

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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July 5th 2026

This Week's Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, July 6th

9:00am Carlos Oscar Sanchez

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00am John Cussen

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Thursday, July 9th

9:00am Jason Oscar (living)

Friday, July 10th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Saturday, July 11th

5:00pm Mildred Duffy
Philip Camera

Sunday, July 12th

Fifteenth Ordinary

8:00am Gerry Keena

9:30am Sharon Tuthill
Michael Acampora

11:30am Guillermo Morcillo
Sal Amodeo



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. Elizabeth of Portugal (7/5)

St. Maria Goretti (7/6)

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp. (7/9)

St. Benedict (7/11)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th 2026

Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 65:10-14

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

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

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Focus Questions

1: What is the rocky ground in your life?

2: What gifts has God given you that have fallen upon rich soil?

3: How can you better embrace the word of God?

Families: How can you help grow God's gifts within you?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

There is a sculpture “Knotted Gun” right outside of the UN headquarters, NYC. The Knotted Gun is a bronze sculpture by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd. It is an oversized 357 Magnum revolver with its muzzle tied in a knot. According to Kofi Annan, the Seventh Secretary-General of the UN “it is a powerful symbol that encapsulates, in a few simple curves, the greatest prayer of man; that which asks not for victory, but for peace.”

This Sunday’s readings invite us to experience life not as a battlefield with winners and losers but as a farming-field of growing peace in oneself and others. The first reading prophesizes how the Messianic King’s dominion would not depend on war-weapons to proclaim or bring peace.

The Gospel reading shows how Jesus the Messiah recommends us to imitate him to find REST from the labor and burden of life. “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.” Life is not a battle to win nor a war to defeat the other. It is the readiness to embrace its richness spread before us. All that we need to experience the rest and richness of life is to imitate Jesus in His meekness and humility. That means not getting absorbed in our own comfortable selfish/clannish zones but breaking our own barriers we built around ourselves.

Breaking the barriers is like carrying the cross. It makes us open our hearts to learn from Jesus. Through the cross, Jesus will empower us to experience life as richer mysteries (hidden things) than what we selfishly understand life is.

With all that is going around us locally and globally, REST of the heart is the basic recipe for the festive dinner of PEACE. If one’s heart is restless, one cannot find peace in any place or person; and one cannot find rest unless one is ready to break one’s own barriers, which is a readiness to carry one’s own cross. Unless I am ready to give up my brick and you that of yours, no peaceful abode be built for both of us to live.

Wars, fights, divisions or emotional arguments become endlessly inevitable as long as we pile our bricks and gather bricks from others as well, in order to build our fortress. Peace is not building fortresses to prove our strength and win our battle. Peace is not a product but a great opening endlessly growing in each of our hearts. Unless I open and let the peace go from me towards the other, it does not happen between me and the other. Let us imitate Jesus. Let us live like Jesus. Let peace blossom from the rest of our heart. One of our ancient prayers is, “Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.” This traditional Catholic prayer is prayed for cultivating a heart like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, asking Him to make our hearts meek, humble, and loving. Let this prayer become like breathing to keep peace alive.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Mary Ann Lilly
Rose Ochlan
Randolph Thomas Aloise
Mario Corvasce
Donna Michelini Scardino

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

July 6th - July 12th

In memory of

Arlene Palazzolo

by Joan Kelly

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.

