



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Parish Mission Statement:

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.

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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm 98: 1m 2-3m 3-4
1 John 4: 7-10
John 15:9-17

Saturday, May 8

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Howard Spegman *by Vivian & Michael
Jacobs*

**Sunday, May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter—
Mother's Day**

9:30am Mother's Day Novena

12:00noon Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 10—Saints Damien and Veuster

9am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 11

9am Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 12—Saints Nereus and Achilleus;
Saint Pancras**

9am Mother's Day Novena

**Thursday, May 13—The Ascension of Our Lord;
Our Lady of Fatima**

9am Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 14—St. Matthias

9am Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am Mother's Day Novena

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter—

9:30am Richard Coronato *by Patty & Joe Citro*

12:00noon Tancredi Schiavoni *by Pat & Frank Lewis*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 John 4: 11-16
John 17:11b-19

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A child began to play in the drugstore with some bottles he had taken from the shelves. The druggist ordered him to stop and scolded him with an even sharper tone. But the child was screaming and going for the bottles again. Just then the boy's sister came up, put her arms around him and whispered something in his ear. Right away he put the bottles back in place. "You see," his sister explained, "he doesn't understand when you talk to him like that. I just love it into him." Life blossoms not in being scolded, pushed, driven or harassed but in those six words "I just love it into peoples." **Today's readings declare that God just loves life into the world abundantly** and without any discrimination. "God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." God for His wisdom and power could have offered life in a million other ways but He found the better way or rather the only best way to be that of LOVE. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends.... I no longer call you slaves." God's way is the way of coming down to our level in Jesus and to share with us the divine life as friends and as a lover who would even lay down His life for us.

The God who shares life with us asks us to love each other in order that life may continue and thrive in us and among us. Love alone promises life, and love alone keeps it going. God has appointed us to "bear fruit that will remain" and this would be possible only in observing his commandment of love, "This I command you: love one another." In the first reading, Peter shares his experience that Jesus, as God's agent of love could not discriminate against anybody in receiving God's gift of life, because "God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." Love sees no boundary.

The power and promise of life is love and love only. The sixth week of Easter brings us closer to the Solemn Feast of the Ascension. Before we celebrate Jesus' going away from us we would like to summarize the whole purpose of Jesus' coming down to live with us, which is LOVE and Life through Love. Let us, like Peter, try to live love abundantly without any discrimination.

I returned from India last Friday. It was good to spend quality time with my mother and my family, and it is equally good to be back with my parish family of St. Thomas More. Within a few days of my return, I went for a Covid test and I am happy to report that the result was negative. I am so looking forward to seeing you all again and to resuming my parish life. I missed you.

On behalf of St. Thomas More parish, I wish to thank Fr. Adam for covering for me during my absence. Many parishioners have told me that he did a wonderful job and I am extremely grateful for his assistance. We pray that God will bless him in his ministry.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



631-234-5551

Pastor

Rev. Antony Asir *ext. 14*

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Deacon Robert D. Weisz

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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmlyouth.wixsite.com/stmlyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/)

www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/

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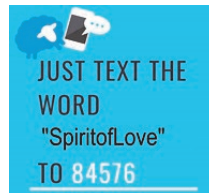
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Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net

Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what's happening in our Parish?

See below or go to

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com



***CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2021***

as of May 3, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$68,000.00
Pledges to date	\$21,392
Percentage of Goal	31.46%

A brief note from Fr. Adam

I wanted to tell you that it has been a real pleasure to serve in this parish for the past several weeks while Fr. Antony was in India to visit his family.

Thank you for your warm welcome and for your kindness and support to me. It was truly wonderful to be at St. Thomas More in Hauppauge where the parishioners are very friendly and helpful. I feel truly blessed to have had this experience.

Please pray for me and I assure you of my prayers.

God bless us all!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Jessie Bernstein	Kevin Ilyichenko
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
Collin Busto	Andrew Lombardi
David Chester	Lt. Clint Lorange
John Chester	Scott Lovelock
Nicholas Chester	Andrew Lynch
Theresa Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Collin J. Crean	William Maley
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Eric Cullum	Tim Morris
Adam Cussen	Ryan Murphy
David Cussen	John Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Kaitlyn Nachtman
P. J. Erskin	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Major Michael Fantauzzi	Michael Poist
J.T. Foltz	Michael Polanski
Mike Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Michael Gioia	Antonia Marie Rivera
Carl F. Greiner	Ann Karen Sanchez
Philip Gudone	Justin Schneider
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Sidor
Sean Hendrikson	Christopher Singer
Tylor J. Hickey	Ryan Smith
Kevin Ilyichenko	Michael White
John Karies	

**CIRCLE OF WOMEN**

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives. Our next meeting will be at 2:30pm on May 10.

The book for discussion will be **The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell** by Robert Dugoni—Facilitator—Marie Bracco.

For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

Congratulations!

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School has advised us that the following young parishioners have achieved honor roll status for the third quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Criteria:

Summa Cum Laude Honors:

100+ (weighted average)

Magna Cum Laude Honors:

95.00 to 99.99 (weighted average)

Cum Laude Honors:

90.00 to 94.99 (weighted average)

Summa Cum Laude Honors:

Braden D'Andria	Grade 10
Sari Avila-Franklin	Grade 12
Cassandra Davies	Grade 12

Magna Cum Laude Honors:

Christian Dobian	Grade 09
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Cum Laude Honors:

Rocco Cimino	Grade 10
Jacob Shehata	Grade 10
Colby D'Andria	Grade 11
Salvatore Scarpellini	Grade 12

Congratulations also to the following young students of Chaminade High School who have achieved an honor roll average during the Second Trimester:

Freshman Robert J. Carboy

Sophomore Matthw P. Masaitis

Junior Nicholas J. Barshay
Anthony DeMonte
James J. Kiley

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **May 2, 2021** **\$4,496.00**

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You,
Fr. Antony



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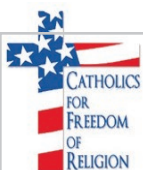
We meet on the second Monday of the month.

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May Crowning

On Sunday, May 2, 2021, St. Thomas More had the crowning of our Blessed Mother at the Mass at 12 noon.





Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Current Ideologies That Jeopardize Religious Liberty And Judeo-Christian Founding Principles

Critical Race Theory: American parents are increasingly looking for ways to block the spread of Marxist inspired Critical Race Theory (CRT) in the schools and the greater society. "We're seeing what our kids are learning (as one result of seeing the zoom lessons) and our goal changes from opening schools to 'Oh my gosh. What are we sending our children back to?'" said one Virginia parent ⁽¹⁾

CRT originated in universities in the 1990's and is a controversial idea for addressing racial issues. CRT is built on the intellectual framework of identity-based, godless Marxism. It has spread to K-12 public and private schools, federal agencies, contractors, FBI, CDC, Sandia National (nuclear) Laboratories, Dept. of Homeland Security, and many more, where training and workshops are held to teach about "white privilege." "Suggesting I do (have white privilege) is insulting. Suggesting to my 9-year-old child she does is child abuse, not education," wrote parent Harvey Goldman to a Manhattan private school. ⁽²⁾

Marxism, the foundation of Critical Race Theory, "is the social, economic and political theories of Karl Marx and provides the basis for most communist systems and theories," and the belief that our rights come from government. ⁽³⁾

By contrast, Judeo-Christian values, the foundation of America, begins with the Declaration of Independence: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."* ⁽⁴⁾

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Happening Now: Christian College Sues Over Forcing Men Into Women's Dorms : College of the Ozarks in Missouri is suing this administration over a recent directive that redefines "sex" in the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), forcing religious institutions to permit students of the opposite sex in the same bathrooms, dormitories and dorm rooms. Religious liberty group Alliance Defending Freedom asserts the executive order "requires private religious colleges to place biological males into female dormitories and assign them as females' roommates....Religious schools shouldn't be punished simply because of their beliefs about marriage and biological sex." ⁽⁵⁾

Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners for April 25– May 1, 2021

4/25/2021	\$50	137 Walter Brennan
4/26/2021	\$25	301 Judy Coyle
4/27/2021	\$25	773 Geraldine Covino
4/28/2021	\$25	273 Pamela & Christopher Collins
4/29/2021	\$25	753 Jerry & Willy Ferrara
4/30/2021	\$25	1142 Diane Vallette
5/ 1/2021	\$25	1116 Christine Noschese



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Joey Cullem, Pat Delamer, Jean Kelly, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Walter Knell, Michael Lai, Robert McGurrin, Kieko McKeon, Charles Mallon, Barbara Mickelson, Sharon Mills, Kathy Orta, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Roseann, Maura Reddy, John Santangelo, Roseann, Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs), John Spadaro, John Thompson, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Edward Zebrowski,

This listing will expire on September 30, 2021.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Rocco Torieri, Mary Spinosa, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to Support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.

**St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry
OUTREACH**



“Generous giving helps us detach from stuff and attach to God”

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Syrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)**

Paper Towels

Bread

Pasta**

Spaghetti**

Spaghetti Sauce**

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Mayonnaise**

Hand Soap **

Canned Fruit**

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)**

Rice**

Canned Vegetables**

Apple Juice

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tea Bags**

Mustard/Ketchup**

Soup (18-22 oz)

Shampoo**

Toothpaste**

Toilet Paper

NO CEREAL AT THIS TIME PLEASE.

We are so grateful to the Hauppauge Middle School for their donation of many, many boxes of cereal to Parish Outreach. We are set with cereal for the next few months.

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

Outreach is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

If you have or know of anyone with an apartment or room to rent, please contact the Outreach office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you....You are my friends if you do what I command you...."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:
I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- Altar Server Hospitality
- Usher Greeter
- RCIA Liturgy with Children
- Lector Eucharistic Minister
- Consolation Ministry
- Rosary Altar Society Pre-Cana
- Caring for Altar Plants FOCCUS
- Landscaping/Planting
- Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY’S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at the Rectory)

REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

I/we would like to register in the parish.

Please send contribution envelopes.

I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.

Other _____

(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021.

NAME(s) ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Amount of the pledge: \$ _____

Check for entire amount is enclosed.

Installment enclosed. I/We would like to pay the rest in

_____installments.

Please return to the Rectory for further processing.

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Aides at Home: PCAs and HHAs. P/T and F/T. Call 516-641-2273

Altice (Optimum/Cablevision): Many positions available. Go to: www.alticeusacareers.com

Brendel's Bagels: Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff, Drivers. Call: 631-656-6828

BJ's: Local jobs available. Go to: BJs.com/careers

Brookhaven Laboratories: Many positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.bnl.gov/>

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available. Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health care positions. Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

Chick-fil-A: Local positions available. Go to: cfasmithtown.com

Costco: Local positions available. Go to: <https://www.costco.com/job-opportunities.html>

Compounder – 2nd Shift (Wednesday – Sunday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=211784&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#_YEaHcp0h0M4.mailto

COVID-19 Contact Tracer: Some positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://www.publicconsultinggroup.com/new-york-state-contact-tracing-initiative/applying-for-a-position/>

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration: Seeking nurses. Go to: <https://careers.nyp.org/job/manhattan/vaccination-administrator-registered-nurse-day-evening-shifts/19715/18413593>

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

Developmental Disabilities Institute: Local jobs available. Go to: <https://www.ddiny.org/> or call Mary Ann Stein 631-366-2900

Estee Lauder: Mechanic III – 3rd Shift (Monday – Friday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2011789&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#_YEaFTiresjU.mailto

1199 SEIU: NEW Healthcare positions available.

Go to: <https://ec-1199funds.icims.com/jobs/search>

GEICO Insurance: Service and sales positions available. Go to: <https://careers.geico.com/us/en>

Hauppauge Palace Diner Immediate Need: Wait Staff – Hostesses – Line Cooks. Go to their Facebook page or stop in person

Home Depot: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.homedepot.com/>

Ideal Home Care: PCA and HHA positions available. Go to: <https://www.idealhcs.com/employment>

Kohls: Many seasonal positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://careers.kohls.com/Nassau County>: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue): Multiple positions available

Go to: <https://licommunityhospital.org/careers/>

Lowes: Positions available. Go to: <https://corporate.lowes.com/careers/search-apply>

Mosquito Joe: Full & Part-Time positions available. Go to: southshorenyny@mosquitojoe.com or call 731-458-5910

Nassau County: Many P/T & F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/334/Employment.

Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/>

Panera: Positions available. Go to: <https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results>

Rite-Aid: Long Island positions available for Pharmacy Technicians and Shift Supervisors.

Go to: <https://careers.riteaid.com/jobs>

7-Eleven: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home>

Shop Rite: Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://shop.shoprite.com/careers>

Stop & Shop: Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://stopandshop.com/pages/careers>

Stony Brook Medical Center: Multiple health & non-health job opportunities available.

Go to: <https://licommunityhospital.org/careers>

Suffolk County: Many P/T & F/T positions available. Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

Target: Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.target.com/>

Technical Operator – 3rd Shift (Monday – Friday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2010717&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#_YEaFK-ZfpWg.mailto

Tri-County Nursing Services: Care Manager positions available on Long Island. Go to:

<https://www.tricountycare.org/careers/>

United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available. Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).