

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

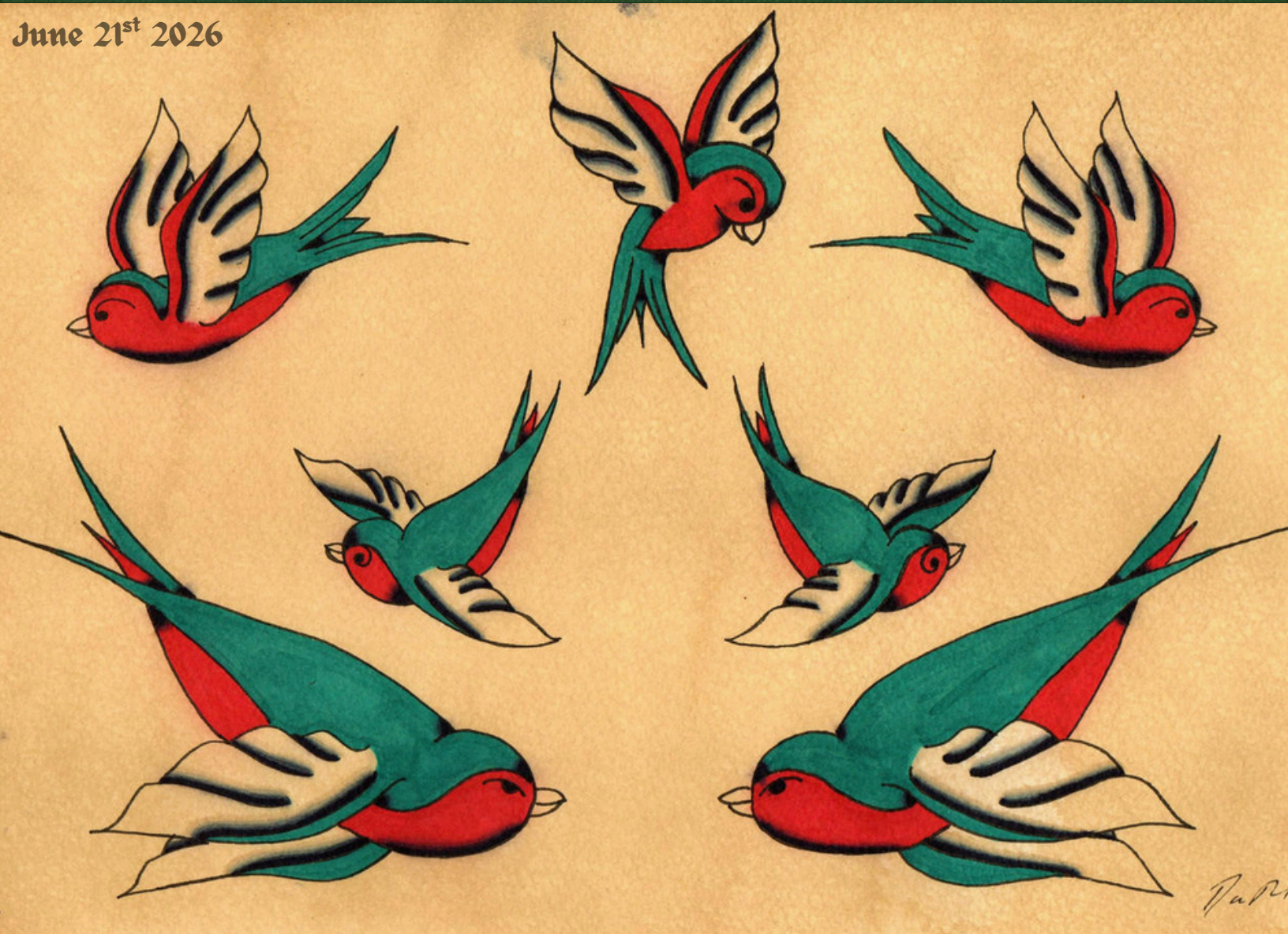
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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June 21st 2026



This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, June 20th
5:00pm Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 21st
Ordinary 12
8:00am Father's Day Novena
9:30am Father's Day Novena
11:30am Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 22nd
9:00am Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 23rd
9:00am Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 24th
9:00am Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 25th
9:00am Father's Day Novena

Friday, June 26th
9:00am Father's Day Novena

Saturday, June 27th
5:00pm Steve Puleio
Laura Jennings

Sunday, June 28th
Ordinary 13
8:00am Juanita Williams
Gerry Keena

9:30am Jorge Manzi
Tom Bursian

11:30am Richard Stout
Annmary Gomez



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. Aloysius Gonzaga (6/21)
St. Thomas More (6/22)
Nativity of John the Baptist (6/24)
St. Cyril of Alexandria (6/28)
Sts. Peter & Paul (6/29)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28th 2026

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri
9am

Sat
5pm

Sun
8am
9:30am
11:30am



The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.



bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Readings

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Psalm 89:2-3,16-19
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Focus Questions

- 1: Relate a time when you were made to feel welcome.
 - 2: Describe a time when you felt God was asking you to do something that was difficult.
 - 3: Relate a time when you were called to be hospitable to a variety of people.
- Families: Talk about a time when you felt you did something for someone without expecting a reward.

