

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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August 9th 2026



This Week's Readings

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

Psalm 85:9-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, August 8th

5:00pm Livia Rita Conte
Mary Ann Lilly

Sunday, August 9th

Nineteenth Ordinary

8:00am Paul Feldmeier
Alexis Mary Pauldas

9:30am Salvatore Sparacino IV
Julia Castello

11:30am Richard Stout
Letty Russo

Monday, August 10th

9:00am Terry Pankus

Tuesday, August 11th

9:00am Nicholas Conzo

Wednesday, August 12th

9:00am Juanita (Juana) Williams

Thursday, August 13th

9:00am Deacon Al Pankus

Friday, August 14th

9:00am Mary Beth Weidig

Saturday, August 15th

5:00pm Dolorez Bienz
Rose Ochlan

Sunday, August 16th

Twentieth Ordinary

8:00am Kathleen O'Flaherty
Mario Corvasce

9:30am Maryann D'Ambrosio
Mary Ann Lilly

11:30am Michael Leocadi
Joseph Beltrani



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. Lawrence (8/10)

St. Clare (8/11)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal (8/12)

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus (8/13)

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (8/14)

Assumption of the BVM (8/15)

St. Stephen of Hungary (8/16)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th 2026

Readings

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalms 67:2-3,5-6,8

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

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: How can you be more persistent in your prayer?

2: What scraps can you gather from the table of the Lord?

Families: Give something extra you have to someone in need.



our *daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Question: How many doctors does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Answer: It depends on whether the bulb has health insurance.

Insurance guarantees treatment to the patients and fees to the doctors. **But in real life nothing is guaranteed.** We live our day-to-day life having faith in people and hoping that events will become better tomorrow. We can only expect and not demand people to be in good relationships with us; we can only look forward, not command the events of life to be favorable to us. Life is more an act of believing in people and hoping for events to become better.

Today's Gospel is the story of **Peter's attempt to walk on the water as Jesus did.** The Gospel narrates that at the command of Jesus, Peter got the power to walk on the water. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. Jesus saved the sinking Peter saying, "Man of little faith, why did you doubt?" His faith in Jesus was full when he began walking on the water. But the fear of sinking in the face of strong wind and high hit him, his faith was shaken. He became a man of little faith. Fear overpowered faith. Believing in Jesus is the power.

Jesus is not merely a battery **generating power that one can use or shut it down** at one's own whims and fancies. Jesus is the trust-worthy companion who is with the believer. Life is not merely what we do with the power of Jesus but how much we believe to grow in relationship with Jesus. Life is not what we can do with our talent and resources but how much we are open to relate with others and thus experience the love of Jesus in our day today life.

It is not if Jesus would empower us to walk on the water. Rather, **it is about if we are ready to believe** and grow in Jesus. It is something like what Jesus said about feeding the hungry. Jesus invites us to believe that we feed Jesus Himself whenever we feed the least of the people. He wants us to express our belief in Him in every deed we do. The power of doing is from the one whom we believe. It is not what we can do with God's power. It is rather, our belief in God would allow God to do mighty things in us. Let us believe in Jesus' promise who is with us. May our belief in Him open ourselves to Jesus's power to work as He wills.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Domenica Ciminiello
Robert J Kolomechuk
Robert T Vitkovich
Susan Robinson
Jack DeQuarto

