

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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August 23rd 2026



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, August 22nd

5:00pm Leo Ramos
Olive Boney

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-first Ordinary

8:00am Mary Ann Lilly

9:30am Mrs. Constant

11:30am Claudia Sheppard (living)
Edward & Lillian Terriault

Monday, August 24th

9:00am Daniel O'Connor

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00am Al Weidig

Wednesday, August 26th

9:00am Susan Furuno (healing)

Thursday, August 27th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Friday, August 28th

9:00am Ruthann McDonald

Saturday, August 29th

5:00pm Anna Ferrante
Umberto Testani

Sunday, August 30th

Twenty-second Ordinary

8:00am Marianna Sblendorio
Joan Graham

9:30am Mary Ann Lilly
Amalraj Family (thanksgiving)

11:30am Michael Leocadi
Joseph Beltrani



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. Rose of Lima (8/23)
St. Bartholomew the Apostle (8/24)
St. Monica (8/27)
St. Augustine of Hippo (8/28)
Beheading of John the Baptist (8/29)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30th 2026

Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

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: Relate a time when you thought you were doing the right thing, but were mistaken.

2: Think about a situation where someone gained immense profit, but lost their 'life' in the process.

Families: What can you deny yourself to become closer to Jesus?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Caddy: "Let me say this about your game, mister. I wouldn't say you were the worst golfer I have ever seen on this course, but I've seen places today that I've never seen before." What a clever caddy! The caddy was gentle enough to reveal to the golfer the best he did in his worst game. At the same time his bad game revealed to the caddy places on the golf course which he had not seen before.

Today's Gospel narrates how Jesus and Peter reveal to each other who the other is to them. When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

they replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Then He asked what they thought of Himself. Peter, as a spokesperson of the twelve Apostles, answered Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." But the conversation did not end there. Jesus revealed to Peter what is going on in him and what is his God-given identity. "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" What Peter declared about Jesus is not any human opinion about Jesus but the God-given identity of Jesus. So, Jesus in turn reveals to Peter his God-given identity, that Jesus will build God's indestructible church upon him, the Rock.

Today's Gospel explains to us that knowing about God is knowing about us. Knowing God is not gathering facts about Him or making a convenient definition of who God is. The more we know and experience God personally in our everyday living, the more we will know who we are and how blessed we are. Because as God's creation we bear God's image within us.

God created us with God's purpose to live. We are God's meaning. Belief in God is not just about God but more so about the believer. Believing in God makes the believer believe in themselves. God is not affected in any way by our believing or denying Him. Believing in God reveals to us our worth, how our existence here on earth has a purpose and how God graciously empowers to live that purpose as the meaning of our living. Let our belief in God enlighten us and empower us. Let us try to give ourselves some quality time so that God who created us will reveal to us who we are and how blessed our life is, so that we can live his purpose and make the whole world as God's kingdom.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

