

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

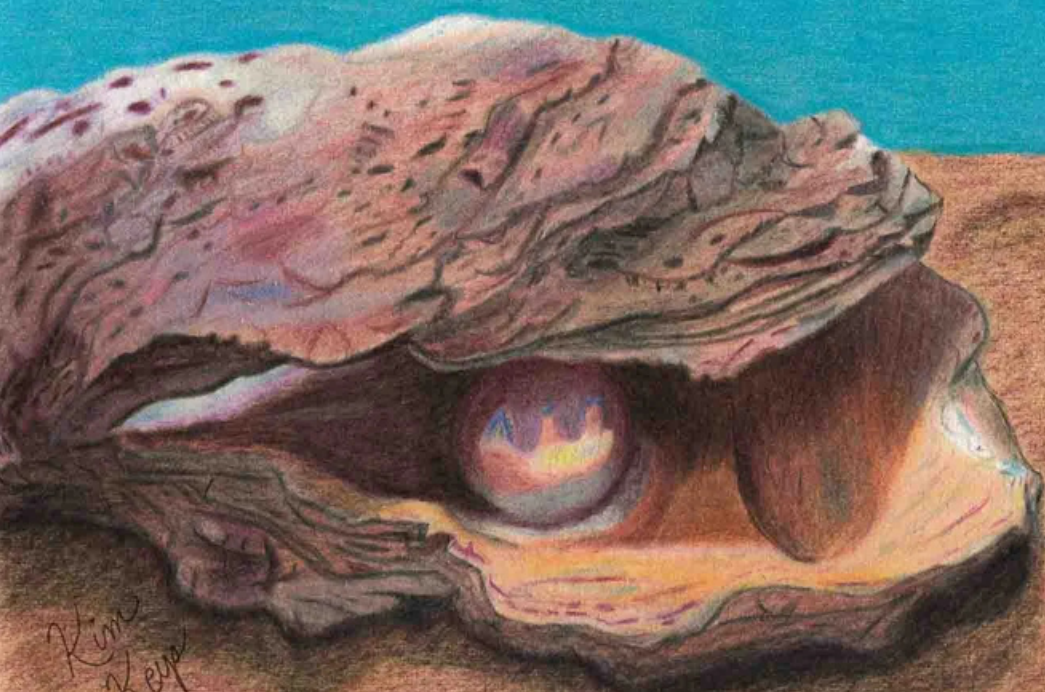
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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July 26th 2026



This Week's Readings

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Psalms 119:57,76-77,127-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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.

Monday, July 27th

9:00am Jack Gaudet

Tuesday, July 28th

9:00am Eleanor Thompson

Wednesday, July 29th

9:00am Carmela & Joseph Mitchell

Thursday, July 30th

9:00am James John

Friday, July 31st

9:00am Margaret Cussen

Saturday, August 1st

5:00pm Andrew Paino Sr.
Patricia Laurencot

Sunday, August 2nd

Eighteenth Ordinary

8:00am Paul Feldmeier
9:30am Anthony Ribeiro
Mary Ann Lilly
11:30am Michael Leocadi
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

Ss. Joachim & Anne (7/26)
St. Martha (7/29)
St. Peter Chrysologus (7/30)
St. Ignatius of Loyola (7/31)
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori (8/1)
St. Eusebius of Vercelli (8/2)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2nd 2026

Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9,15-18
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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 realized God gave you more than you need.
- 2: What brings you satisfaction?
- 3: How can you give more of what you have, to spread God's love to those in need?

Families: Flour, water, yeast, and salt are all you need to bake bread. Discuss what else you can make with the simple gifts God has given you.



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Life is not a static principle. It is not a repetition of events but a beautiful flow of events. Every moment is new. Every moment is creatively grown, a little different from the previous. Because we choose to live the moments of our life, our life must be lived as a continuous process and not as a finished product. We are not robots that we do everything according to the way we are programmed.

In today's Gospel Jesus wants us to choose the best for our life and admonishes us to never settle for less. Life is a treasure that is hidden. Jesus instructs us to be like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Every moment of our life is an ongoing act of searching for the best. For example, what does our body do with every breath we inhale? We inhale the air from the atmosphere around us. The lung takes the oxygen alone and exhales the carbon dioxide which would kill life.

