



Catholic Church Community of  
**St. Thomas More**  
 115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Parish Mission Statement:**

*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.*

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 from us just text

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[StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](https://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)

## ***Masses for this coming week***

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`

1 Kings 3:6, 7-12

Psalm: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

**Saturday, July 25**

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Ernie Hoffman *by the Eyring family*

**Sunday, July 26—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00am Deceased members of the Kalenty &  
Mayeski family *by Chet & Lottie*

9:15am Paul Kanischak *by the Eyring family*

10:45am Eileen Sansone *by Donald & Rosemarie  
Flore*

12:15pm People of the Parish

**Monday, July 27**

9am Mary Anderson *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

**Tuesday, July 28**

9am Mae Devine *by Fran & Tom Wieland*

**Wednesday, July 29—St. Martha**

9am James John *by Joan Oscar & family*

**Thursday, July 30—St. Peter Chrysologus**

9am Msgr. Francis S. Midura *by Barbara  
Mickelson*

**Friday, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola**

9am Andrew Paino Sr. *by Chris & Andrew  
Paino*

**Saturday, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori—**

**First Saturday**

9am David Carmen Martorana *by the Mitchell  
family*

***(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)***

5pm Josephine McGuire *by the McGuire family*

**Sunday, August 2—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00am Peter & George Molinaro *by Ralph &  
Ursula Molinaro*

9:15am Paul Kanischak *by Joan & David Martin*

10:45am People of the Parish

12:15pm People of the Parish

## ***Growing through the Sunday Scriptures***

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm: 85::9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14: 22-23

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew::

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said,

“This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them,

“There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.”

But they said to him,

“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.”

Then he said, “Bring them here to me, ” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

We look forward to the day when life will be back to “normal” at our church, in our country and in our world.



Some of our First Communicants who received the sacrament in July 2020



Timmy and James Sandbichler donate vegetables from their garden to Parish Outreach



James began his garden in May when his Principal, Mrs. Ayers from Trinity Regional School shared a story during morning prayers about a restaurant in Smithtown providing dinners to those in need right here in our own communities. That day he asked to grow his own garden to be able to give to families in need too. With the assistance of a very special couple “like grandparents” dear to him who are also our neighbors (gave money to buy plants, taught him and guided him on how to take care of his garden) he was able to grow a big garden that is producing so many vegetables Both James and his brother Timmy work every day weeding, turning soil, watering, and having patience to pick the vegetables at the right time. He hopes to be able to give many more in the weeks to come. Thank you so much for getting to the families who need them. :

## ***FR. ANTONY'S LETTER***

Dear Friends,

### **City slicker: Is it right to say “a hen lays” or “a hen lies” egg?**

Farmer: Where I come from, the people just lift her up to see.

We spend more time in explaining the truth than experiencing it. We don't want to approach truth unless it is a proved fact. We prefer to live more willingly under the clutches of fear and doubt than to daringly expose ourselves to start living the truth.

**Today's Gospel is the parables of Jesus picturesquely portraying** that life is worth investing all one has. Life is like a hidden treasure within us. Unless we get rid of everything that robs our energy and until we engage our total self we will not be able to live our life in its fullness. Again as Jesus explains, our life is a precious pearl which is worth the whole of us. The more we invest everything of ourselves the better our life will shine like a pearl.

**We live in a world of varied opinions**, where the facets of truth are treated as whole Truth and as Truth itself. Also we are surrounded by people with various styles of living, claiming them to be the fullness of life itself. In this context of varied opinions and various life styles our life is open to all sorts of experience. Our everyday-living-experience is like a net that collects everything, the good and the bad, the truth and the lie, the real and the fake. The good life depends on selecting the best and throwing away the rest. But it does not stop there. Once we find the best we must engage our whole-selves to live the fullness of life. We must be like the merchant who sells all that he has and buys the pearl. We must be like the person who finds the treasure in the field, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

**During this pandemic time**, we feel our life is very much constrained and limited. Our life style is a paralyzed one. Watching the news only exacerbates the anxiety, as the media naturally focuses on the areas where things are not going well in our fight against the virus. In addition it has now become politicized and commercialized, because fear is recognized as one of the best ways to control people, to attract viewers, and to sell products. There is more to life than just not getting sick and not dying. It takes courage to live. It is the time to invest everything of our inner selves in order to live our hidden treasure. This is the occasion to engage our total-individual-self in order to shine like the pearl we have. This is the moment we throw away all the worst things (like fear, anxiety, political advantages, etc.) and choose the best from our nets.

**During the past three weeks we celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion for 77 children of our Parish** in five small groups. We thank all the families for having cooperated observing all the guidelines to celebrate the sacrament in a healthy and safe way.

### **We started to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 121 teenagers.**

This past Thursday, July 23 we administered Confirmation for 43 candidates and two more celebrations are yet to happen on July 27 and 29. Let us pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit come upon them abundantly.

