

This Week's Masses

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

Monday, July 21st

9:00am Grace Harold

Tuesday, July 22nd

9:00am Rosa Lauretta

Wednesday, July 23rd

9:00am Debra Stuart Cameron

Thursday, July 24th

9:00am Rosemary Coddington Peterson

Friday, July 25th

9:00am Ana Cecilia & Cirilo
DeJesus Castro

Saturday, July 26th

5:00pm John James Danca
Matthew T Phelan

Sunday, July 27th

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Diana Warren

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Marie Papola

11:30am Mary Anderson
Biagio Arpino (living)



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. Apollinaris (7/20)
St. Lawrence of Brindisi (7/21)
St. Mary Magdalene (7/22)
St. Birgitta (7/23)
St. Sharbel Makhluif (7/24)
St. James (7/25)
Sts. Joachim & Anne (7/26)
Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27th 2025

Readings

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Focus Questions

- 1: Recall a time when your prayer was answered in a different way than you expected.
 - 2: Describe a time when your persistence was rewarded.
 - 3: What or who are you praying for these days?
- Families: Each day pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, paying attention to the words you are saying.

Gospel of Luke (11:1-13)

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri
9am

Sat
5pm

Sun
8am
9:30am
11:30am



From the Pastor

Two men drove their cars toward each other on a narrow street – neither could pass. One leaned out and shouted, “I never back up for someone stupid!”

“I always do!” shouted the other man shifting into reverse. Yielding does not mean losing, nor does gaining mean winning. The action is valued from its meaning we attach to it.

Comparing today’s Gospel with last week’s Gospel of the Good Samaritan would help us understand it better. In last week’s Gospel, the Good Samaritan was praised by Jesus for what he did for the wounded person. In today’s Gospel, Mary is complemented by Jesus for sitting at His feet doing nothing. Doing or not-doing does not have any value in itself. The value is in the intention of the doer. The doer gives meaning to the doing or not-doing.

The Good Samaritan’s mercy made him help the wounded person. **In today’s Gospel, Martha in her anxiety makes her complaint to Jesus** that she is left working alone without help from Mary. “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” Jesus was not unaware of Martha’s work-burden. He replied to her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.” He further explained how everything gets its value from one’s awareness of our actions, or what makes that person do what they do. So, Jesus takes Mary’s disposition as an example to free Martha from her burden of working alone. “There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

Mary is **not simply sitting at the feet of Jesus to excuse herself from helping her sister.** By saying that Mary has chosen the better part, Jesus wants to explain to us that doing work like Martha or sitting (not-doing) at the feet of Jesus like Mary has to be inspired by a pure motive of love for Jesus. Both “doing” (Martha) or “not-doing” (Mary) are two various modes of loving and responding to the presence of Jesus who was with them. One is neither superior nor inferior to the other. One should not be compared with the other to establish its superiority at the cost of the other. Mary was treating her guest Jesus by being with Him, while Martha was treating her guest Jesus by taking care of preparing to feed Him.

Jesus explains that **if an act or non-act is inspired by Godly virtue or love of God,** then that act would make the doer’s life joyful and meaningful. On the other hand, if an act or non-act is done merely from one’s own self-interest, then all that one does would soon be a useless effort, anxiety and burden. Let us sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary to be inspired by Jesus. Let all we do like Martha be an outcome of what Jesus inspires within us. Let the motives of all our acts or non-acts be a joyful living, arising from the inspiration by Jesus. May all our efforts be touched by God’s inspiration and become blessings from God.



With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Carol Ann Lorenzini

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 Cappisillo
Barbara Foberg
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Codier Codispoti
Diane McCann
Ellen Murphy

Fortunata Feliciano
Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Ianno
John Zuzzolo
Joseph Barrett
Joseph Tuffarelli
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Linda Heller
Lori Rooney
Lorraine White

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Maria U Aldaba
Maria Andria
Mary Leister
MaryAnn Landi
Maryann Maccone
Michael Leocadi
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

