

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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September 21st 2025

NO SERVANT
CAN
SERVE TWO
MASTERS

Luke 16:13

This Week's Readings

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113:1-2,4-8

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

25th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, September 20th

5:00pm Jimmy Doran
Barbara Gilcrest

Sunday, September 21st

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Stella Pienkowski
Anna & Joe Beltrani (66yrs)

9:30am Thomas Prunty
Joan & Jim Harnett

11:30am Richard Stout
Arputha Mary Asir

Monday, September 22nd

9:00am Nicholas Conzo

Tuesday, September 23rd

9:00am Judy Lukas

Wednesday, September 24th

9:00am Ana Cecilia & Cirilo Castro

Thursday, September 25th

9:00am Judi Michela (healing)

Friday, September 26th

9:00am William Mongan

Saturday, September 27th

5:00pm James J. Murphy Sr
Rose Francini

Sunday, September 28th

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mary Puorro

9:30am Linda Dowling
Terrance Sullivan

11:30am Donald Ricupero
Thomas Warmuth



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. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong
Hasang & Companions (9/20)
St. Matthew the Evangelist (9/21)
St. Thomas of Villanova (9/22)
Sts. Cosmas & Damian (9/26)
St. Vincent de Paul (9/27)
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael (9/29)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28th 2025

Readings

Amos 6:1a,4-7
Psalm 146:7-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Focus Questions

- 1: What do you have in excess that you could share with someone in need?
 - 2: How can you help others accept the teachings of God without signs like the dead rising?
 - 3: What is on the other side of your great chasm?
- Families: Whose position would you rather be in, the rich man or Lazarus?

Gospel of Luke (16:19-31)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Jesus always tells very **heartwarming stories, like the story of the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son**. In all these stories Jesus invites us to imitate the main character of the stories, who is positive and worthy of imitation.

But in today's Gospel He narrates a different type of story. **The main character of the story is a dishonest servant** who is dismissed by his master for squandering his property – a negative character. Jesus depicts throughout the story how the servant is trying his best to invest on the good will of the master's clients by cheating, Jesus draws our attention to this negative character. He invites us to focus on the initiative the dishonest servant takes...the inner energy that he employs to provide for himself for the future.... His ability to use everything in his means to save himself from the impending jobless situation.

Through this example, **Jesus calls us to check how we use the inner energy**, how we employ our spiritual power of taking initiative. Are we using our spiritual energy negatively like the dishonest servant of today's Gospel, or are we using our inner capacity to keep ourselves intact, even when nothing around us works in favor of us?

Jesus now asks us if we can **apply our motivation, our power of initiative and our inner energy to do something good and eternal in value**. At the end of the story Jesus complements the servant only to remind us that the good are not as industrious as the wicked; that the children of light are less prudent than the children of this world. Jesus encourages us (the good and the godly) to be more prudent, to be more active, to be more engaging than the evil and ungodly.

Jesus invites us to be **faithful with all that we have and who we are**. We should not allow our possessions to direct and define our identity. Rather our identity that we bear God's image must help us decide how to use our possessions. We should use the possessions to bear witness to the God's image that we are. We should not use our good characters and good nature to accumulate our possessions. If we don't use possessions to establish our good nature they will use us in their material way. We know the proverb that wealth or possessions are good servants but worse masters. Today's Gospel checks with us asking who our master is – our good nature or our material possessions.

The first reading warns us how our **avarice to accumulate things will easily deprive us of our good nature** of loving the other human beings. Amos the prophet points out how the rich value the material possessions more than the human beings. "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" May the wisdom of God and the Spirit of Jesus guide us and empower us not to be misdirected by the possessions, so that we will live our inner identity that we love all God's children.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Theresa Fischetti



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
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 & Nora
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lori Rooney
Lorraine White
Louise Soldo
Marge McGowan