Every breath of ours engages us in life to go from good to better, and from better to best. Let us invest all of that in the present moment to delve and dive into the best of the next moment. Life can flow and grow only in the best we choose. We become what we choose to be. We are our choices. Life flows without stopping for anyone. It does not wait for our choice. If we delay choosing the best, we will end up living something less than the best. Our choices make our life either joyfully livable or regrettably burdensome.

Life is like the net which brings to shore both the good and bad. The fisherman picks the good discarding the bad and moves on to throw the net for the next catch. Likewise, life becomes alive every second in the act of choosing the good alone and discarding the bad always. Life is non-stop hauling. Each moment is like an act of hauling the net which would bring both good and bad. We choose the good and discard the bad then we move forward to the next moment of throwing the net. Let us be the fisherman who throws the net which brings fish of every kind but chooses the good alone and moves on for the next catch.

Jesus advises not to get stuck in some choice that we made in the past. Let us not repeat ourselves with what we used to do or what is just comfortable to do. Let us not get stuck or sunk into our past without giving our potential a chance to flourish.

When we settle for something, we stop growing. We would freeze ourselves in that something. We will obstruct ourselves. We will never grow into a God-given lively self. Thus, settling for something is to live less than what we are created for. Let us be the merchant of today's Gospel who invests everything of the present to strive and buy the best. Let every moment of life be like throwing the net into life and hauling it back to choose the best and throw away the worst. Let us pray that God fills us with wisdom to choose the best and empower us to live the best every moment.



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Susan Robinson
Jack DeQuarto
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

In memory of

Vincent Zullo
George Molinaro
Peter Molinaro

by Ursula Molinaro

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

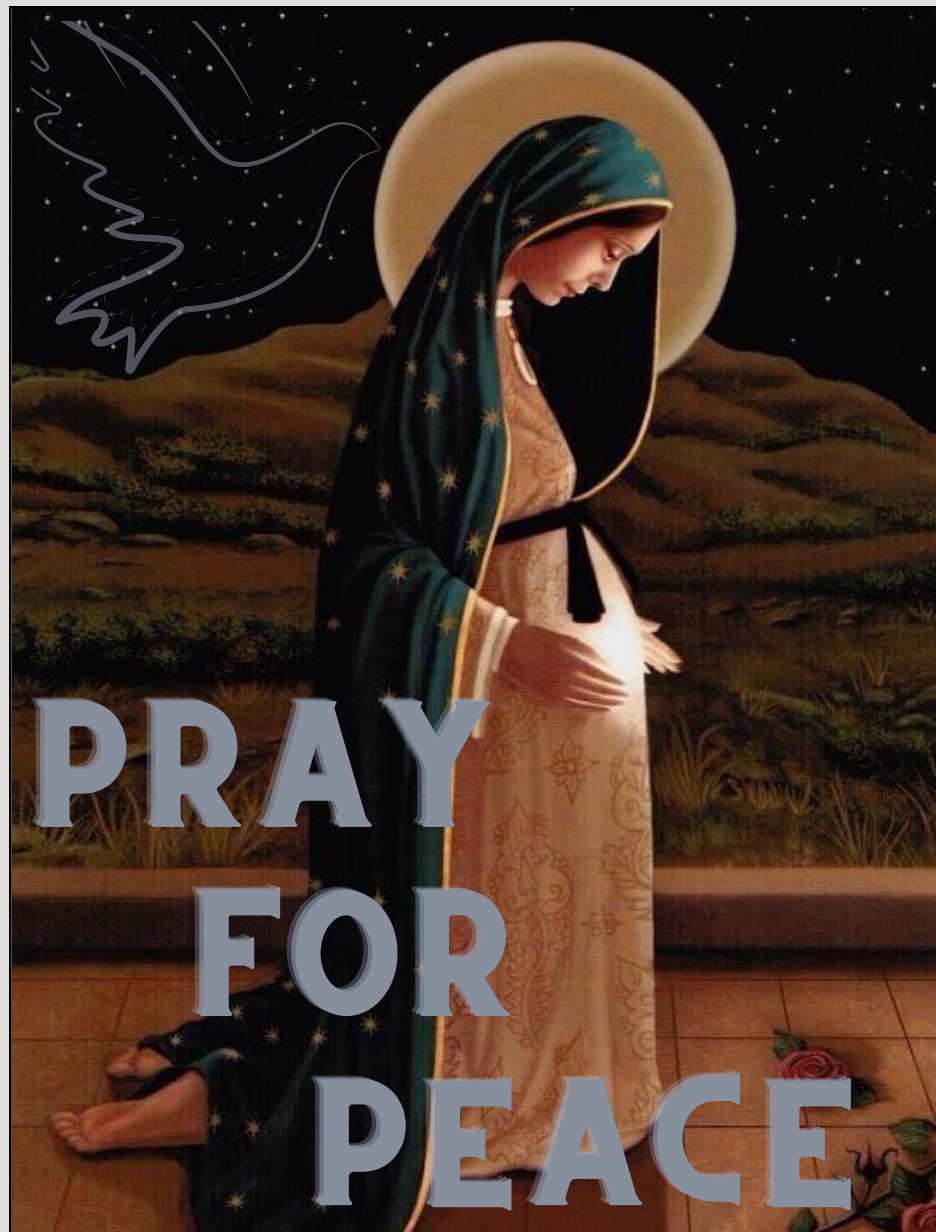
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Barbara Foberg
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Gertrude Hirsch
Helen Kovarik

