

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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September 6th 2026



James Tissot, c 1890

This Week's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Ed

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, September 5th

5:00pm Jean Herlihy
Angie Levine

Sunday, September 6th

Twenty-third Ordinary

8:00am Eugene William Campbell
Joan & Emiddio Ippolito

9:30am Deceased of the Padala Family
John Tufarella

11:30am Joseph Beltrani Sr.
Faye Tinney

Monday, September 7th

9:00am Edward J. Coyle

Tuesday, September 8th

9:00am Janette Vigiano

Wednesday, September 9th

9:00am Mark Pirnat

Thursday, September 10th

9:00am Angelo Manzi

Friday, September 11th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Saturday, September 12th

5:00pm Dolores Beltrani
Susan Robinson

Sunday, September 13th

Twenty-fourth Ordinary

8:00am Juanita (Juana) M Williams

9:30am Mary Ann Lilly
Graziano Zara

11:30am Joseph Beltrani Sr.
Geraldine Keena



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

Birth of the BVM (9/8)
St. Peter Claver (9/9)
Holy Name of the BVM (9/12)
St. John Chrysostom (9/13)
Exaltation to the Holy Cross (9/14)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13th 2026

our
daily bread

Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

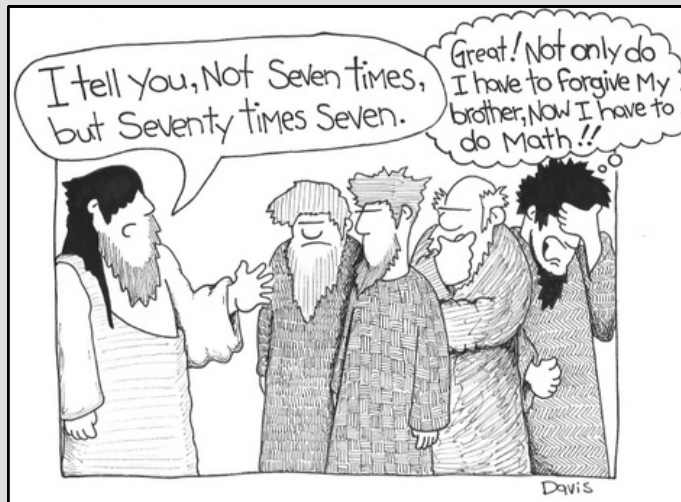
The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Focus Questions

- 1: Relate a time when you forgave someone, even if you didn't want to.
 - 2: How can you use prayer to help you come to terms with hurt and forgiveness.
- Families: Discuss a time when you had a hard time forgiving a friend or sibling.



Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

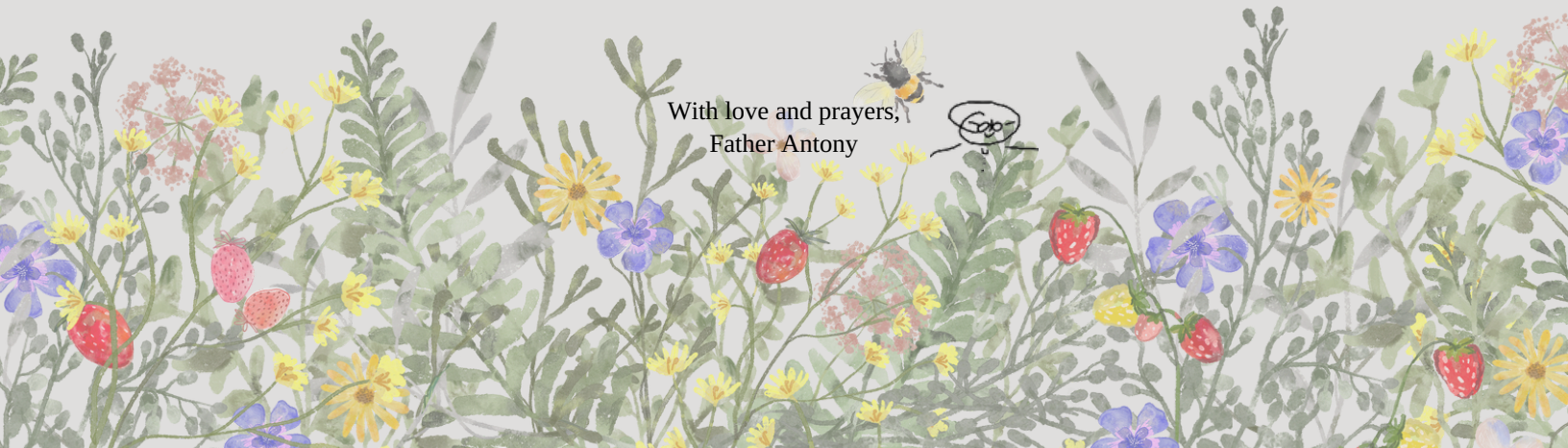
“There are two kinds of people who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing more than what they are told.” This saying explains people in two extreme categories. But most of us are neither boorish brats who cannot listen to anyone, nor robots who can do only what is commanded.

