Catholic Church Community of

Sharing the Spirit

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



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 EASTER

APRIL 7TH. 2024

Parish Resources

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Masses April 6th - April 14th, 2024

Saturday, April 6th:

5pm- Judith Johnson by Pat Cercone

Sunday, April 7th: Second Sunday of Easter

8am- Robert DeMonte by The Ribaudo Family

9:30am- Conor Jack Doyle by The Santangelo Family

William Hoell by The Sandbichler Family

11:30am- Albert Merget by The Merget Family

Monday, April 8th: The Annunciation of the Lord

9am- Cirilo DeJesus Castro by Dolly Rodriguez & Kathy Troiano

Tuesday, April 9th:

9am- Peter Catalano by Marie & Ross Bracco

Wednesday, April 10th:

9am - The Doctors & Nurses of MSK by The Sandbichler Family

Thursday, April 11th: St Stanislaus

9am- Teresa Newton by Joann & Curt Keely

Friday, April 12th:

9am- Mary Varghase by Dolly Rodriguez

Saturday, April 13th:

5pm- Gus Alfieri by Vincent P Crudden

Sunday, April 14th: Third Sunday of Easter

8am- Heidi & Manfred Kahl by Their Loving Son

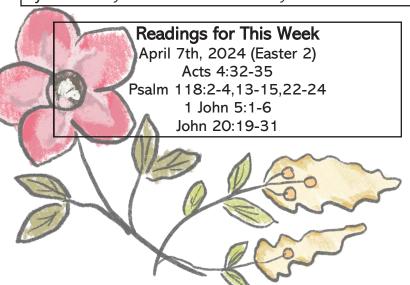
Lelia Espinal by The Calcagni Family

9:30am- Kenny Granville by Marilyn Amodio

Antonia Petrillo by Their Loving Family

11:30am- Jenn Malm by Pat & Frank Lewis

Sybil Smith by Aurelie Miller & John Hendry



Luke 24:35-48 (Easter 3)

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Focus Questions for 4/14/24

Luke 24:35-48

- 1: How has belief in the Risen Lord made a difference in your life?
- 2: How important is the Eucharist in your life?
- 3: Describe a time when you were frightened and turned to Jesus in prayer.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about the signs of spring and how they reveal God's love and care for the world.

Readings for Next Week

April 14th, 2024 (Easter 3) Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9 1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

A priest was pulled over for speeding while driving. The priest said to the officer: "Blest are they who show mercy, as they will receive mercy" The officer responded back, giving a ticket: "Go, and sin no more." Law does not have heart so it cannot have mercy. It knows only one of two things: when it is observed there is an award and when it is transgressed there is punishment. "A little bit of Mercy makes the world less cold and more just." (Pope Francis)

The Second Sunday of Easter is the Divine Mercy Sunday. It celebrates God's gift of mercy. The Risen Lord was not vengeful. He pardoned even those who persecuted Him and invited everyone to live the peace. God in Jesus values us not for what we did or failed to do, but how best we can live every day. God, the Merciful One, forgives all our failures and weakness in order to empower us to live our best. Psalm 130 expresses the sentiments for the Mercy of God rising from a human heart, "Out of the depths." I call to you, LORD; Lord, hear my cry! May your ears be attentive to my cry for Mercy. If you, LORD, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness" (Psalms 130:1-4) "Apart from the Mercy of God there is no other source of hope for humans." (St. John Paul II)

Like God, only one creature in all of creation can show mercy. Yes, only we, the humans, can feel and express Mercy. The Godly quality of mercy can be found only in humans. If we are not ready to live mercy as God does, we all will end up judging and condemning each other.

What is mercy? Mercy is the compassion and kindness shown to someone who deserves to be punished. Jesus on the cross is the best example of this Godly quality. He had the perfect wisdom to defend His innocence and all the power to punish His persecutors, but in His Mercy He taught them, by living in compassion and kindness, in forgiving their sins. "They crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:33-34).

