



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday



They were all filled with
the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 2:4, ESV

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

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StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Saturday, May 22

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*

Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday

9:30am Jerry Smith *by Richard Weber*

12:00noon Giovanna Garziano *by Jacqueline Garziano*

**Monday, May 24—The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church**

9am Judy Granville *by Kenny Granville*

**Tuesday, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VI, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi**

9am Virginia Gurdak *by Sylvia Graf & family*

Wednesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri

9am Mary & Walter Anderson *by Eileen & Al Weidig*

Thursday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury

9am Joel Miller *by the Miller family*

Friday, May 28

9am Minnie Gima *by John & Arlene Aspromgos*

Saturday, May 29—St. Paul VI

9am Dorothy Gomula *by the Mancini family*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Mary Ann O'Gara *by John & Mary Ann Egan*

Sunday, May 30—The Most Holy Trinity

9:30am Anne Gray *by Angel & Eleidy Muniz*

12:00noon Elaine Moccia *by the Kane family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

May 30, 2021
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Romans: 8:14-17
Matthew: 28:16-20

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



The Great
COMMISSION



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A disciple came riding on his camel to the tent of his Sufi Master. He dismounted and walked right into the tent, bowed low and said, “ So great is my trust in God that I have left my camel outside untied, convinced that God protects the interests of those who love him. “

“Go tie your camel, you fool!” said the Mater. “God cannot be bothered doing for you what you are perfectly capable of doing for yourself.” God is ready to work with us and not instead of us. God is not our carrier but co-traveler. God has great confidence in us in what we can do. He has provided all that we need to live life fully well.

Today is the Solemn Feast of Pentecost. The Greek word, Pentecost means “Fifty”. God presented us with a marvelous gift on the fiftieth day of Jesus’ resurrection. Jesus sent Godly power and wisdom, upon his believers in the person of the Holy Spirit .

Today’s first reading describes how the Holy Spirit came down publically in the presence of a good number of people. The Gospel story depicts the personal experience of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them personally by Jesus. If you put both the pictures together we get what God wants to give us, the believers – the greatest divine Gift, the Holy Spirit to live life fully well. .

The Holy Spirit came upon each one of them individually gathered as a group. God’s gift is given personally but to work together in a group for the good of the group. The Holy Spirit is the divine gift individually given, not for our personal profit but to live with a group as witnesses to God’s working in and among us. We don’t possess God as an individual power bank to use as we like. Rather God possess us to employ all our potential for the good of all so that we become God’s kingdom.

God’s fullness of life does not happen individually but happens socially. God relates with each of us individually as His own child who belongs to His big family. God works with each of us personally, to live as Church bearing witnesses to God’s dynamic presence among us. God empowers each of us uniquely that all of us work as various members of one body of Christ, living harmoniously and working as God’s kingdom. Let us cherish God’s wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit in each of us. Let us be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and witness as God’s Church, as members of the Body of Christ and as worthy witnesses of God’s kingdom among us.

When to end celebrating the Parking Lot Mass: Beginning May 19, 2021 measures are getting relaxed in coping with pandemic. 100% of Church capacity can be occupied. Last week I published in the bulletin some the guidelines from the Diocese. I want to bring your attention to a particular guideline regarding outdoor (parking lot) mass. “Outdoor Mass should not be the norm”.

After meeting with people involved with the parking lot mass and our pastoral council, we decided to slowly wean from mass in the parking lot and start celebrating the mass indoors in the Church. How shall we do that?

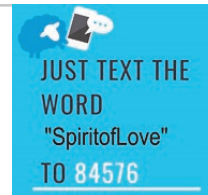
We will continue to celebrate the parking lot mass all Sundays of May and June. We will let you know which Sunday Masses we would celebrate in the Parking lot during July and August. We also plan to have the Beach Mass at Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue, on September 12. The Beach Mass can be the end our Outdoor Mass.

From September 19th Sunday we will start celebrating all the masses indoors. I pray that God bless us with good health and gather us together as a family celebrating Mass, not each family sitting in their separate booth-car but as a family knit together by the Eucharist, as a family able to be near each other and able to be personally close to each other.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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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 17, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$68,000.00
Pledges to date	\$28,382
Percentage of Goal	41.74%

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Calendar Club Winners Congratulations!

Here are the winners for May 9—15 2021

5/09/2021	\$50	633	Joan & Pat Shea
5/10/2021	\$25	1160	Terry & Al Haas
5/11/2021	\$25	826	Madison & Mackenzie Daley
5/12/2021	\$25	142	M/M C. Castellano
5/13/2021	\$50	1150	Janet Crawford (Ascension Thursday)
5/14/2021	\$25	728	Edward O'Gara
5/15/2021	\$25	1157	Kaz & Rita Stasiak

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	

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – Walt Disney

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” – Mark Twain

“You’ve gotta dance like there’s nobody watching, love like you’ll never be hurt, sing like there’s nobody listening, and live like it’s heaven on earth.” — William W. Purkey

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **May 16, 2021** **\$3,436.00**

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

**CIRCLE OF WOMEN**

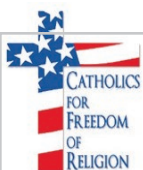
It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God’s action in our daily lives. Out next meeting is on June 14th at 2:30 pm, the book for discussion will be

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins—

Facilitator: Vivianne Latorre

We meet on the second Monday of the month.

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



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

What is Religious Freedom and What's at Stake if We Lose It

Religious liberty is increasingly under attack by those who believe it cannot and should not coexist with our other freedoms. However, religious freedom is a God given, fundamental human right and American value enshrined in our Constitution and protected by the Bill of Rights.

Freedom of religion protects the conscience of all people since it allows us to think, express and act upon what we deeply believe. This freedom of conscience is critical to the health of a diverse society by allowing different faiths and beliefs to flourish. "We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege; let them worship (or not) how, where, or what they may," said Church of Latter-day Saints leaders.⁽¹⁾

The American Founders understood the importance of religion for human, social, and political flourishing. That's why they styled religious freedom as the First Freedom and the foundation upon which all other freedoms are guaranteed and protected and without which the new Republic would fail.

"The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

George Washington, 1789

Americans supported the Founders' understanding of religious liberty when they overwhelmingly endorsed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the International Religious Freedom Act that were signed by President Bill Clinton in the 1990s.

However, a direct denial of conscience rights

occurred on Sept. 8, 2016, when the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued this statement: "(t)he phrases 'religious liberty' and 'religious freedom' (are) code words for discrimination, intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia. Islamophobia (and) Christian supremacy ..."⁽²⁾

"If we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to.

This is the last stand on earth."

President Ronald Reagan

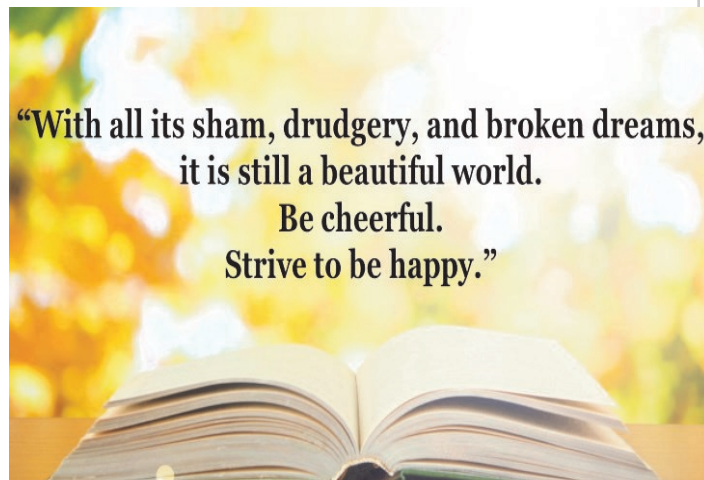


'Desiderata' by Max Ehrmann (1927)

*"With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.*

Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy."





PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Nick Conzo, Veronica Corvasce, Joey Cullem, Pat Delamer, Catherine Desolo, Catherine Regina Jeskie, Jean Kelly, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Walter Knell, Michael Lai, Robert McGurrian, Kieko McKeon, Charles Mallon, Barbara Mickelson, Sharon Mills, Kathy Orta, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Roseann, John Santangelo, Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs), John Spadaro, John Thompson, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Julia Westbrook, 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

Anne M. DiGiacomo, Thomas Fine, Christopher Loring, 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



“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way”
 Napoleon Hill

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**.**

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Your continued support of SVdP enables us to be present with those who call for help and, hopefully, to be a sign of God's love for them.

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: 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/NassauCounty>: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Liberty Coca Cola: Multiple positions available. Go to www.libertycokecareers.com

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 631-458-5910

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>

Starbucks: Positions available. Go to: www.starbucks.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://applynnow.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



This May is the 6th Anniversary of Pope Francis encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

Pope Francis' message reiterates the Church's call for responsible stewardship of creation and calling all to ensure that our methods of production and consumption honor our Creator, respect the Lord's command to care for creation and serve the needs of the human family (especially the poorest and most vulnerable).

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports programs dedicated to protecting the sanctity of life at all stages.



"Understanding the dignity of every human life and how it has been created by God – giving glory to Him in all our work – sharing the faith in our words and actions. Giving witness every day – so we can inspire others to do the same." - Dr. Lisa Honkanen, Director of our Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics.

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Thank You!