From the Pastor

We know the famous story of “**the Golden Egg Laying Duck and the Farmer**”. One day the farmer found one of the ducks laying a golden egg a day. A few days passed. He became impatient with the duck giving only one egg a day. He said, “The duck has all its eggs inside. Why don’t I find and collect them all at once?” He killed the duck. To his surprise, he found not even one golden egg inside the duck. The duck would have helped him grow steadily prosperous in its natural God given gift of laying an egg a day. But in an attempt to become prosperous quickly, his manipulation of God’s natural gift threw the farmer back to poverty.

In today’s second reading Paul **compares the First Adam who disobeyed God, with the New Adam (Christ)** who obeyed God until His death. Adam and Eve yielded to the serpent’s suggestion and trespassed God’s command. They ate the forbidden fruit desiring to become like God. Because of this trespass of the First Adam, Death began to reign over all humans. But the New Adam, Jesus Christ fulfilled God’s will even unto death on the cross and thus made us participate in life with God, a life overflowing with God’s grace.

The serpent taught them a **short-cut to become like God** knowing good and evil. Yes, they began to know the good and evil, but death came along with that. Life should not be lived through short cuts but through the process of growing. The New Adam Jesus Christ invites us and empowers us that life may grow in us. Our life is not a product that we can make step by step with various methods, formulae and techniques. Rather, our life is a “creative-growing”. God has created us in God’s own image. His creative will sets each of us in our own unique way of growing to be the best that God has created us for. Our best blossoms steadily. We are like “the Golden-Egg-Laying-Duck”, created to lay an egg a day. Let us not allow ourselves to be manipulated either by our own or by other’s greed to get all the eggs in one day.

The Gospel today instructs us what we should do in order **not to fall for any short-cut but to grow in our life**. Our life has nothing that “is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” All that we need for life is revealed in its natural God-created way. As long as we live at life’s speed (i.e., according to what God reveals) we will be given all that we need to live our best. But as happened in the Garden of Eden, there will always be “serpent-suggestions” to misdirect us and to live life through short-cuts and quick fixes. Once we yield to live by “serpent-suggestions” we will end up killing “the Golden-Egg-Laying-Duck”, only to be greatly disappointed and lose the power of living our best.

Jesus instructs us by saying, “**What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.**” What we realized in our heart as Jesus’ whisper must become our outward life in words and deeds. What Jesus says to us in the intimacy of our meditative prayer will enlighten our path to live God’s will. A life lived by what Jesus reveals will become such a fearless life that we will not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. The life lived according to God’s revealed plan will assure us of the care of God, who cares even for the life of sparrow that does not fall to the ground without Father’s (God’s) knowledge. Let us acknowledge God’s good will for us. Let us pray to know God’s will and try to live His plan for us.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Mario Corvasce
 Donna Michelini Scardino
 Benito Gaudio
 Sal Sparacino IV
 Theresa Haas
 Patrick Narciso Sr.
 Edith Chinnici

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Andrew Valentine
 Angela Conzo
 Anna Mancuso
 Barbara Foberg
 Blair Rocchio
 Blake Kerns
 Bob Basile
 Christy Torkelsen
 Danny Dau
 Dolores Rudden
 Ellen Murphy
 Elizabeth Hoffman
 Fern Peppe

Gertrude Hirsch
 Helen Kovarik
 Joan Perks
 Jim Engle
 Jimmy Cannon
 John Heller
 Baby Kayden Richard
 Larry Wilson
 Linda Heller
 Linda LoCastro
 Lorraine White
 Lou Savarese
 Margaret Lombardi
 Maria U. Aldaba

Maria Murphy
 Mary Ann Lilly
 Maureen Ashley
 Maureen Gunderson
 Michael Minutillo
 Michael Redmond
 Patricia Sronczner
 Richard Landi
 Sharon Lindgren
 Baby Sienna Dwyer
 Thomas Duffy
 Tommy Montebianco
 Trish Landi