Pray for the Sick

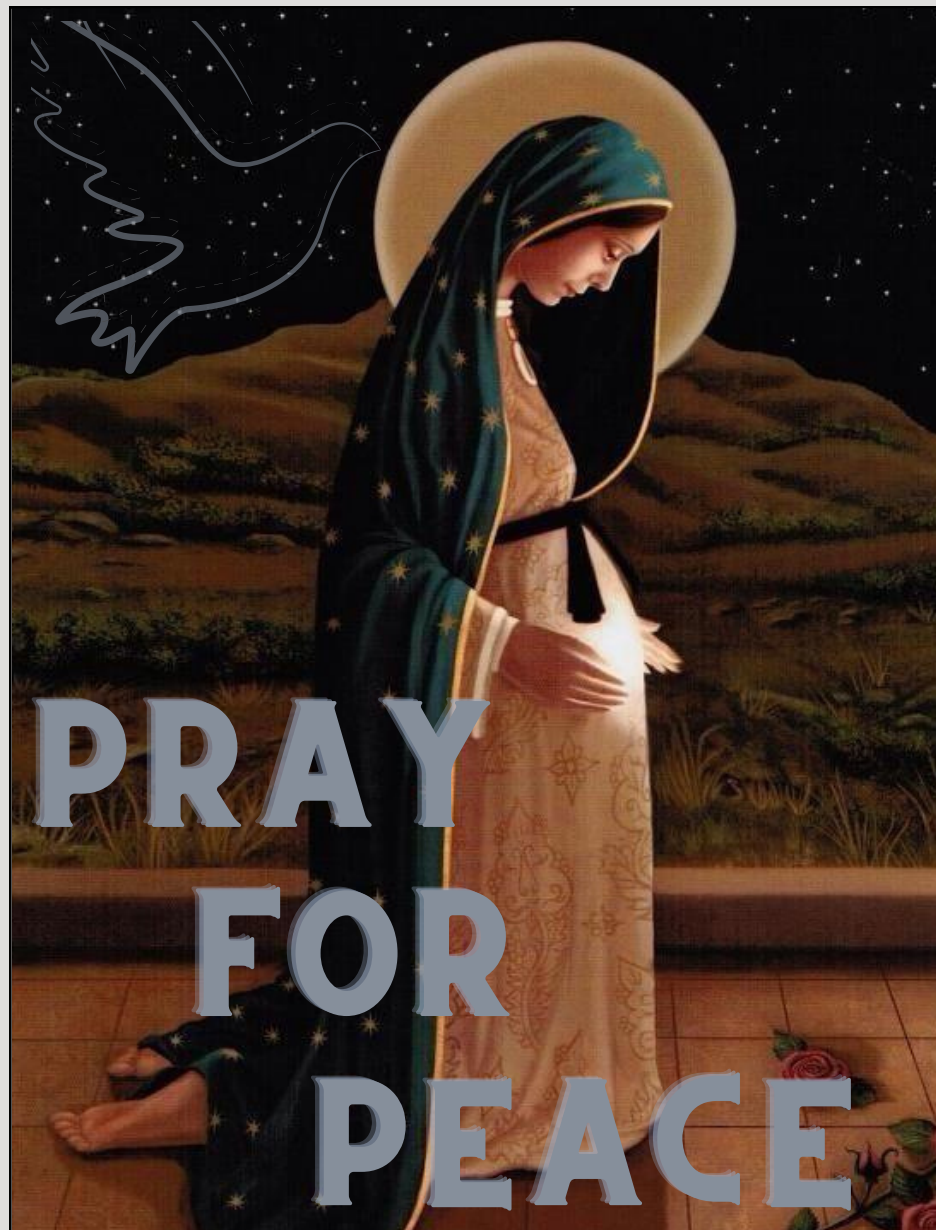
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Barbara Foberg
Blair Rocchio
Bob Basile
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dolores Rudden
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Fern Peppe
Gertrude Hirsch

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 Sronczer
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
June 27th & 28th

\$6300

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

"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.



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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.



