

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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This Week's Readings
 Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23
 Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
 Luke 12:13-21

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, August 4th

9:00am Eileen Macholz-Barr

Tuesday, August 5th

9:00am Rosemarie Campo

Wednesday, August 6th

9:00am Cheri Johnston

Thursday, August 7th

9:00am Ana Cecilia & Cirilo Castro

Friday, August 8th

9:00am Chet Kalenty

Saturday, August 9th

5:00pm Richard Stout
Letty Russo

Sunday, August 10th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Michael Dalmeto

9:30am Terry Pankus
Matthew Phelan

11:30am John Marro
John & Marti White (50yrs)



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. Jean Vianney (8/4)
Dedication of Basilica of Mary Major (8/5)
Transfiguration of the Lord (8/6)
St Sixtus II & Companions (8/7)
St. Dominic (8/8)
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (8/9)
St. Lawrence (8/10)
Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10th 2025

our daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms 33:1,12,18-22

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Focus Questions

1: Relate a time when you kept vigil, waiting for someone or something to happen.

2: Describe a way your life is different because of your faith.

3: Describe a time when someone trusted you with something precious.

Families: Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid. What are you most afraid of?

Gospel of Luke (12:35-40)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,

blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour

when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

From the Pastor

Two farmers each won a million dollars in the state lottery. The first farmer said, “He was going to use his money to retire, move to Florida, and live the good life.” When the second farmer was asked what he planned to do, he replied, “I don’t know, I think I’ll just keep on farming until it’s all used up.” According to the first farmer, money can buy a better life. According to the second, money can help improve their style of working. There is an old proverb, “Money is a wonderful servant but a terrible master.”

Money can buy and help possess things **but money cannot buy life and maintain relationships.** Money can be spent on gifts but cannot win hearts. Money can afford expensive medicines but cannot assure health. Money can build beautiful houses but cannot create a loving home. Money can fill gifts around people outwardly but cannot bring fulfillment to a person inwardly. At the end, as the first reading says, we may feel we have money and possessions but may still experience a vacuum in the heart; all will seem like a mere vanity and make us feel as though we are living a life without substance and meaning.

Today’s Gospel-story invites us **not to lose the immeasurable gift of life at the cost of a measurable quantity of money.** The Gospel starts with a question from someone in the crowd, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” Jesus outright refused to oblige to his request, but not because He would not be able to make a right sharing between brothers. The story He narrated after refusing him explains how Jesus draws their attention to how easily we lose focus on something immeasurable we carry within ourselves, at the cost of our greediness to gain something measurable.

The story explains **the foolishness of sacrificing the present day in order to earn possessions for a happy tomorrow.** Jesus’ story enlightens us that the possessions for tomorrow are not a guarantee for the happiness of tomorrow. Living happily in the present moment of today will equip us with the spirit and strength to live a happy tomorrow. The message is that we have to engage ourselves today totally and fully. As Jesus has instructed in the Sermon on the Mount, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.” (Matthew 6:34) Today’s happy life will bring a bright tomorrow. Let us live our present.

You are invited to the **St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic.** Please remember to mark your calendar; September 7th is the date 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, lectors, 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,
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
Kayla & Noah
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
Raymond Larsen
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

