

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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July 27th 2025



Amen by Salvador Dali, 1966

This Week's Readings

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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)

Monday, July 28th

9:00am Eleanor Thompson

Tuesday, July 29th

9:00am Jack Gaudet

Wednesday, July 30th

9:00am James John

Thursday, July 31st

9:00am Barbara Gilchrist

Friday, August 1st

9:00am Andrew John Paino

Saturday, August 2nd

5:00pm Arputha Mary Asir
Matthew T Phelan

Sunday, August 3rd

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Carmine Matarazzo

9:30am Kathleen M Wilson
Terrance Sullivan

11:30am Matthew O'Connell
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

Sts. Joachim & Anne (7/26)
Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus (7/29)
St. Peter Chrysologus (7/30)
St. Ignatius of Loyola (7/31)
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori (8/1)
St. Eusebius of Vercelli (8/2)
St. Peter Julian Eymard (8/2)
Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3rd 2025

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Psalms 90:3-6,12-14,17

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Luke 12:13-21

Focus Questions

- 1: Relate a time when material goods failed to satisfy you.
 - 2: What nontangible riches have you stored up?
 - 3: Share a time when you felt God calling you to simplify your life.
- Families: Take a look around your home. Decide what you can do without and what you can give away.

Gospel of Luke (12:13-21)

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."
He replied to him,
"Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?"
Then he said to the crowd,
"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"'

But God said to him,
"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"
Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

John: “**Did you see how pleased Mrs. Smith was when I told her that she didn’t look a day older than her daughter?**”

Don: “I didn’t notice Mrs. Smith... I was too busy watching the expression on her daughter’s face. She was not at all pleased.”

Words have power. They can hurt or please people. They can give hope and create a new future, or enrage, fury, and destroy the relationship.

In today’s Gospel **Jesus teaches us to pray**. Prayer is not merely an utterance of words or making some sounds by letting air through the vocal cords. Rather, as Jesus explains in the prayer ‘Our Father’, it is a moment of expressing and living our relationship with God in parent-child terms. Prayer sharpens our senses to view and realize that our world is worthy of receiving God’s Kingdom. We can wish and pray to God that “may your kingdom come.” If only we cooperate with God, God’s will be done among us on the earth “as it is in Heaven.” Our prayer exposes to our conscious realization that our earth can be turned into heaven when we work hand in hand with God. Thus, prayer is our will expressed in our words by which we let ourselves become God’s will and God’s act.

The second part of Jesus’s prayer “Our Father” **empowers us to live in God’s kingdom**. Yes, God is ready to provide bread everyday... The bread, the strength to live in God’s kingdom. He also teaches how to live in God’s kingdom... We have to live as God does. We are to forgive our debtors as God forgives our debts. When we live in God’s kingdom with God-given power in God’s lifestyle of forgiving others, there will be lots of temptation to live our life adopting the lifestyle of evil. So, Jesus ends the prayer to watch and pray not to fall into temptation and avoid the influence of evil.

In the second part of the Gospel Jesus tell a story. **Prayer is not a one-time petition. It is a conscious commitment** to let God alone and to let God’s will alone be done in everything that happen to us. When a prayer request is delayed or unanswered, our commitment should not be slackened or changed to some other person or some other power.

The **power of prayer is not measured in the words or in the number of times we pray**. It comes from one’s commitment to God in faith and one’s openness to God and God alone. Let us, like the disciples of today’s Gospel, ask Jesus to teach us how to pray and how to commit ourselves to God’s power and will alone. Let us believe and pray to God who encourages with His promise, “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. “



With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Stephanie Barry
Florence Carter
Cheri Johnston

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
Carmen Z Fontes
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Codie Codispoti
Diane McCann

Ellen Murphy
Fortunata Feliciano
Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Ianno
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
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 28th - August 3rd