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

August 10th - August 16th

In memory of

Terry & Deacon Al Pankus

by Peter Pankus

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

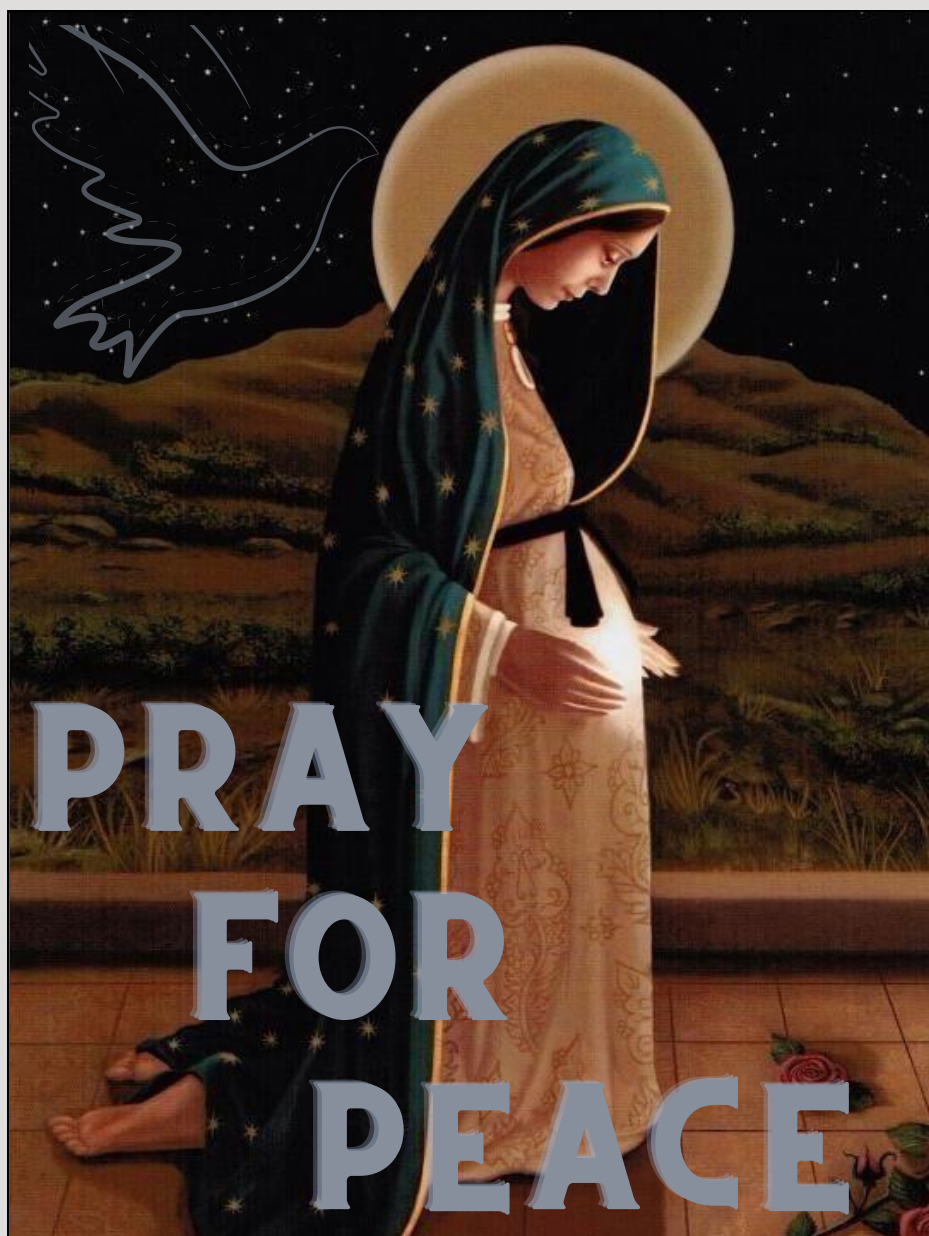
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Gary Hollins
Gertrude Hirsch

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

Maureen Ashley
Michael Minutillo
Michael Redmond
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczer
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Susan Agne
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:
August 1st & 2nd

TBA

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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OCIA

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Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani
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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.

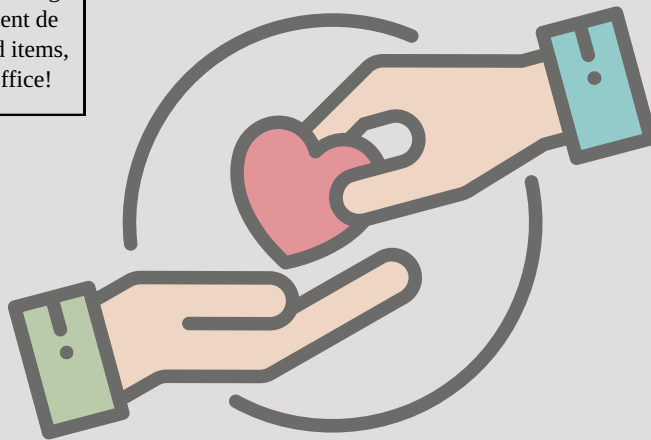
A Gentle Reminder:

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 hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

PSALM 145



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.