August 4th - August 10th

In memory of

Chet Kalenty

by Ursula Molinaro
and Michelle Brosnan

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

Pray for our Clergy

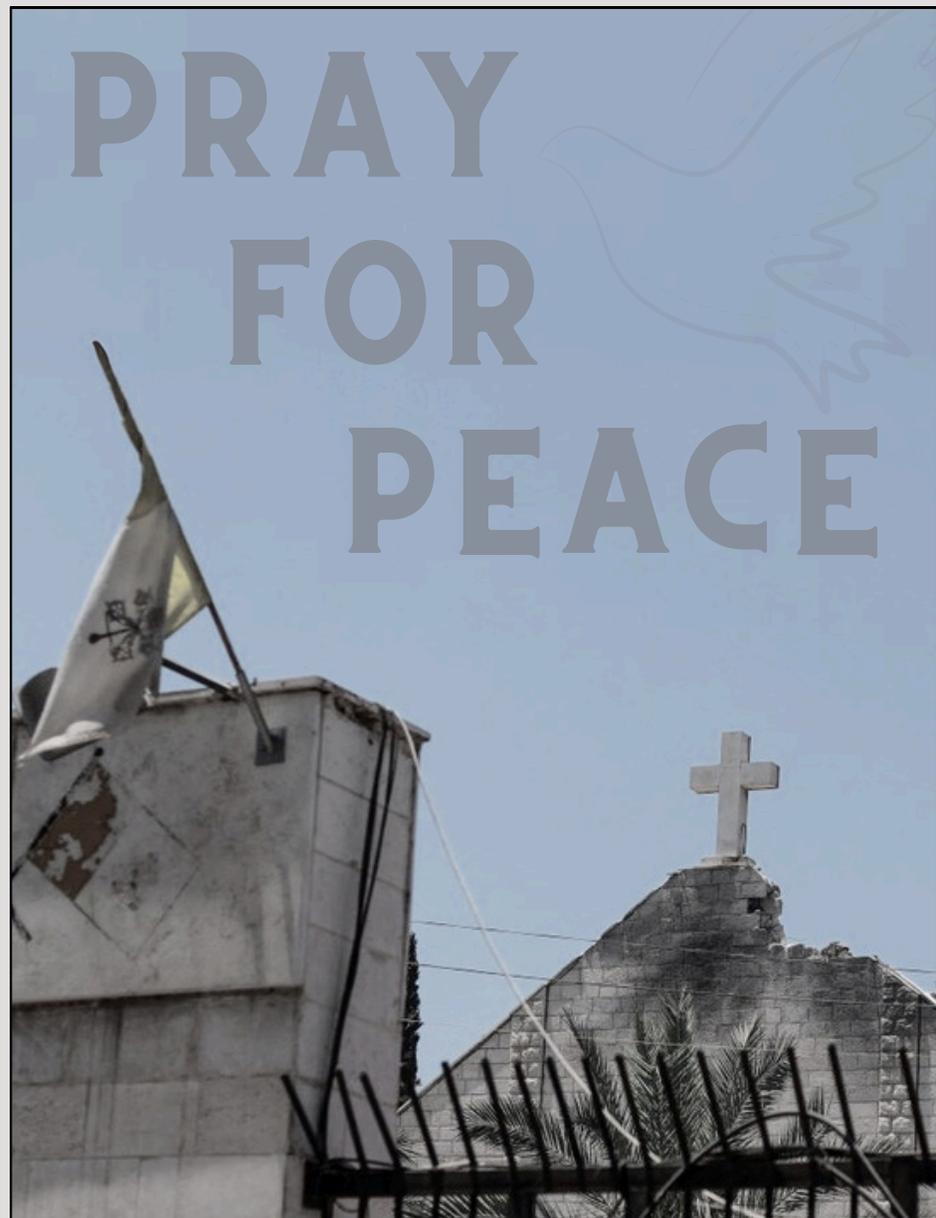
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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 26th & July 27th

\$6129

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



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.

"No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures."

POPE LEO XIV

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.

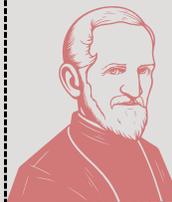


ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods, only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

Our treasury is never stored away, but meant to be used. At this time our funds are very low, so please, if you are able, consider making a donation to SVdP.



Please reach out with any questions.
Contact us: 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.**



Feast of the Assumption of Mary

We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.

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Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

August 14 @ 7pm (Vigil)

August 15 @ 9am

August 15 @ 7pm



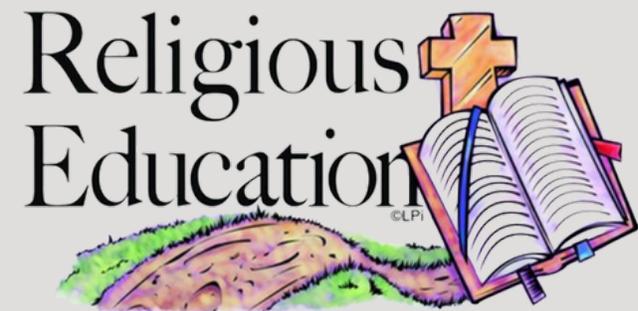
QUESTION ^{OF} THE WEEK

Who is Qoholeth in the Book of Ecclesiastes?

- a: the writer
- b: a king
- c: the narrator
- d: a rabbi



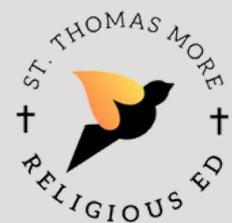
Answer: C (the narrator)
Qoholeth or Kohelet is the Hebrew name of the narrator of the Book of Ecclesiastes (ecclesiastes being the Greek translation of Qoholeth), meaning "one who addresses an assembly". The book itself is believed to have been written by King Solomon



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





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!



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



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?
YOU'RE INVITED TO TRY ALPHA AT STM
EXPLORE LIFE...FAITH...MEANING

ALPHA is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal setting. You will be able to explore life's biggest questions. You will take yourself on a journey which many times leads to a personal encounter with Jesus. You are able to ask questions, share ideas, build friendships, and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We gather once a week and have our meeting at St. Thomas more in the white room. We set up in small groups of about 8 to 10 people per table and start with a nice dinner and dessert with your group. Then we watch a video that features inspiring stories and interviews from all around the world followed by discussions with your group. Each week our talks will look at a different question about faith.

If you are not comfortable talking in a group, don't worry. Just listen and you will be surprised what you take home and think about. You may even find yourself inspired to share your experiences and knowledge the following week.

So come try ALPHA! It's free, you'll have good food, thought provoking conversation with people and our guarantee to be finished in 2 hours each week.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call 631-234-0397 or email us at jmwhite@optonline.net

We hope to see you all there!