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

Pray for our Clergy

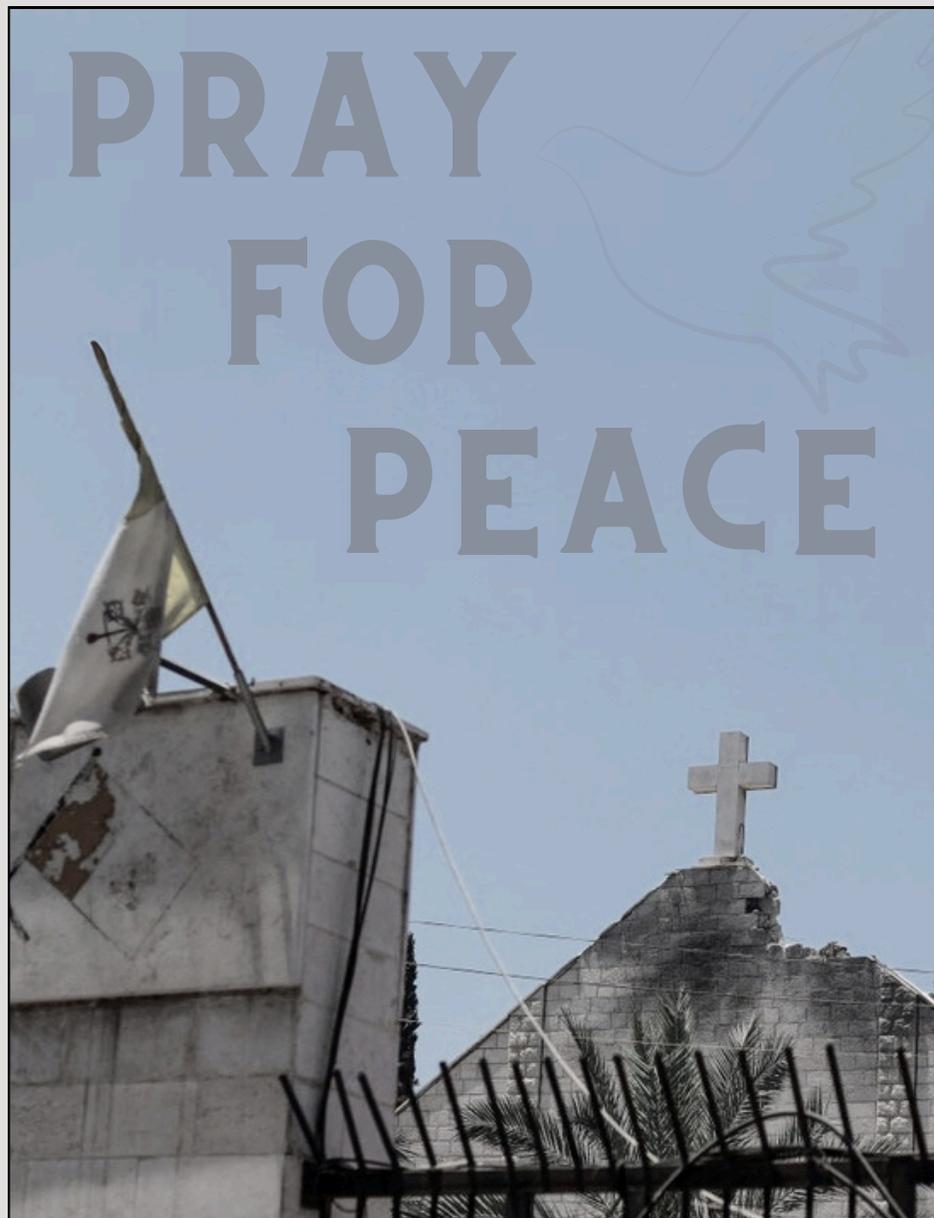
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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 19th & July 20th

\$5997

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.

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Mashed Potatoes
Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee)
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Vegetables
Sauce

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.

 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† PARISH OUTREACH †



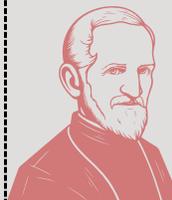
*A single family living
in a common home.*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us unlimited.

As Vincentians, when someone calls us for help, we go to them on a "home visit." In Hauppauge, we are noticing that some people who call on us for help are living in their cars. How did this happen?

Where, and how, are we called to show God's love and care for all his children?



