Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

May 7th, 2023

Fifth
Sunday
of Caster

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.



Parish Resources

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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Masses May 6th- May 14th, 2023

This Weekend:

Saturday, May 6th:

5:00pm- Debra Stuart Cameron by their Parents

Marie Drago by Michael & Vivian Jacobs

Sunday, May 7th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am- Rita Hines and Edward Borowski by Kathryn,

Paul, & Amanda Borowski

9:30- Gerard Smith by Joan Smith

Joseph Pfiefer by Judy Coyle, Janet Rylander, & Leslie
Buttles

11:30- Patricia O'Connell by Matt & Nancy O'Connell

Monday, May 8th:

9am- Claire Wirenius by Rosemarie Nick

Tuesday, May 9th:

9am- Walter Kinkel by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

Wednesday, May 10th:

9am- Marsha Augustyn by Patty & Joe Citro

Thursday, May 11th:

9am- Monica Kanischak by STM Consolation Ministry

Friday, May 12th:

9am- Jack Gaudet by Marilyn Miller

Next Weekend:

Saturday, May 13th:

5:00pm- MaryAnne Yankowski by STM Office Staff

Veronica Graziose by Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz

Sunday, May 14th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

All Masses are offered for the Mother's Day Novena

John 14:15-21 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Focus Questions for 5/14/23

John 14:15-21

- 1: Relate a time when you were aware of the power of the Holy Spirit
- 2: Describe a time when you felt left out. Who helped you to feel included?
- 3: How are your actions toward others motivated by your love for Jesus?

Family & Children's Question:
Talk about how we can love Jesus by the way we show love for other people.

Readings for This Week

May 7th, 2023 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Readings for Next Week

May 14th, 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

In a "Peanuts" cartoon, Snoopy the dog is sitting by the side of the road, watching all of the kids going by. Snoopy is reflecting to himself saying, "I wonder why some were born people, and others were born dogs. It just isn't fair." And then in the last frame he concludes, "Why was I the lucky one?!" Until we read the last frame, we are led to think that Snoopy was sorry to have been born as a dog. But the last frame turns the whole understanding upside down. Snoopy was rather unhappy that humans are not lucky to have been born as a dog. Truth is bigger than what we perceive.

In the Gospel, Philip asks Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." According to Philip they know nothing about the Father of whom Jesus was talking to them. But according to Jesus they missed seeing the Father in Jesus. They failed to understand that Jesus and the Father are one. If they had paid enough attention, they would have seen the Father in Jesus. The truth about Jesus is more than they have grasped.

The same thing happens with Thomas. When Jesus said, "Where I am going you know the way", Thomas asked Him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Like Philip, Thomas too did not fully understand that Jesus is the WAY. They had lived with Jesus all this time without even realizing that Jesus was preaching to them TRUTH of the Father; He was living and manifesting the LIFE of the Father and thus He was paving the WAY to the Father. So, Jesus replied to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." Jesus made Thomas realize that the Truth about Him is more than what they have grasped.

Through Philip and Thomas, Jesus invites us to experience Him, not according to our human standard but according to His divine Revelation. Jesus is a divine mystery who reveals Himself as God, Savior, Shepherd, Healer etc. He reveals to us according to the need we have and according to the way we relate with Him. To know Him is not merely to be aware of all the hardcore facts about Him. That would be bookish knowledge, a learning about Him through the external sources.

St. Mother Teresa explains about knowing Jesus. "Do you really know Jesus – not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Am I convinced of Christ's love for me and mine for Him? What must we do to get this conviction? We must know Jesus, love Jesus, serve Jesus. This type of knowledge will make you as strong as death. We know Jesus through Faith: by meditating on His Word in the Scriptures, by listening to Him speak through His Church, and through the intimate union of Prayer.

"Seek Jesus in the tabernacle. Fix your eyes on Him who is the Light. Bring your hearts close to His Divine Heart and ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him. Don't search for Jesus in far lands; He is not there. He is close to you; He is in you." The Truth of Jesus is what He reveals from his Heart to our hearts. Jesus is a mystery of Love uniting His heart with all of ours. It is more than what we have known, grasped, and experienced so far. The more we relate with Him, the more of Him we will experience.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



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Have an idea for a Ministry or Club?

Contact Father Antony at the Rectory to share your idea!

Many of our ministries were formed by a parishioner or employee with an idea.

We are a community of friends brought together through our love of Jesus. It is so special to share time with each other as we do good works, have fun, and praise the name of our Lord.

Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proof of claims for victims of sexual abuse who were 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found at the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page. https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc

Have you been called by name?

