

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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August 10th 2025

You also must be prepared,



for at an hour you do not
expect,

the Son of Man will come.

This Week's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms 33:1,12,18-22

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Luke 12:32-48

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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)

Monday, August 11th

9:00am Nicholas Conzo

Tuesday, August 12th

9:00am Chet Kalenty

Wednesday, August 13th

9:00am Deacon Alfred Pankus

Thursday, August 14th

9:00am Adele Cassese

Friday, August 15th

9:00am Stephanie Barry

Saturday, August 16th

5:00pm Margaret Mirabell
Steven Diot

Sunday, August 17th

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Carlos Marinod

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Lawrence Papola

11:30am Jennie A Giordanella
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. Lawrence (8/10)

St. Clare (8/11)

St. Maximilian Kolbe (8/14)

Assumption of the BVM (8/15)

St. Stephen of Hungary (8/16)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17th 2025

Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Psalms 40:2-4,18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when you were on fire with enthusiasm.

2: Describe a time when you felt moved by the Holy Spirit to take action.

3: Relate a time when you felt divided from family members or friends because you each had different opinions.

Families: Recall a time when you did something difficult because of love.

Gospel of Luke (12:49-53)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,

three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Game Warden: **Fishing?** Man without license: **No, drowning worms.**

When an unexpected situation suddenly arises in life, we have to come up with some smart answers or find quick solutions to cope with the situation.

Today's readings **focus on faith which will keep us ever prepared to face any kind of situation.** Faith will never end up in disappointment and frustration. The first reading describes the disposition of those who celebrated the first Pasqua in Egypt on the night when God began the journey of freedom for His people from their slavery in Egypt. In spite of their fear and uncertainty of freedom from the mighty Pharaoh, they believed in God's promise given to them through Moses, the leader of their freedom. Their faith in God encouraged their journey towards freedom overcoming significant obstacles or challenges.

The second reading depicts Abraham as a hero and pioneer of faith. **All that happened to Abraham happened as the result of his faith in God.** His physical travels of leaving his native land to live in a strange land at God's word, figuratively explaining his journey of faith. He put his faith in God and God led him from a single family to be the father of nations and to become blessings to all of humanity. He never let himself be discouraged by what he actually saw in him or his wife Sarah. He believed in God's promise that they would become parents of a son even though they were beyond the age of childbearing and at last they got Isaac their son. His faith in God's promises likewise never left him in doubt, even to offer his son Isaac at God's word.

The parable of today's Gospel begins with Jesus saying, **"Do not be afraid any longer,** little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." Jesus reminds us to have faith in God's promise, that we have God's kingdom among us and we are kingdom people. Of course, when we look at our world, we can hardly see open signs of God's kingdom around us. This is where the power of faith comes in. God has faith in us and is pleased to give the kingdom to us. We must have faith in God's promise and open ourselves to let God's kingdom be realized in each of us, and among all of us by co-working with Him.

But there is a **temptation to forget ourselves** as servants of God and to behave as masters of the world, as today's parable depicts how the servants began to live like masters of the master's household in his absence. If our faith is in God's promise, we will serve each other as Kingdom people realizing God's kingdom among us. But if our faith, like the bad servants, is in our own selfish power and authority mistreating the co-servants, we will not only destroy our world but also never let God's kingdom realize among us. Let us pray that we have the heart of the servant to serve life both for us and the others. Our life is a journey; let us travel; let us not stay and stink in our convenient self. Let us allow God's providence to lead us.

Friday August 15th is the **Solemn Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary.** The Feast of Assumption proclaims how God called a poor virgin girl, Mar, from Nazareth to enact a higher good in a very original way, a virgin mother of Jesus Christ, Son of God. God reminds that what happened to Mary would happen to us who believe in His Son. We are called in our baptism to live our earthly life with the focus of our future heavenly Glory, to live for higher good in a very original way. **It is a day of obligation.** Thursday August 14th we have the Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm. On the Feast Day Friday August 15th, we have two Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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

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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 11th - August 17th

