

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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June 28<sup>th</sup> 2026



This Week's Readings

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Psalm 89:2-3,16-19

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Religious Ed

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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, June 27th

5:00pm Steve Puleio  
Laura Jennings

## Sunday, June 28th

Thirteenth Ordinary

8:00am Juanita Williams  
Gerry Keena

9:30am Jorge Manzi  
Tom Bursian

11:30am Richard Stout  
Annmary Gomez

## Monday, June 29th

9:00am Georgine Schaefer

## Tuesday, June 30th

9:00am Martha Michalkewicz

## Wednesday, July 1st

9:00am Ruth Ann McDonald

## Thursday, July 2nd

9:00am Antoinette Pepe

## Friday, July 3rd

9:00am Joe Beltrani Sr.

## Saturday, July 4th

5:00pm Richard Quinn

## Sunday, July 5th

Fourteenth Ordinary

8:00am Arlene Palazzolo

9:30am John Aspromgos  
Michelle Melendez

11:30am Michael Leocadi  
Barbara O'Shaughnessy



## 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. Cyril of Alexandria (6/28)  
Sts. Peter & Paul (6/29)  
First Martyrs of the Church of Rome (6/30)  
St. Junipero Serra (7/1)  
St. Thomas the Apostle (7/3)  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal (7/5)  
St. Maria Goretti (7/6)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



## Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

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



[bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar)

## Focus Questions

- 1: Describe a time when you felt burdened and you turned it over to God.
  - 2: Where do you find the opportunity to praise God in your daily life?
  - 3: What do you do to find rest in your life?
- Families: Talk about a time when you helped someone who had "a lot on their plate."



# From the Pastor

A miser was looking for a gift for a friend. **Everything was too expensive except for a glass vase that had been broken**, which he could purchase for almost nothing. He asked the store to send it, hoping his friend would think it had been broken in transit. In due time, he received an acknowledgement from his friend. “Thanks for the vase,” it read. “It was so thoughtful of you to wrap each piece separately.” A gift becomes a gift only when it is given wholeheartedly. If the heart of the giver is partially involved, even the precious object will have only the value of broken pieces. It is not the person’s honor or the purse, but the heart gives the value to the gift.

The words of **today’s Gospel sound very radically demanding**. Jesus expects his disciples to love Him more than one’s own family (father, mother and children). In other places Jesus seems to place tougher demands, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.” (Mt. 16:24) “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” (Lk 14:26). Such a kind of discipleship is radically impossible to live.

On the other hand, today’s Gospel ends saying that **even the smallest, next to nothing act of kindness will not go unrewarded** by God. “Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” As much as He demands a radical following, Jesus also is very sensitive to even the smallest good a person does.

Thus, it is **not about how much a disciple sacrifices in following Jesus** but how much the disciple involves their total self in the small or big sacrifice. Life is giving oneself wholeheartedly, not half-heartedly. In the eyes of Jesus, the widow's few cents were worthier than the abundance of the big donors. Because the widow gave the whole of her existence while the others donated something from their excess. Let us pray that God makes us give from the heart. May our life be a whole-hearted living, not half-hearted one.

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



## Our Staff

### Rectory

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased

Mary Ann Lilly  
Rose Ochlan  
Randolph Thomas Aloise  
Mario Corvasce  
Donna Michelini Scardino  
Benito Gaudio  
Sal Sparacino IV

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  
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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> - July 5<sup>th</sup>

