

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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September 13th 2026



This Week's Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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

Monday, September 14th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Tuesday, September 15th

9:00am Maria Manzi

Wednesday, September 16th

9:00am Richard Rizza

Thursday, September 17th

9:00am George, Kameli, & Joseph
Mitchell

Friday, September 18th

9:00am Peter & Stephanie
Romano

Saturday, September 19th

5:00pm Ellen Cleary
Julie Criscuola

Sunday, September 20th

Twenty-fourth Ordinary

8:00am Eugene William Campbell
Gennaro Conneticut

9:30am Frank Scarangella
Robert J. Kolomechuk

11:30am Richard Stout
Philip Camera



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. John Chrysostom (9/13)
Exaltation to the Holy Cross (9/14)
Our Lady of Sorrows (9/15)
Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian (9/16)
St. Robert Ballarmino (9/17)
St. Januarius (9/19)
St. Andrew Kim Taegon & companions (9/20)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20th 2026

Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

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 felt wronged by an employer or boss. Did you react with grace?
2: How can we ensure everyone receives a daily wage for the work that they do?
Families: Have you had a time when you felt someone got more than you? How can Jesus' lesson today help?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Father returned home after a tough day at the office and found his two daughters of about kindergarten age, acting up boisterously. He gave them a moderately severe scolding and sent them off to bed. The next morning, he found a note stuck on his bedroom door: "Be good to your children and they will be good to you - God."

The way we treat others is the way God will treat us.

Today's Gospel reading is the story of forgiveness. The story is about this person who was forgiven by the king for his huge debt (ten thousand talents, one must work a few thousand years to earn 10,000 talents). But he was not ready to forgive his own servant who owed him a smaller amount (one hundred denaria, which is 100 days wages). The story is about how the one who was forgiven out of the king's mercy, did not want to show his mercy to his servant. The best way of cherishing and living the mercy is to share with others what one has received from others.

Mercy does not fit into any human logical or legal system. Mercy is divine. The mercy on/for us of God is ready to forgive, but we should cultivate a heart within ourselves to deserve and enjoy forgiveness. If we hold a grudge towards others, we will not have a place in our heart to receive God's forgiveness. If our heart is generous to forgive others it will be ever tuned to dwell in God's forgiveness. The story ends with King withdrawing his forgiveness from the huge debtor because he did give mercy a chance to forgive his fellow servant. The lesson is that if forgiveness and mercy are not lived only punishment and jail will take their place.

Mother Teresa used to say, "If we criticize and harbor anger towards others, we will not have time to love them." We often pray the Our Father, our Lord's prayer in which we remind ourselves, "forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." This petition does not mean that God's forgiveness depends on our act of forgiving others. It is not that God's forgiveness is the reward for the forgiveness that we rendered to others. Rather God's forgiveness will not be well received in the heart that holds anger. The heart that is vengeful will not be able tune itself to the wavelength of God's forgiveness. God generously forgives us and the heart must be free and empty to cherish it. Let us tune our hearts to forgive others in order to receive and cherish God's abundant mercy of forgiveness for us.

