

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024



Parish Mission

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others, through Christian Stewardship.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Resources

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Masses February 24th- March 3rd, 2024

Saturday, February 24th:

5pm- Diane Daves *by Frank & Vivianne Latorre*

Sunday, February 25th: Second Sunday of Lent

8am- Kalena Ruth Fuentes *by Her Ohana*

9:30am- Mary Hartnett *by Margaret McGinley*

11:30am- Donald Cabella *by Ginny Heim*

Monday, February 26th:

9am- Amy Pascone *by Patty Citro*

Tuesday, February 27th:

9am- Craig Migliore *by Mr. & Mrs. A*

Wednesday, February 28th:

9am- Dottie Lossani *by Judy Coyle*

Thursday, February 29th:

9am- John Byrnes *by Joe & Patty Citro*

Friday, March 1st:

9am- Paulina Hernandez Teves *by Bob & Evelyn McMahon*

Saturday, March 2nd:

5pm- Kenny Granville *by Bruce & Joan Cameron*

Sunday, March 3rd: Third Sunday of Lent

8am- Robert Demonte *by Your PreCana Friends*

9:30am- Mary Hartnett *by Sue & Chris Abruzzo*

11:30am- Moria Dennis *by Jeralyn Spiegel*

Readings for This Week

February 25th, 2024 (Lent 2)

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

Readings for Next Week

March 3rd, 2024 (Lent 3)

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

John 2:13-25 (Lent 3)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Focus Questions for 3/3/24

John 2:13-25

- 1: What gets in the way of your relationship with God?
- 2: Describe a time when you asked God for a sign.
- 3: How do you react when you see God's house, God's people, or God's creation treated irreverently?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about ways you show reverence when you are in church.



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Customer: I've come back to buy that television I was looking at yesterday.

Salesman: That's good. May I ask what the one compelling reason was that made you want this set?

Customer: My wife.

The readings of the Second Week of Lent ask us the same question, "What compels us to do anything we do?" In the first reading Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son Isaac. How could he do that? What made him boldly make that decision to sacrifice his own son? Reading through the whole story of Abraham, we find that his faith in God was his compelling strength to go that far. His faith was that God, who made him father of Isaac miraculously in his 100th year, will never disappoint him. Even when he was put by God to the hardest test, sacrificing Isaac his son, his faith in God gave Isaac back to him alive.

Today's Gospel story couples Jesus' glorious moment of transfiguration to his ignominious moment of dying on the cross. How could the glorious Jesus accept to live through shameful and painful moments on the cross? What was his compelling strength? His conscious realization that the Father who sent him would never abandon him but would raise him from death as victor over the invincible death.

The second reading invites all of us to have the same unshakable faith in God. Faith is the basic and compelling force of Life. Without faith no one will be able to live for the next moment. It is the faith that we have in each of us, in our family and friends, that makes life alive and manageable. Ultimately it is the faith in God that fills us with the hopeful living force to live through any sufferings. If God is for us, who can be against us? With faith we can walk through death and rise with Jesus. Faith in Jesus means we can win even death.

During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm, in the church for a particular intention. This Friday February 23rd at 7:00pm we will pray for the Addicted, and those struggling with Temptation and challenges of life.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



His Presence Is Real - Reflections on the Eucharist by Deacon Matt

The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist - Part VII

Before we review each of the four individual Eucharistic Prayers during the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass, let's take at the *Institution Narrative and Consecration*. This is the moment when the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

We should never fail to appreciate that Jesus himself instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and we find the evidence of this in Sacred Scripture. Note in *Matthew 26:26-28* that, at the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and directed his disciples to eat it, saying, "This is my body." Jesus further took the cup of wine, blessed it, and directed his disciples to drink it, saying that it is "my blood of the covenant, shed for many." These words are continued to this day in the words said by the priest in the words of consecration during Mass.

If you review *Mark 14:22-24*, you will find the same words, as you will in *Luke 22:17-20*. These words are so important that they are found in every Eucharistic Prayer. When they are said, we know that Jesus is now present in the bread and wine.