In memory of

**Juanita Williams**

by Peter Williams

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

## Pray for our Clergy

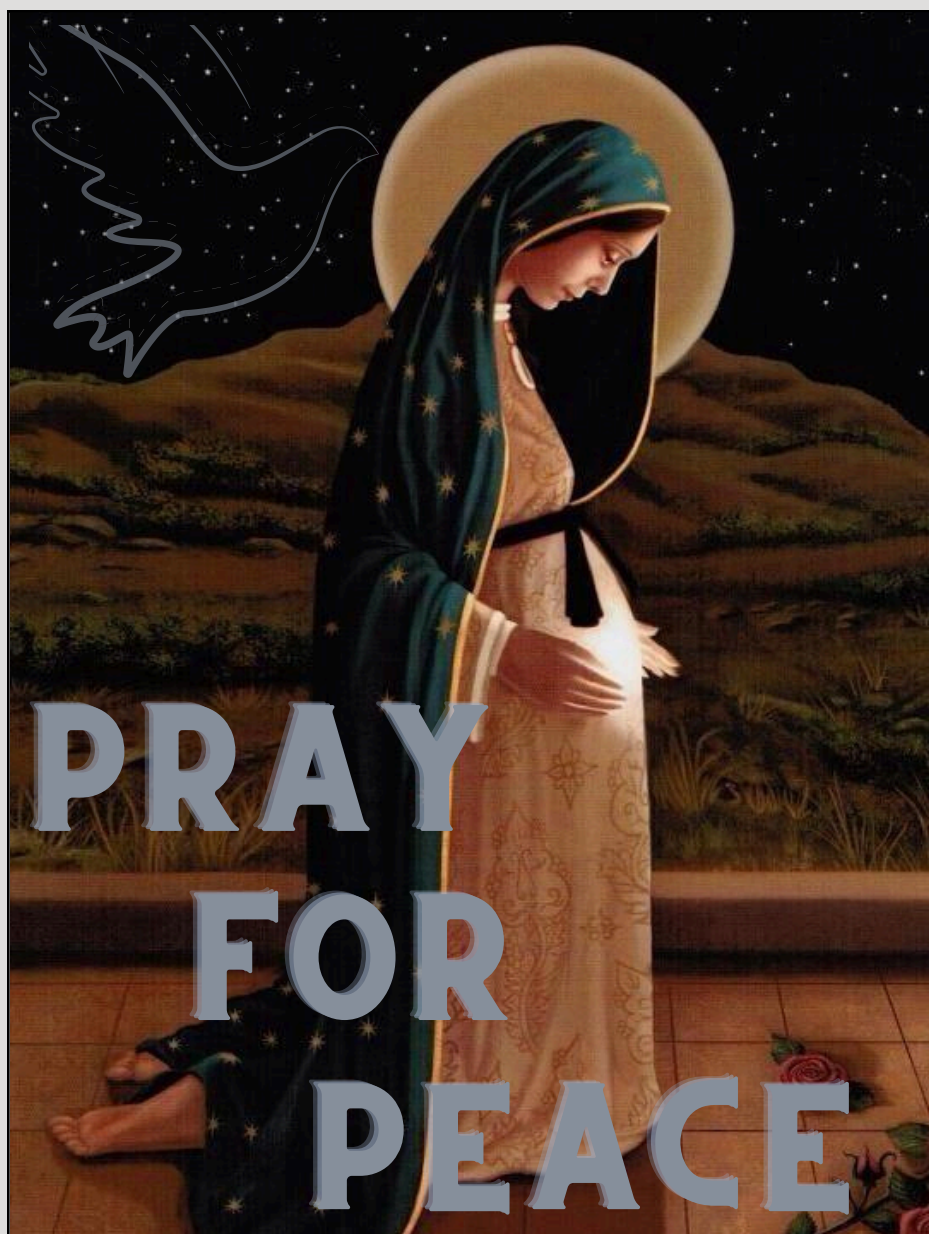
Father Antony Asir  
Deacon Robert Weisz  
Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
Deacon Matthew Surico  
The Capuchin Friars  
Bishop John Barres  
Pope Leo XIV

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

# \$6824

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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

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### Parish Outreach

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### Pastoral Council

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### Altar Servers

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### Lector Ministry

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### Hospitality Ministry

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### Consolation Ministry

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631-724-2462

### 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. 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

“Remember: Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark but to be a light to others, so that they may find their way through us.”

### 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.

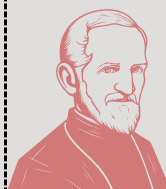
P.E.A.C.E.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Please remember that your gifts enable our conference to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father through various assistance to families in need."



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.



ST. THOMAS MORE  
† PARISH OUTREACH †

# 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](mailto:deacon.matt@stmli.org) or leave a message at the rectory.