We are created after God's image. None but we, the humans alone, have the power and will to live in 'Mercy' with each other. Today's Gospel narrates the story of Jesus the Merciful Lord appearing to the disciples who abandoned Him at the time of His suffering and shameful death. He forgives their sins and embraces them in forgiveness and mercy. The first reading shows how the Mercy of God worked in the first community of believers. Mercy to each other empowered them to claim nothing as their own. Mercy to each other made them work for the good of each other. "Mercy is love in action." (Nelson Searcy) God put His mercy in action, loving us by offering Jesus on the Cross. Jesus put His mercy in action sending us to live and love like the way He did, as the early community of believers did. Let us live in Mercy.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony





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

The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist - P art XII

We will now return to our study of the Liturgy of the Eucharist by taking a look at the final Eucharistic Prayer, number IV. We probably find this prayer used the least out of the four. It is not meant to be used on Sundays outside of Ordinary Time, and also isn't conducive to adding names of saints during feast days. The prayer is based on the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great, an early Church Father from the fourth century.

One distinctive characteristic of this prayer is that it has its own *Preface*, which presents a summary of the history of salvation. After the *Sanctus*, a very beautiful prayer of thanksgiving begins. We praise the Father for creating everything in the world out of love, for forming us in God's image and

likeness, and for sending Jesus to accomplish the plan of salvation.

Following this, we find the *epi-clesis*, in which there is a mention of the "eternal covenant," the New Covenant sealed by Jesus' death on the Cross. The *Institution Narrative* and *Consecration* come next. In the *anam-*

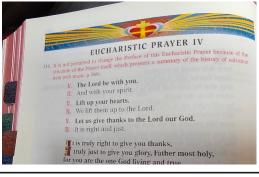
nesis that follows, the resurrection and ascension of Christ is highlighted. The second *epiclesis* makes mention of our participation in the Eucharist as a "living sacrifice."

The prayer closes with *Intercessions* for the pope, the local bishop, the clergy, those gathered in the church and also all the faithful, as well as the deceased. There is in addition a prayerful hope to enter into "a heavenly inheritance" with all the saints and our Blessed Mother, concluding with the *Final Doxology*.

Note that while we have now covered all four main Eucharistic Prayers, there are also special ones for Reconciliation and Various Needs. But whichever prayer we happen to hear at Mass, may we more deeply meditate on the great gift Jesus gives us, his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

"Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice which you yourself have provided for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory." – Eucharistic Prayer IV, no. 122.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at eucharist@stmli.org.



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne Ana Beltrani Steve Cotsalas Sr Rocco DiMaggie Richard Landi Ellen Lentino Jim Marquette Bernice Noeker Deacon Al Pankus Joseph Platia Richard Ronning Noah Simonetti (2yrs) John Spadaro Andrew M Valentine Laura Vigneaux Debbie Ward

*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for Our Military

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

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

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

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial



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

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Codispoti
Livia Liberatoscioli
Robert Wirkus
Robert Burns Jr
Kenneth Kowalski

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.



Pray for our Clergy

Fr Antony Asir
The Capuchin Friars
Fr Lenny Carlino
Deacon Ed Vigneaux

Deacon Bob Weisz Deacon Matt Surico Bishop John Barres Pope Francis

...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: Easter Weekend

\$25,351

Thank You!

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

Please consider signing up for Faith Direct!

Faith Direct allows you to donate directly to the church electronically. No checks. No envelopes. No calling for tax statements. And best of all, no human error. Please consider making the change and supporting our parish electronically! https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY227

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.

Calendar Club Winners

4/1 (\$25): Joanne Tate (32)

4/2 (\$25): Joan Smith (928)

4/3 (\$25): Mary Lou Braun (910)

4/4 (\$25): Marie & Ross Bracco (218)

4/5 (\$25): Joan Murphy (610)

4/6 (\$25): Matt & Nancy O'Connell (527)

4/7 (\$50): Susan Dennehy (1491)



Parish Social Ministry

Let us love one another, for love is from god -1 John 4:7

Our immediate needs for this week...

Spaghetti

P asta

Peanut Butter

Canned Vegetables

Soup

Syrup

P asta Sauce

Coffee/Tea

Boxed Milk

Juice/Mixes

Shampoo

Detergent

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.



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.



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

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

This Easter season, we distributed meals to 44 families in our community (67 adults and 76 children), as well as 84 Easter baskets!

Your generosity is overwhelming!



We continue to have clothing and household goods left outside the Outreach office. We do not have storage for these items and request that you place them in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot. Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" Your gifts to our conference of SVdP say "Peace be with you!" to our neighbors in need.

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

In Our Parish



September 9th, 2024

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri April 12th, 2024
Bus Trip & Lunch

Baiting Hallow Winery

\$95, contact Bob Cuccia: 631-241-3415

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

Your Questions Answered BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANTONY

April 15th, 22nd, 29th, and May 6th



Use the QR Code to submit your questions!!