We find something else crucial in John's Gospel. In *John 6:48-58*, Jesus explains that he is the bread of life, the true man-

na from heaven (harkening back to *Exodus 16:15* and the manna in the desert for the Israelites freed from Egyptian captivity), and we are to eat his flesh and drink his blood. In *John 6:54*, for "eat," John uses the Greek word τρώγων, which means to "gnaw or chew." There is no doubt that we are meant to believe the Eucharist is not a symbol of Jesus, but his Real Presence.

"It is not man that causes the things offered to be the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered."— *St John Chrysostom, prod. Jud. 1:6: PG 49, 380*



Questions?
Comments?
Suggestions?
Contact me at
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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Daniel Atkinson	Ellen Murphy
Gregory Bennett	Matt O'Connell
Barbara Cassetta	Deacon Al Pankus
Joseph Cassetta	Patricia Parker
Joseph Christiana	Joanne Pelletier
Kathryn Douglas	George Pflugel
Bill Dowd	Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Linda Dowling	Rosalie Rocchio
Thomas Dwyer	Richard Ronning
Barbara Foberg	Lorraine Rouse
Susie Golembiewski	Mike Rouse
Linda Heller	Noah Simonetti (2 yrs)
Jean Herlihy	John Spadaro
Richard Landi	Peggy Stepanek
Maryanne Landi	Lorraine White
Frank Loporto	John Zuzzolo
Ildy Loverde	
Jim Marquette	



*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased



Peter Catalano
Joseph "Ed" Carty
Michael Fischetti
Richard Fiorentino
William Lentino
Donald Larney
Lisa Rose Morin
Rosemary Corsi

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:

Troy A. Maida	Joseph Kirsch
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Christopher Sidor	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Ryan Smith	Andrew Lynch
Will Maley	



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

2/26-3/3

In memory of
Eleanor Meineke
by Charlotte Meineke



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
February 17th & 18th

\$4928

Weekly Goal: \$6700

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

Please consider signing up for Faith Direct!

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.



Parish Social Ministry

"A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger" Leviticus 19:9-10



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Our immediate needs for this week...

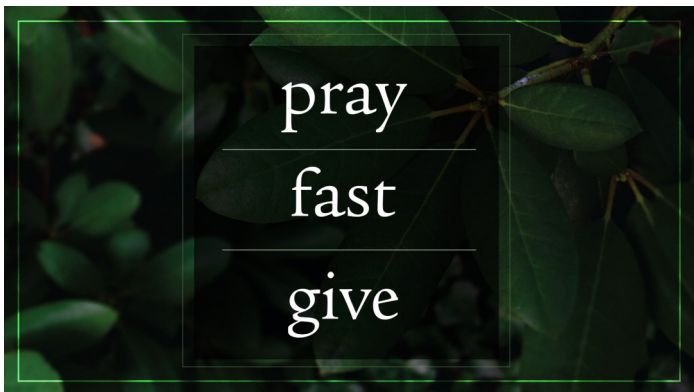
Pasta Sauce
Mustard/Ketchup
Pasta
Chef Boyardee Meals
Tune
Coffee/Tea

We appreciate all of your donations!
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.

Who you helped last month...

During the season of Lent we will share some suggestions for how to "eat simply"

Rather than stopping for your coffee at Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts, make your morning coffee at home. The money you save can be donated to buy a can of coffee for a family in need.



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.

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!



Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly to "give something for the poor".

Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your donation to your conference of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

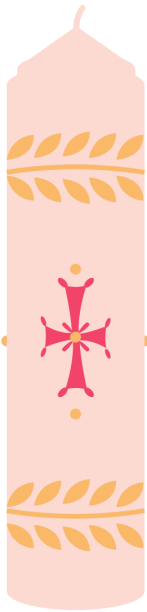
To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!
Next Meeting: Fri March 8th, 2024
Join us for our St. Patrick's Luncheon!
Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

Paschal Candle 2024



As Lent begins, the parish is looking for sponsors for our 2024 Paschal Candle. Sponsorships can be *in memoriam* or on behalf of your family. Contact the Rectory for more information!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Paschal Candle must be made of at least 51% beeswax

The Paschal Candles of the medieval Church were huge! Salisbury Cathedral was said to have a Paschal Candle that was 36 feet tall!!