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

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

September 14th - September 20th

In memory of

Ralph Molinaro

by Ursula Molinaro

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

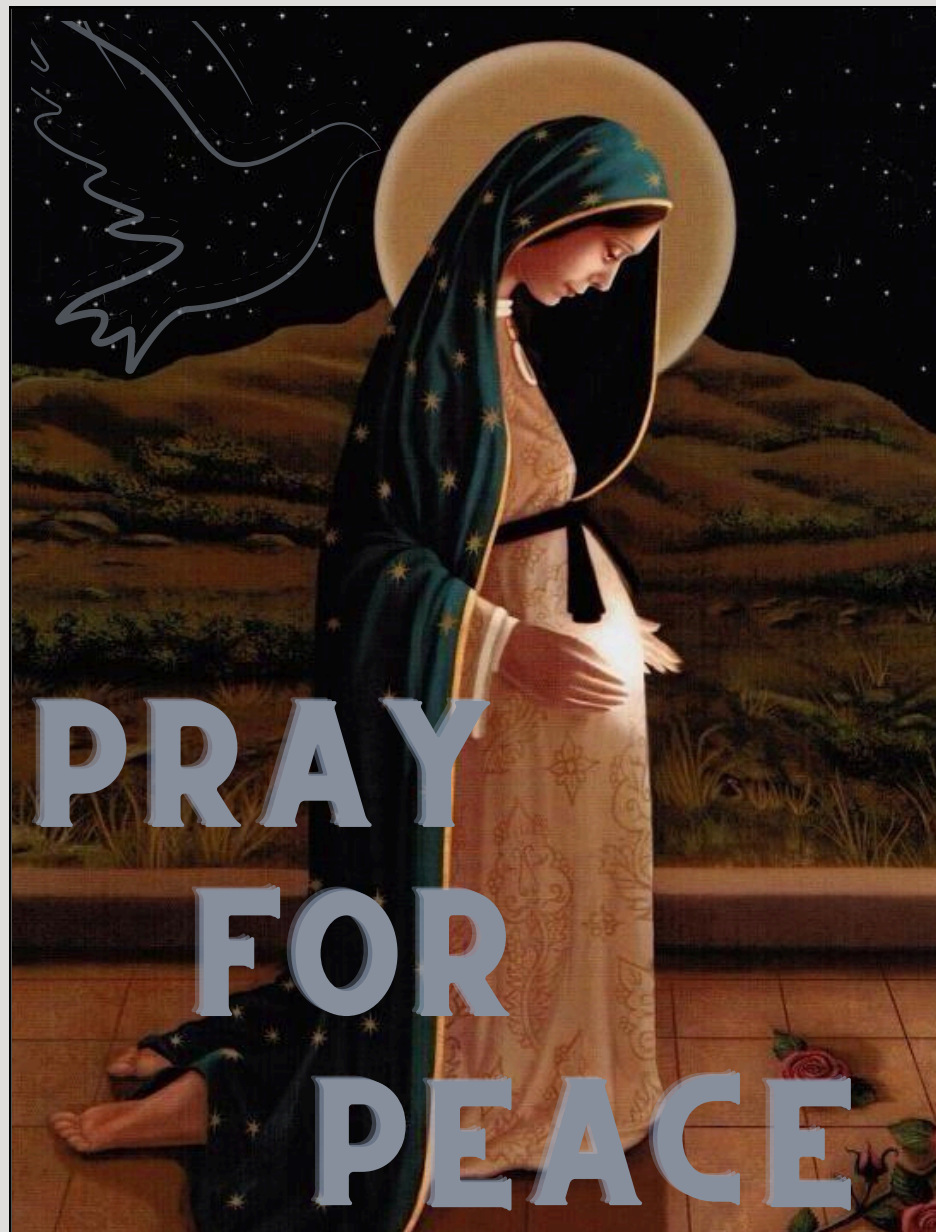
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Betty Vrondis
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Eddie Chronopoulos
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Gary Hollins
Gertrude Hirsch
Helen Kovarik

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
Pam Procaccini
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczar
Patti Demarest
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Sinead Rodgers
Susan Agne
Susan Furuno
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:
September 5th & 6th

\$7491

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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Young at Heart

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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

The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!



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



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

NEXT MEETINGS:
SEPT 25TH: 12PM

OCTOBER 9TH: 12PM

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

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.



Have you been called by Name?

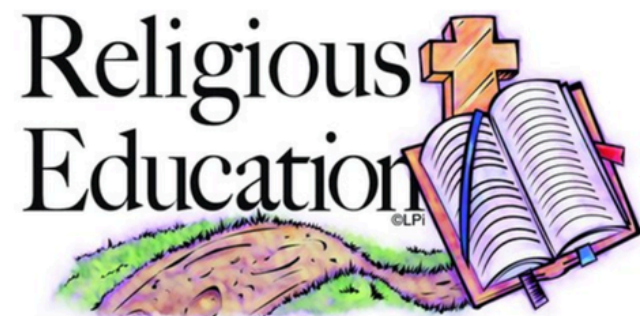


"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

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

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
www.sjs.org

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



Holy Hour

"A Devotion to Love"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by
the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she
is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son."

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Annual Catholic Scouting Convocation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2025 | 2PM

St. William the Abbot RCC
2000 Jackson Ave.
Seaford, NY 11783

Scouts are asked to
wear Scouting America
Field Uniform

All Scouts and friends of Scouting are invited to celebrate
Catholic Scouting. The ceremony will recognize Scouts
who have earned Religious Emblems and have sought to
deepen their Catholic Faith.

Hospitality to follow.

Contact Fr. Joe Catafago for more information.
jcatafago@DRVC.ORG



"THE HIGHER WE GO, THE
BETTER WE SHALL HEAR THE
VOICE OF CHRIST."

~ Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER

Bake Sale & Basket Raffle

Hosted by the Columbiettes!

St. Thomas More Church, Hauppauge

**Choose from a
variety of
desserts &
baskets!**

**October 3rd & 4th
after all masses!**

**Winners of Basket Raffles will be
selected & notified by phone after
the 11:30am Mass on Oct. 4th!**

Proceeds go to support the Columbiettes and their charitable works.

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



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Health

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 †

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