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

September 22nd - September 28th



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

Pray for our Clergy

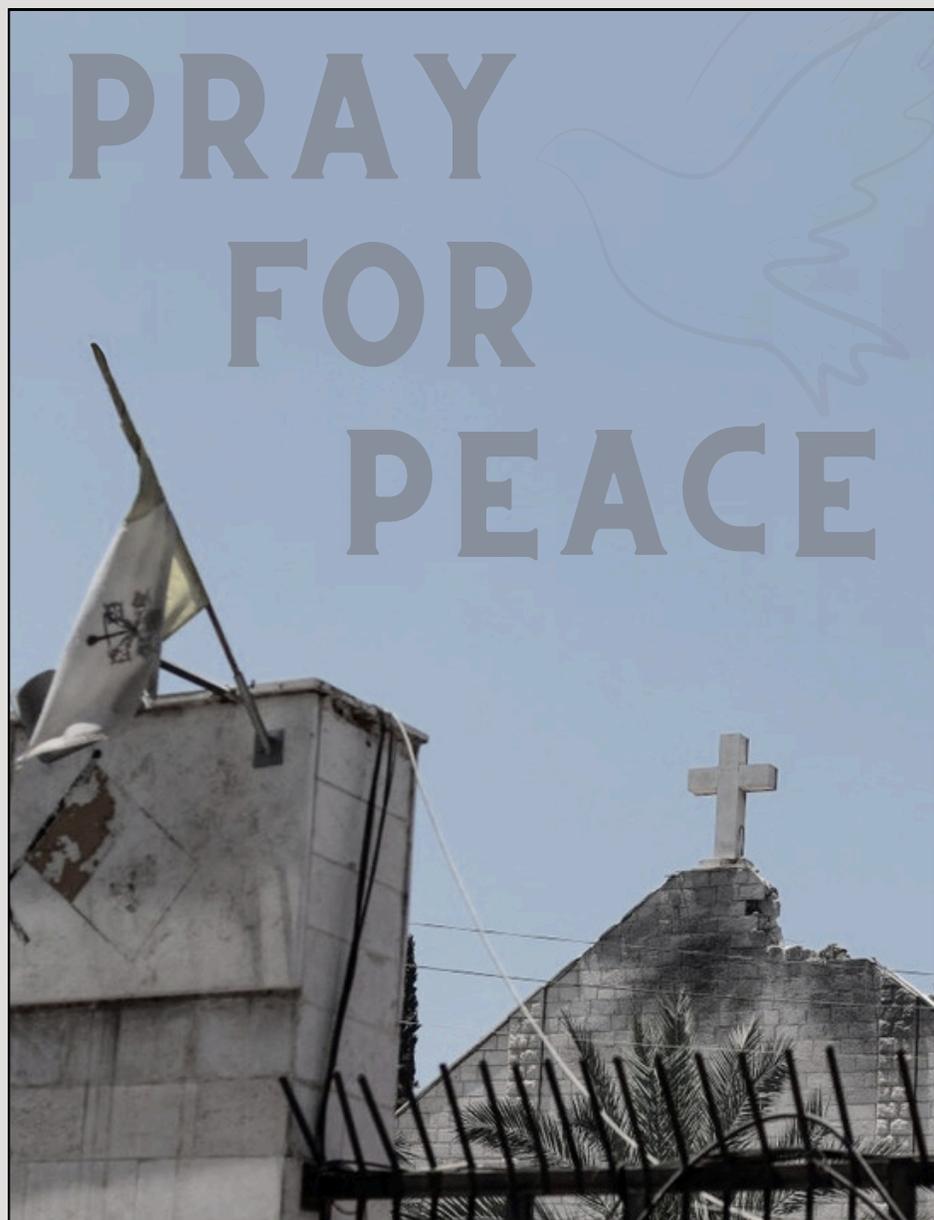
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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:
September 13th & 14th

\$4961

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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OCIA

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Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani
631-234-0714

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

“Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love.”

Gift Card Donations

Please place any gift card donations in the collection basket, or drop them off at Outreach or the Rectory. Please do not put them in the bins in the Narthex. The church is open for visitors who sometimes “look through” the bags of food.

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.