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



This & That

With
Deacon Matt

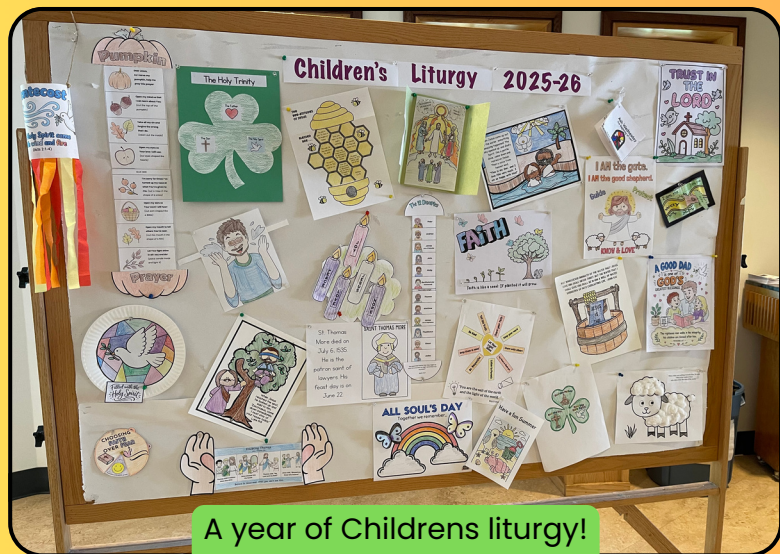


In July and August, as he has done for the past six summers, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home. Do you have questions about our faith? Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, 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.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



A year of Childrens liturgy!
We're back in September!



Amanda & Ryan Kenney (alongside their daughter Michaela) had their marriage Convalidated last week! Congratulations!



Presentation of Babies!
Please pray for the soon to be baptized and their families.

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:

Ava Joy Cimmino
child of Kelly & Joseph

Juliana Raine Mendizabal
child of Gabrielle & Joseph

Nicholas James Ceschini Jr.
child of Corissa & Nicholas

Alessi Quinn Vitulano
child of Gabrielle & Robert

Antonio Marco, Matteo Antonio, &
Luca Antonio Correra
children of Suzanne & Antonio

BANNS OF *Marriage*

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

JENNA VON BEVERN

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY



DREW SAJDAK

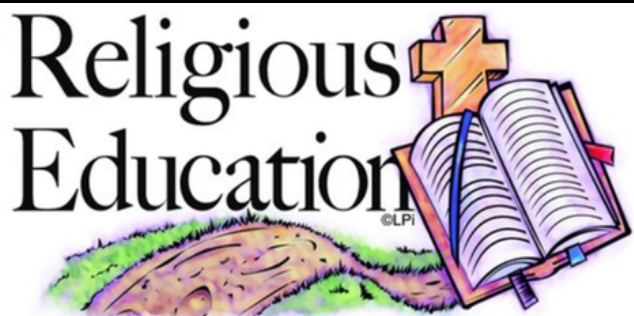
Curé of Ars
Merrick, NY



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



John Carroll

AMERICA'S FIRST BISHOP

Born in 1735 in the Province of Maryland, John Carroll was first home-schooled, then sent to a secret Catholic School run by Jesuit Reverend Thomas Poulton (Catholic education was illegal in the Province of Maryland). At 13 he was sent to study in France, joining the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) at the age of 18.

After returning to America in 1773 due to the suppression of the Society of Jesus, he worked as a missionary in Maryland and Virginia (it was still illegal to establish a Catholic Parish in Maryland), eventually building a small chapel on his family's land called St. John the Evangelist.

