

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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August 30th 2026



from the Flemish School, circa 1600

This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, August 29th

5:00pm Anna Ferrante
Umberto Testani

Sunday, August 30th

Twenty-second Ordinary

8:00am Marianna Sblendorio
Joan Graham

9:30am Mary Ann Lilly
Amalraj Family (thanksgiving)

11:30am Michael Leocadi
Joseph Beltrani

Monday, August 31st

9:00am Edward J. Thompson

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00am Daryl John

Wednesday, September 2nd

9:00am Walter Anderson

Thursday, September 3rd

9:00am Louise Lammens

Friday, September 4th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Saturday, September 5th

5:00pm Jean Herlihy
Angie Levine

Sunday, September 6th

Twenty-third Ordinary

8:00am Eugene William Campbell
Joan & Emiddio Ippolito

9:30am Deceased of the Padala Family
John Tufarella

11:30am Joseph Beltrani Sr.
Faye Tinney



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)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6th 2026

our
daily bread

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

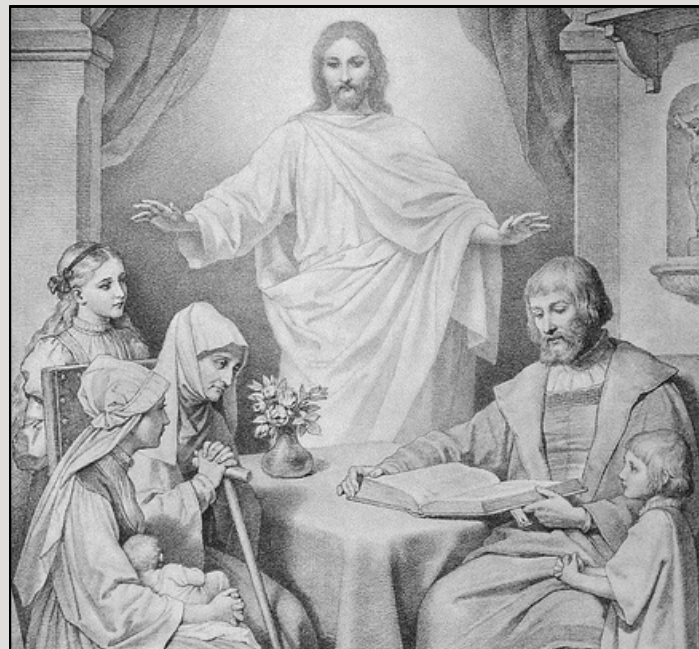
The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Focus Questions

- 1: Relate a time when you struggled with relationships with your family.
 - 2: How can you incorporate more small group prayer into your daily life?
- Families: Pray with your family each night this week. Try to feel the presence of Jesus with you.



Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

A parrot was up for a sale at an auction. The bidding proceeded briskly, and soon a winner was announced. When paying, the high bidder asked the auctioneer if the parrot could speak. "Sure can," replied the auctioneer, "it was the parrot that was bidding against you." Now he has in the same parrot, a speaking pet to be loved and a competitive bidder to be hated.

In today's Gospel something like this pet story happens. Peter, who revealed Jesus as the Messiah in last week's Gospel is hindering Jesus going to Cross this week. Peter, who was praised by Jesus last week as Petrus (Rock) is reprimanded as 'Satan' this week. Last week Jesus indicated to Peter that his declaration of Jesus as Messiah was his adherence to what God has revealed to him. This week when Peter hinders Jesus' declaration of his death on the Cross Jesus says that Peter's hindering is not from God. It is not God's thinking but from human thinking.

Messiah is only one half of understanding of who Jesus is. The other half of who Jesus is, that Jesus is the son of Man who will be betrayed, condemned to cross, die on the Cross and rise again on the third day. But Peter could not accept that the Messiah can not die a shameful and painful death. So, Peter thought that he had to advise Jesus not to walk the way of the Cross. When Jesus heard Peter's advice, he realized that his advice was more a human wish than God's plan. So, He called him Satan. Satan means 'one who hinders God's plan.' Peter now hinders Jesus by his advice saying that Jesus must avoid His death on the cross.

Like Peter we can choose to live either God's revelation or human reduction. We can rise up to live up to the standard that God sets for us. Or we can reduce ourselves to bare minimum with an excuse that we are weak human beings and unable to do all that God expects us to do. We can either choose to live our human life expressing the divine plan in us or we can choose to live it living our capacities to the level of human wish. Jesus is asking us to follow him "to live the divine expectations in our human capacities."