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
Ray Pitts
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 18th & 19th

\$7645

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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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

"Do not grow weary in doing good. The Lord sees every effort, even the unseen ones."

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>



Syrup
Potatoes
Boxed Milk
Laundry Detergent (small)

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

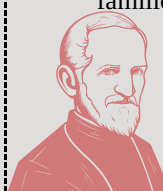
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God

Through your gifts to the Society, we were able to assist families by providing furniture, utilities, and rent. Thank you!



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

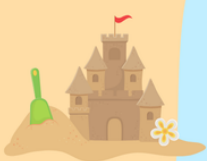


Mass is at 12:00pm on the beach!
Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue



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

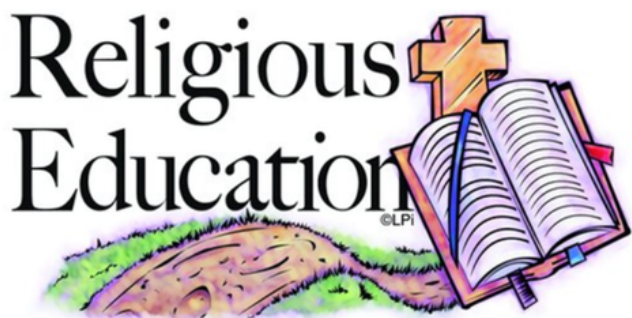
There will be grills available if you
want to barbecue! The Knights will
keep them hot and ready.



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



Parish Weddings

Please pray for these beautiful couples who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Thomas More!



Jenna Von Bevern & Drew Sajdak

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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pray for us

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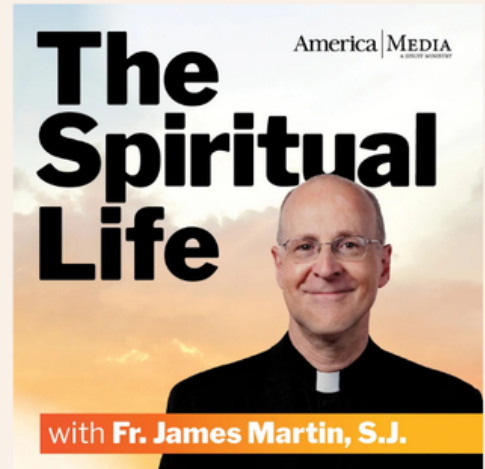
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COMING SOON!

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 horizontal 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!

MASSSES AT REGULAR TIMES!

RECTORY OPEN REGULAR HOURS!

RELIGIOUS ED CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!

JOIN US!

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.

SAVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July



Late nymph
July-Sept.



Adult
July-Dec.

SCRAPE. SQUASH. REPORT.



Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see

**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

Report
any sightings



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home