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 RCIA** by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551

Prayers for our Community

Pray for Our Military

Pray for the Sick



Mike Babach
Pat Camera
Angela Conzo
Nick Conzo
Joey Cullum
Carolyn D'Amore
Carol Falkowski
Barbara Foberg
Patty Golembiewski
Linda Heller
Jean Kelly
Richard Landi

Joe Madonia
Ellen Murphy
Deacon Al Pankus
Stetson Pignataro
Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Helen Reichert
Sheila Samson
Derrick Simon
Noah Simonetti
John Spadaro
Lorraine White

To add someone to this list, please fill out a card from the literature rack, or contact the rectory.

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023

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Altar Bread and Wine Memorial



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family.

Pray for the Deceased

Anthony Foti Keiko McKeon Barbara Chiocchi Anthony Ferrara Marie Drago

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

- 1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
- 2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
- 3. Person making the Request:
- 4.Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar before each Mass. 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.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: April 29th & 30th

\$6743

Weekly Goal: \$6700

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

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.

(If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the form on the literature rack and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.)

Faith Direct: This offers a safe and secure way to make regularly scheduled donations 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

Maintenance Collection: We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please take a maintenance envelope from the literature rack.

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



Offertory Sign-Up Book

Would you like to bring up the gifts during the offertory? It's a great way to participate in the mass with your family!



We have a sign-up book available in the Narthex near the literature rack. Currently available for each weekend in 2023. If you are interested, please sign up and let the ushers know when you arrive at mass.

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Parish Social Ministry

"Just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

This week we are very low on...

Pancake Mix
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Boxed Milk
Pasta Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Juice/Drink Mixes
Soup
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Tissues
Laundry Detergent
Canned Vegetables

As always, we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans can be difficult to distribute.



We have a parishioner in need of a ride to the 11:30 Mass on Sundays, from the Windwatch complex. If you are able to help, please contact the Outreach office.



Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM 631-234-3149 Outreach@stmlil.org

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.



One of our STM parishioners is selling fresh eggs, \$7 per dozen. To place an order, please call 631-974-2643. Pick up is Saturdays (11:30-1) in the STM parking lot.

Please do not leave other items such as clothing or household items in the donation bins. Clothing can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot. Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.

Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



Through your donations you are performing a good work, far greater than you think.

Thank you to all who supported our Military Bridge fundraiser! It was a success because of your support and desire to bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or e-mail svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

Congratulations!

On April 29th, Gina Delisi and Steven Ferraro were married here at St Thomas More. We wish them all the best in their future, and keep them in our prayers. God Bless!





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 is on May 15th, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Our book for discussion will be:

Women in Sunlight by Frances Mayes

Facilitator: Katharine Kane

For further info or to register, call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805 or Joan @ 631-234-1739



Young at Heart

Friday May 12th @ 12:30
Friday May 19th: Communion Breakfast
New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

Bible Study

...with Father Antony!

The Resurrection Stories of the Gospels

Come and learn with us!

When: Four Thursdays, starting May 4th

from 6:30-8pm

Where: Walden Hall (White Room)

Call or email the Rectory to sign up!
(631) 234-5551
rectory@stmli.org

In Our Parish

The Music Corner

There is a wide world of music in the Christian tradition that is not used during Catholic Masses. Here are a couple of recommendations for something a little different. You can find them by searching on YouTube, or on your preferred streaming service.

Build Your Kingdom Here By Rend Collective

Hailing from Northern Ireland, Rend Collective has a folk rock sound, similar to Mumford & Sons

A Man Named Job

By Ryan Proudfoot

A singer-songwriter from Texas, this song takes you through the full story of Job, his struggles, and his ultimate love for God.

Children's Liturgy Crew

This week the kids continued to learn about Jesus and our faith, and did some praying with Father Raj.



As always, the Children's Liturgy Crew meets every Sunday at the 9:30 mass. Children ages 4-8 are encouraged to join us!



In Our Community

Bereavement Support Group

Many of us have suffered the loss of someone dear to us - perhaps a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or friend. Grief can leave us feeling lost and alone. We invite you to join our bereavement support group, which provides members an opportunity to understand grief in a way that rebuilds our identity and strengthens our faith in ourselves and the Lord.

Grief is experienced differently by each person, and the pain often take a long time to heal. Participants learn how to deal with grief and will receive (and give) valuable support and fellowship through healing. There is no charge.