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Christopher Madonna
Maria Parrino
Ron Fox
RoseMarie DiBenedetto

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

August 31st - September 6th

In memory of

George & Violet Lovelock

by The Lovelock Family

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
Evan Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Ryan Smith	Nicholas Gajda
Will Maley	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Chris Capasso	Andrew Lynch
Luciano Corpora Ellis	Matthew P Dell'orto
	Timothy Fallon

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

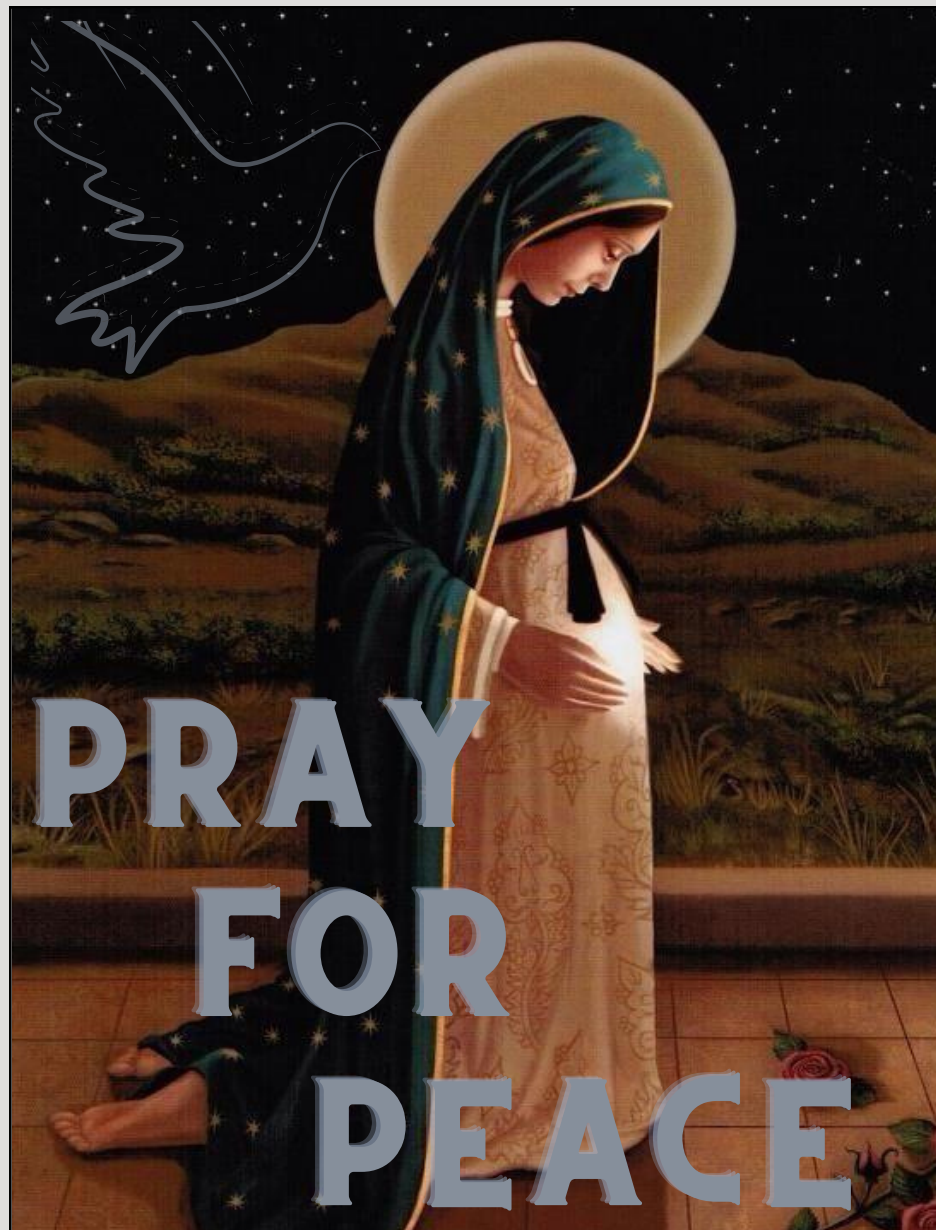
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Betty Vrondis
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannotti
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Eddie Chronopoulos
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Gary Hollins

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

Maureen Ashley
Michael Minutillo
Michael Redmond
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczar
Patti Demarest
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Susan Agne
Thomas Duffy
Tom Doherty
Tommy Montebianco
Trish Landi
Veronica Brewster

*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 23rd & 24th

\$6187

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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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. 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

"Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich.
So that by his poverty you might become rich."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

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.

FYI...

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) helps eligible families with costs of child care. A questionnaire is available to help determine if you are eligible.

<https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/CCAPeligibility/>

Suffolk County lists upcoming civil service exam dates for a wide range of civil service jobs.

<https://apps2.suffolkcountyny.gov/civilservice/efile/default.aspx>

One Carlton Green, an 80-unit complex in Central Islip is taking applications for affordable housing. Applications are due by September 14th, with the drawing on September 28th.
ggvllc.com/lottery

Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Syrup
Canned Vegetables
Snacks
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

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting five families, providing transportation assistance, a washing machine, and furniture.

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.

Children's Liturgy Returns!

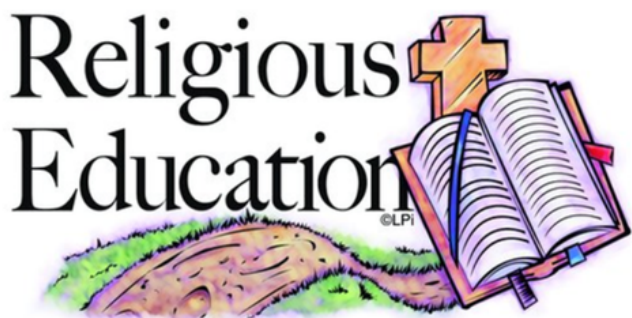
Kids 4-8 are invited to join us on September 20th at the 9:30 Mass! We are thrilled to restart this program! For more info, contact the Rectory.



HAPPY SUMMER!
NO MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST!
SEE YOU
SEPTEMBER 11TH

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118



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



St. Thomas More Music Ministry

Calling All Singers

Love to sing?

Join the choir! The STM Choir is open to all postpubescent voices. Experience singing in a choir is helpful, but not a requirement.

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm, and we sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays!



First rehearsal: Thur Sept 17 @ 7pm

Contact Alex for more info: email: music@stmli.org
call or text: (631) 213-1322

Holy Hour

"The Dignity of Labor"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, Sept. 1st, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

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.

Baptisms

in our church

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

Natalie Ann Chiantella
child of Catherine & Brian

Sophia Rose Moore
child of Danielle & Justin

Wyatt Joseph Novak
child of Rosemarie & Kyle

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 **\$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.

St. Thomas More Parish

PARKING LOT MASS & BBQ

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED***

*Kids- please bring your
backpack for a special back
to school blessing!*

MASS

**Sunday, September 13th
11:30 AM Mass**

Park & tune to 100.9 FM

**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Indoor/Outdoor seating
Fun games for all!**

BBQ

***WAYS TO HELP**
Contact the rectory!

**Face painting, balloon
animals, running games**

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
and small group discussion to nourish our soul.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ~ The love for the Eucharist as a foundation to spiritual life
- ~ Reconciling faith and science
- ~ Dealing with sickness or death while trusting God and finding joy
- ~ How two people at opposite ends of the political spectrum establish a warm, long-lasting relationship

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!

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

-Fr. Jim Martin



JOIN US

9 - 10 - 2026

St. Thomas More Parish,
Hauppauge

6:30pm - 8:30pm

“A Simple Supper for the Soul” 9 - 10 - 2026

Name(s) _____

Contact # _____

Please return to rectory or place in collection bin

ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE



HARDY GARDEN MUMS (9" POT)

Red	_____ \$9.00 each
White	_____ \$9.00 each
Bronze	_____ \$9.00 each
Yellow	_____ \$9.00 each
Purple	_____ \$9.00 each

Pansies	_____ \$8.00 each
Ornamental Cabbage (Purple)	_____ \$9.00 each
Ornamental Kale (Purple)	_____ \$9.00 each

Total Ordered \$ _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 21ST 2026

Flowers will be ready on October 3 & 4, 2026

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____

(Make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**)



ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †