

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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August 2nd 2026



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalms 145:8-9, 15-18

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

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.

Monday, August 3rd

9:00am Steve Puleio

Tuesday, August 4th

9:00am Eileen Macholz-Barr

Wednesday, August 5th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Thursday, August 6th

9:00am John Aspromgos

Friday, August 7th

9:00am Robert Manise

Saturday, August 8th

5:00pm Livia Rita Conte
Mary Ann Lilly

Sunday, August 9th

Nineteenth Ordinary

8:00am Paul Feldmeier

9:30am Salvatore Sparacino IV
Julia Castello

11:30am Richard Stout
Letty Russo



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. Eusebius of Vercelli (8/2)

St. Jean Vianney (8/4)

Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major (8/5)

Tranfiguration of the Lord (8/6)

St. Sixtus II & Companions (8/7)

St. Dominic (8/8)

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (8/9)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9th 2026

Readings

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

Psalms 85:9-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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 has God convinced you to walk on water?

2: Relate a time when you faltered and doubted your faith.

3: What can you do to prepare yourself for stormy seas?

Families: Talk about a time you were afraid, and how you overcame it.



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Visitors to the zoo were surprised to see the exhibit tabled “coexistence” containing a lion and some lambs. The zookeeper explained there was nothing to it. “All I have to do every now and then is to add a few fresh lambs.” Feeding hunger at the cost of the other is not a real way of solving the problem of hunger. It is like robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Today’s Gospel is the story of Jesus feeding more than 5000 people. Jesus feeds them by multiplying the five loaves and two fishes they had. Jesus has worked other wonders like changing the water into wine; like giving life to the dead Lazarus; also, through and in Jesus God created everything from nothing. So, Jesus has the power to feed the multitude from nothing, i.e., without receiving the five loaves and two fishes. Then why did he get the five loaves and two fishes from them and multiply them to be the food for five thousand and more people? Why did Jesus desire to feed them from the little that the disciples gave to Him?

When the disciples questioned Jesus on how to feed the people, Jesus’s answer was, “give them some food yourselves.” This answer of Jesus shows His intention to engage the disciples (humans) in solving the human problem of hunger. Of course, the human contribution was very little, just five loaves and two fishes. Here the wonder does not happen from how much one gives in God’s hand that all may have enough food. The wonder happens in the spirit of giving whatever one can give.

How did the five loaves and two fishes get multiplied? The natural understanding is that Jesus broke it and gave it to the disciples. The disciples took them from Jesus’s hand only to find that the bread and the fish never ran out from His hands. Thus, it is a miracle of Jesus multiplying materially enough breads and fishes needed for that huge crowd. This is the traditional understanding of the miracle of multiplication. But there is a spiritual understanding of this miracle which Jesus did at the hearts of those five thousand and more people.

The people saw how Jesus broke and shared the loaves and fishes received with His disciples, and how they in turn shared with the people near them. Their sharing should have influenced the people to start sharing what they had, all in the crowd with their near ones. Jesus inspired their spirit of sharing which made everyone share with others, little or much whatever they could. Thus, in the end they had enough and more to feed their hunger. They collected 12 baskets of leftover food. The real miracle that happened that day was the material abundance of food caused by the spirit of sharing among people.

God solves the human problem through our contribution. We have to start solving it with our own little ways and God will join our efforts by multiplying it. Our praying to God does not mean that we do nothing and God will do everything. Our praying empowers us to do our part and invites God’s assistance to multiply it. Let us begin to solve our problems in our own little way and in our prayer, we will soon realize that God is always there to multiply our efforts. Let us give our five loaves and two breads and God will multiply them to be food for a multitude.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Robert T Vitkovich
Susan Robinson
Jack DeQuarto
Kenneth Fensterer

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

August 3rd - August 9th

In memory of

Grace, Henry, & Salvatore

by Mary Romano & 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
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

