

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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July 6th 2025

Go on your
way;
behold, I am
sending you
like lambs
among wolves.



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Psalm 66:1-7,16,20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, July 5th

5:00pm Arputha Mary Asir
Mary Gragnaniello

Sunday, July 6th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Robert Prestopino
9:30am Deacon Thomas Samson
Josephine Guastella
11:30am Christopher Loring
Eileen Macholz-Barr

Monday, July 7th

9:00am Chet Kalenty

Tuesday, July 8th

9:00am Arputha Mary Asir

Wednesday, July 9th

9:00am Jason Oscar

Thursday, July 10th

9:00am Pantaleo G Alicastro

Friday, July 11th

9:00am Ruthann McDonald

Saturday, July 12th

5:00pm Guillermo Morcillo
Mary Magnifico

Sunday, July 13th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Diana Warren
9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Maryanne Fitzpatrick McGovern
11:30am Leonard Spina
Mary Gragnaniello



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. Anthony Zaccaria (7/5)
St. Maria Goretti (7/6)
St. Augustine Zhao Rong (7/9)
St. Benedict (7/11)
St. Henry (7/13)
St. Kateri Tekakwitha (7/14)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th 2025

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm 19:8-11
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Gospel of Luke (10:25-37)

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

Focus Questions

1: How difficult is it for you to love people who are different from you? What do you do to overcome your initial hesitation to love like Jesus?
2: What impact does the Good Samaritan have on you?
3: Relate a time when a stranger treated you with kindness.
Families: Look for an opportunity to be a Good Samaritan this week.

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

our daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Wife to Husband: Shall we **watch the six o'clock news and get indigestion, or wait for the eleven o'clock news and have insomnia?** We might have at times had the same feeling watching the television news. News media seems to depict a world that is mostly negative and divisive. It appears to cover the news of division, despair and destruction in the world.

In today's Gospel **Jesus sends his disciples into the world with a positive outlook.** When we read the creation story in the book of Genesis, we find the phrase "God saw that it was good" five times at five different stages of creation. At the end of creation it says, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." God created everything good and handed it to us. There is nothing evil or bad in God's creation.

When Jesus sent his disciples on a mission, to every town and place He intended to visit He said to them, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Their mission is to reap the harvest, to reap what is quite ready to be brought into the granary. The world in God's, as well as Jesus's view, is an abundant, ripened, and matured harvest.

Of course, **every grain has its own husk hiding the grain within.** There are a lot of occasions when the servants of the Lord could be misled to focus more on the husk than its inner worth, the grain. In Jesus' view the world is not a rough and uncultivated land with thorns and thistles as the news media projects. But Jesus' instruction is to focus on the grain, the positive side of every person. He asks them to see the world as a field ready to be harvested, a place having great potential for the best. He sends his disciples to reap the harvest.

The **missionary work of the disciples is primarily to promote peace;** into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household' and 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' This is the only focus of their mission. If they are not welcomed or accepted, they should not waste their time and energy on defending themselves. In such a situation Jesus' instruction to them is, "Whatever town you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand." Whether they are welcomed or rejected their only message is that it is God's world of good harvest and it is time to realize that God's kingdom is in our hand.

As disciples of Jesus, **we are sent by Jesus to become God's media** of proclaiming the good in each of us to be harvested. We are encouraged and empowered by Jesus to go without any distraction. Our only focus is the goodness that could be found everywhere and in everyone. In this day and age where we find more and more threats, division, hatred, and terrorism, let us go wishing everybody as Jesus commands, "Peace to this household." Jesus sends us not with weapons to fight the enemies but with the power of God to repay evil with blessing, to convert the power of sin to the possibility of life. We are missionaries of Jesus in today's world. Jesus asks us to have faith in the truth of being his disciples filled with His divine power to do His mission of peace.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Carol Ann Lorenzini
Thomas Joseph Murphy
Joan V Dobbs Dana