FYI

According to a recent article in Newsday, the national poverty rate in 2024 is 10.6%. Although this reflects a 0.4% decrease it does not account for regional differences. A family of 4 on Long Island needs at least \$100,000 in income for a “household survival budget”. The official poverty measure for a family of 4 is \$31,812. Long Island Cares reports that 313,800 families on LI are “food insecure”.

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Pancake Mix	Tea
Syrup	Coffee
Boxed Milk	Rice
Cookies	Drinks/Drink Mixes
Jelly	Paper Towels
Soup	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.

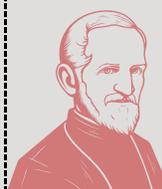


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you consider donating to SVdP, know that it is a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com



Baptisms in our church

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

Anthony Dominick Rosello
child of Renee & Dominick

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



E-Giving News

Our current e-giving platform is changing its name!
Faith Direct is becoming unified under the Ministry Brands umbrella and will be known as ParishSoft Giving



Some minor (but helpful!) changes:

Weekly Donations...will now be paid weekly, not per month
Donations can be scheduled for any day, not just the 4th or 15th
Donations can be made with Google Pay, Apple Pay, Venmo, or PayPal

We encourage all parishioners to consider signing up for e-giving. Donating online is safe and secure, and allows you on demand access to your tax information and giving history.

More information and instructions to sign up can be found on the literature rack in the Narthex.

BANNS OF Marriage

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

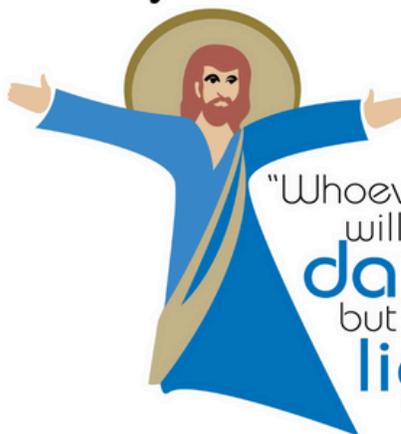
KRISTINA SCHEIM
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



MATTHEW PUZO
St. Patrick
Smithtown



Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.

Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors. You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
• Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Tuesday, Oct. 28 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
• Lector Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 5 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Nov. 15 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 1 pm - 4 pm
(there will be NO Lector Workshop or EMHC Part B offered on this date)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration are NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



NEXT MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 26TH
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!
CALL ANNA
631-234-0714

Children's Liturgy Returns!



Kids 4-8 are invited to join us on September 21st at the 9:30 Mass! We are thrilled to restart this program! For more info, contact the Rectory.



Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ?

LISTEN!-PRAY!-REFLECT!-DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Tuesday September 30th

St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Rd (Hospitality Rm)

7:00PM, Thursday, October 2nd

St. Brigid Westbury, 85 Post Ave (St. Anthony Center)

1:00PM, Saturday, October 18th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

RSVP by Friday, September 26th,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Open Houses



September 2025

SAT, SEPT. 27 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Anthony's High School

SAT, SEPT. 27 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary's High School

October 2025

SAT, OCT. 4 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School

SAT, OCT. 4 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Chaminade High School

SAT, OCT. 4 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Academy



SUN, OCT. 5 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School

SAT, OCT. 18 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School

SAT, OCT. 25 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School



Stay connected with us and take the first step towards the education of a lifetime!

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BACK by Popular Demand...

Military Bridge!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,

October 18, 2025

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Instructions: 6:45pm

Game Begins: 7:00pm



ATTENTION!

This is a simple card game that everyone can learn.
A great way to mix & mingle with parish friends

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Raffles and 50/50
- Finger Foods
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person
*Adults Only



At St. Thomas More Church
(Following the 5pm Mass)

Get your tickets NOW!

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

2025 ST THOMAS MORE MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

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Our raffle winners!

PAULETTE DIMARCO
FIRST

ROSALIE ROCCHIO
SECOND

JOAN MURPHY
THIRD





Golf Outing 2025





St Hildegard von Bingen

German Benedictine abbess and polymath, Hildegard of Bingen lived through the High Middle Ages founding monasteries, writing hymns and antiphons, and studying botany and medicine. Though referred to as a Saint throughout history, Pope Benedict XVI named her Doctor of the Church officially in 2012.