**Since we are still in the time of Pandemic**, all Confirmation celebrations take place in small groups only with the immediate family of the parents and siblings, in order to observe the social distance. We are not able to make any exception to this rule to anyone. Making exception to this rule does not only jeopardize our health but also will cause the church to close as a place of spreading the virus. Please let us help each other to be healthy and to keep the church open.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

## ***SUPPORT COLLECTION***

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY227](https://faith.direct/NY227), or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Antony

## ***SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL***

### **Websites**

[www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org)

<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

### **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

### **Instagram**

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- stmreligiousd
- stm\_yg

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Personal Prayer

[SpiritualOrientations.com](http://SpiritualOrientations.com)

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at [BJFRAT@optonline.net](mailto:BJFRAT@optonline.net)

## **RCIA NEOPHYTES**

Blessings and congratulations to our neophytes (newly initiated) who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please welcome our new brothers and sisters; Anthony Vigo, Rick Vigo, Ping Fennekohl, Cynthia Leon, Nina Leon, Marissa Abram, Eric Abram, and Aidan Lapore. We thank them for enriching our parish with their love, goodness, and faith fullness. The RCIA Team wants to thank all members of Saint Thomas More for sharing the spirit of love with our neophytes throughout their extended journey.



**RCIA people who received sacraments plus team members**



## ***CIRCLE OF WOMEN***

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

Our next meeting will be on September 14, 2020. The book for discussion will be **Circling the Sun** by Paula McLain—Facilitator Marti White.

We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

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- **Mass Times** -

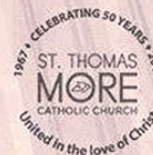
**Saturdays**

5 pm in the church  
(live streamed as well)

**Sundays**

\*9:30 am parking lot\*

12 pm in the church



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Weather permitting.



**Pre-Cana Couples**

Please remember in your prayers the following couples who are currently participating in our St. Thomas Pre-Cana Program:

- Maggie Beyer & Eric Le Claire
- Patricia McCaffrey & Daniel Sullivan
- Savannah Todaro & Jonathan Marinozzi
- Brittany Nevins & Philip Schaefer



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Erin Burke, Veronica Corvasce, Diane DiChristina, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Gail, Laurie Holmes, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Lauren Lossani, Jim Marsala, Joan Nachtman, Mary Ann O’Gara, Al Pankus, Rita Platia. Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Jerry Smith, Peggy Stepanek, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman, Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky, Denise Zappia

*Please re-submit names of those people you wish to put on our Sick List.*

*This listing will expire on September 30, 2020.*



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at [www.stmli.org](http://www.stmli.org). Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

*“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”*

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

John P. Falkowski, Mary (Mae) Devine, Mary Leddy, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

### **USING FAITH DIRECT?** - It’s quick and easy!

Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) to sign up: our church code is NY227. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. We thank you for your support.

**UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

### **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

**CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS**—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

**USED CELL PHONES**—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.



## Focus on Religious Freedom

### First They Came for the Statues and the Churches...

As Americans and as Christians we must expect and demand the rule of law be enforced in compliance with the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment freedoms which support all of our inalienable rights.

May God strengthen us to pray, speak and act to defend these five critical freedoms:

1. Freedom of Religion – the right of free conscience and free exercise of conscientious beliefs
2. Freedom of Speech - the right to speak freely and openly, without fear
3. Freedom of the Press – the right to communicate facts, opinions, ideas and beliefs
4. Freedom of Assembly – the right to peaceably assemble
5. Freedom to petition the Government for redress of grievances

**"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless.**

**Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."**

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi activist who was martyred at Flossenburg Concentration Camp, 1945

Across the country, churches and religious statues have been the target of vandalism, terrorism and arson.

- Boston, Massachusetts: A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was set aflame in St. Peter's Church. "Whoever is responsible for the desecration of the Holy Mother's statue is clearly a troubled soul...Mary represents all that is good and pure in our world," said a diocese spokesperson<sup>(1)</sup>
- Tennessee: A statue of Holy Mary is beheaded. "What a strange time we live in," tweeted Bishop Stika of Knoxville. "Anytime something like this happens, it's disappointing and concerning," said a Diocese of Knoxville spokesperson<sup>(2)</sup>
- Florida: A Catholic church in Ocala was set on fire while parishioners were inside preparing for mass.
- San Gabriel, California: Fire destroyed much of the 249-year-old mission church. Bishop Robert Barran tweeted he was "deeply troubled."<sup>(3)</sup> Archbishop

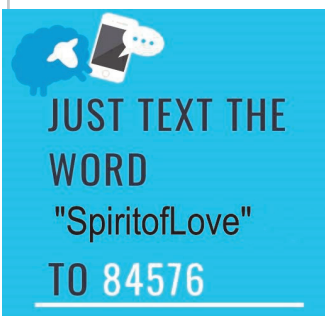
Gomez called the mission the "spiritual heart of Los Angeles and the Catholic community here."<sup>(4)</sup>

- San Diego, CA: A fire at Calvary Baptist church was declared "suspicious" by the Arson Strike Team.<sup>(5)</sup>

- Brooklyn, New York: A 100-year-old statue of the Virgin Mary was desecrated with paint. "Please continue praying for those who committed this act of vandalism against Our Lady and the Church," said Fr. Kuroly, rector<sup>(6)</sup>

(washingtonnewsdaily, 7/14/20(1)(6); ncregister.com, 7/15/20(2); deseretnews.com,7/11/20(3); ncregister, 7/13/20(4)(5); thetablet.org, 7/13/20; ro-mereports.com, 7/14/20)

Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection during Lent or updates of what's happening in our Parish? See below or go to [StThomasMore29.flocknote.com](http://StThomasMore29.flocknote.com)



## Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. This collection has been rescheduled from June 28 to July 26.