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Ana Beltrani
Andrew Valentine
Angela Mingione
Angelina Tolentino
Ann Russo
Barbara Foberg
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Codier Codispoti
Diane McCann
Ellen Murphy

Fortunata Feliciano
Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Ianno
John Zuzzolo
Joseph Barrett
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Lorraine White

Marge McGowan
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Mary Leister
MaryAnn Landi
Michael Jacobs Jr.
Noah Simonetti
Nunzio Puleo
Peter Cappisillo
Richard Landi
Rosalie Malerba

*This listing will reset on September 30th, 2025

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.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

July 7th - July 13th

In memory of
Nancy Mignon
by Maximus Fagioli

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
Father Lenny Carlino
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	

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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
June 28th & June 29th

\$6497

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, 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.

Parish Social Ministry

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

MATTHEW 25:40

Who you helped...

During the month of May you helped feed:
50 families including
69 children, 63 adults, 22 seniors

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.

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.

Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family that could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

Can you help?

We have an elderly parishioner who needs a ride to Sunday Mass (either 9:30 or 11:30). If you are able to help, please call the Outreach office. (located on the Hauppauge/Nesconset border)

THANKS TO THE COLUMBIETTES, OUR PANTRY SHELVES HAVE BEEN STOCKED!

However, we still have some needs:

Small Laundry Detergent
Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee)
Paper Towels

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.

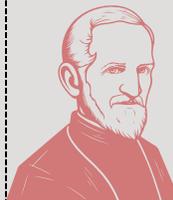


ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members "go out two by two" to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and needy in our parish.



Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are in need. To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com



Baptisms

in our church

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

Gennaro Joseph Iamunno

child of Jamie & Gennaro

Sophia Mary James

child of Angela & Christopher

Caleb Joseph McGaughey

child of Jacqueline & Robert

Daniela Elizabeth Mirro

child of Chelsea & Joseph

Joseph Michael Walthers

child of Gina & Thomas

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

While not the first American Saint, who of the following was the first Saint born in "America"?

a: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

b: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

c: St. Katharine Drexel

d: St. Francesca Cabrini



Answer: B (St. Kateri)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first 'born in America' saint to be canonized (born 1774, canonized 1975), but St. Kateri was born a full 100+ years before (born ~1656, canonized 2012)

St. Frances Cabrini is the first "American" saint (canonized in 1946), but was born in Italy.

St. Katharine Drexel is the first (and only) Saint born in the established United States of America.

Enjoy a free meal and meet new friends...

Alpha-

Returning to STM
September 15th 2025

Alpha

ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †

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.

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 15TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$190 per golfer
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing
495 Landing Avenue

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

*Price increase to \$200
after 8/15. Register early!

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/15/25 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 **\$190.00** per golfer prior to August 15th - **\$200.00** per golfer after August 15th

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.

JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July



Late nymph
July-Sept.



Adult
July-Dec.

SCRAPE. SQUASH. REPORT.



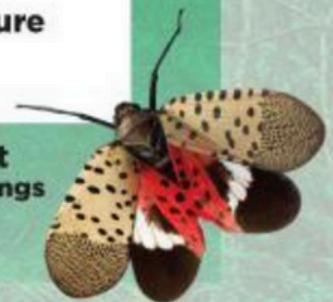
Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see

**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

Report
any sightings



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home



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.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



First YG Meeting of 2021 (9/19/21)

All of these wonderful young Catholics have now graduated from High School, continuing their life and faith journeys!



Our YM is so proud of Sara and Logan Conquet who have now graduated from HHS! We are grateful for their dedicated service for the last four years, and know they will be shining lights in this world. Logan is on to St. John's and Sara (this year's valedictorian) is headed to Vassar. They plan to continue attending Sunday Mass and spreading the word of God. Please pray for them on their journey, and for all high school students seeking a place to belong.



Our gratitude goes to the Children's Liturgy Crew for all their hard work over the year. Check out the board in the Narthex to see all the projects the kids did this year!

REMEMBER: CLC is over for the summer, but Mass still happens every day!

