

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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July 19th 2026



This Week's Readings

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalms 85:5-6,9-10,15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, July 18th

5:00pm Steve Puleio
John Reddy

Sunday, July 19th

Sixteenth Ordinary

8:00am Nicholas Magrogan

9:30am John Aspromgos
Salvatore Sparacino IV

11:30am Richard Stout
Joseph Beltrani Sr.

Monday, July 20th

9:00am Charles Angilella Sr.

Tuesday, July 21st

9:00am John Aspromgos

Wednesday, July 22nd

9:00am George & Kamali Mitchell

Thursday, July 23rd

9:00am Debra Stuart Cameron

Friday, July 24th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Saturday, July 25th

5:00pm Mary Anne Como
Rose & Ronnie Hampton
(living)

Sunday, July 26th

Seventeenth Ordinary

8:00am Juanita Williams
Ann & Joseph Jr. Mitchell

9:30am Deceased Members of the
Vrondis Family
Julia Castello

11:30am Mayeski & Kalenty Families
Joseph Beltrani Sr.



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. Apoliinaris (7/20)
St. Lawrence of Brindisi (7/21)
St. Mary Magdalene (7/22)
St. Birgitta (7/23)
St. Sharbel Makhlef (7/24)
St. James (7/25)
Ss. Jocahim & Anne (7/26)
Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th 2026

Readings

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Psalm 119:57,76-77,127-130
Romans 8:268-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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: What have you wanted to buy, but wasn't worth the cost?
2: What pearls has God offered in your life?
3: Relate a time when you found a 'pearl of great price'.
Families: Discuss what good and bad you can sort through this week.



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

A hunting party was hopelessly lost. "I thought you said you were the best guide in Maine!" One of the hunters angrily said to their confused leader. "I am." replied the guide. "But I think we are in Canada now." We may start with all the good intentions and knowledge to walk the right path. But to our surprise we may find ourselves lost and on the wrong track.

In Today's Gospel, the farmer who sowed only good seed, finds to his surprise weeds amidst the wheat. Likewise, we may intend good and try our best to do good but find ourselves surrounded by evil deeds. We may feel like complaining to God as the worker complained to his master in today's Gospel, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?". Naturally, like the workers we may try to get rid of the weeds so that the wheat grows well. But Jesus, the master replies to us that we should not pull up the weeds but allow them to grow along with the wheat until the harvest day. This does not sound like a good farming. How can we allow the weed to grow along with wheat? May be Jesus is not speaking in his parable about how to grow wheat. Yes, Jesus is speaking about a different kind of farming, a farming that everyone must do in the field of our hearts.

Jesus advises us not to pull out the weed but only let them grow along with the wheat until the harvest. Jesus explains in the following two parables why they should not be pulled out. Because wheat, which symbolizes the goodness in us, has the power to change the weed which symbolizes the evil that we have in our hearts. Yes, the wheat we grow in the field of our heart has the power to change the weed that is in our heart. The good seeds we receive in the field of our heart may be as small as a mustard seed. But they are God's seed; they have the potential to grow big and broad, tall and strong.

Sometime the evil within us or around us may threaten us. We may wonder how we can face the big evil with little good we have. But if we nurture the goodness, though it may be small like mustard seed, it will grow certainly big and broad, tall and strong and it will influence and bring out a change as the yeast does to the dough. Jesus explains this with another parable, ""The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

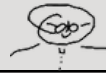
The seeds of goodness are sown in our hearts by Jesus. We are nurturing them to grow. But at the same time, we have also let some evil grow in our hearts. Now Jesus says, "don't pull away the evil weeds but allow them to be influenced by your goodness. You can change your evil with your good. Your good will work like yeast in the dough of your evil. Soon the whole dough will be leavened with good." Yes, we have the power to change. We have the power to convert evil Good. Jesus believes in our power to convert that is why His first message to His people was, "Convert (Repent) and believe in the Good News that the Kingdom of God is at your hand." Let us convert from evil. Let the yeast of our goodness leaven the evil. Let the seeds of God grow in our hearts big and broad, tall and strong.

