

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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July 13th 2025



The Good Samaritan -1890, Vincent Van Gogh

This Week's Readings

- Deuteronomy 30:10-14
- Psalm 19:8-11
- Colossians 1:15-20
- Luke 10:25-37

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, July 12th

5:00pm Guillermo Morcillo
Mary Magnifico

Sunday, July 13th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Diana Warren

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Maryanne Fitzpatrick McGovern

11:30am Leonard Spina
Mary Gragnaniello

Monday, July 14th

9:00am Agnes Gajda

Tuesday, July 15th

9:00am John Garvey

Wednesday, July 16th

9:00am Edward Zebrowski

Thursday, July 17th

9:00am Brian Espinal

Friday, July 18th

9:00am Nicholas Malin

Saturday, July 19th

5:00pm Lisa Leib
John Reddy

Sunday, July 20th

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Ralph W Visone

9:30am Deacon Thomas Samson
John Campbell

11:30am Richard Stout
Ignatius Seminara



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. Henry (7/13)
St. Kateri Tekakwitha (7/14)
St. Bonaventure (7/15)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel (7/16)
St. Camillus de Lellis (7/18)
St. Apollinaris (7/20)
St. Lawrence of Brindisi (7/21)
Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20th 2025

Readings

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15:2-5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Focus Questions

- 1: If Jesus were to come to your home today, what would you do?
 - 2: Describe a time when doing busy work distracted you from listening to Jesus.
 - 3: Relate a way you extend hospitality to others.
- Families: Who are the people who make you feel welcome in their home.



Gospel of Luke (10:28-42)

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,

"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

psalm 119:105, KJV

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Son: **What is a weapon?**

Father: Why, son, that is something you fight with.

Son: Is mother your weapon?

Life would be an eternal war between people if we value each other for what we don't like in the other. Each of us has one's own idiosyncrasies – one's own habits, ideas, conviction, conveniences, attitudes, etc., which provide each one's self-identity. But all of us have a heart which has the unique capacity of loving the other even when the other may be totally different from us. Heart can turn even the dislike into a like.

Today's readings speak about the **power of heart, the power of loving** which can function against all odds, superseding all barriers and establishing its reign of Love. Today's Gospel is the story of the Good Samaritan. While the priest and Levite had their own justifying reason to pass the wounded person without helping him, the Good Samaritan helps him even though he too must have all the reason to bypass him.

He saw the human suffering from the heart. The heart begins to function beyond the power of the reason to neglect it.

The focus of this parable story is **not to state who was right or wrong but to make us realize what right we must not fail to do**. The priest and the Levite on their way to Jerusalem to serve in the Temple would have avoided coming near the bleeding, beaten, and half-dead man, lest they would be defiled to do the service at the temple. Their reason not to help overpowered their compassion towards the half-dead man. The Samaritan's heart filled with compassion became the deciding authority in him. The power of his heart made him help the half-dead man.

Intellectual views, emotional outbursts, or sensual inclinations can often mislead our choices, but the heart will always lead us in the path of love. Mind and senses must inform the heart, but the heart should always take the decision and lead life. The law instructs that one should love the other in the same way God is loved. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind." In loving God as well as the other the 'whole' of all our loving faculties must be involved. Only the impartial and whole heart can help the other without any excuse or self-justification. May the heart illumine the reason and strengthen the body.

Today's Gospel started with a question from the scholar of the law, "**Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?**". What one should DO is the question. The Gospel ends with what the scholar of the law should do. Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Jesus sends him to do what he discovered for himself. He was not sent to blindly do what the law requires him to do. He is sent to do what he has realized in his heart. Life is what one realizes as truth in their heart and the decision to live the realization of one's heart. May our heart be the source of all our decisions to choose the course of life. Let us live from our heart.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Carol Ann Lorenzini
Thomas Joseph Murphy

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

Fortunata Feliciano
Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Ianno
John Zuzzolo
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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

July 14th - July 20th

In memory of

Edward Zebrowski

by Mary Lou Braun

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
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch
Chris Capasso	

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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
July 5th & July 6th

\$6994

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.

Parish Social Ministry

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.