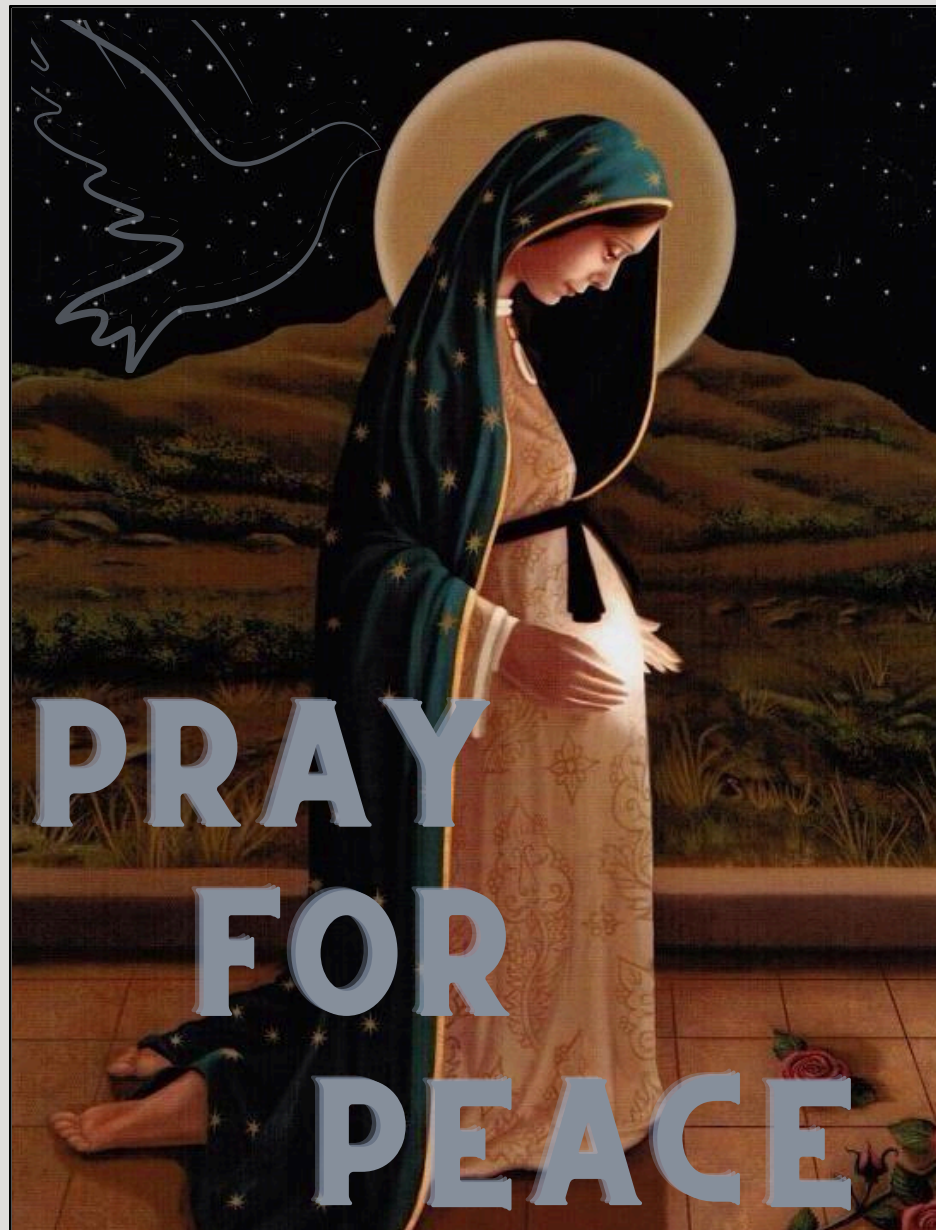
Andrew Valentine
Angela Conzo
Anna Mancuso
Barbara Foberg
Barbara Madonia
Blair Rocchio
Christy Torkelsen
Danny Dau
Dennis Giannott
Dolores Rudden
Donald Castor
Ellen Murphy
Elizabeth Hoffman
Gary Hollins
Gertrude Hirsch

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:
July 25th & 26th

\$5817

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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OCIA

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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

"Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!"

ISAIAH 55:1

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.

Multiple Job Listings

The New York State Job Bank enables individuals to search by job description or location. See hundreds of jobs.
myjobsny.usnlx.com/jobs

Free Community College

Suffolk County Community College's SUNY Reconnect program is offering free associate degrees in eligible programs to adults aged 22-55 who do not already have a college degree. The program aims to fill workforce gaps and empower adult learners. Minimum 6 credits per semester, complete degree within 10 semesters. Visit suny.edu/communitycollege/free-cc/faq or call 631-451-4110

Default & Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

Free counseling to help homeowners avoid default and foreclosure is available from the Long Island Housing Partnership, a nonprofit. If you are having trouble paying your mortgage, the partnership provides counseling in English and Spanish (and 150 more languages, plus the hearing impaired). The partnership also provides down payment assistance, help finding rentals below market rates, and help with rental arrears in Brookhaven and Babylon. Appointments are available virtually, M-F. Call 631-435-4710. Visit online at www.lihp.org

Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Boxed 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, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives.



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 📍

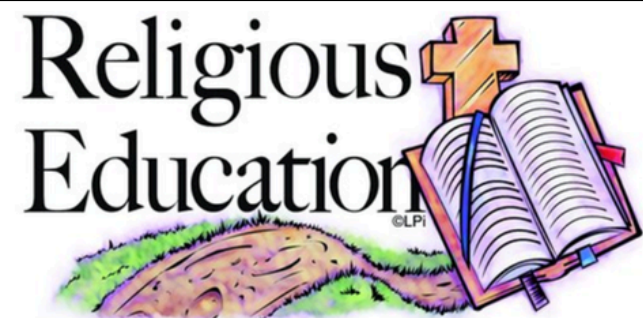
Please bring lunch
to enjoy in the picnic
area after mass!

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



Baptisms in our church

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

Renzo Joseph Burger
child of Katrina & Daniel

Ryland James Tavares
child of Christi & Bruno

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**

BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST & SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JILLIAN BORGHARDT

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge, NY



AIDAN MAYBERRY

Our Lady Immaculate
Althol, MA



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

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

Holy Hour

"Our Eyes Are On The Lord"

**Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White**



**Gospel Reading,
Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt**

Tuesday, August 4th, at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

**"Christ wished to be transfigured in order to show
men His glory, and to arouse men to a desire of it"**

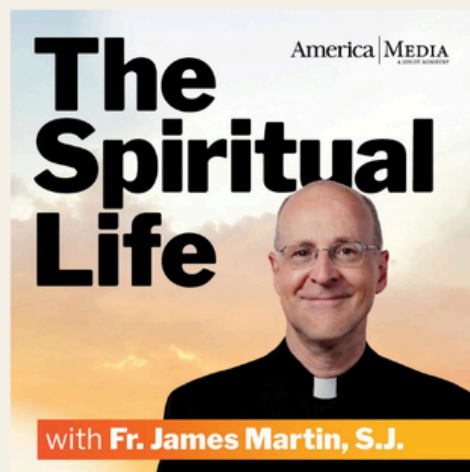
St. Thomas Aquinas

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



JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2026

Congratulations to our July winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

July 1	\$25	Erik & Christine Tjersland
July 2	\$25	Ed & Madeline Drobinko
July 3	\$25	Clayton & Kathleen Chin
July 4	\$25	Emily Michelle Edsell
July 5	\$50	Neil & Louise Maggio
July 6	\$25	Carl Thomas
July 7	\$25	Sandra Kowalchuk
July 8	\$25	Amadeo Fasolino
July 9	\$25	Allison & Glenn Madison
July 10	\$25	Donna & Jim Feeney
July 11	\$25	Eileen Weidig
July 12	\$50	Frank & Charlene Dowd
July 13	\$25	Pat Lewis
July 14	\$25	Michele Cloke
July 15	\$25	John & Denise Zappia
July 16	\$25	Wyatt Tate
July 17	\$25	Joseph Fratamico
July 18	\$25	Joan M Murphy
July 19	\$50	William Stepanek
July 20	\$25	Chris & Gert Hirsch
July 21	\$25	Mya Cameron
July 22	\$25	John Egan
July 23	\$25	Louise Soldo
July 24	\$25	Parish Outreach
July 25	\$25	Karen & John Sellitto
July 26	\$50	Don & Judy Persia
July 27	\$25	Alice Longwell
July 28	\$25	Maureen Fallona
July 29	\$25	Rosemaria McLennon
July 30	\$25	Dianne Vallette
July 31	\$25	Lyn Dalton

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

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.