RoseMarie DiBenedetto
Domenica Ciminiello
Robert J Kolomechuk
Robert T Vitkovich

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

August 24th - August 30th

In memory of

The Maraffi Women

by The Christianson Family

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	Timothy Fallon

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

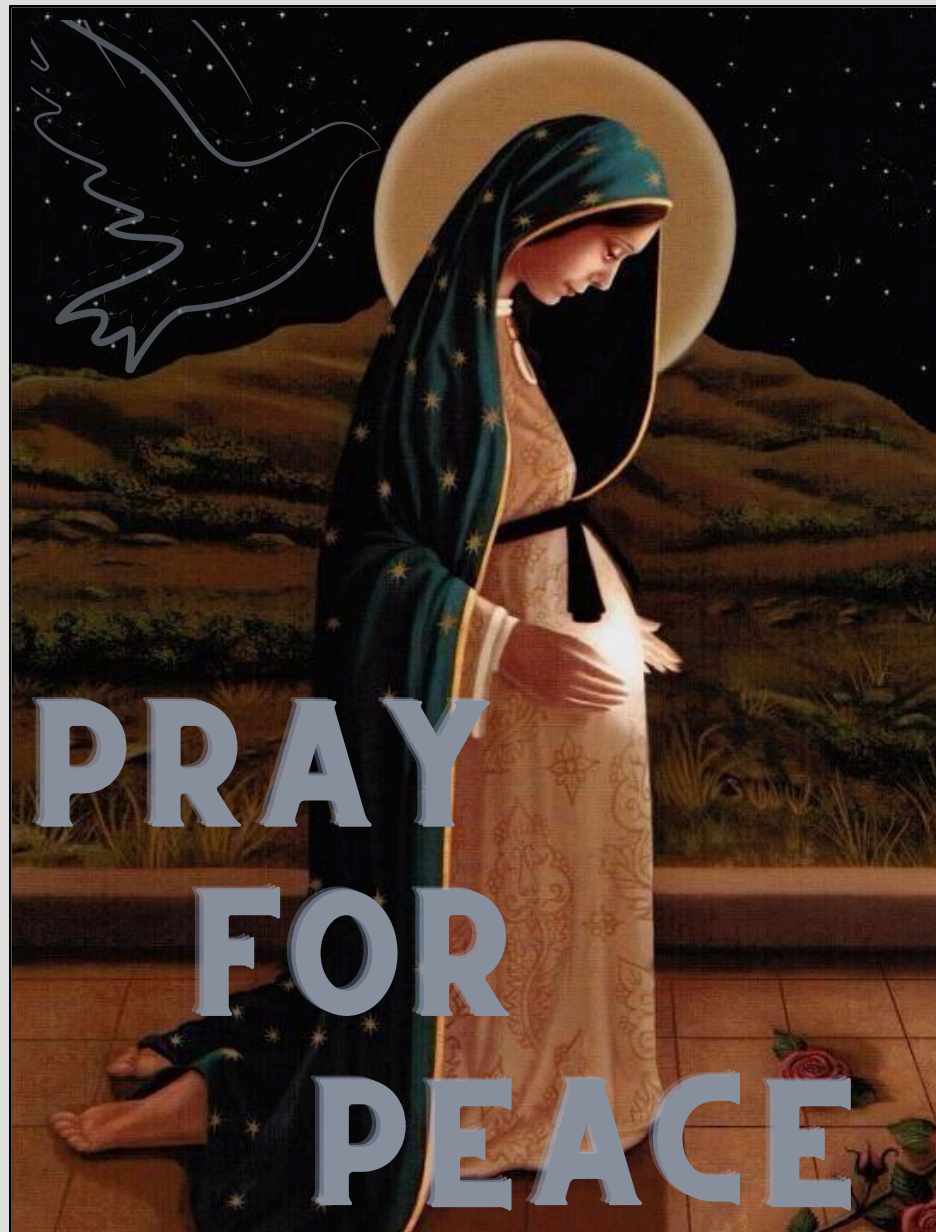
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Eddie Chronopoulos
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Gary Hollins
Gertrude Hirsch

Helen Kovarik
Joan Perks
Jim Engle
Jim McGuire
Jimmy Cannon
Joe Madonia
John Heller
John McAllister
Baby Kayden Richard
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lorraine White
Lou Savarese
Margaret Lombardi
Marie Fristachi
Maria U. Aldaba
Maureen Ashley

Michael Minutillo
Michael Redmond
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczar
Patti Demarest
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Susan Agne
Thomas Duffy
Tom Doherty
Tommy Montebianco
Trish Landi
Veronica Brewster

*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:
August 15th & 16th

\$6051

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

"Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich.
So that by his poverty you might become rich."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

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.



Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Boxed Potatoes
Canned Vegetables
Snacks
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

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



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

Children's Liturgy Returns!