“Never be so busy as not to think of others.”

ST. MOTHER TERESA

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.

Who you helped...

During the month of June you helped feed:
57 families including
69 children, 80 adults, 18 seniors

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)

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Mashed Potatoes
Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee)
Pancake Mix
Syrup

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

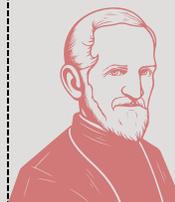
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise."

This week, you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by donating whatever you can to our conference of St. Vincent de Paul.



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



Happiness is...

Singing in
the choir!

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

Go on a journey to
experience the love of
God...

Alpha-

Returning to STM
September 15th 2025

Alpha

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who of the following is not present
in the parable of the Good
Samaritan?

- a: a priest
- b: a Levite
- c: a Sanhedrin
- d: a Samaritan



Answer: C (Sanhedrin)

A priest and a Levite both ignored the victim on the side of the road, while a Samaritan was the helper. It is believed this parable is being told to a Pharisee, not a member of the Sanhedrin.

A Message from Fr Lenny

To my home parish of St. Thomas More, I want to thank you for the love, prayers, and support you've shown me throughout my vocation. Growing up in this parish and receiving so much encouragement from this community has shaped my faith and my journey in profound ways.

After a great deal of prayer and reflection, I've decided to take a leave of absence from active ministry to more intentionally discern where God is calling me at this point in my life. This decision has not been easy, but it comes from a place of trust and a desire to listen deeply to the movements of the Spirit. I remain grateful for everything this parish has given me, from my earliest days to my years of ministry. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as I will continue to keep you in mine.

With gratitude and peace,
Lenny Carlino



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.



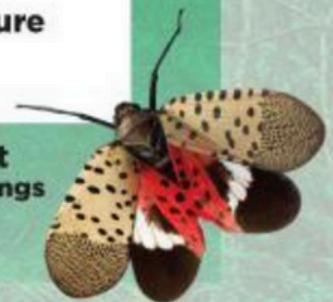
Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see

**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

Report
any sightings



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home



Saints of July



Feast Day: July 3rd
Apostle, Preacher, Martyr
Bishop of India
Patron: Architects

Known as Didymus or Doubting Thomas. In the Gospel of John, Thomas doubts Jesus' return, but later confessed his faith.



Feast Day: July 11th
Abbot, Exorcist, Mystic
Founder: Benedictine Order
Patron: Europe

Founded a number of communities for monks in Italy. Fr Antony is known as Benedict in India (Asir)



Feast Day: July 14th
Virgin
First Native American Saint
Patron: Environment

Algonquin-Mohawk born in present day NY. At 19 she was Baptized and moved to a Jesuit Mission Village.



Feast Day: July 15th
Friar, Doctor of the Church
Seraphic Doctor
Patron: Bowel Disorders

A prolific writer who was known to reconcile diverse traditions in theology and philosophy. Staunch defender of the Franciscan tradition.



Feast Day: July 22nd
Apostle to the Apostles
Patron: Pharmacists, Converts, Women

Travelled with the Jesus and the Apostles. First person to witness the Risen Christ, brought news of the resurrection to the Apostles.



Feast Day: July 25th
Apostle and Martyr
"Son of Thunder"
Patron: Spain

Brother of John the Apostle, and taller or older (greater) than the other James. Executed by Herod in Acts, first Apostle to be martyred.



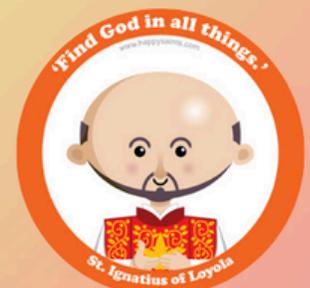
Feast Day: July 26th
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of Jesus Christ
Patron: Grandparents

Wealthy couple from the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Unable to conceive, they prayed for a child, promising to dedicate them to God's service.



