

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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The Christ of the Breadlines, Fritz Eichenberg 1951

August 31st 2025



WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET, INVITE THE
POOR, THE CRIPPLED, THE LAME, THE BLIND

This Week's Readings
Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
Psalm 68:4-5,6-7,10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a
Luke 14:1,7-14

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, August 30th

5:00pm Joseph Barrett
Matthew Phelan

Sunday, August 31st

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Salvatore Caliendo

9:30am Anthony Giambruno
Gene Launier

11:30am Chester Kalenty
Shannon O'Brien

Monday, September 1st

9:00am Daryl John

Tuesday, September 2nd

9:00am Edward J Thompson

Wednesday, September 3rd

9:00am Sheila Samson

Thursday, September 4th

9:00am Arputha Mary Asir

Friday, September 5th

9:00am Irene Buynak

Saturday, September 6th

5:00pm Margaret Mary Sheehan
Cheri Graf Johnston

Sunday, September 7th

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am William Eyring

9:30am Anthony Giambruno
Marie Giovanna Boyd

11:30am Lauren Weiler
Marie 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

Beheading of John the Baptist (8/29)
St. Gregory the Great (9/3)
Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9/8)
St. Peter Claver (9/9)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7th 2025

Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
Philemon 9-10,12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Focus Questions

- Describe a time when your possessions became a distraction.
 - Relate a time when you had to plan ahead and forgot. What was the result?
 - What does it mean to you to be a disciple?
- Families: What interferes with putting God first in your life?

Gospel of Luke (14:25-33)

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

The husband walked into a store and said, **“It is my wife’s birthday. I’d like to buy her a beautiful fountain pen.”**

The clerk winked at me and said, “A little surprise, eh?”

The husband said, “Yes, she is expecting a Cadillac.”

If our joy of living had to depend on what we expect from others, we would instead end up spending our days in disappointment and despair.

The **first reading invites us to approach life with humility**. Humility opens our life beyond what we define from our desires and dreams. A humble attitude towards our life will show us new horizons, richer and livelier than our imagination. A humble person can enjoy life as God-given in its divine flavor and taste. In short, it says that a proud person would get much less out of life than a humble person.

In today’s Gospel **Jesus invites us to see our life as a joyful celebration like that of a wedding feast**. A wedding feast is the time to join the celebration in joy, certainly not an occasion to prove one’s worth to be better than that of the other. Jesus admonishes us, telling us to join the celebration of life just as we are, without seeking the place of honor. It is not the place of honor in itself that makes the wedding celebrative and joyful. The place of honor is only a material comparison of where one is seated against the other. Rather, the celebration is a disposition of the heart. Unless one allows oneself from the heart to celebrate the occasion, nothing from outside can make the celebration happen for that person.

Jesus also **warns that the outer situation (place of honor) may change**. We may be pushed down to a lower place of honor due to reasons known to the host alone. The honor we claim for ourselves may be untrue in the eyes of the host, and thus we may be asked to step down in the scale of honor against our own wish and claim. Nothing in life is guaranteed. Everything changes, so don’t place yourself living in that which is impermanent.

But there is a permanent identity within each of us, **the God-given identity that we are the image of God**. Jesus asks us to derive our joy from living this inner identity. The joy of celebrating life does not depend on that which is outside of us. Joy is purely and totally the fruit of our inner identity. It springs from within and spreads to others. We don’t need others’ approval of who we are in order to be joyful. If there is joy in us, we will live it in all situations and statuses. As the second part of today’s Gospel says, we would be inviting any and every class of people to join our joy. Our life will be like a wedding party in which every class and creed of people will find joy.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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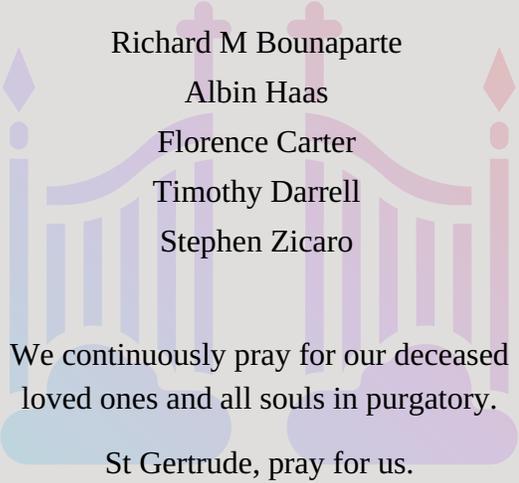
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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased



Richard M Bounaparte
Albin Haas
Florence Carter
Timothy Darrell
Stephen Zicaro

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 Cappisillo
Barbara Foberg
Carmen Z Fontes
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Codie Codispoti
Diane McCann
Ellen Murphy

Fortunata Feliciano
Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Ianno
John Zuzzolo
Joseph Barrett
Joseph Tuffarelli
Kayla & Nora
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lori Rooney
Lorraine White
Marge McGowan

Maria U Aldaba
Maria Andria
Mary Leister
MaryAnn Landi
Maryann Maccone
Michael Leocadi
Michael Minutillo
Noah Simonetti
Nunzio Puleo
Peter Cappisillo
Raymond Larsen
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

September 1st - September 7th

In memory of

George & Violet Lovelock

by Tom Lovelock

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

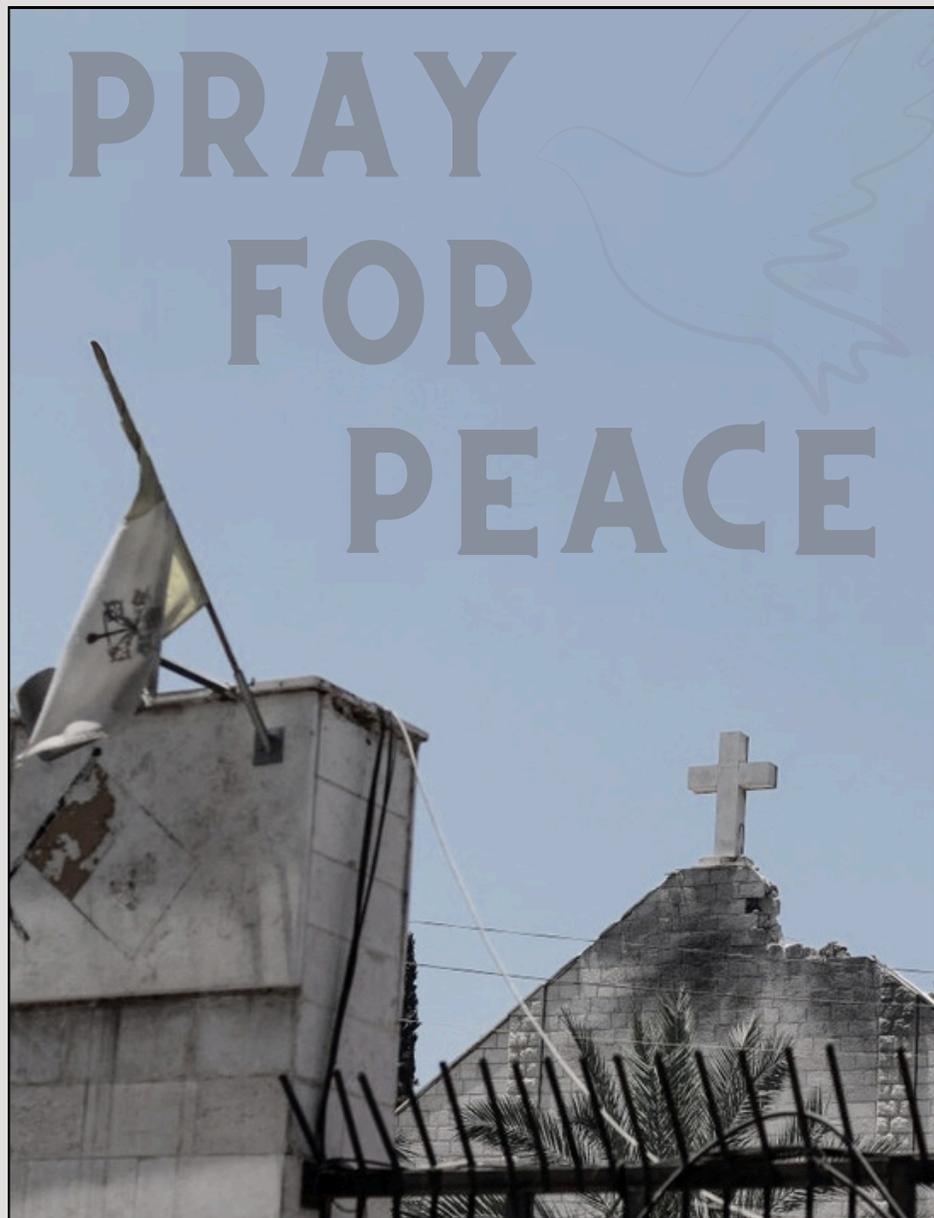
Pray for our Military

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	

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:
August 23rd & 24th

\$6148

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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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. 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.

Parish Social Ministry

“When we stop to help others in need, we are allowing Christ to live through us”.

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.

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Canned Veggies	Mayo
Canned Fruit	Mustard
Boxed Milk	Pasta Sauce
Cookies	Canned Soup
Cereal	Shampoo
Drinks	Toothpaste
Soup	Hand Soap
Jelly	Paper Towels
Tuna	Detergent

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

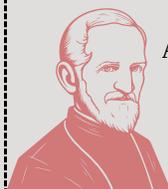
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, “...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

With love for you neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame, or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Another form of giving is to JOIN US AT MILITARY BRIDGE on October 18th!

Please reach out with any questions. 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:

Maria Gloria Josephine
Tristano
child of Kristi & Michael

New child? Expecting?
Contact the Rectory to learn more
