

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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September 20th 2026



The Red Vineyard - Vincent Van Gogh, c. 1888

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, September 19th

5:00pm Ellen Cleary
Julie Criscuola

Sunday, September 20th

Twenty-fourth Ordinary

8:00am Eugene William Campbell
Gennaro Conneticut

9:30am Frank Scarangella
Robert J. Kolomechuk

11:30am Richard Stout
Philip Camera

Monday, September 21st

9:00am Eleanor Murphy

Tuesday, September 22nd

9:00am Nicholas Conzo

Wednesday, September 23rd

9:00am Craig James

Thursday, September 24th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Friday, September 25th

9:00am Leila Ekmekjian

Saturday, September 19th

5:00pm Olive Boney
Robert Kolomechuk

Sunday, September 20th

Twenty-fourth Ordinary

8:00am Mary Puorro
Sam Infantino

9:30am Mary Ann Lily

11:30am James J. Murphy Sr.
Donald Ricupero



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. Matthew the Evangelist (9/21)
St. Padre Pio (9/23)
St. Cosmas & Damian (9/26)
St. Vincent de Paul (9/27)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th 2026

Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 24:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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: Like Jesus asked the elders, which son do you think did his father's will? Why?

2: Relate a time when you changed your mind about something important.

Families: When your parents ask you do something, are you more like the first son, or the second?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world (Yiddish Proverb). Today's Gospel speaks about one such mystery of life. People are hired to work at different times of the day. Some worked the whole day 6am to 6pm, some from 9am to 6pm, some from 12 noon to 6pm, some from 3pm to 6pm and still some just for an hour from 5pm to 6pm...yet at the end of the day all were paid equally - the day's wage. How to interpret the action of the employer who represents God? Is God the employer, unfair to the workers or generous to them?

According to human logic God seems to be unfair, not paying according to each one's work but equaling the full-time workers with part-time workers. We expect God to be fair and impartial, to respect the people according to what they have done. If God pays the people of few-hours-work the same as those of full-day-work, will it not create a situation where people purposely put in less work and expect the whole day's wage? Will it not promote laziness or cunningness of showing up late for work? Problems like these and few others will go across our mind. They are all valid problems in the human workplace which is organized by human laws and human responsibility. These are valid problems both for employees who work for the wages and for the employer who runs the business for profit.

But, in today's Gospel Jesus first invites us to understand how God (the landowner) would treat His people in the Kingdom of God. The workers in the Kingdom of God are rewarded according to God's generosity, not according to what we do. The kingdom of God is not what we build or achieve with our talent, time and treasure. It is the pure Gift of God. We as workers of His Kingdom, help God's kingdom happen among us. Paul explained his Corinthian Church, as God's work and those who work for it are servants who work for God according to God's will and wish. "Ministers through whom you became believers, just as the Lord assigned each one. I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor. For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Today's story of Jesus describes life from God's point of view. Life is not the reward or pay back for what we put in. Life is God's generous gift. For those who want to experience life as God's generous gift, there is always to appreciatively enjoy life more than what they toil for. But for those who approach life calculatedly, it has nothing more to offer than the wage for their toil. We don't have the power to make life "fair" But we do have the power to make life joyful. Let us look at life and utter the beautiful line even in its unfair situation, "But, I love life." Let us avoid comparing ourselves with others and forget the blessings of life saying, "I love life, but".



With love and prayers,
Father Antony

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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Jose Mendes
Geraldine Sheridan
Kevin Joseph Lynch