Today’s Gospel explains that each of us is created with a special and unique gift, the gift of loving. Love is a gift because it is freely and unconditionally given to us by/from others and must be freely and unconditionally offered to others by/from us. Love is unique because in loving, we would become neither brats nor robots but would become unique lovers and special in the eyes of the beloved.

As much as we can be lovers or beloveds, we, in our weak moments can also hurt or sin against our own lovers or beloveds. In such a sinful/hurtful situation Jesus instructs us to repair the damage on three levels: first, try to repair personally between offender and the offended. If this does not work, secondly, try to solve it in the presence of two or three witnesses, who can see their hurts objectively and impartially to help both see the truth that will reconcile them. If this also does not help, thirdly try to reconcile them with the help of the Church which is built on the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ for the believers of the church. The hope is that the church which is the living witness of Christ’s forgiving love will be the place and power to work the forgiveness between them.

When none of the three could repair the damage, Jesus allows the offender to go back to square one where he was before becoming a lover or the beloved in the Church. That person is put away from the community, not as an enemy but to give a chance to start again a journey to be a lover in the Church. The Church is now advised to have the same mind and attitude of Jesus. The church has to deal with them as Jesus dealt with the Gentiles and tax collectors in mercy and welcoming to start a new life of love again.

The aim of the community that ‘believe in Jesus’ is not simply to judge and label who is sinner or saint, but to come together in the name of Jesus and to experience Jesus in their midst. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Our focus in being a Christian community is on Jesus. As a community each of us has our own habits, traditions and convenient philosophy which are only starting points to form us a community in order to experience Jesus among us. We are individuals with our idiosyncrasy, but we are in need of each other living in community. Jesus calls us together as a community not to condemn and excommunicate each other. As a community of the believers in Jesus let us try to understand each other in order to grow in love. When we love each other Christ becomes the divine reality among us to enliven and empower us in unity, love and peace.



With love and prayers,
Father Antony

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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Geraldine Sheridan
Kevin Joseph Lynch
Christopher Madonna
Maria Parrino
RoseMarie DiBenedetto

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

September 7th - September 13th

Br. John Lawrence Dawson, OSF
(60th Anniversary)

by Pat & Joan Shea

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
Evan Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Ryan Smith	Nicholas Gajda
Will Maley	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Chris Capasso	Andrew Lynch
Luciano Corpora Ellis	Matthew P Dell'orto
	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

