfer after August 15th

Checks made out to: St. Thomas More Parish

Outing Day Check-In begins at **7:30 AM** with coffee and donuts.

Dinner Only Patrons: Please include a check for **\$100.00** per person made out to St. Thomas More Parish

	Name	Contact Number	Email
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

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

JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July



Late nymph
July-Sept.



Adult
July-Dec.

SCRAPE. SQUASH. REPORT.



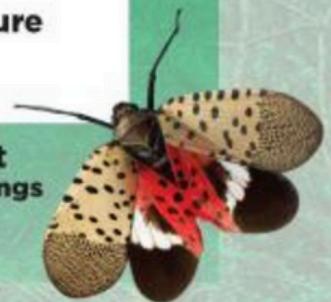
Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see

**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

**Report
any sightings**



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home