*This listing will reset on September 30th 2026

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

June 22nd - June 28th

In memory of

Mary & Frank Braun

by Mary Lou Braun

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

Pray for our Clergy

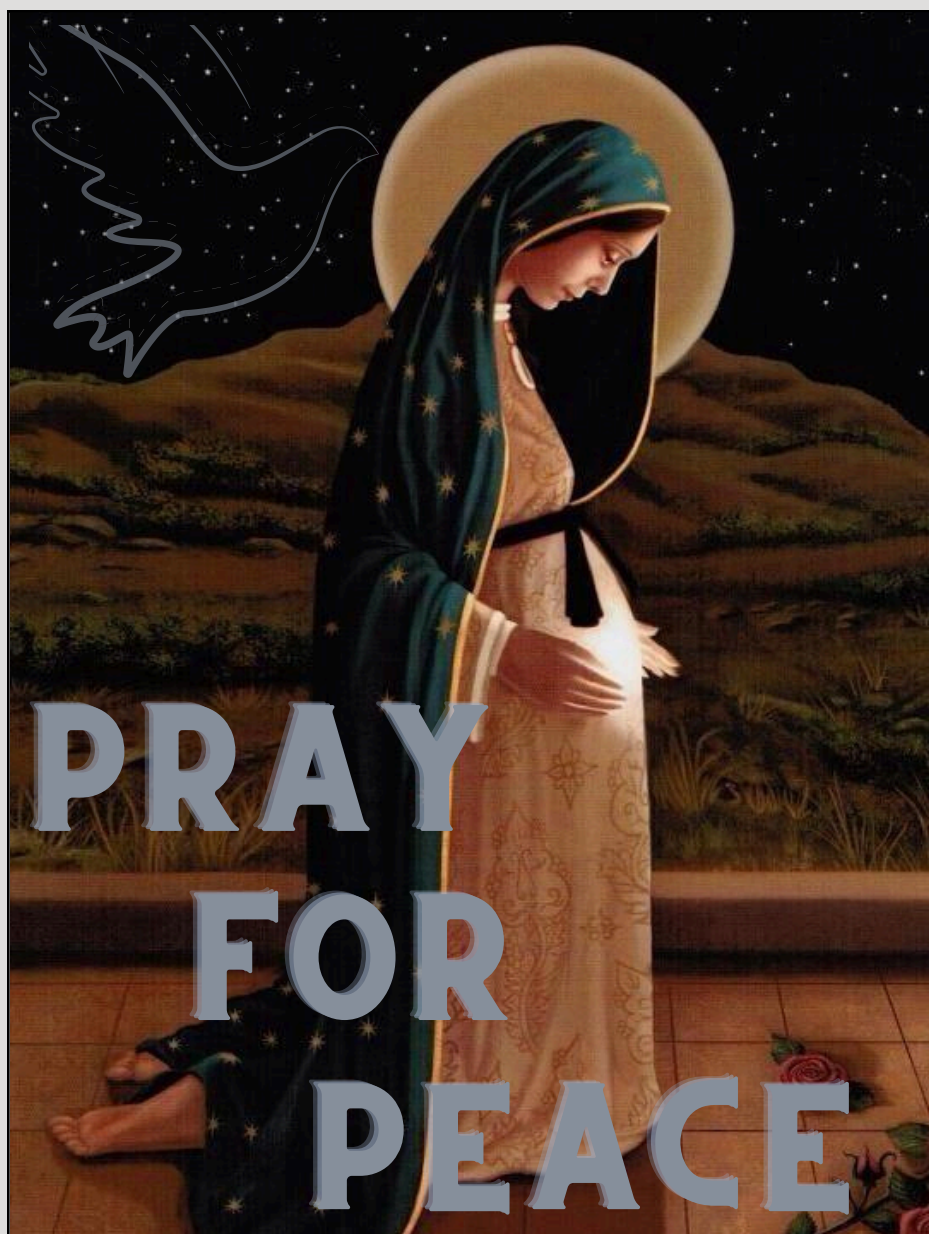
Father Antony Asir
 Deacon Robert Weisz
 Deacon Edward Vigneaux
 Deacon Matthew Surico
 The Capuchin Friars
 Bishop John Barres
 Pope Leo XIV

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	Matthew P Dell'orto
Luciano Corpora Ellis	

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:
June 13th & 14th

\$5620

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. It is both convenient and secure. For more information, 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. There is a clothing bin in the back of the parking lot where clothing can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have household items, please call the Outreach office!

Parish Social Ministry

"For it is in giving that we receive."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.

Parish Outreach would like to extend a huge thank you to our local Columbiettes chapter. They held a food drive outside of ShopRite on Saturday, and filled our pantry to the brim! Thank you to ShopRite of Hauppauge and all the shoppers who so generously donated bags and bags of food. God is good!
(see pictures on the next page)



Thank You!