## Children's Liturgy Will Be Back!



*This is the last weekend for our Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 Mass. While we won't be meeting during the summer, we encourage all to continue bringing their children to Mass each week. See you in September!*



## 4th of July Weekend

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:

SAT 7/4 @ 5PM

SUN 7/5 @ 8AM

SUN 7/5 @ 9:30AM

SUN 7/5 @ 11:30AM





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

### ادعو لنا

### молися за нас

bete  
für  
uns

ruega por nosotros

молитесь за нас

pray for us

Προσευχηθείτε  
για εμάς

התפלל למענו

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SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING



September 14th, 2026

9am Shotgun Start

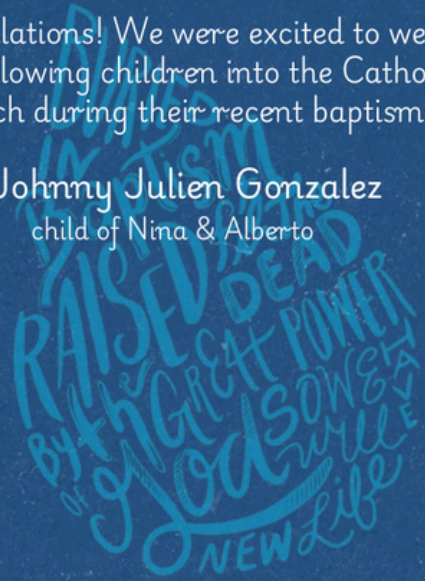
Contact Ed Rogan for more Information

# Baptisms

in our church

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

Johnny Julien Gonzalez  
child of Nina & Alberto



## BANNS OF Marriage

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

JENNA VON BEVERN

St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge, NY



DREW SAJDAK

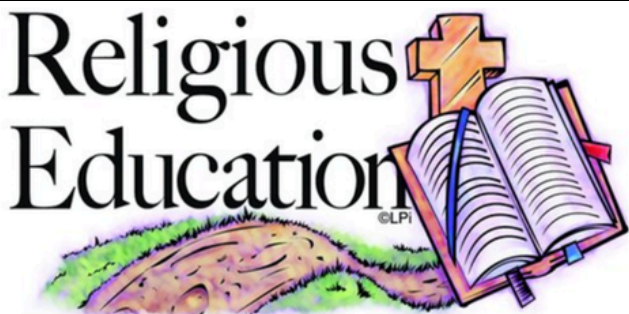
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Merrick, NY



HAPPY SUMMER!  
NO MEETINGS IN  
JULY OR AUGUST!  
SEE YOU  
SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN  
631-234-8118



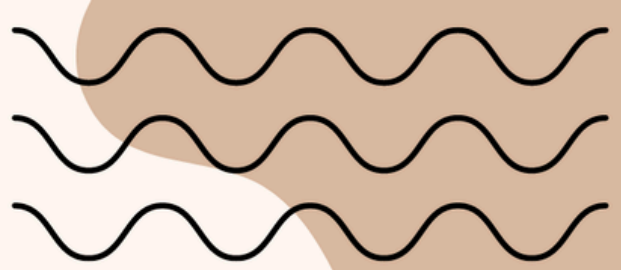
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Religious Education Registration  
2026/27 School Year  
-- Sharing the Spirit of Love --

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](mailto:RelEd@stmli.org) for information about registering for the fall program



# 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](mailto: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

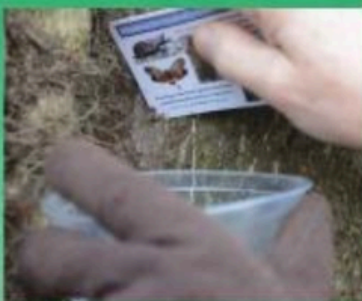


**Late nymph**  
July-Sept.



**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



A graphic of two wooden signs hanging from a post. The top sign says 'SUMMER' and the bottom sign says '@STM'. The background is dark teal with stylized white mountains and a sun with rays.

**SUMMER**

**@STM**

**SUMMER IS HERE AND SO ARE WE!**

**MASSES AT REGULAR TIMES!**

**RECTORY OPEN REGULAR HOURS!**

**RELIGIOUS ED CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!**

**JOIN US!**