These are not easy questions, but we can pray for Our Father's guidance. Questions or answers, call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com



This & That

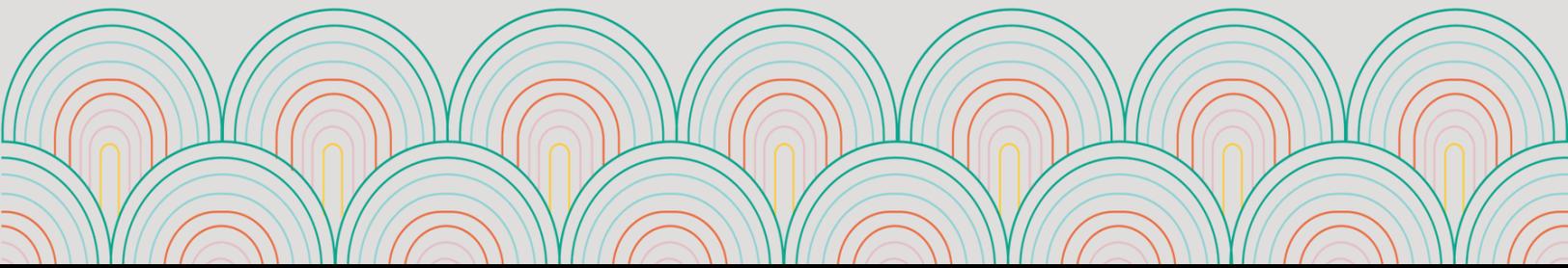
With
Deacon Matt



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.



St. Thomas More Annual

BEACH MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

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

**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.**



Baptisms

in our church

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

Christopher William Mirman
child of Jacqueline & Andrew

Henry John Strecker-Kellogg
child of Kristin & William

Lucy Sienna Tellerman
child of Lauren & Brian

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When we pray the Our Father, the priest intones a prayer before we respond with the doxology (for the kingdom, etc). What is this prayer called?

a: major doxology

b: embolism

c: incipit

d: minor doxology



Answer: B (embolism)

The embolism is the priest's statement towards the end of the prayer: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, etc." In the other Christian faiths, this is excluded and the people directly pray "...deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, etc."

Bring your own questions or just listen to others...

Alpha-

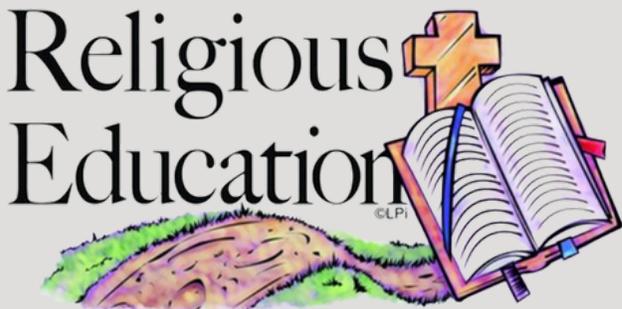
Returning to STM
September 15th 2025

Alpha



BE LOVED
BE KIND

Be You

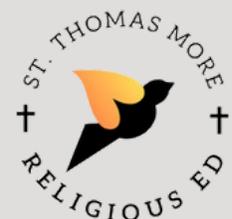


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Religious Education Registration
2025/2026 School Year

-- 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



Holy Hour

"Infinite Love"

Contemporary
music by special
guests Donna &
Al Domingo!



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"And so we know and rely on the love God
has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love
lives in God, and God in them."

1 John 4:16



PARISH OUTREACH: SCHOOL GIFT CARD DRIVE

In lieu of collecting school supplies this year, Outreach has decided to collect \$25 Walmart cards for our families to purchase a new outfit for school, new sneakers, or whatever else they may need.

There are many community resources available for our families to get school supplies and we feel this will be a better opportunity for them to get what they need.

Many of our clients have specifically asked for Walmart cards, as they feel they can get more for their money.



Thank you in advance for your donation!
Please remember you can leave your donation in the collection basket, or drop them off at Outreach or the Rectory.

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

GOLF RAFFLE



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



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES OR AT THE RECTORY!

**NOW
WITH
BIGGER
PAYOUTS!**

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



STM MSGR FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

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.

St. Thomas More Choir

Have you ever felt the joy of singing from your heart? Imagine raising your voice in harmony with others, filling the church with heavenly music, and being part of something truly special

Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or simply love to sing, we welcome you! No formal training is required—just a love for music and a desire to be part of a beautiful tradition. Every voice matters, and together we create something magical that touches hearts and souls at every Mass.

Why join?

Make a Joyful Noise: Use your gift of music to glorify God

Build Community: Connect with fellow parishioners in a fun, welcoming environment

Lift Spirits: Help lead worship and inspire others through song.

When?

Children

Rehearsal: Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Mass: Sundays 9:30

Adults

Rehearsal: Thursdays 7-8:30

Mass: Sundays 11:30