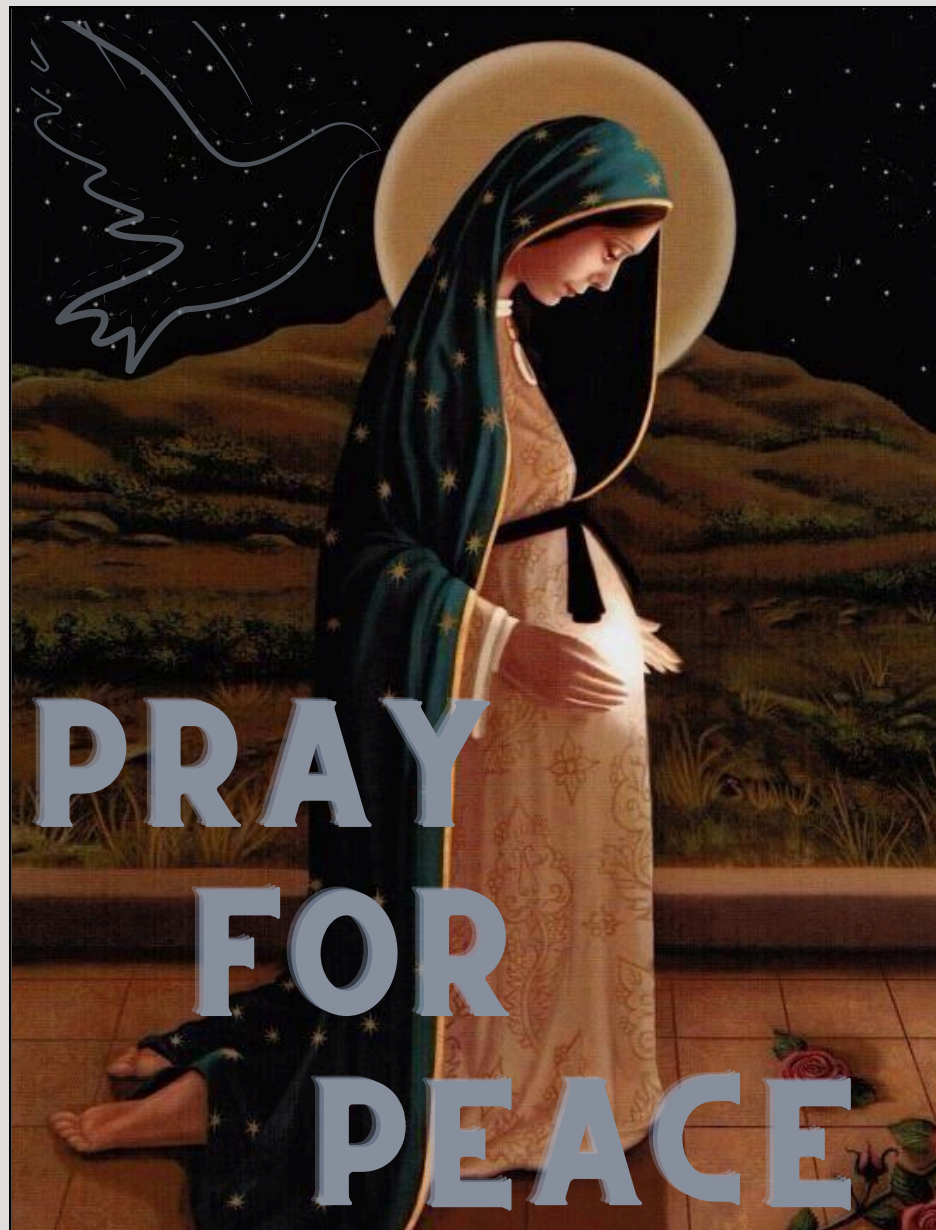
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Betty Vrondis
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Eddie Chronopoulos
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Gary Hollins

Gertrude Hirsch
Helen Kovarik
Jason Butler
Jim Engle
Jim McGuire
Jimmy Cannon
Joan Perks
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 Sronczner
Patti Demarest
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Susan Agne
Thomas Duffy
Tom Doherty
Tommy Montebianco
Trish Landi
Valentin Cedillo
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 29th & 30th

\$5851

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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Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani
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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

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."

LUKE 4:18

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...

In Home Services for the Elderly:

Suffolk County Office for the Aging has an Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) Call 631-853-8200 for more information.

Affordable Dental Care:

The Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine care center provides affordable dental care by dental students and postgraduate residents under the guidance of dentists. For information call 631-682-8989 or go to <https://dentistry.stonybrookmedicine.edu/dentalcarecenter/becomepatient>



Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Syrup - Instant Potatoes
Canned Vegetables - Cookies
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 †

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help them know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."



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



CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

Find your community.

Every Catholic young adult group -- one map.



findmylic.org

Ages 18+ - free

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.



YOUNG AT HEART

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

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

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

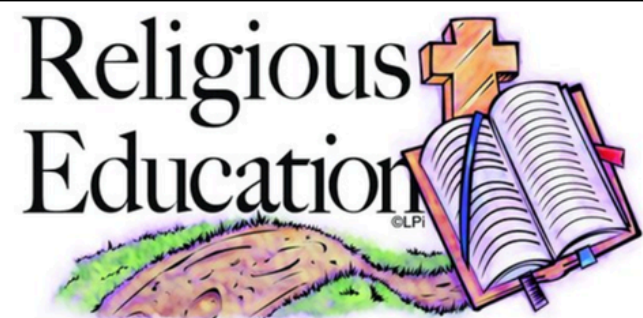
Baptisms in our church

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

Tatum Ann Barnes
child of Mikaela & Christopher

Mackenzie Lynn Reilly
child of Melissa & Sean

Michael Anthony Rupolo III
child of Emily & Michael



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





Sisters of
St. Joseph
Living with
God's love
intentionally

A JESUIT'S GUIDE TO THE STARS

Exploring Wonder, Beauty, & Science



Evensong

September 18, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Reflection: Br. Guy Consolmagno

*Possible stargazing with the Amateur
Observer's Society | aosny.org*

*A Jesuit's Guide
to the Stars*

Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ

September 19, 2026 from 10 AM
to 12 noon

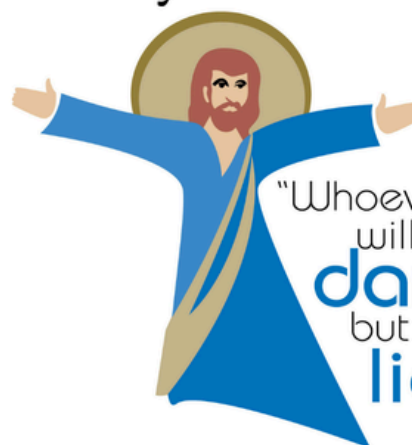
Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville
555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY

September 18: \$20 suggested
September 19: Talk + lunch is \$25
Friday & Saturday Combo: \$40
Registration: bit.ly/JesuitStars



YOUR
LABOR
IS NOT
IN VAIN

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.