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ethan Bernstein          | John Karies          |
| Jessie Bernstein         | Michael Knipper      |
| Joseph Blaugrund         | Dylan Kowalski       |
| Anthony Broncatello      | Thomas LaFemina      |
| John Burk                | Alex Lombardi        |
| Collin Busto             | Andrew Lombardi      |
| David Chester            | Lt. Clint Lorange    |
| John Chester             | Scott Lovelock       |
| Nicholas Chester         | Andrew Lynch         |
| Theresa Chester          | Troy A. Maida,       |
| Collin J. Crean          | William Maley        |
| Eddie Cullum             | Thomas Migliara      |
| Eric Cullum              | Tim Morris           |
| Adam Cussen              | Ryan Murphy          |
| David Cussen             | John Nachtman        |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | Kaitlyn Nachtman     |
| P. J. Erskin             | Thomas Nichols       |
| Timothy Fallon           | Adam Papaizai        |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi  | Michael Poist        |
| Nicholas W. Flanary      | Michael Polanski     |
| J.T. Foltz               | Kyle Rathje          |
| Mike Foltz               | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Michael Gioia            | Ann Karen Sanchez    |
| Carl F. Greiner          | Justin Schneider     |
| Philip Gudone            | Christopher Sidor    |
| John Michael Haffner     | Christopher Singer   |
| Sean Hendrikson          | Ryan Smith           |
| Tylor J. Hickey          | Michael White        |
| Kevin Ilyichenko         |                      |

**CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS**

*Congratulations!*

*Here are the winners from July 19—25, 2020*

7/19/2020	764	\$50	Steve & Diane Phelan
7/20/2020	177	\$25	Tom Napolitano
7/21/2020	719	\$25	Emilia & Lou Savarese
7/22/2020	19	\$25	The Clarke family
7/23/2020	200	\$25	Don & Judy Persia
7/24/2020	920	\$25	Linda Carlino
7/25/2020	842	\$25	Vincent & Donna Gerardi

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
2020**

as of July 14, 2020

Our Parish Goal           \$70,400.00

Pledges to date           \$27,512.00

Percentage of Goal           39.08%

**Congratulations to those who recently received  
the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and  
Confirmation**



**St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry  
OUTREACH**



**“Give us this day our daily bread”**

Our current needs include:

**Pancake Mix\*\***

**Syrup\*\***

**Boxed Milk\*\***

**Tea\*\***

**Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)**

**Paper Towels\*\***

Canned Vegetables

Mustard/Ketchup

Spaghetti

Jelly

Rice

Canned Fruit

Soup (18-22 oz)

Tomato Sauce

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Cereal

Pasta

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)

Shampoo

Toothpaste

**\*\*We are especially in need of these items**

***Our neighbors continue to need food. Please help if you can!***

Non-perishable foods may be left in the bins at the entrance to the Narthex.

We are always grateful for your generosity!

**Outreach is now open Monday and Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM**

**Phone: 631-234-3149**

Both 3rd and 6th grade religious ed classes worked together to collect, recycle, and buy milk for our food pantry.  
: ) When they were recycling there was even a Good Samaritan who was so proud of them he gave his bottle return money to assist the children



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

God's kingdom is populated by all of us and includes all His people. Your support of SVdP makes our search for the kingdom of God much easier.

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK**

**— Adding a name Request —**

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

**Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:**

**Relationship to the person who is ill:**

**Person making the Request:**

**TODAY’S DATE:**

*(Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office)*

**CHURCH MINISTRIES**

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?**

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- Altar Server                       Hospitality
- Usher                                 Greeter
- RCIA                                   Liturgy with Children
- Lector                                 Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Minister         Landscaping/  
Planting
- Rosary Altar Society         Pre-Cana
- Caring for Altar Plants       FOCCUS
- Adult Lending Library       Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

**2019 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

I/we would like a record of our 2019 contributions to St. Thomas More:

**NAME(s)**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**E-mail:**

*Please return to the Rectory for processing.*

**REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST**

**NAME(s):**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**E-MAIL:**

I/we would like to register in the parish.

Please send contribution envelopes.

I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)*

# **Back to School Assistance Needed for our Families**

Our families are in need of school supplies!

In light of the current pandemic and the uncertainty of what school will look like, we are asking for donations of gift cards (Walmart or Target) so our families can directly purchase what they need (supplies, clothing, shoes, etc.)

Any help you can give our families will be greatly appreciated.

St. Thomas More Parish Outreach