Hildegard entered a Benedictine monastery as a young girl, having had visions from as early as three. She wrote three volumes of theology developed from her visions and two volumes of studies on natural medicine. She believed that music elevated our worship and understanding of God, and wrote many hymns throughout her life. In addition, she wrote the musical drama *Ordo Virtutum*, the earliest 'morality play'.



HILDEGARD VON BINGEN RECEIVING A VISION, FROM SCIVIAS (1151)

Beyond being a writer, mother superior, prolific composer, receiver of visions, and scientist, Hildegard von Bingen was also a recipe creator. In her work *Physica*, she included a recipe for cookies. St. Hildegard recommends you “eat them often” but since they lack butter, eggs, or sugar, you might not want to.

See her original instructions and commentary below:

“Take some nutmeg and an equal weight of cinnamon and a bit of cloves, and pulverize them. Then make small cakes with this and fine whole wheat flour and water. Eat them often. It will calm all bitterness of the heart and mind, open your heart and impaired senses, and make your mind cheerful. It purifies your senses and diminishes all harmful humors in you. It gives good liquid to your blood, and makes you strong.”

If you are interested, consider using St. Hildegard’s spice blend in a proper cookie, like a gingersnap or snickerdoodle!

2 tsp nutmeg, 2 tsp cinnamon, ¼ tsp cloves

Saint *Carlo Acutis*

On Sept. 7th, Pope Leo XIV canonized his first two saints, including Carlo Acutis!



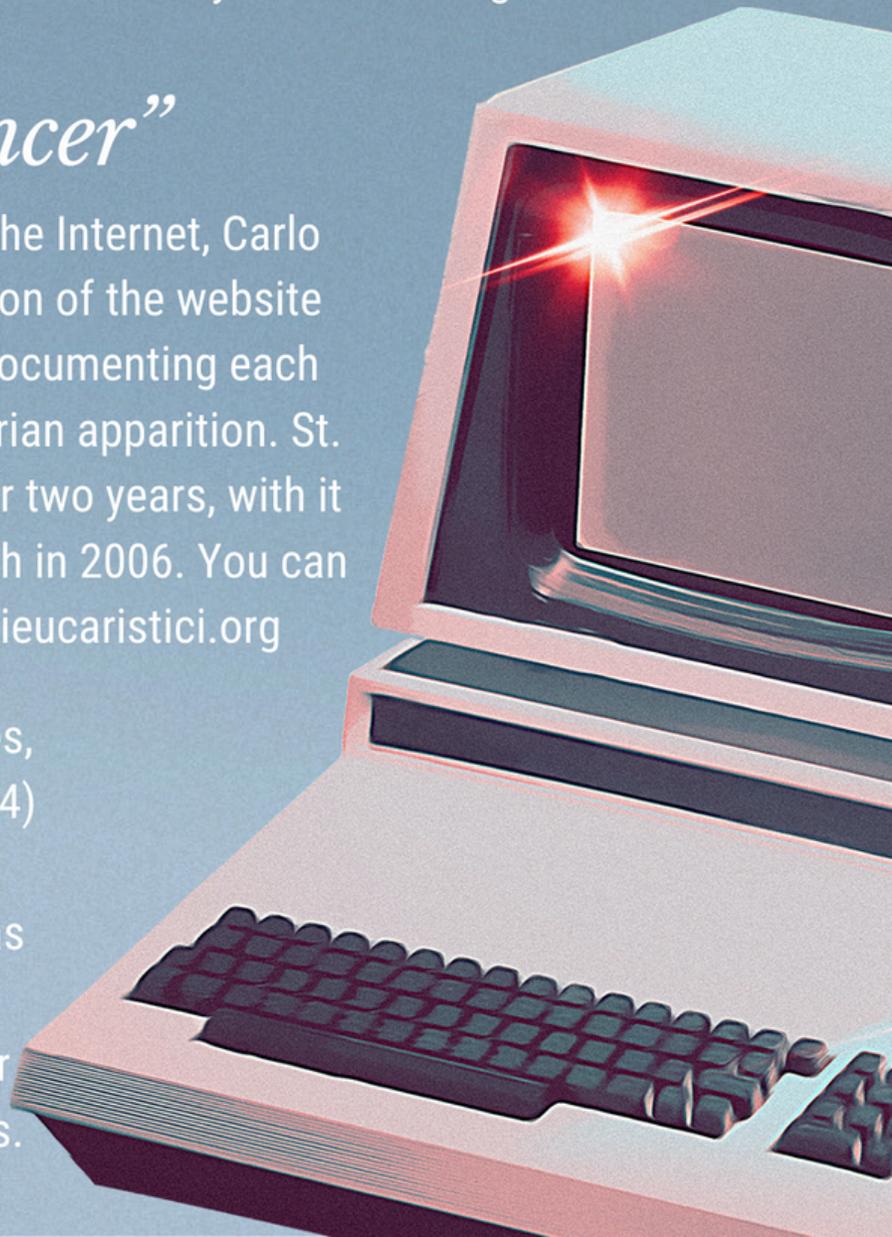
Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in London to Italian parents, and was raised in Milan in an areligious household. He had a deep interest in the faith, even bringing his parents back to Catholicism. While attending a Jesuit high school in 2006, he developed acute promyelocytic leukemia and died five days after his diagnosis.