In memory of
Paul F. Coyle
by Judy Coyle

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

Pray for our Clergy

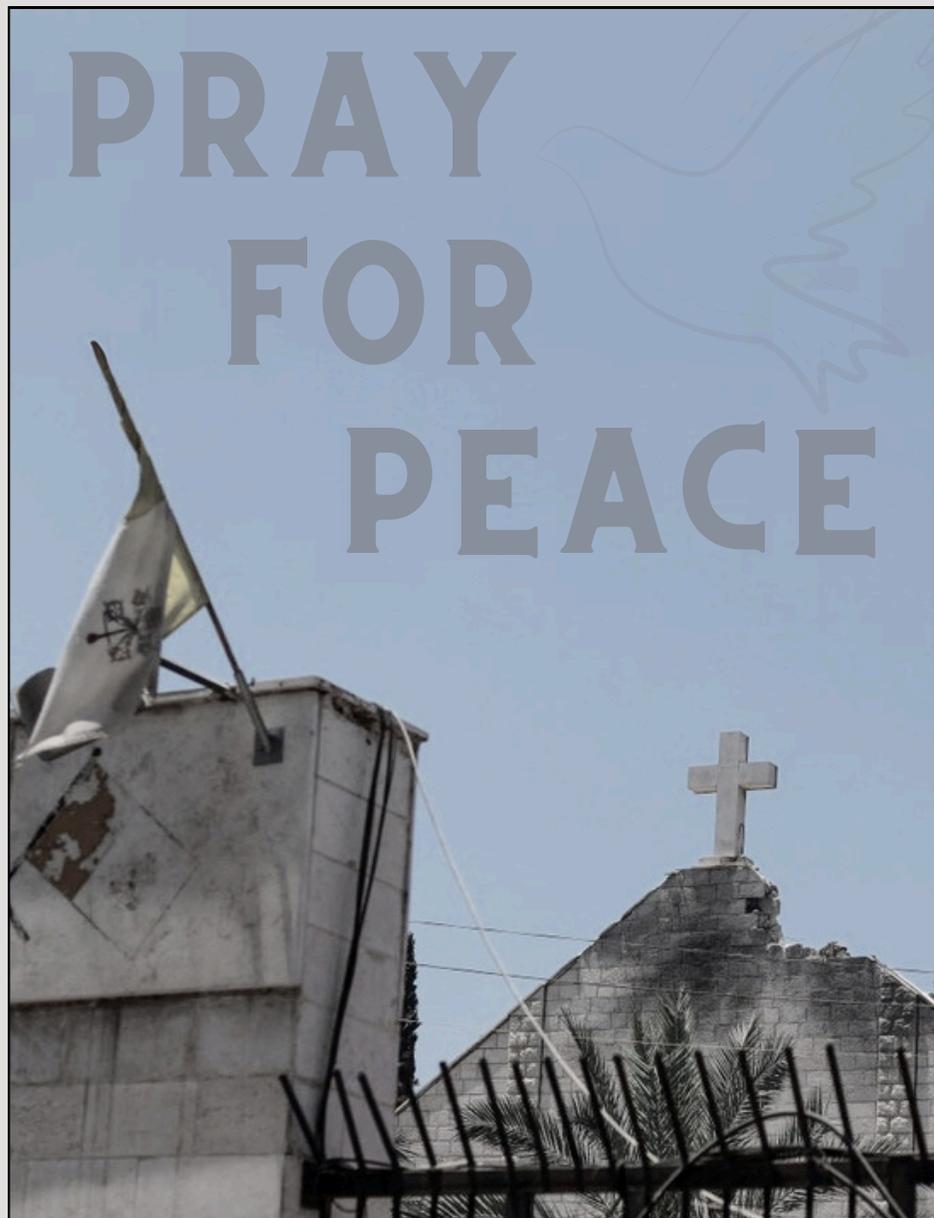
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Parish and Mission as Catholics!

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!

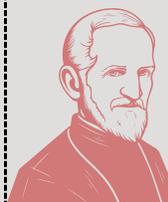
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and help to our neighbors in need, and you will indeed find "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven."



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.**



Baptisms

in our church

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

Theo Nicholas Zaferiou
child of Aria & paul

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



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother Mary occurred where?

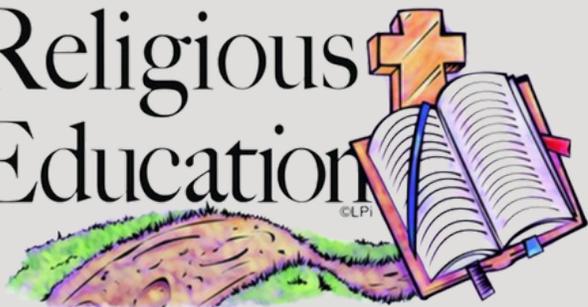
- a: Jerusalem
- b: Nazareth
- c: Mount Tabor
- d: Ephesus



Answer: D (Ephesus)

Ephesus, in present day Turkey, was the home of the BVM towards the end of her mortal life. We believe it is where she was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

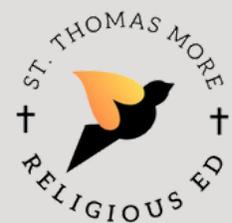
Religious Education



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 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!

Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin 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.

MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS, 1950

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

August 14 @ 7pm (Vigil)

August 15 @ 9am

August 15 @ 7pm