about the sacrament of Baptism!



E-Giving News

Our current e-giving platform is changing its name!
Faith Direct is becoming unified under the *Ministry Brands* umbrella and will be known as ParishSoft Giving



Some minor (but helpful!) changes:

Weekly Donations...will now be paid weekly, not per month
Donations can be scheduled for any day, not just the 4th or 15th
Donations can be made with Google Pay, Apple Pay, Venmo, or PayPal

We encourage all parishioners to consider signing up for e-giving. Donating online is safe and secure, and allows you on demand access to your tax information and giving history.

More information and instructions to sign up can be found on the literature rack in the Narthex.

BANNS OF Marriage

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

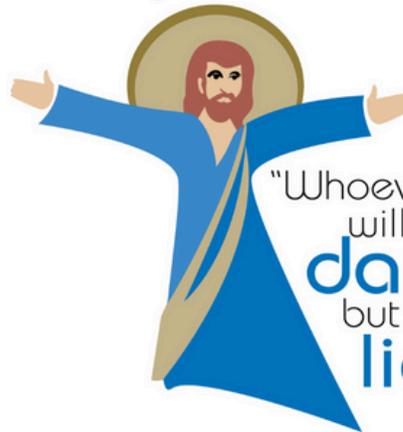
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St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



KEVIN TAKACH
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



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.

P.E.A.C.E.



Coming Soon: Mass Book 2026



Masses for 2026 will be available starting Tuesday September 16th in the rectory.

Suggested offering is \$20

Please note: there are still 46 masses available for 2024



NEXT MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 12TH

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS

WELCOME!

CALL ANNA

631-234-0714

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

John the Baptist was imprisoned and beheaded when he called out Herod Antipas for what behavior?

- a: Divorce and Remarriage
- b: Ritual Sacrifice
- c: Genocide
- d: Refusing Baptism



Answer: A Divorce and Remarriage!
Herod divorced his first wife, and took his sister-in-law (his brother's wife) as his own.

The beheading of John the Baptist is also referred to as the "decollation of St. John the Baptist" or the "beheading of the Forerunner."

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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St. Thomas More Annual

BEACH MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



 Mass is at 12:00pm on the beach!
Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue 

Please bring lunch to enjoy in the picnic area after mass!