“God’s Influcencer”

Referred to as the Patron Saint of the Internet, Carlo Acutis is most known for his creation of the website ‘Miracoli Eucarstici’ dedicated to documenting each reported Eucharstic miracle and Marian apparition. St. Carlo worked on the website for over two years, with it launching mere days before his death in 2006. You can still visit the site at www.miracolieucaristici.org

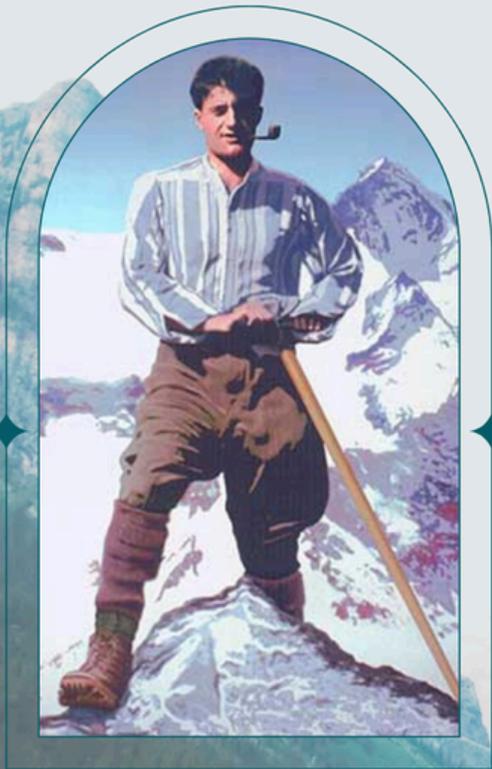
After being credited with two miracles, (Brazil in 2019 and Costa Rica in 2024)

Carlo Acutis’ canonization was approved by Pope Francis and he was canonized by Pope Leo. His family attended the Mass, with his younger brother delivering one of the readings.



SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

On Sept. 7th, Pope Leo XIV canonized his first two saints, including Pier Giorgio Frassati!



Frassati, an Italian born in 1901 was known as a young person dedicated to social justice and works of charity. He was raised in Turin and educated by Jesuits. An opponent of fascism and Mussolini, he was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Frassati was an avid athlete and mountaineer, regularly climbing the Italian Alps.

“Charity is not enough; we need social reform.”

In 1925, Frassati developed poliomyelitis and passed away at the age of 24. He was interred at Pollone Cemetery, but transferred to Turin Cathedral in 1981 where upon his remains were found to be incorrupt. St. Frassati is the patron saint of young Catholics, mountaineers, and World Youth Day.