Knights of Columbus



You are called - Join today! FREE 12-month membership

Visit kofc.org/joinus
Use promo code: Blessed McGivney



In Our Parish

Children's Liturgy!

Join us for the Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the 9:30 Mass! Children 4-8 are invited into the back during the Liturgy of the Word, where they learn about the week's scripture!



Catholic High School Honor Roll

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



Timothy Sandbichler Robert Carboy





Circle of Women Date Change

Note, the Circle of Women Book Club will be meeting on April 15th, not April 8th. See you then!

In Our Community

Holy Cross Parish Mission

"Signed and Sealed with the Cross"

Over three evenings, Fr Albert Haase OFM will lead us in examining the ancient gesture of the Sign of the Cross. What challenges do we face and what responsibilities to we accept when we sign ourselves with the cross?

Please join us from 7-8pm on: Sun April 21: Our Image of God Mon April 22: Finding Jesus in the Storms of Life Tues April 23: Being Sent on Mission

Fr Albert is a former missionary to mainland China, and a popular teacher and preacher. He is the award-winning author of over 15 books on spirituality and the presenter of 5 best-selling videos. He currently resides in San Antonio, TX. Visit his website at www.albertofm.org





Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- · Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- · Do you feel hurt and angry?
- · Does talking make it worse?
- · Thought of leaving or divorce?
- · Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is April 26-28, 2024

at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Mon April 8th, 5pm Alpha Retreat

Wed April 10th, 7pm Columbiettes Business Meeting

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

Thur April 11th, 7pm Choir Rehearsal

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

Sat April 13th, 11am **Confirmation Retreat**

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

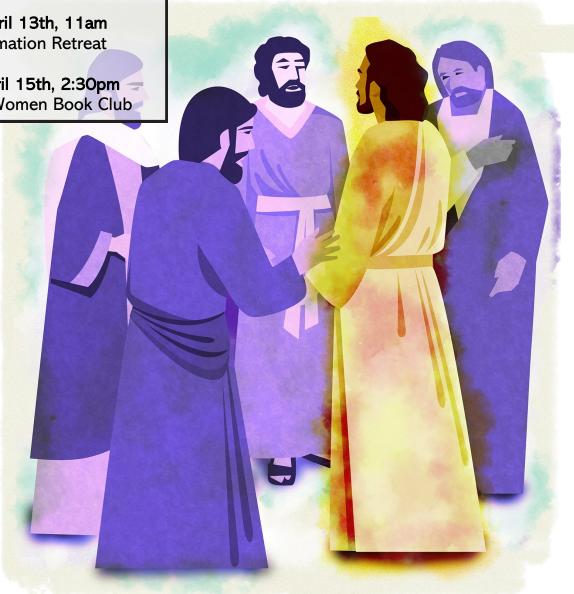
Monday-Fri day 9:00 AM

> Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM

11:30 AM

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



Spring Flower Sale 2024

Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next the the color options. Write the total in the box on the bottom with your name & phone number, and place this form with your payment, cash or check, in an envelope marked "flowers" (if using, make checks payable to St. Thomas More). Return the envelope to the collection basket or rectory by April 28th.



Cal Small Petunia (8" Hanging Pot) \$18.00 —— Pink ——Yellow —— Purple/ Blue

New Guinea Impatients (8" Hanging Pot)
\$18.00
WhiteSalmon
Lavender

Balkin Ivy Geraniums (8" Hanging Pot)
\$18.00
Pink

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Bronze Leaf/White	

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Marigolds	
\$20.00/ flat	
Large Yellow Dwarf Yellow Dwarf Mixed	

Geraniums (6"Pots)
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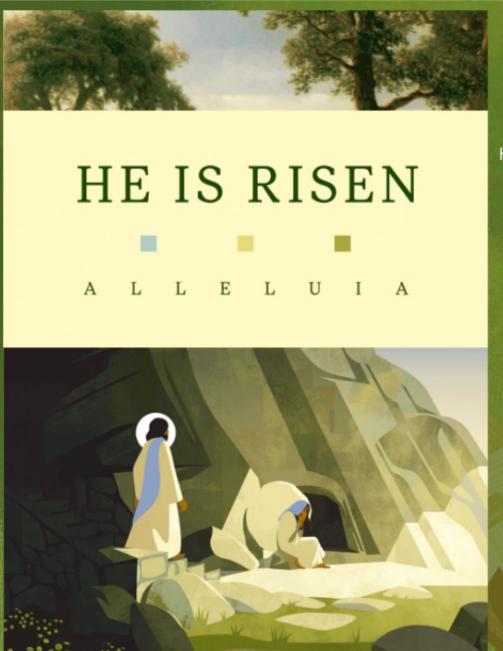
Hallow UPDATES

For the remainder of Easter, this page exist to offer updates and tips on usi the Hallow app to expand your prayer

As always, if you have any questions issues with the app, feel free to reach to Alex in the rectory...631-234-5551 rectory@stmli.org

We're not done yet!!