NYS of Health Enrollment Assistance - Wed 8/19

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island representatives will help you apply for health insurance programs available on the NYS of Health Marketplace such as Medicaid, Essential Plans, Child Health Plus, and Qualified Health Plans.

Wed August 19th, 10am-2pm
Huntington Station Public Library
1335 New York Ave, Huntington Station
Appt: Call 631-421-5053

Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Boxed Potatoes
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

In today's Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith!



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.



St. Thomas More Annual BEACH MASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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

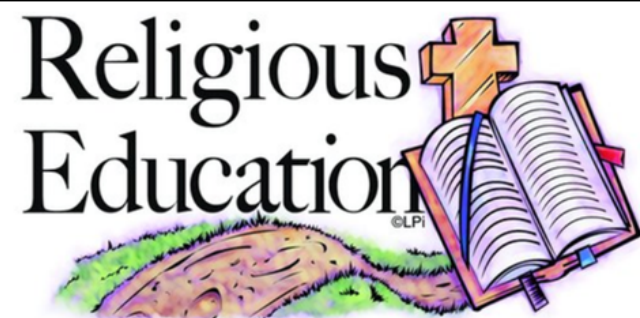
Please bring lunch
to enjoy in the picnic
area after mass!

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



GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 14TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



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



BANNS OF *Marriage*

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENTS

JILLIAN BORGHARDT

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY



AIDAN MAYBERRY

Our Lady Immaculate
Althol, MA



Coming Soon: Mass Book 2027



Masses for 2027 will be available
starting Tuesday September 8th
in the rectory.

Suggested offering is \$20

Please note: there are still 33
masses available for 2026



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.

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.



MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 14TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$200 per golfer*
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing- 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 -- *Early bird price. \$210 after 8/16

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

Gluten Free Eucharist



Gluten Free* hosts are available at all Masses, upon request.

Before Mass, speak with the priest or deacon and request a GF host.

The GF host will be placed in a GF pyx (container for holding the Blessed Sacrament) and will be consecrated on the altar alongside the other hosts in the ciboria.

Go to the communion line of the clergy you spoke to before Mass. They will get the GF pyx for you.

They will open the pyx for you, but not touch the host to avoid contamination.

Receive the Blessed Sacrament!

*Please note that while we refer to these as being GF, they are actually "Low Gluten". The Catholic Church requires that all bread used for communion must be made from wheat. The hosts we use for gluten intolerant persons are certified to have "less than 0.001% gluten content".

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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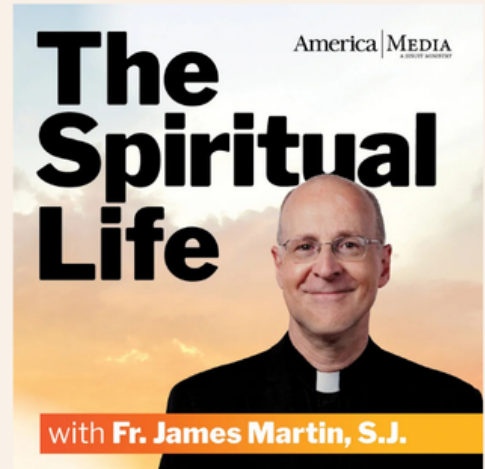
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COMING SOON!

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





BACK TO SCHOOL

Remember the excitement of picking out a new outfit for your first day back at school? Many of you may be doing that for your own children and know how much it costs to clothe a child in one outfit. For those of us who no longer have school-aged children the cost can range anywhere from \$30 to \$125!! Imagine you already struggle to put food on the table and now have to dress multiple children as they head back to school!

Parish Outreach will be collecting \$25 Walmart (or Target) gift cards to offset the cost of buying new school clothes and shoes for our Outreach families. Since there are many community resources available for our families to get school supplies, we would like to provide a better opportunity for them to get what they need for a successful return to school. **Many of our families prefer Walmart cards as they feel they can get more for their money.**



Thank you in advance for your donation. Please remember you can drop your donation into the collection basket or bring them to Outreach or the Rectory. We would appreciate all donations no later than August 23rd.

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.