# Catholic Church Community of St. Thomas More

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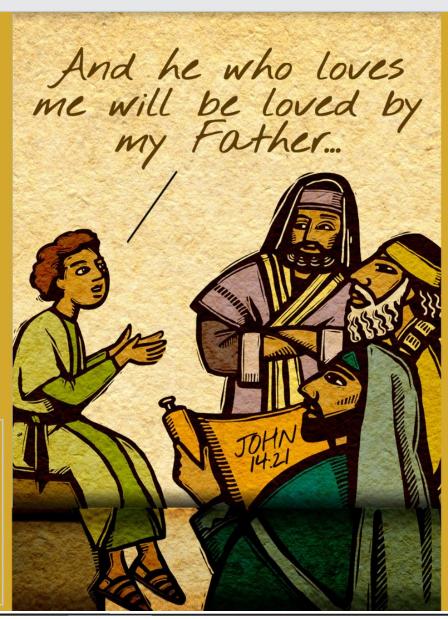
# May 14th, 2023





#### 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

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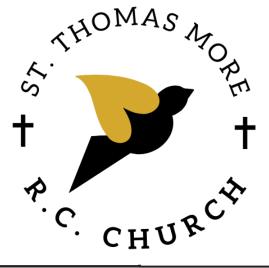
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#### **Office Contacts**

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# Masses May 13th- May 21st, 2023

This Weekend:

Saturday, May 13th: 5pm- 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 Monday, May 15th: 9am- Mother's Day Novena Tuesday, May 16th: 9am- Mother's Day Novena Wednesday, May 17th: 9am- Mother's Day Novena Thursday, May 18th: The Ascension of the Lord 9am- Mother's Day Novena Friday, May 19th: 9am- William Booth *by The Ratisardi Family* 

#### Next Weekend:

Saturday, May 20th:

5pm- Stephanie Kane *by The Eyring Family* Antoinette T Cali *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa* **Sunday, May 21st:** Seventh Sunday of Easter 8am- Joseph & Phylis Trezza *by Jim & Marie Marsala* Charles & Veronica Marsala *by Jim & Marie Marsala* 9:30am- Richard Stout *by Kim* Arthur Amend *by The Feeney Family* 

11:30am- Maria Bullaro *by The Rappa & Mignaro Families* 

Lillian Rossillo by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

#### Readings for this 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

#### John 17:1-11a (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

Focus Questions for 5/21/23 John 17:1-11a

 1: What do you do to know someone better? How is that the same/different in your relationship with God?
2: How do you witness to your faith today?
3: Jesus was preparing the disciples to carry his message to a hostile world. How do you carry Jesus' message to the world?

Family & Children's Question: Describe a time when you were able to accomplish something good because someone believed in you.

Readings for Next Week May 21st, 2023 (Seventh Sunday of Easter) Acts 1:12-14 Psalm 27:1,4,7-8 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11a

# Fr. An to ny's Lett e r

Dear Friends,

#### Jim: I hear that there is a new remedy on the market for baldness.

Ken: Wow! Does it work?

Jim: Yes. "It's made of alum and persimmon juice. It doesn't grow hair, but it shrinks your head to fit what hair you have." It is not wise to shorten the feet to fit the shoes. Sadly, this is what happens whenever we want to prove something as true or false. When we try to establish truth based on provable evidence, we attempt to accommodate truth to the known facts. It is like customizing the truth to the facts we have. But truth in its nature is bigger than facts.

The sixth and last Sunday of the Easter Season brings home the message that Jesus is sending upon His disciples, the gift from God the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who would remain with them and would be in them. Truth is the revelation of the Spirit which starts from the believers' hearts. Truth is the Holy Spirit's personal relationship with the believer. Truth is the external manifestation of the inner perception/conviction of the Holy Spirit's revelation to the believer. Truth is not the product of putting together the external facts to arrive at a particular concept, but a living expression of inner conviction.

Jesus further says that the truth cannot be seen or known unless the Holy Spirit reveals it. Evidences can interpret an event in the way we want it to be understood and acknowledged. But the truth that the Holy Spirit reveals, empowers the believer to live what is revealed and to stand as a living witness of that revelation. The Holy Spirit does not show the believer evidence which can be manipulated according to the whims and fancies of the human agencies, but forms the believer as embodiment of Truth itself. Such a believer cannot but live and express the Truth, and Truth only. For such a believer, telling lies is to act against one's own self. This is how the Holy Spirit lives in the believer - revealing Truth and empowering them to live the Truth.