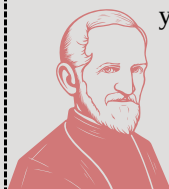
Jacoby Merritt completed a food drive for Parish Outreach as a service project for his Pope Pius XII Award for Catholic Scouts.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

Summertime usually equates to a slowdown of life's schedules, but the need for assistance never slows down. This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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



Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard (small)
Laundry Detergent (small)

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.

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.

STM Columbiettes' Food Drive



Thank you to
ShopRite and the
very generous people
of our Hauppauge
community!





St. Thomas More Annual

BEACH MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH



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.



OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

bete
für
uns

ruega por nosotros

молитесь за нас

pray for us

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

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SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

**GOLF
OUTING**



September 14th, 2026

9am Shotgun Start

Contact Ed Rogan for more Information

516-319-8643

Baptisms

in our church

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

Lucy Dawn Walters
child of Dionna & Robert

Octavia Marie Budinic
child of Samantha & Steven

SarahFae Eileen Chias Barr
child of Mikayla & Diego

June Margaret Jurasits
child of Danjelle & Andrew

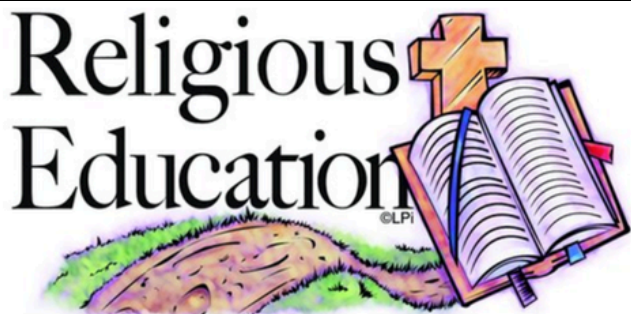
**BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
Be You.**



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

HAPPY SUMMER!
NO MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST!
SEE YOU
SEPTEMBER 11TH

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118



St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration
2026/27 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





FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Thomas More was born in London in 1478 and studied to become a lawyer. Recognized for his great intelligence, impartiality, and wisdom, he rose through the ranks of Parliament and earned King Henry VIII's favor, until he became Lord Chancellor in 1529. He resigned the chancellorship three years later, however, when he was unable to support Henry's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and marriage to Anne Boleyn. In 1535, he was convicted of treason and beheaded, and four hundred years later, he was canonized.

St Thomas More's feast day is June 22nd and he is the patron saint of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants, politicians and difficult marriages.



Prayer for Good Humor by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion,
and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body,
and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is
good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

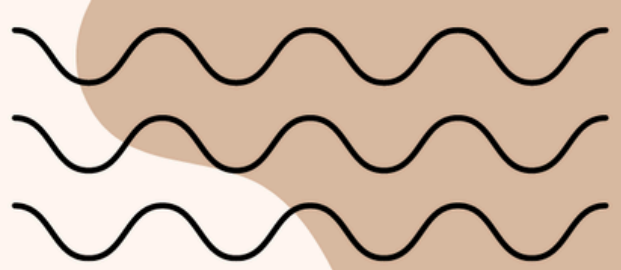
Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs
and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that
obstructing thing called "I".

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in
life a bit of joy, and to be able to
share it with others.

Amen.

A NOTE FROM OUR Altar Servers



We have a deep love for altar serving, and believe others should consider taking up this role for several reasons. First, altar serving provides a unique perspective on the Mass, allowing individuals to engage with the rituals and traditions in a more hands on and profound way. Beyond the spiritual aspects, it fosters a strong sense of camaraderie with fellow servers, offering the opportunity to meet new people and develop a greater sense of family within the church community. Getting involved in altar serving is not only personally enriching but also a means of becoming more actively connected to the church's activities. The experience is extremely enjoyable, amplified by the chance to don cool robes and play an important role in the Mass, contributing to the beauty and sanctity of the worship experience. Moreover, altar serving presents a valuable opportunity to learn about the Mass in a hands-on manner, giving a deeper understanding and connection with the sacred traditions of the church.

-Altar Servers Timothy Sandbichler and Ryan Tjersland

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the Parish community by becoming an Altar Server, contact Deacon Matt by emailing altarservers@stmli.org



JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

THEY'RE BACK!

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July

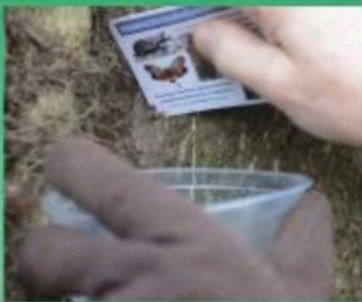


Late nymph
July-Sept.



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