There will be grills available if you want to barbecue! The Knights will keep them hot and ready.

GOLF RAFFLE



1 for \$10
3 for \$20
9 for \$50



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES OR AT THE RECTORY!



1st: \$1250
2nd: \$750
3rd: \$500



STM MSGR FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

St. Thomas More Choir

Have you ever felt the joy of singing from your heart? Imagine raising your voice in harmony with others, filling the church with heavenly music, and being part of something truly special

Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or simply love to sing, we welcome you! No formal training is required—just a love for music and a desire to be part of a beautiful tradition. Every voice matters, and together we create something magical that touches hearts and souls at every Mass.

Why join?

Make a Joyful Noise: Use your gift of music to glorify God

Build Community: Connect with fellow parishioners in a fun, welcoming environment

Lift Spirits: Help lead worship and inspire others through song.

When?

Children

Rehearsal: Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Mass: Sundays 9:30

Adults

Rehearsal: Thursdays 7-8:30

Mass: Sundays 11:30

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

\$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.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?
YOU'RE INVITED TO TRY ALPHA AT STM
EXPLORE LIFE...FAITH...MEANING

ALPHA is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal setting. You will be able to explore life's biggest questions. You will take yourself on a journey which many times leads to a personal encounter with Jesus. You are able to ask questions, share ideas, build friendships, and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We gather once a week and have our meeting at St. Thomas More in the white room. We set up in small groups of about 8 to 10 people per table and start with a nice dinner and dessert with your group. Then we watch a video that features inspiring stories and interviews from all around the world followed by discussions with your group. Each week our talks will look at a different question about faith.

If you are not comfortable talking in a group, don't worry. Just listen and you will be surprised what you take home and think about. You may even find yourself inspired to share your experiences and knowledge the following week.

So come try ALPHA! It's free, you'll have good food, thought provoking conversation with people and our guarantee to be finished in 2 hours each week.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call 631-234-0397 or email us at jmtwhite@optonline.net

**We hope to see you all there at our first meeting on
September 15th, 2025!**

Holy Hour

"Ora et Labora"

Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White!



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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Calendar Club 2025

Congratulations to our August winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

August 1	\$25	93	Joseph Gill
August 2	\$25	360	Diane Thomas
August 3	\$50	72	Diane & Steve Phelan
August 4	\$25	1352	Dcn Ed & Laura Vigneaux
August 5	\$25	611	John & Kathleen McGullam
August 6	\$25	706	Helen & Charlie Beisel
August 7	\$25	15	Evelyn Mentock
August 8	\$25	1609	Allison Felice
August 9	\$25	104	Pamela & CK Collins
August 10	\$50	1720	Kieran Phelan
August 11	\$25	1749	Don Cleary
August 12	\$25	161	Karen Sellitto
August 13	\$25	1589	Paul & Mary Ann Gruner
August 14	\$25	328	John & Denise Zappia
August 15	\$50	1756	Mike & Eileen Barr
August 16	\$25	695	Joseph & Barbara Fratamico
August 17	\$50	813	Joan Murphy
August 18	\$25	1669	Marti & John White
August 19	\$25	73	Sandra & John Kowalchuk
August 20	\$25	1677	Ralph Giambruno
August 21	\$25	983	Pamela & CK Collins
August 22	\$25	1741	Peter Pankus
August 23	\$25	1054	Kevin Pearsall
August 24	\$50	1887	Keith & Katie O'Connor
August 25	\$25	1179	Frances LaFauci
August 26	\$25	1126	Tyler & Valerie Kamm
August 27	\$25	1807	Joan & David Marro
August 28	\$25	1842	Diane & Steve Phelan
August 29	\$25	1757	Pedro & Heidi Contreras
August 30	\$25	168	Tyler Chin
August 31	\$50	406	Barbara Pein

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas More R.C. Church

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 1:30pm - 7:30pm

**Place: 115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, Walden Hall**



**For medical eligibility questions, please call
1-800-688-0900 Monday – Friday (9am – 5pm).**

*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
To make an appointment please scan the QR code above.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.*