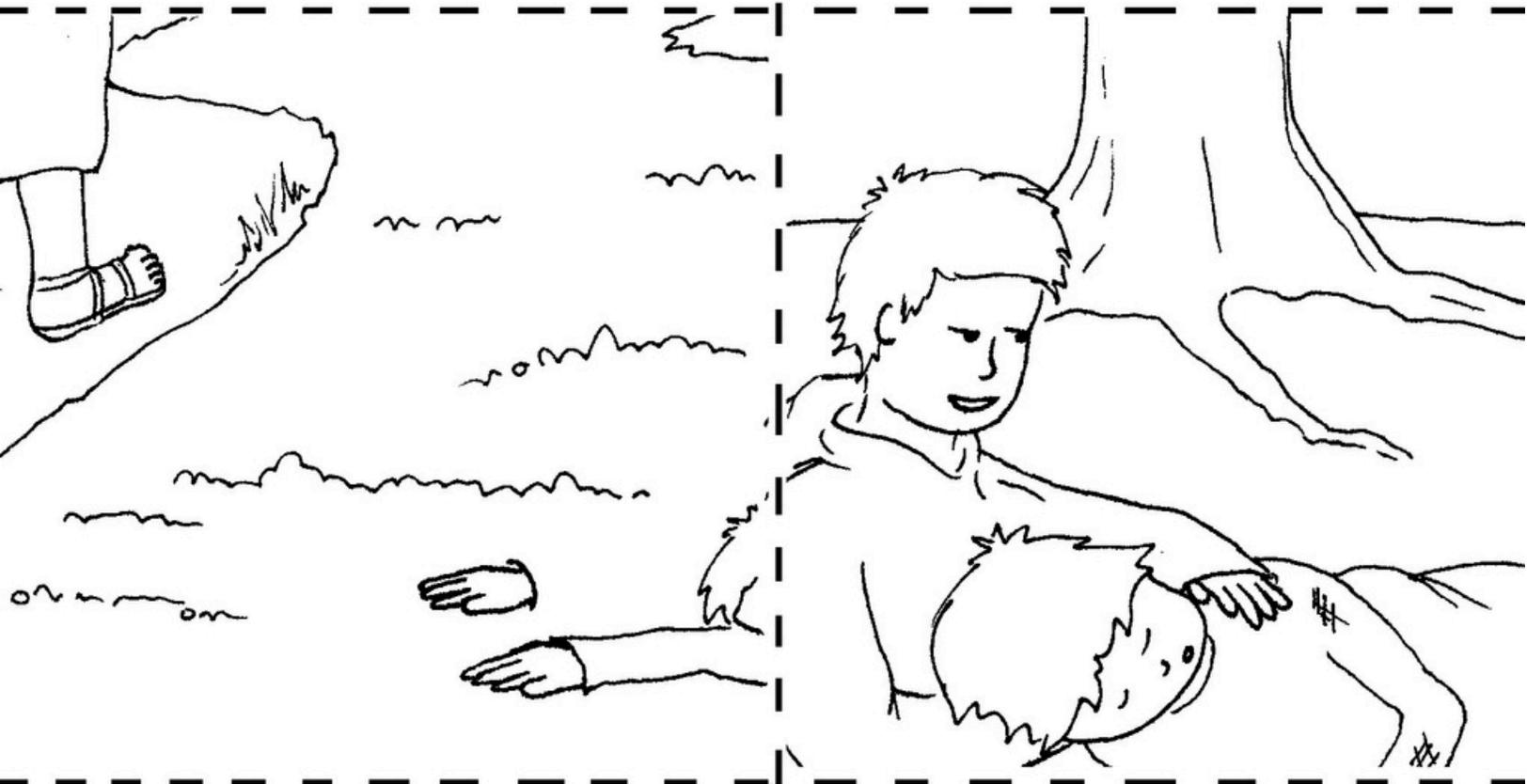
Feast Day: July 29th
Members of the House of Bethany
Friends of Jesus Christ
Patron: Siblings

Welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha was active, preparing. Mary anointed His feet. Lazarus was raised from the dead.



Feast Day: July 31st
Priest
Founder: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
Patron: Jesuits, Basque Region

Convert to Catholicism after an injury. Founded the Jesuit order and through that, many schools. "Go, set the world of fire."



the good Samaritan

Luke 10