In this world which is pluralistic in ideas, philosophies, customs, habits, traditions, and ways of life, Truth is treated as subjective opinions. Truth is neither objective to be abstract and unconnected with everyday life nor subjective to become one's convenient and selfish opinion. Truth is a living harmony which brings together the best of everyone in order to realize the original joy of living as one human family in harmony with the universe...May this Truth liberate us from our selfish prisons and create a life living harmoniously in joy and beauty.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony





# **Parish Information**

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Music Ministry Emilia Savarese, Director

# Mini stry

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#### 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

	Prayers for	r our Community			
Pray for	Our Military	Pray for the Sick			
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*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023		*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023			
Altar Bread and Wine Memorial	to the able	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 t	the Deceased	Pray for the Sick Instructions			
Florer Hjalm Antl Keiko Barba	ert Boston nce Maldari nar Hansen nony Foti o McKeon ra Chiocchi ony Ferrara	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	t The basket will serv	n be placed in a basket near the altar before each Mas s a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and her up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in			

# **Parish Operations**

#### SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: May 6th & 7th

\$6327

Weekly Goal: \$6700

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

**Envelope users:** Please <u>enter the amount of your</u> <u>donation in the space provided on the envelope</u>. 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**

"You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ!" -Pope Francis

#### 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.



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**†**PARISH OUTREACH**†** 

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 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."



When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

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

# In Our Parish

#### Knights host county-wide event!

On Sunday, the Msgr. Francis S. Midura Council of the Knights of Columbus hosted a county-wide, Fourth-Degree Exemplification. Over 175 people were in attendance, with 85 gentlemen attaining the fourth degree.



Congratulations to the men of our own council who were exemplified that day.



### **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: <u>Women in Sunlight</u> 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 19th: Mass at 9am followed by a Communion Breakfast New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions



### Children's Liturgy Crew

This Sunday was the Crowning of Mary. The children of our parish were invited to process into the church and present Mary with flowers.



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 Parish

#### 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

#### The Music Corner

This week we present two more songs for your listening. You can find them by searching on YouTube, or on your preferred streaming service.

#### Satisfied In You (Psalm 42) By The Sing Team

A beautiful rendition of the prayer that is Psalm 42, this musical meditation reminds us that we can find satisfaction in Him.

#### This Is Love By LIFE Worship

Hailing from England, LIFE Worship put together this electro-pop dance number. A great song for your morning commute, it will get the energy flowing, both physical and spiritual

# In Our Community

#### Holy Hour for Vocations

Young Adults are invited to the Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations, Friday May 19th at 7:30pm at the Seminary in Huntington. Fr Sean Magaldi, Vocations Director and Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry will be the guest preacher. The evening includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, live music, opportunities for confession, dodgeball, and food. For more info, contact Marie Mortimer at mmortimer@drvc.org

#### Silver Rose Pro-Life Prayer Service

Hosted by KoC Holy Mother Mary Council #3958 Friday May 19th at 7:30pm, Church of St Patrick, Smithtown. All are welcome. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights in North America, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life, and honoring Our Lady.

Hauppauge High School, Class of '78 Reunion 45th Reunion is on 7/22/23 from 7-11pm, with Pre-Reunion party on 7/21 at 7pm and Reunion Picnic on 7/23 at noon. For more info, email HHS Class of '79 Reunion Committee at HHS197845th@gmail.com



# Events at St. Thomas More

### Thi s Week @ STM

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

**Tues May 16th, 5:30pm** First Communion Rehearsal

Wed May 17th, 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Social Meeting

Thur May 18th, 9:00am Mass of The Lord's Ascension

Thur May 18th, 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 18th, 7:00pm Mass of The Lord's Ascension

Thur May 18th, 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sat May 20th, 11:00am First Holy Communion

Sat May 20th, 6:00pm STM Columbiettes Night at the Races

Sun May 21st, all day Hospitality Sunday

Mon May 22nd, 11:00am Sacrament of Confirmation

Mon May 22nd, 2:30pm Sacrament of Confirmation

#### 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.



# St. Thomas More Employment Services

NEW – NY State Dept of Labor: 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11AM – 2PM. Register at: nysdolvirtual8.easyvirtualfair.com NEW - Orlin & Cohen: Multiple positions in Nassau and Suffolk. Go to: <u>https://www.orlincohen.com/r</u>ecruitment/ 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 UPDATE - Town of Islip: 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: <u>www.upsjobs.com</u> IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Many new positions starting September 1<sup>st</sup>: 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: <u>NewsdayHR@Newsday.com</u> Newsday: 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 Dollar Tree: Text DOLLAR to 58046 or go to: DollarTree.com/careers Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available. Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers FedEx Office: Local positions available. Go to: <u>https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs</u> 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 Catholic Health Services: 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 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: imtwhite@optonline.net

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

# Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation, commemorates the ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of the Father 40 days after the Resurrection! This year we celebrate this Feast Day on Thursday, May 18th 2023.