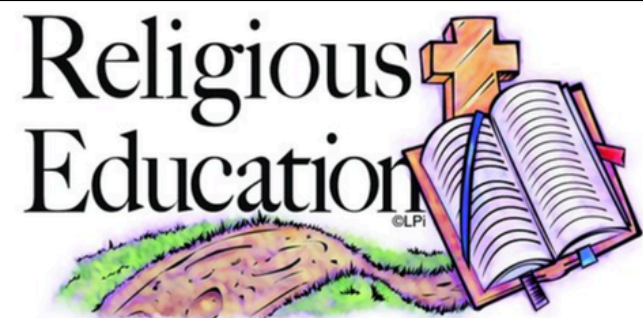
Kids 4-8 are invited to join us on September 20th at the 9:30 Mass! We are thrilled to restart this program! For more info, contact the Rectory.



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



Parish Weddings

Please pray for these beautiful couples who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Thomas More!



Jillian Borghardt and Aidan Mayberry, married on August 13th.



Holy Hour

"The Dignity of Labor"

Traditional & Contemporary music by Alex & Noelle White



Gospel Reading, Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, Sept. 1st, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58



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.

Baptisms

in our church

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

Andrea Marie Marinozzi
child of Savannah & Jonathan

Hunter Gavin Hodge
child of Nicole & Frank



BACK TO SCHOOL

Remember the excitement of picking out a new outfit for your first day back at school? Many of you may be doing that for your own children and know how much it costs to clothe a child in one outfit. For those of us who no longer have school-aged children the cost can range anywhere from \$30 to \$125!! Imagine you already struggle to put food on the table and now have to dress multiple children as they head back to school!

Parish Outreach will be collecting \$25 Walmart (or Target) gift cards to offset the cost of buying new school clothes and shoes for our Outreach families. Since there are many community resources available for our families to get school supplies, we would like to provide a better opportunity for them to get what they need for a successful return to school. **Many of our families prefer Walmart cards as they feel they can get more for their money.**



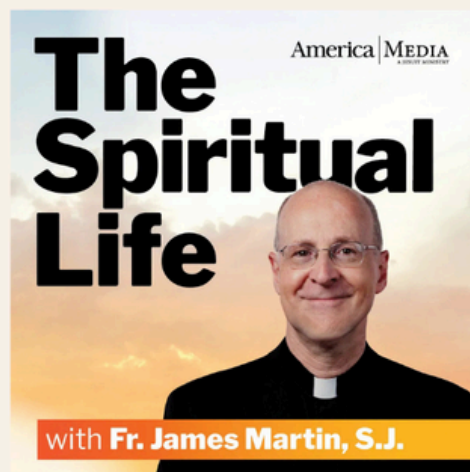
Thank you in advance for your donation. Please remember you can drop your donation into the collection basket or bring them to Outreach or the Rectory. We would appreciate all donations no later than August 23rd.

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 Martin's "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!

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

"A Simple Supper for the Soul" 9 - 10 - 2026

Name(s) _____

Contact # _____

Please return to rectory or place in collection bin

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/14/26 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start



Registration Form (Please Print)

Golfers:	Name	Contact	Number	Email
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please fill out a separate form for each Foursome. Singles or Twosomes will be paired with other golfers.

Include a check for **\$210.00** per golfer (after August 16th)

Checks made out to: St. Thomas More Parish

Outing Day Check-In begins at **7:30 AM** with coffee and donuts.

Dinner Only Patrons: Please include a check for **\$100.00** per person made out to St. Thomas More Parish

	Name	Contact	Number	Email
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.

St. Thomas More Parish

PARKING LOT MASS & BBQ

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED***

*Kids- please bring your
backpack for a special back
to school blessing!*

MASS

**Sunday, September 13th
11:30 AM Mass**

Park & tune to 100.9 FM

**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Indoor/Outdoor seating
Fun games for all!**

BBQ

***WAYS TO HELP**
Contact the rectory!

**Face painting, balloon
animals, running games**