July 21st - July 27th



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

Pray for our Clergy

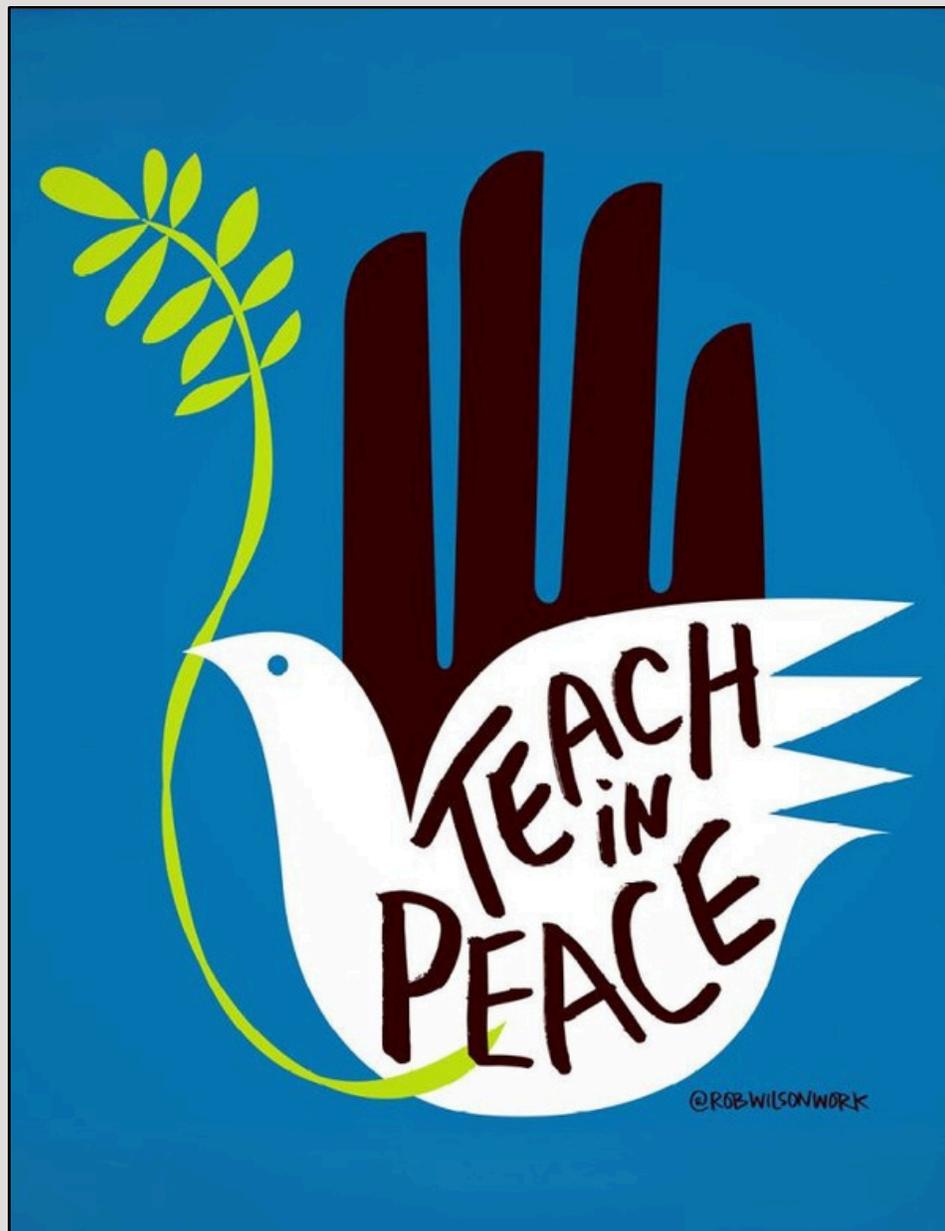
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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 12th & July 13th

\$6415

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

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.”

CHARLES DICKENS

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.

THANK YOU!

The team at Signature Realty Smithtown stopped by with an amazing donation for Outreach.



The support of our Parishioners and our community is how we are able to serve so many of those families in need in our neighborhood. Thank you for supporting our mission!



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Mashed Potatoes
Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee)
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Vegetables
Soup
Tea
Small Laundry Detergent

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

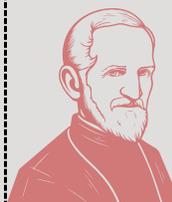
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.



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!

Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children in your prayers as they take the first step on the path of Catholicism!



P.E.A.C.E.



 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† R.C. CHURCH †

This
&
That

With
Deacon Matt



In July and August, as he has done for the past six 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.

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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ruega por nosotros

pray for us

ora pro nobis

МОЛИСЯ ЗА НАС

Baptisms

in our church

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

Tyler Michael Meigel Jr.
child of Rebecca & Tyler

New child? Expecting?
Contact the Rectory to learn more
about the sacrament of Baptism!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Martha is a multi-step translation from the original Aramaic, "Marta". What does "Marta" mean?

- a: "the mother"
- b: "the servant"
- c: "the listener"
- d: "the mistress"



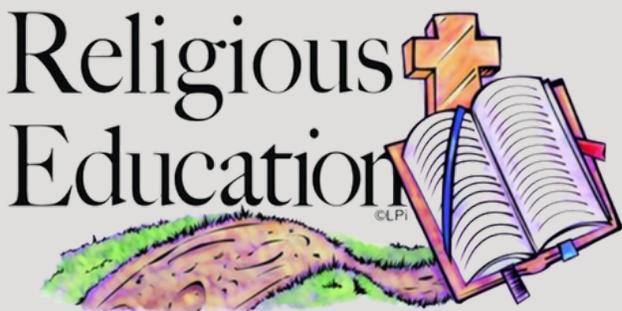
Answer: D (the mistress)
Can be translated as "the mistress" or "the lady", the feminine version of the word for "the master".
*note, this is not the current usage of the word "mistress" but rather to state that she was in charge of the house.

Explore the Christian faith in a friendly, informal environment...



Alpha-
Returning to STM
September 15th 2025

Alpha



St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration
2025/2026 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



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.

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.



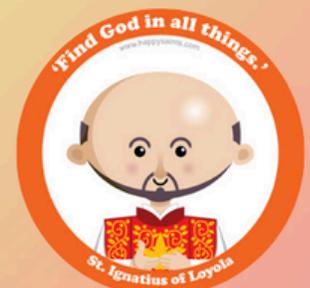
Feast Day: July 26th
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of Jesus Christ
Patron: Grandparents

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."

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.



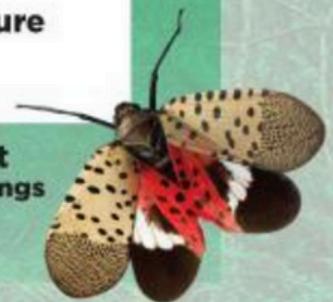
Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see

**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

Report
any sightings



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home