St. Augustine's work appears to be the first written evidence of the observance of the feast day on Ascension Thursday, although he traces its origin to the apostles. John Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa, and the Constitution of the Apostles also make reference to the feast.



Find it in the Bible: Mark 16:19 Luke 24:51 Acts 1:2

Also referenced in: John 6:63 John 20:17 1 Corinthians 15:27 Ephesians 4:8-10 Colossians 3:3 1 Timothy 3:16 1 Peter 3:22

The Feast of the Ascension is one of the ecumenical feasts, celebrated by many Christian churches. In various faiths and provinces, the date of observation varies.

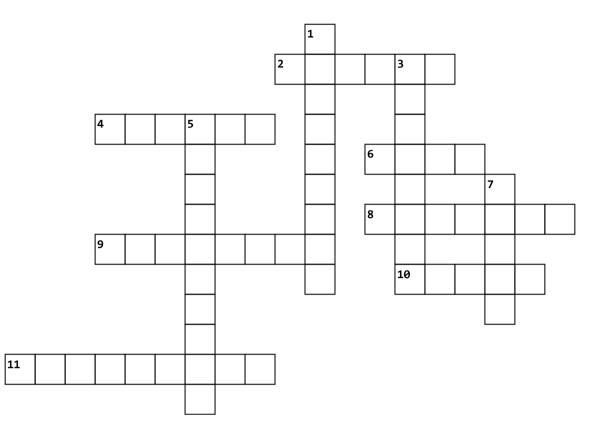
Please join us in celebration!



# Mass Times

Wed 5/17 @ 7pm Thur 5/18 @ 9am Thur 5/18 @ 7pm

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



#### Across

2. When Jesus shows himself to us

4. From the gospel: whoever loves me will be loved by my...

- 6. Author of today's Gospel
- 8. Home of the "Woman at the Well"
- 9. Acts of the...
- 10. Psalm 66: Let all the \_\_\_ cry out to God with joy

11. 40 days after Easter, when Jesus was brought to heaven

#### Down

- 1. End of the Easter Season
- 3. What the Holy Spirit is for us
- 5. One third of the trinity
- 7. The opposite of falsehood



### 8th Grade Confirmation Retreats Run by The STM Youth Ministry



Group members getting to know each other!



Watching a video about The Trinity!



Journeying with Jesus in an activity where you cross off items that you would leave behind if Jesus asked you to follow him.



Writing down prayers to be offered up at mass.



Watching an Alpha Youth video on The Holy Spirit!



Learning about the gifts, fruits and symbols of The Holy Spirit!



Deacon Matt talking about The Mass and their Confirmation!



We ended with a teaching mass!



A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the small child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, " Mom ."

# Happy Mother's Day



### Youth Group - Apparitions of Mary May 8th, 2023





Bringing donations to Outreach.



Watching Fr. Mike talk about Mary.

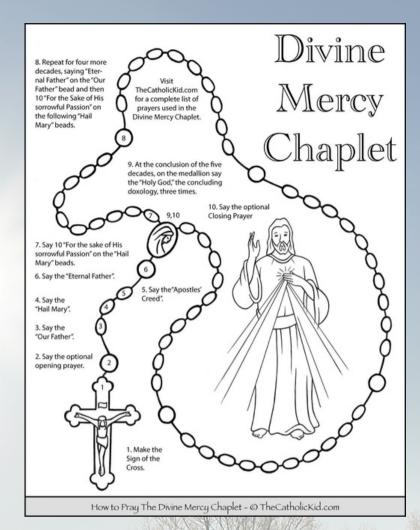


Organizing the donations at Outreach.

# Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

May 21st: The Ascension of Jesus

June 4th: Belated Pentecost





Coloring a Divine Mercy Chaplet instruction page. We also prayed it and the kids each led a decade!



# Celebrate STM at our annual

# **Pancake Breakfast!** Sunday, June 4th after the 8, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses





# **DINNER AND DANCING**

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

Questions? Call the Rectory @ (631) 234-5551

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

# NIGHT AT THE RACES

Presented by The Columbiettes At St. Thomas More RCC

Wear your finest for prizes!

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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