Hallow is still available, on the Parish, through Pentecost! If you have any issues, or the app requests you pay, simply go through the sign-up process again, and you'll be good to go until May 20th!



Easter with the Early Church

Pray40 might be done, but the peop Hallow definitely are not. Starting Mo April 8th, you can participated in t Easter with the Early Church Challen new three week prayer program:

Be transformed this Easter Season Matt Fradd, Fr. Malachy, CFR, Georg Xanthis, and Patricia Heaton take of through the lives of early Christians knew Jesus firsthand and followed at the Apostles. Each day will feature on their stories and a specific topic to explore. We'll pray alongside them a practice different styles of prayer they would've learned. We'll understand with they believed and why they were will to die for their faith. And in seeing to the transformational power of the Resurrection over the first 400 years the Church, we'll also ask God to

transform our lives along the way

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How to Access Hallow Plus through Pentecost:

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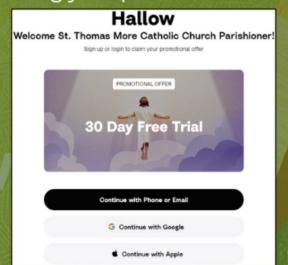
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2: Search for "Hauppauge" and select our Parish



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!



THE ST. THOMAS MORE COLUMBIETTES ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

BECOME A COLUMBIETTE!



Our columbiettes are a group of women 18 and over with a heart of service. We are Catholic women, united by our faith, to help in our community.

We are a charitable, nonprofit organization.

We hold multiple fundraisers a year and that money goes back into our community-helping at home first.

If you are interested please join us for coffee on April 10th at 7pm.

You are invited to join us for a half hour before our formal meeting begins.

Please feel free to fill out the membership form found in the literature rack in the Narthex or we will have forms available in the white room on April 10th.

Reach out to Kim, President of the Columbiettes at St Thomas More, with questions, comments, anything!

Liturgical Minister Training-Spring 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 1:00 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A: Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
 Sat., April 27* Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach Parish Hall; 1 4 pm
 Tuesday, May 14 St. Elizabeth / Melville Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm 10 pm
 Tuesday, June 4 St. Christopher/Baldwin McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm 10 pm

*On **April 27**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Enjoy a Magical Tea! 12pm - 4pm Saturday, April 27, 2024

at St. Thomas More

A Variety of Teas

Sandwiches /

D_{esserts}

Door Prizes

Raffles!

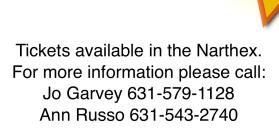
Entertainment



\$25 per person Children 12 & under \$10

Please bring your own Tea Cup

Hats encouraged!



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Detach here and return after Mass to the volunteer seated at the table in the Narthex or drop form and check off at the Rectory. Make your check payable to: SVdP - St.Thomas More Conference

Name	Phone:
Email:	# Attending

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



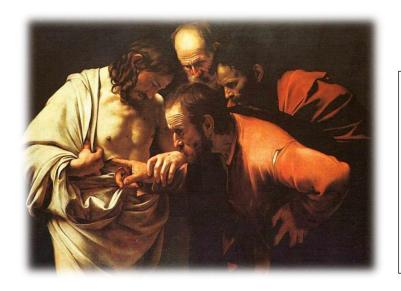
Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series

on St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part I

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS

Touching the Wounded Lord

Gospel of John 20. 19-31

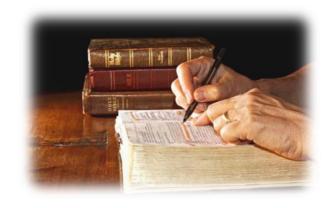
Encountering the Risen One

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

St. Thomas More RC Church

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

1:30PM - 7:30PM

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge

Walden Hall



Please make an appointment by scanning the QR code or call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybc.org. For medical eligibility please call 1-800-688-0900 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am - 5pm.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.





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