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**

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
and small group discussion to nourish our soul.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ~ The love for the Eucharist as a foundation to spiritual life
- ~ Reconciling faith and science
- ~ Dealing with sickness or death while trusting God and finding joy
- ~ How two people at opposite ends of the political spectrum establish a warm, long-lasting relationship

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!

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

-Fr. Jim Martin



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 ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE



HARDY GARDEN MUMS (9" POT)

Red	_____ \$9.00 each
White	_____ \$9.00 each
Bronze	_____ \$9.00 each
Yellow	_____ \$9.00 each
Purple	_____ \$9.00 each

Pansies	_____ \$8.00 each
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Ornamental Cabbage	_____ \$9.00 each
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(Purple)

Ornamental Kale	_____ \$9.00 each
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(Purple)

Total Ordered \$ _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 21ST 2026

Flowers will be ready on October 3 & 4, 2026

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____

(Make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**)



ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2026

Congratulations to our August winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

August 1	\$25	Helen Barbarito & Peter Stauffer
August 2	\$50	Ed & Madeline Drobinko
August 3	\$25	Jordyn Weiner
August 4	\$25	Mary Lou Braun
August 5	\$25	Lou & Diane DeBenedittis
August 6	\$25	Peggy & Ed Goutink
August 7	\$25	Mike & Ann Marino
August 8	\$25	Ann Russo
August 9	\$50	Regina & Thomas McAleavey
August 10	\$25	Ed & Arleen Rogan
August 11	\$25	Evelyn Mentock
August 12	\$25	The Barr Family
August 13	\$25	Arlene Aspromgos
August 14	\$25	Don & Judy Persia
August 15	\$50	Eunice Struzinski
August 16	\$50	Ross & Marie Bracco
August 17	\$25	Lois Mohlenbrok
August 18	\$25	The DeCillis Family
August 19	\$25	Teresa & Sal Ferraro
August 20	\$25	Barbara Pein
August 21	\$25	Joan Matorana
August 22	\$25	Jacqueline Garziano
August 23	\$50	Dr. Frances LaFauci
August 24	\$25	Ryan Tjersland
August 25	\$25	Dianne Vallette
August 26	\$25	Marie Reddy
August 27	\$25	Kelly Feron
August 28	\$25	Veronica M Young
August 29	\$25	Arturo Biso
August 30	\$50	Marybeth Holdorf
August 31	\$25	Lottie Kalenty

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

The Community Action Poverty Simulation

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Could you survive a month in poverty?

Across Nassau and Suffolk Counties 168,000 people currently live in poverty. Over 25,000 are children in grades K – 12. It is difficult to truly understand the situations that families living in poverty experience everyday – the decisions they have to make and the fears and frustrations they feel.

This is why we are inviting you to participate in the Community Action Poverty Simulation. Hosted by St. Patrick's Parish Outreach, Holy Cross Parish Outreach, St. Thomas More Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities, the program gives participants the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget.

*We invite you to join us on **Saturday, September 26th at 9AM at St. Patrick's in Smithtown. Please RSVP to your Outreach Office no later than September 15th.** We look forward to your participation.*

9:00 AM: Check-in & Breakfast

9:30 AM: Start Time

11:15 AM: Debriefing (all participants are strongly encouraged to stay)

STM Parish Outreach: 631-234-3149



Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION™



Catholic
Health

St. Thomas More Music Ministry

Calling All Singers

Love to sing?

Join the choir! The STM Choir is open to all postpubescent voices. Experience singing in a choir is helpful, but not a requirement.

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm, and we sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays!



First rehearsal: Thur Sept 17 @ 7pm

Contact Alex for more info: email: music@stmli.org
call or text: (631) 213-1322

SAVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE
Search for all spotted lanternfly stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July



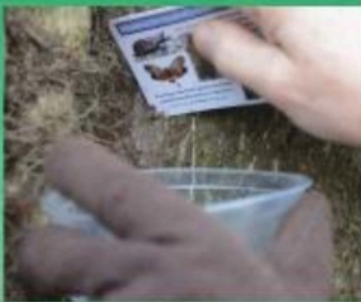
Late nymph
July-Sept.



Adult
July-Dec

SQUISH ME!

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