Catholic High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to our young parishioners who have achieved the Honor Roll at their schools during the second quarter of the year!

Rocco Cimino
Gia Cimino
Guilianna Corbino
Braden D'Andria
Christian Doblán
James Reinhold



Sophia Cotgreave
Vincent Dentrone
Lucas DiClemente
Gianna Falcone
Aidan Gonsel
Patrick Keena
Analisa LaMonica
John Lynch
Noelle Meenan
Brooke Pena



SPRING Schedule 2024



Sundays, 12:30-2:30

March 3rd	April 28th
March 10th	May 5th
March 17th	May 19th
March 24th	May 26th
April 7th	June 2nd
April 14th	June 9th
	June 23rd

Children's Liturgy!

Children 4-8 are welcome to join us, Sundays @ 9:30. Each week our volunteers teach the children the liturgy in an age appropriate fashion, with fun crafts and activities!



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun Feb 25th, 12:30pm
Youth Group
War & Peace

Thur Feb 29th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur Feb 29th, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

Sat Mar 2nd, 9:00am
EM Mass & Retreat

Sun Mar 3rd, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Tues Mar 5th, 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration

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

do
JUSTICE



Hallow UPDATES

For the remainder of Lent, this page will exist to offer updates and tips on using the Hallow app to expand your prayer life.

As always, if you have any questions or issues with the app, feel free to reach out to Alex in the rectory...623-234-5551 or rectory@stml.org

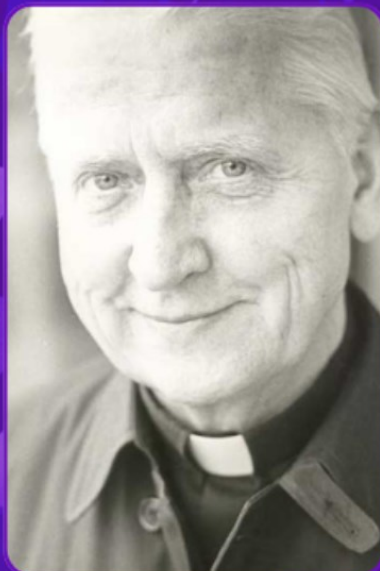


After Ash Wednesday, Hallow became the first religious app ever to reach the top of the charts in the Apple App Store. Amazing what can be done with only 85 employees (compared to 10k for Temu and 67k for Threads), and faith in Christ!



SAINTS ALIVE

Check out this radio theater podcast telling the stories of the saints like never before! Geared towards children ages 6-12, but a great source of entertainment and education for all!



Father
Walter
Cizek,
S.J.

WHAT ARE WE PRAYING?

We've established a peaceful bedtime prayer routine with Hallow this Lent. We start with Guess That Saint (from Hallow Kids, three clues to guess the saint), followed by Lent Night Prayer (with Francis as our guide), then into the Sleep Rosary as we drift to slumber. Give it a try! ~Alex & Noelle

What are you praying? If you find something interesting, email us and let us know!

Hallow LENT

He Leadeth Me

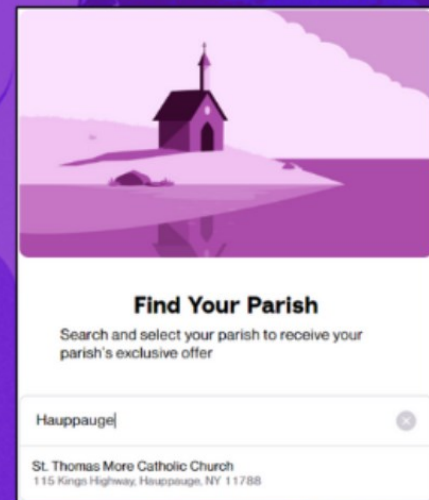


How to Access Hallow Plus through Easter:

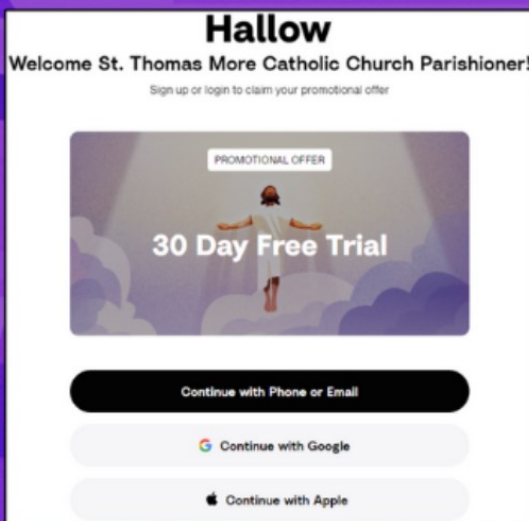
1: Scan the QR code or go to <http://hallow.com/holyday>



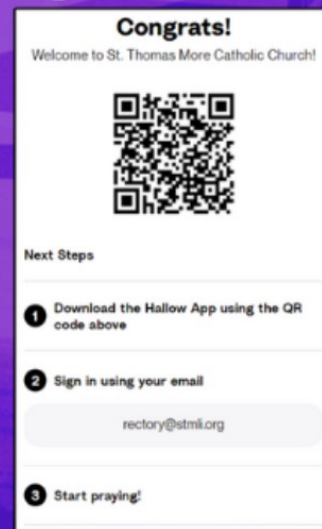
2: Search for “Hauppauge” and select our Parish



3: If you see this screen, create an account! We recommend using your phone number!



4: Use the QR code, or search Hallow in the app store to download. Then just sign in, and start praying!



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7pm

2/16: for the Sick and the Disabled, and those who help ease their burden.

2/23: for the Addicted, and those struggling with Temptation.

3/1: for our Children, and all who are responsible for guiding them.

3/8: for those affected by Natural Disasters.

3/15: for Peace in our community, country, and world.

3/22: for all who Hunger, in body and heart and mind and soul.

*to be preceded by a Soup Supper at 6pm in Walden Hall

St. Thomas More Lenten Project 2024

This year we will be supporting...



A Long Island based nonprofit providing resources and support for those impacted by cognitive decline.

Please see more info about ADRC on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and consider giving to this wonderful organization.

COMING ON WEDNESDAY
MARCH 27TH @ 7:30PM



The Way of the Cross

with Jesus and Mary, from
Golgotha to the Resurrection

by Fr Slavko Barbaric OFM

LED BY LECTORS AND THE ADULT CHOIR

LENTEN MASS OF HEALING

Sunday, March 10th at 11:30am
anointing of the sick to follow



· BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED ·



MON 3/25 RECONCILIATION DAY

Confession available from 3:00pm-9:00pm at St Thomas More, as well as all parishes in the Diocese.

TUES 3/26

Chrim Mass at 4pm at St. Agnes Cathedral. Blessing of the Holy Oils for the next year.

WED 3/27

Choir Cantata at 7:30pm. The Way of the Cross reflected through Mary, with music by the STM Choir

THUR 3/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm in the Church. This mass is always followed by the Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Repository will be available until 10:00pm

HOLY WEEK

AT ST THOMAS MORE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FRI 3/29 GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross for Young People at 1:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00pm in the Church

Tenebrae at 7:30pm in the Church. A presentation of the Lord's Passion with neotraditional Chant

SAT 3/30 HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Food at 10:00am in Walden Hall

*NO 5:00pm MASS

Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in the Church



LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024
ST. THOMAS MORE



Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

See the guidelines below!

- Fasting is obligatory for ages 18-59 inclusive.
- Fasting constitutes no more than one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are less than a full meal.
- Abstinence is obligatory for all Catholics aged 14 or older.
- Abstinence is to avoid eating meat (chicken, pork, beef, etc). Fish is allowed.
- Please remember to drink lots of water!



If possible, the fast on Good Friday can be continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully for his Resurrection.

PARISH RETREAT 2024



BREAD: BLESSED, BROKEN, SHARED

March 11-13
@ 7pm



Presented by our local
Capuchin Friars

TENEBRAE

GOOD FRIDAY, 7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A READING OF
THE LORD'S PASSION WITH
NEOTRADITIONAL CHANTING

LED BY DEACON MATT
COMPOSED BY ALEX WHITE
SUNG BY NOELLE WHITE



Easter Weekend

7:30PM (SAT)
8:00AM (SUN)
9:30AM (SUN)
11:30AM (SUN)



HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN.



LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024
† ST. THOMAS MORE †



St. Thomas More Lenten Project

This year's Lenten Project will support ***Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center*** on Long Island

ADRC is a Long Island nonprofit providing resources and support for those impacted by cognitive decline.

ADRCs mission is to provide care, support, and educational programs for families in need, and to be advocates for local families who are coping with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.

By offering life-enrichment activities, ADRC helps those with cognitive decline express themselves and their creativity. Programs offered include Art, Music, Equine, Memory Cafes, Museum Programs, and much more. Participants and caregivers enjoy activities together, creating new memories.

ADRC provides care consultations, information & referrals, education, support groups, therapy programs for caregivers and their loved ones. They provide educational training to professional healthcare workers, graduate students, and other organizations throughout Long Island.

Please see more information about ADRC and their services and supports on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas More and placed in the little house by the bulletin board, placed in the collection basket, or dropped off at the Rectory. Please note "Lenten Project" in the memo line.

BREAD: BLESSED, BROKEN, & SHARED

The 2024 St. Thomas
More Lenten Mission,
presented by our local
Capuchin Friars

DAY 1

The First Passover to
The Passover of Jesus
with Fr. Henry Richard Vas



DAY 2

Jesus The Passover:
Eucharist
with Fr. Norbert D'Souza



DAY 3

The Church:
A Celebration of Passover
with Fr. Joseph Francis



The Eucharist is “the source and summit” of the Christian life (ccc 1324-1327). Jesus Christ invited us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the gateway key to the civilization of love that we long to create. It begins at the heart of Jesus and embraces every heart

MARCH 11TH-13TH
7PM IN THE CHURCH

“Learn from me, for
I am meek and
humble of heart.”

KNIGHT'S OF COLOMBUS

Msgr. Francis S. Midura Council 6062

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!

Saturday, March 16th at 6:00pm
(following the 5pm mass)

**Tickets are \$20
per person**

Sold at all masses, ending March 10th

Contact Ed Rogan PGK with questions at
631-366-1085 or email **eroganjr@verizon.net**

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

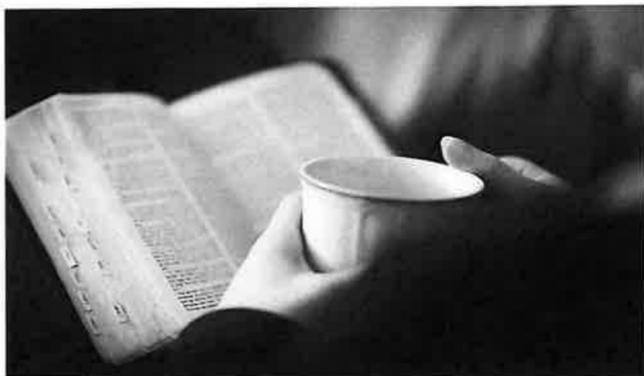
Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 23, March 8 and March 22

Online Lenten Reflections
on Scripture Readings,
with the special emphasis
on the Last Words of Jesus.

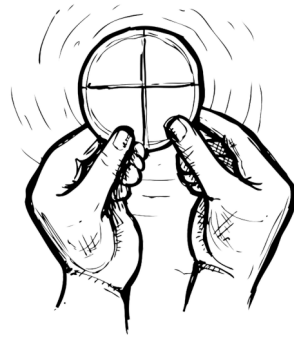
Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the
ZOOM information prior to each session
of this Lenten series.

JESUS



in the

EUCCHARIST


a study on *Christ in Communion* by the **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**


————— Led by SISTER DOROTHY SCONZO O.P.

Hosted by:



CHRIST THE KING
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 631.864.1623

 631.864.8891

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***No registration required**

A 7-session study through a dynamic video & discussion course designed to deepen your understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

IN PARISH HALL

THURSDAYS

7:00PM

—————
FEBUARY 29

APRIL 11

MAY 30





He was transfigured
before them.