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

September 21st - September 27th



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

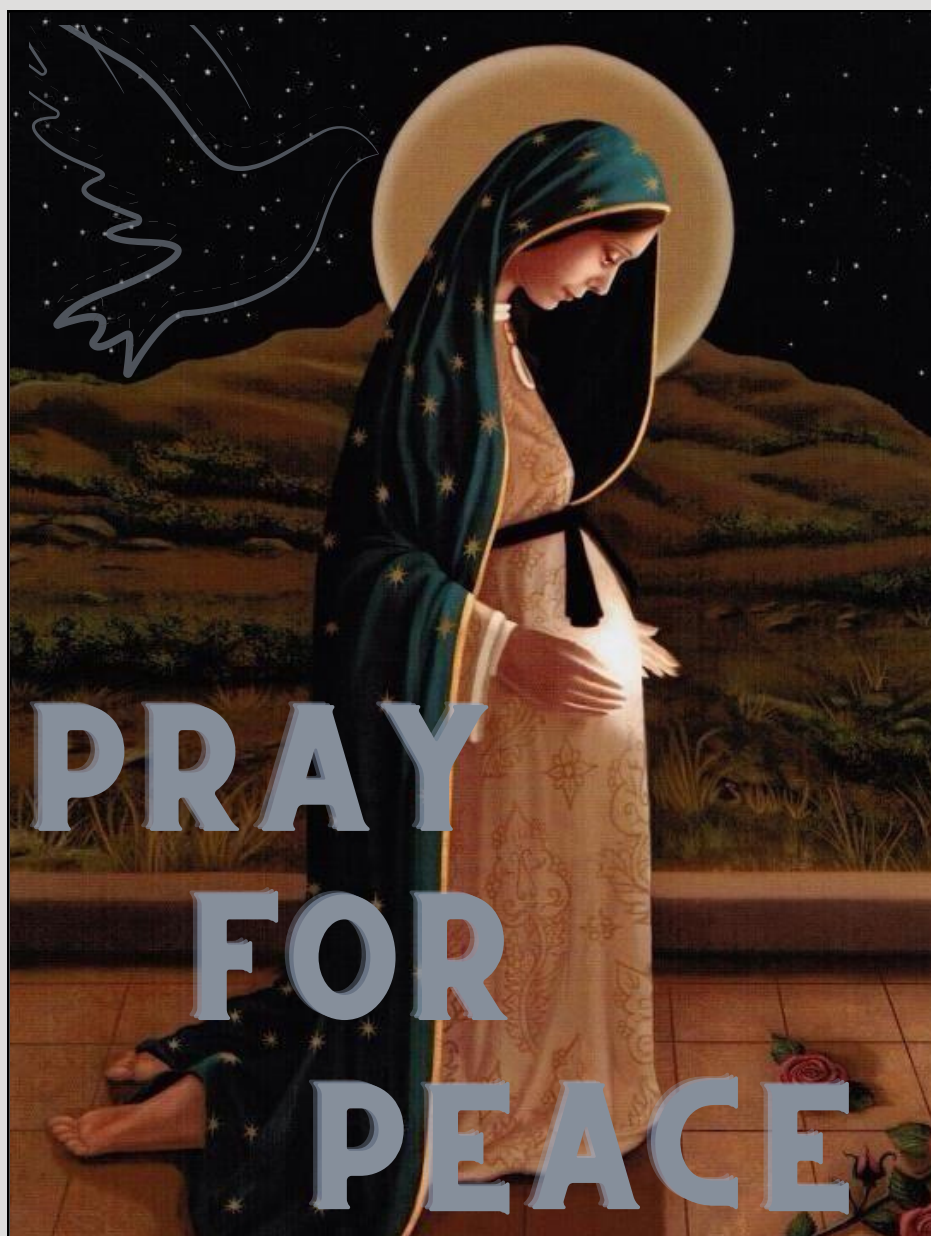
Aaron Serrano
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Anthony Trentini
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Betty Vrondis
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Ed Baer
Eddie Chronopoulos
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Emily Bolkas (7y/o)
Gary Hollins
Gertrude 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
Pam Procaccini
Patricia Kinney
Patricia McAllister
Patricia Sronczner
Patti Demarest
Ray Pitts
Richard Landi
Rodrigo Crafa
Sharon Lindgren
Baby Sienna Dwyer
Susan Agne
Susan Furuno
Thomas Duffy
Tom Doherty
Tommy Montebianco
Trish Landi
Valentin Cedillo
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:
September 12th & 13^h

\$5686

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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

MATTHEW 11:28

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.