The message is simple. Let us not be discouraged in doing good even though we see the evil around us. The best way to eradicate evil is to be good yeast to leaven the flour. The good has the power to change the evil. It is easy to be afraid of and avoid evil. But Jesus wants us to meet the evil boldly and we can turn the evil to good as the yeast leavens the flour. "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good." (Paul's letter to Romans 12:21)

Today's Gospel explains this in the parables of Jesus. Every farmer removes the weeds in order the wheat may not be choked by the weeds. But Jesus in his parable allows the weed to grow along with the wheat. The aim of Jesus is not instructed how to do the farming. Rather He compares it to what could happen in the human heart. The goodness of the human heart is the wheat, and the evil the human heart nurtures is the weed. The heart has such a great inner power to grow the goodness (wheat) that no evil (weed) can choked its growth. Unless we prefer willingly to grow in evil (weed) nothing can choke the growth of our good intentions It is purely our will which empowers the goodness (wheat) to grow and the evil (weed) to wither and die.

Jesus continues to explain the power of the goodness in the following two parables. The seed of goodness may look small like a mustard seed but if only it rightly cared it will "becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches. The size of the goodness, small or big, does not matter. Its growth cannot be stopped unless and otherwise we willfully plan to curb its growth.

The growth when we empowered it to happen, is like yeast. When it is mixed with wheat flour no one can stop it until the whole flour is leavened." Goodness has the unstoppable power to grow and change whatever it touches. The challenge of these two parables is, "Are we ready to give a chance to the power of the goodness?" Or in the name of weakness do we easily give up our belief in the growth of the goodness? Or are we easily incited to react to evil with evil thus curbing the growth of the good in us? Today's parables empower us to believe in power of good to overthrow the evil. Let us pray for the God the Farmer to empower us with the belief in the goodness and its power to outgrow the evil.



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Kenneth Fensterer
Anthony Consalazio

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

July 20th - July 26th

In memory of

Edward Zebrowski

by Mary Lou Braun

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	Matthew P Dell'orto
Luciano Corpora Ellis	

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

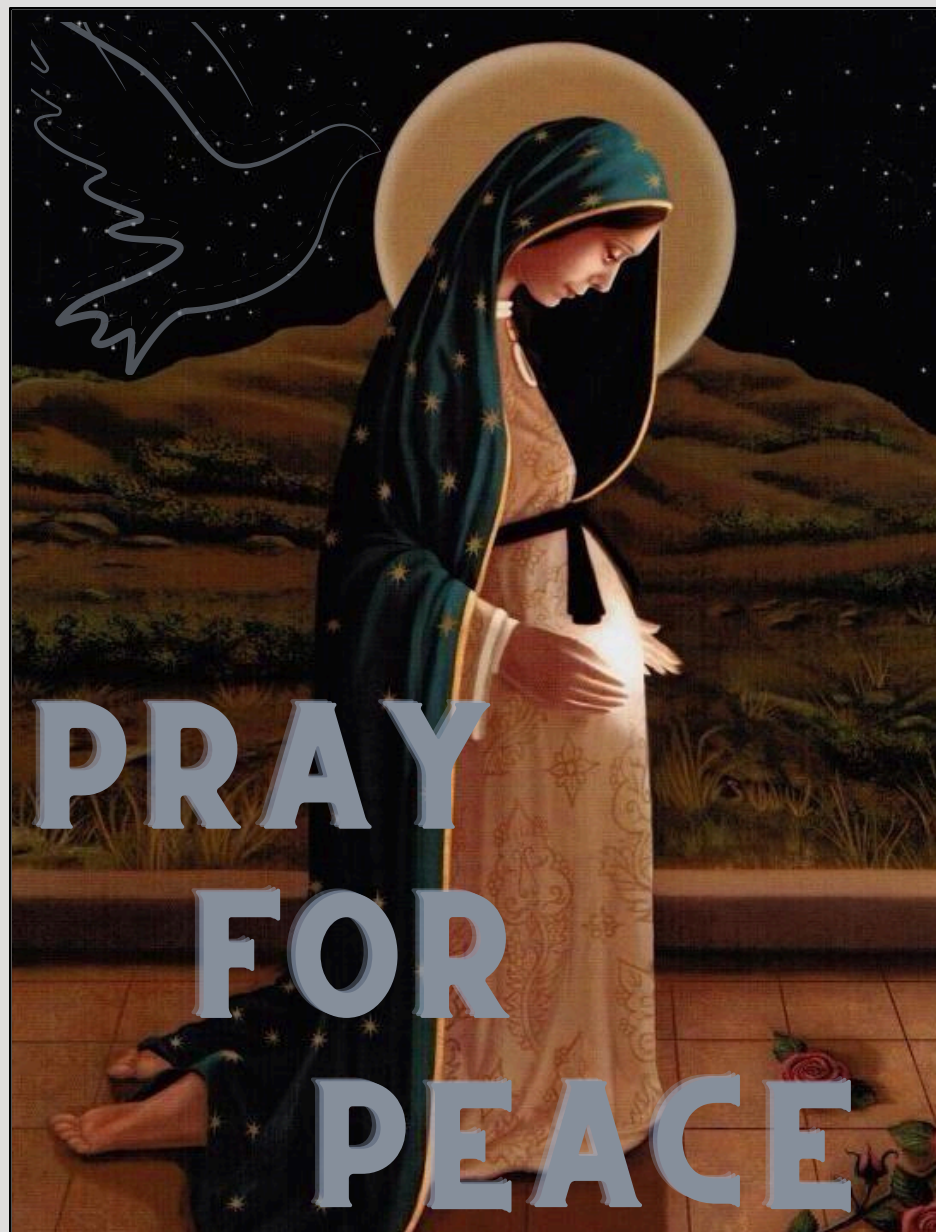
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Barbara Foberg
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Fern Peppe
Gertrude Hirsch
Helen Kovarik

Joan Perks
Jim Engle
Jimmy Cannon
John Heller
John McAllister
Baby Kayden Richard
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lorraine White
Lou Savarese
Margaret Lombardi
Maria U. Aldaba

Maureen Ashley
Maureen Gunderson
Michael Minutillo
Michael Redmond
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczer
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Thomas Duffy
Tommy Montebianco
Trish Landi

*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:
July 11th & 12th

\$6159

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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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

"With you hands, you build the word. With your heart, you serve your neighbor."

POPE LEO XIV

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.

Venezuela Relief

If you are interested in assisting those impacted by the earthquakes in Venezuela, donations can be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS is the official overseas relief and development agency of the USCCB, dedicated to serving those in need across the globe. All information is available on their website at www.crs.org

FYI

The Suffolk County Office for the Aging, in partnership with the Senior Citizens' Law Program at Touro Law Center, provides free advocacy and legal advice to seniors and their families. For information, call 631-761-7470 for more information.

Nassau Community College's job-search database lists scores of full- and part-time jobs and internships in many fields and skill levels. Some summer jobs available. Visit <https://shorturl.at/yZLjk>



Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard (small)
Boxed Milk
Laundry Detergent (small)

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

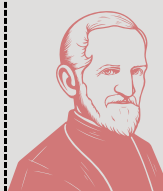
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.



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



This & That

With
Deacon Matt



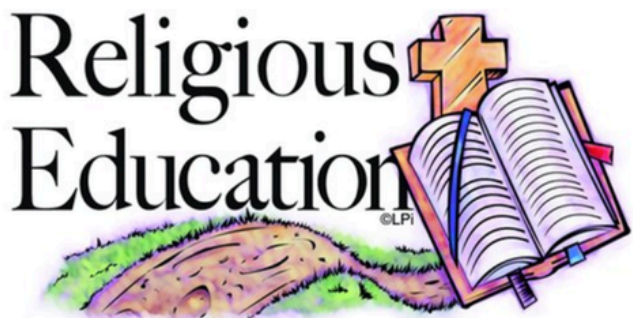
In July and August, as he has done for the past six summers, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home. Do you have questions about our faith? Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, 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.

Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children
in your prayers as they take the first
step on the path of Catholicism!



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



Baptisms

in our church

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

Nora Claire Derleth
child of Rebecca & Tyler

Madison Jacqueline Meigel
child of Rebecca & Tyler



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

GOLF RAFFLE



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES
OR AT THE RECTORY!

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



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

STM MSGR FRANCIS S. MIDURA
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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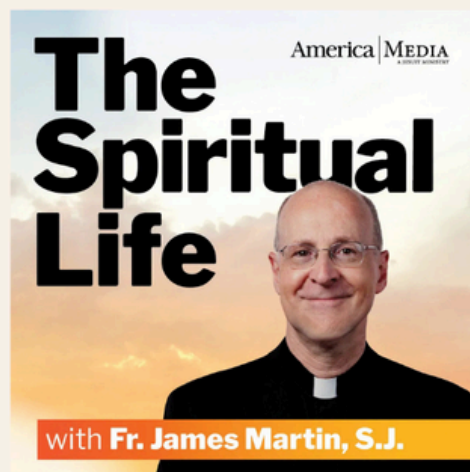
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COMING SOON!

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 from Fr. Jim Martin’s “The Spiritual Life”, and small group discussion to nourish our soul.



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!

Sign up begins August 1st

In the words of Fr. Martin,

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

JOIN US

9 - 10 - 2026

St. Thomas More Parish,
Hauppauge

6:30pm - 8:30pm



A wooden sign with two planks. The top plank says "SUMMER" and the bottom plank says "@STM". The sign is mounted on two posts with screws. The background is a dark teal sky with stylized clouds and a sun rising over mountains.

SUMMER

@STM

SUMMER IS HERE AND SO ARE WE!

MASSES AT REGULAR TIMES!

RECTORY OPEN REGULAR HOURS!

RELIGIOUS ED CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!

JOIN US!

Saints of July



Feast Day: July 3rd
Apostle, Preacher, Martyr
Bishop of India
Patron: Architects

Known as Didymus or Doubting Thomas. In the Gospel of John, Thomas doubts Jesus' return, but later confessed his faith.



Feast Day: July 11th
Abbot, Exorcist, Mystic
Founder: Benedictine Order
Patron: Europe

Founded a number of communities for monks in Italy. Fr Antony is known as Benedict in India (Asir)



Feast Day: July 14th
Virgin
First Native American Saint
Patron: Environment

Algonquin-Mohawk born in present day NY. At 19 she was Baptized and moved to a Jesuit Mission Village.



Feast Day: July 15th
Friar, Doctor of the Church
Seraphic Doctor
Patron: Bowel Disorders

A prolific writer who was known to reconcile diverse traditions in theology and philosophy. Staunch defender of the Franciscan tradition.



Feast Day: July 22nd
Apostle to the Apostles
Patron: Pharmacists, Converts, Women

Travelled with the Jesus and the Apostles. First person to witness the Risen Christ, brought news of the resurrection to the Apostles.



Feast Day: July 25th
Apostle and Martyr
"Son of Thunder"
Patron: Spain

Brother of John the Apostle, and taller or older (greater) than the other James. Executed by Herod in Acts, first Apostle to be martyred.



Feast Day: July 26th
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of Jesus Christ
Patron: Grandparents

Wealthy couple from the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Unable to conceive, they prayed for a child, promising to dedicate them to God's service.



Feast Day: July 29th
Members of the House of Bethany
Friends of Jesus Christ
Patron: Siblings

Welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha was active, preparing. Mary anointed His feet. Lazarus was raised from the dead.



Feast Day: July 31st
Priest
Founder: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
Patron: Jesuits, Basque Region

Convert to Catholicism after an injury. Founded the Jesuit order and through that, many schools. "Go, set the world of fire."

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 **\$200.00** per golfer prior to August 16th - **\$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.