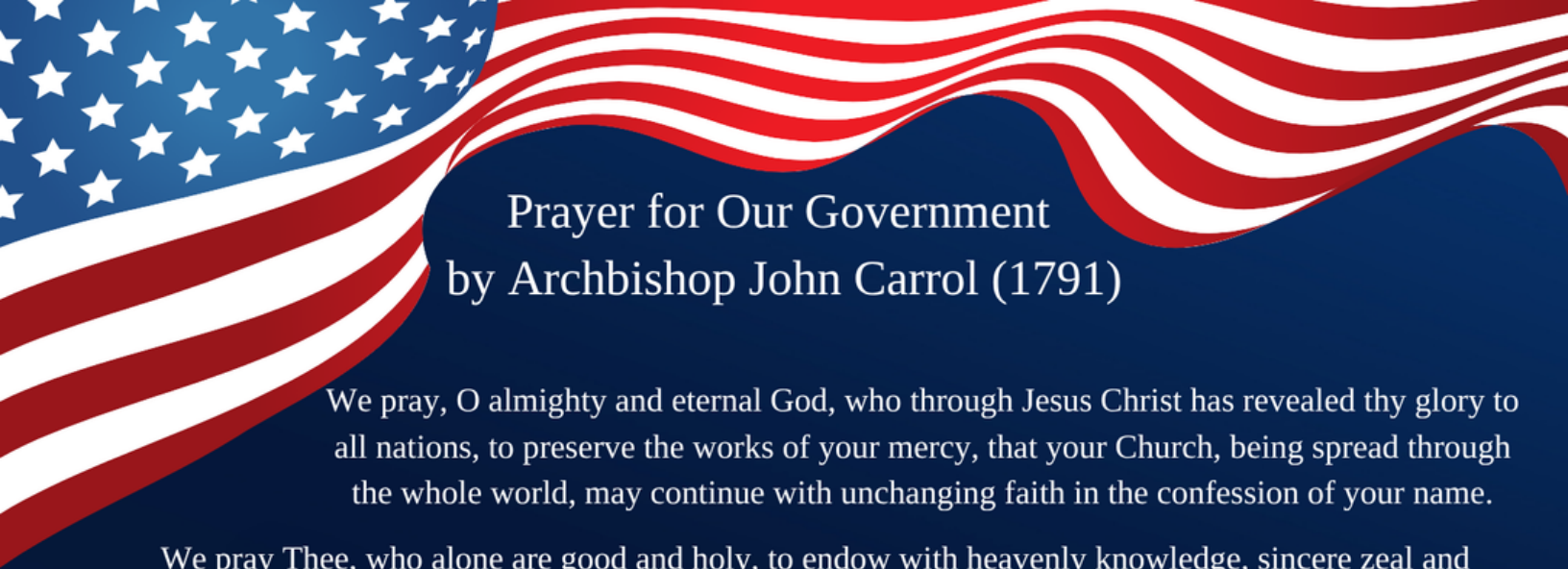
In the time following the American Revolution, as anti-Catholic sentiment and laws were loosened, Carroll became a prominent figure in establishing an American Catholic Church. In 1784, Pope Pius VI appointed him as "Provisional Superior of the Missions for the United States" with the authority to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. During this time he worked to refute anti-Catholic misinformation, and fought proposals to establish a Protestant denomination as a state religion.



In 1789, Pius VI approved a recommendation from the Catholic clergy in Maryland to appoint John Carroll as the first Bishop of Baltimore (the only Diocese in the newly established USA). He served in that role until his death in 1815.

FUN FACT

Bishop Carroll strongly argued that Catholics should be able to read and hear the scriptures in their own language, and insisted that priests perform liturgical readings in the vernacular. He encouraged both clergy and laity to purchase English bibles so they could read and learn from the scriptures. Despite his push, he was unable to get the support from the Vatican.

An American flag with stars and stripes, waving, positioned in the top left corner of the page.

Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

AMEN

Holy Hour

"To God be the Glory"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, July 7th, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

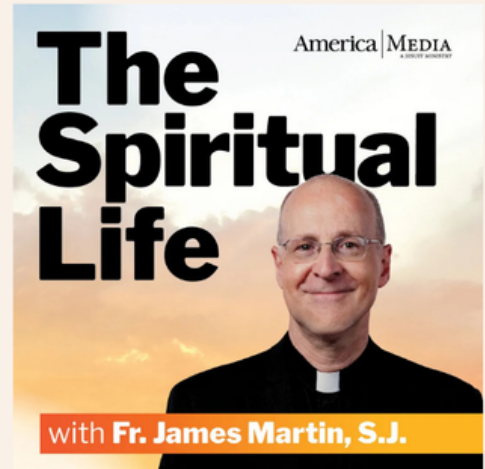
1 Peter 4:10-11

COMING SOON!

This September 10th you are invited to join us for

“A Simple Supper for the Soul”

The program will be presented for six sessions, every other Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm. Each session will include a simple supper, a video/podcast from Fr. Jim Martins “The Spiritual Life”, and small group discussion to nourish our soul.



If you liked Alpha, we think you will like this. If you never tried Alpha, you are invited to join us for a simple supper to nourish your soul!

Sign up begins August 1st

In the words of Fr. Martin,

“Finding God often happens in the midst of a community - with a ‘we’ as often as an ‘I.’”

JOIN US

9 - 10 - 2026

St. Thomas More Parish,
Hauppauge

6:30pm - 8:30pm