When: Wednesdays at 2pm, 5/3-6/21
Where: St Anthony of Padua Parish Outreach Liturgy
Room

Sign Up: Please call 631-336-9922 or 631-261-

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Events at St. Thomas More

This Week @ STM

Sun May 7th, 12:30pm Youth Group

Wed May 10th, 7:00pm Columbiettes General Meeting

Thur May 11th, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 11th, 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri May 12th, 12:30pm Young at Heart

Sat May 13th, 5:00pm Flower Sale

Sun May 14th, all day Flower Sale

Mon May 15th, 2:30pm Circle of Women Book Club

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

> Saturday 5:00 PM

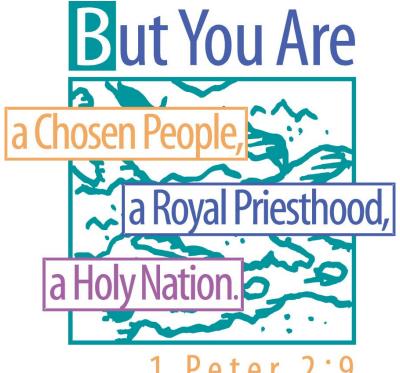
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

Confessions **Every Saturday** 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.



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St. Thomas More Employment Services

<u>NEW - NY State Dept of Labor:</u> Summer Jobs! Park rangers, lifeguards, adventure trail guides, and golf course maintenance.

Visit seasonal works.labor.ny.gov

NEW - Long Island Virtual Career Fair: Speak with recruiters, view webinars and apply for jobs. May 10th, 11AM - 2PM.

Register at: <u>nysdolvirtual8.easyvirtualfair.com</u>

NEW - Orlin & Cohen: Multiple positions in Nassau and Suffolk.

Go to: https://www.orlincohen.com/recruitment/

NEW - Plainedge Schools: Mechanics, Custodians, Painters, Subs and Aides.

Go to: www.olasjobs.org/longisland

NEW - Club Pilates: Front Desk Staff: Bayport, Lake Grove & Miller Place.

Go to: lakegrovegm@clubpilates.com

<u>UPDATE - Town of Islip:</u> P/T Summer Job Opportunities. Walk-In interviews: June 1st, Brookwood Hall, East Islip. Or apply on line at: https://islipny.gov/part-time-jobs

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed.

Farmingville. Go to: www.upsjobs.com

IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Many new positions starting September 1st: TAs, Special Ed Teachers, Nurses, Physical Therapists

Go to: https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities

Autozone - Local (Hauppauge and Central Islip): F/T, P/T, Drivers, Sales

Go to: AutoZone/Careers.com

Levittown Public Schools: Bus Drivers Needed. Full Time.

Go to: https://levittown.schools.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities

Fairfield Properties: Super, Asst. Super, Maintenance Personnel

Send resume to: careersmaintenence@fairfieldproperties.com

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

Go to: https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/

NYS Dept. of Labor: Skills Workshops: Interviewing, Resume Development, Time Management, Communication Skills, etc. Go to: https://dol.ny.gov/career-development

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Newsday: Multiple positions available.

Go to: https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday

OR send an email to: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

<u>Newsday:</u> Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

Target: Multiple locations. Go to: www.target.com/careers

<u>Dollar Tree:</u> Text DOLLAR to 58046 or go to: <u>DollarTree.com/careers</u> <u>Stony Brook Medical Center:</u> Clinical and support staff positions available.

Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs

Educational Bus Transportation: Drivers Needed. Call: 631-789-2300

Dunkin': Positions available at many locations.

Go to: https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/careers

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

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

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

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

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careeers.walmart.com

<u>Catholic Health Services:</u> Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

<u>United States Postal Service (USPS):</u> 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).

Military Bridge Friday, April 28th

















May: The Month of Mary

[For] this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration, and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts come down to us from our Mother's throne.

-Mense Maio, Pope Paul VI, April 1965



Pray the Rosary

- 1: Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed
- 3: On the first bead, say an Our Father
- 4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each
- 5: Say the Glory Be
- 6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father
- 7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.
- 8: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen
- 9: Make the Sign of the Cross