Who have we been helping?

June:

58 families ~ 65 kids, 67 adults, 27 seniors

July:

46 families ~ 57 kids, 60 adults, 21 seniors

August:

56 families ~ 74 kids, 77 adults, 31 seniors

Also through your generosity, we were able to give out
\$3500 in 'back to school' gift cards!
Thank you, and God Bless!



Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Syrup - Pancake Mix
Canned Vegetables - Cookies
Laundry Detergent (small)
Mac & Cheese
Mayo/Mustard/Ketchup (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 tells us a parable to teach us how great and generous God is, and then he calls us to this same greatness and generosity.

As you consider a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, know that you are putting your faith into action. 100% of all gifts go directly to the people in need.



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



CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

Find your community.

Every Catholic young adult group — one map.



findmylic.org

Ages 18+ - free



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

NEXT MEETINGS:
SEPT 25TH: 12:30PM

OCTOBER 9TH: 12:30PM
GUEST SPEAKER- TOM
WILLIAMS, FINANCIAL
PLANNER

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

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!



Have you been called by Name?

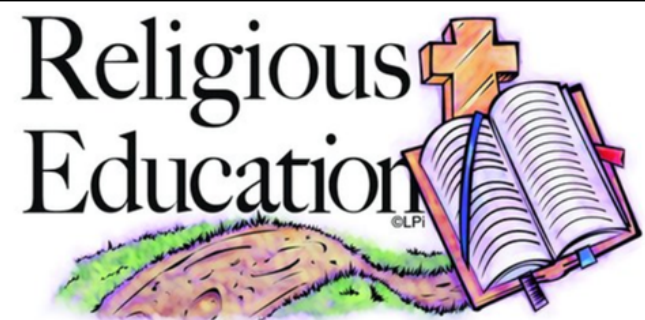


"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

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.



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



The Community Action Poverty Simulation Saturday, September 26, 2026

Could you survive a month in poverty?

Across Nassau and Suffolk Counties 160,000 people currently live in poverty. Over 25,000 are children ages K-12. It is difficult to truly understand the challenges families living in poverty experience every day. We invite you to experience the challenges and fears and joys of living on a limited budget.

This is a chance for you to participate in the Community Action Poverty Simulation. Hosted by St. Patrick's Parish Outreach, Holy Cross Parish Outreach, St. Thomas More Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities, the program gives participants the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget.

We invite you to join us on **Saturday, September 26th at 9AM at St. Patrick's in Smithtown. Please RSVP to your Outreach Office no later than September 15th.** We look forward to your participation.

9:00 AM: Check-in & Breakfast

9:30 AM: Start Time

11:15 AM: Debriefing (all participants are strongly encouraged to stay)

STM Parish Outreach: 631-234-3149



Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION™



Catholic
Health

Presentation of Babies

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



GOLF OUTING 2026

RAFFLE WINNERS

First Prize (\$1250)
Basimi

Second Prize (\$750)
Tom Lamendola

Third Prize (\$500)
Rick Klopenberg

To India, with Love

Please keep Father Antony in your prayers as he heads home to India. May he have safe travels, and an enjoyable visit!

Bon Voyage!



Bake Sale & Basket Raffle

Hosted by the Columbiettes!

St. Thomas More Church, Hauppauge

**Choose from a
variety of
desserts &
baskets!**

**October 3rd & 4th
after all masses!**

**Winners of Basket Raffles will be
selected & notified by phone after
the 11:30am Mass on Oct. 4th!**

Proceeds go to support the Columbiettes and their charitable works.

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 †

Holy Hour

"A Devotion to Love"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son."

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Back-to-School Backpack Blessing at 11:30am Mass on Sept. 13th!



We had a great BBQ
thanks to the Knights
and Columbiettes!



Our Parish kids had a great time with lots of
games, balloon animals, and face paint!



Thank you to our volunteers who made this event happen. We always welcome new helpers!
Please contact the rectory if you would like to help out at future events.