NIGHT AT THE RACES

Presented by The Columbiettes
At St. Thomas More RCC

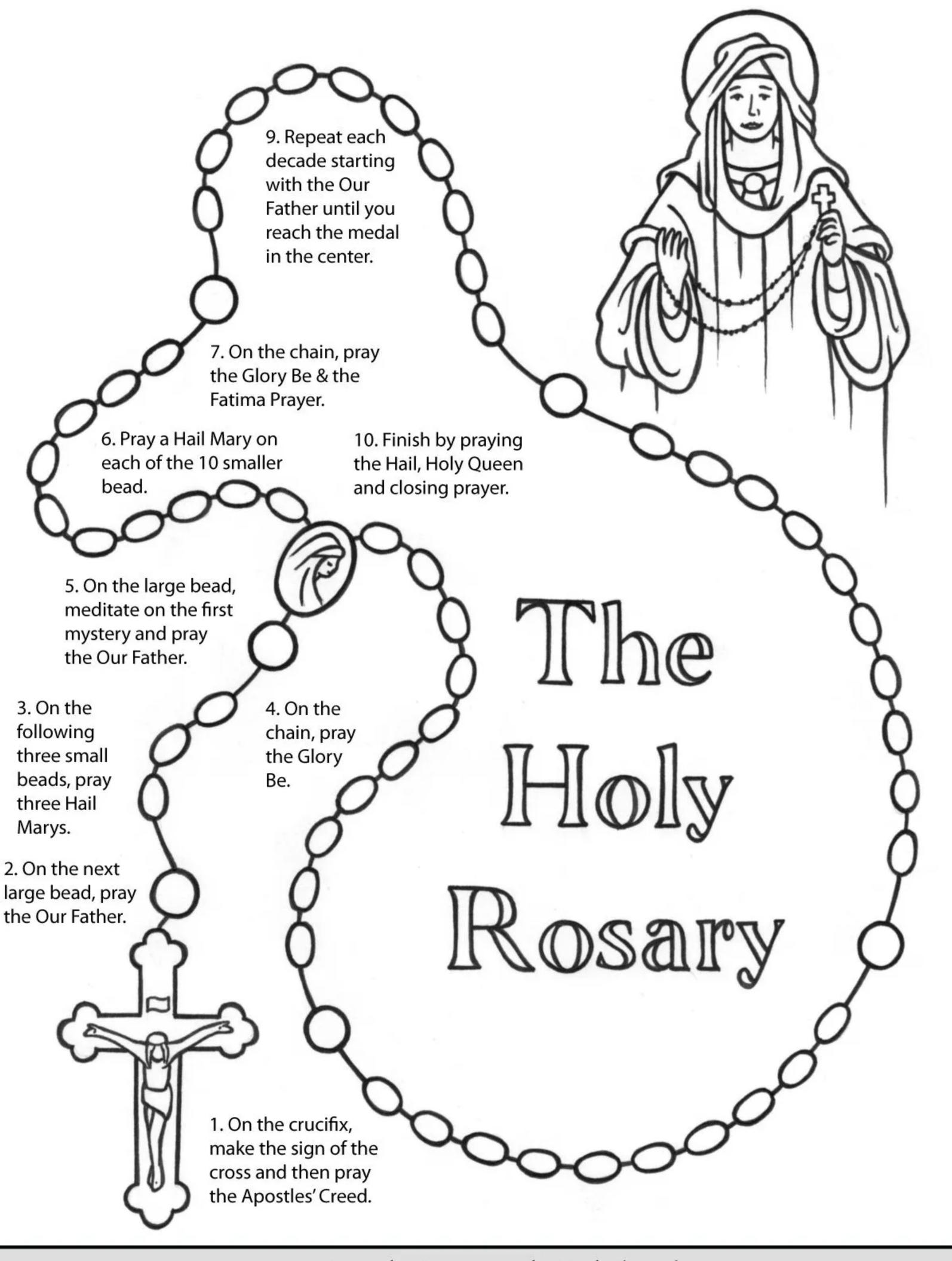
May 20th, 2023 At 6:00pm

50/50
Basket Auction
Door Prizes

Tickets are \$20 per person



Buy tickets at masses or by contacting Columbiette President Linda Dowling at (631) 926-9655



Youth Group - Where The Apostles Went

April 30th, 2023

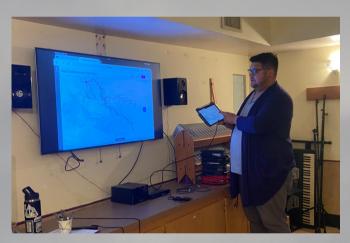




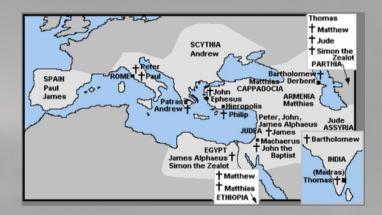
Doing a 12 Apostles word search and eating pizza!



Bringing over the Outreach donations.



We learned more about the disciple Paul's journeys and what the places are modern day using an interactive map from Viz.Bible



Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

May 7th- Mary, Mother of God May 21st- Applying Faith to Life



We learned how the Apostles might have died and where they were sent by God to continue Jesus' ministry on earth. We prayed for peace through The Apostles who we know are saints in heaven.



DINNER AND DANCING

SAT, JUNE 3RD \$30/ PERSON DOORS @ 6:30PM ADULTS ONLY





Return the slip with your payment to the Rectory, or table in Narthex, by Friday, May 26th!

Number of attendees:

Name(s) of attendees:

Phone Number:

Amount Enclosed:

*Please pay in Cash or Check made out to St. Thomas More Church



Celebrate STM at our annual

Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, June 4th after the 8, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses

