

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

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APRIL 28TH, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses April 27th - May 5th, 2024

Saturday, April 27th:

5pm- Lorraine Hayes

Sunday, April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am- Rita D Hines *by Kathy, Paul, & Amanda Borowski*

9:30am- Christopher Loring *by Joan Loring*

11:30am- Patricia Gadis *by Betty Vrondis & The Holdorf Family*

Monday, April 29th: St Catherine of Siena

9am- Helen P Bagdonas *by Deacon Al Pankus*

Tuesday, April 30th:

9am- Judith Sullivan *by Gary & Gina Poulin*

Wednesday, May 1st:

9am- Rosemary Corsi *by The Beck Family*

Thursday, May 2nd: St Athanasius

9am- Rosa Amalia Banguera *by The Rodriguez Family*

Friday, May 3rd: Sts Philip & James

9am- Ann Marmo *by The Eyring Family*

John 15:9-17 (Easter 5)

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Saturday, May 4th:

5pm- Patricia O'Connell *by Matt & Nancy O'Connell*

Sunday, May 5th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am- Casey McDonald *by Chris & Andy Paino*

9:30am- Robert Boston *by Peter & Patti Badolato*

11:30am- Dorothy Thompson *by Mary & Robert Utter*

Joseph Giardina *by Maureen Esposito*

Focus Questions for 5/6/24

John 15:9-17

- 1: How does the image of friendship with Jesus affect you?
- 2: How easy/hard do you find it to show love to strangers?
- 3: How have friends made a difference in your life?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how you know when someone is really a friend.

Readings for This Week

April 28th, 2024 (Easter 5)

Acts 9:26-31

Psalm 22:26-28,30-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

Readings for Next Week

May 5th, 2024 (Easter 6)

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

First graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had different color hair than the other family members. One child suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means," said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy." Relationships are more of heart than body. No relationship will be a real one if the heart is not involved in it.

In today's gospel Jesus explains our relationship with him using a metaphor. Jesus pictures Himself as a vine, and we are called His branches. We may not be worthy enough to relate to God, but God finds us and considers us as His worthy ones. He, the vine, comes down to our level and attaches to us as His branches. As branches we will be alive forever like God. As branches attached to the divine vine, we have the potential to bear fruits of divine nature and without being attached to God we can do nothing and will become dead branches to be thrown into the fire.

Jesus invites us to remain in him as he remains in us. Unless we wish to cut ourselves off from God there is nothing that will sever us from our union with Him, because Jesus wants to remain with us. Our life is to be aware of this truth of God remaining in us. Our life is a simple act of bearing fruit as a branch receiving its strength and life from the vine, Jesus. As branches, let us cherish the vine (Jesus) to whom we are attached. Let us bear the fruits of God because Jesus the vine, enlivens and strengthens us, the branches.

Today's first reading shows how Paul the persecutor of Christians became the proclaimer of Christ to Christians by attaching himself as a branch to Christ the vine. He becomes a follower of Christ by the grace of the risen Lord. Once he accepted the grace of the Risen Lord, he realized he was led from his old way to a new realization of how New can be. This grace led him to realize his full potential as Christ's apostle. Being attached to the vine, Paul the branch began to bear fruit, spreading Christ's way of life.

We, the branches are called by the Risen Christ, the vine to bear fruits. As long as we are conscious of ourselves as branches, we will make attempts to keep ourselves joined to the Vine. The real growth for the branches depends upon their remaining connection to the Vine. But we may tend to treat ourselves as if we are self-sufficient and consider ourselves to be alive without being joined to the Vine. Jesus says today, "Without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither." Let us be like St. Paul. Let us be fully alive and bear fruit by remaining in the true Vine, Jesus.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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

The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist - Part XV

In our study of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we are at the point where we have just all prayed the Lord's Prayer together. The priest then continues to pray on our behalf, in a prayer known as the *embolism* (which is a short prayer put between two greater ones). It is a segue from the last line of the Lord's Prayer, asking that we be delivered "from every evil" which leads us to a very important theme of the next section of prayers: that of peace.

We ask God in his mercy to grant us peace and keep us safe from sin and "all distress," and all of this is done with the great hope that our Lord and Savior, whom we will shortly receive as his Real Presence in the Eucharist, will come again into the world.

Our response as an assembly ("For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever") comes not from the words of Jesus in the Lord's Prayer (Mt. 6:9-13) but from the *Didache* (see the column from 10/22/2023). This response in turn has New



Testament roots in *Rev. 5:12* and even Old Testament roots in *1 Chr. 29:10-11*.

The priest then reminds us in prayer of what Jesus said to his Apostles in the upper room after his Resurrection, that he leaves us with his peace (*Jn. 14:27*). And then, in one of the most recognizable parts of the Mass, after the priest offers peace to the assembly, the deacon directs all to offer a sign of peace to each other.

May we who gather to share in the Eucharist be reminded that we do so as the Body of Christ, joined together in Christ's peace.

"Christ is our peace, that divine peace, announced by the prophets and by the angels, and which he brought to the world by means of his paschal mystery. This peace of the Risen Lord is invoked, preached and spread in the celebration ... " - *The Ritual Expression of the Gift of Peace at Mass, June 8, 2014, Offices of the Congregation for the Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*

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

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Bernice Noeker
Ana Beltrani	Matt O'Connell
Gregory Bennett	Deacon Al Pankus
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Joseph Platia
Rocco DiMaggie	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Linda Dowling	Lillian Repetti
Robert Ferro	Richard Ronning
Stephanie Goodhart	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Richard Landi	John Spadaro
Ellen Lentino	Andrew M Valentine
Jim Marquette	Laura Vigneaux
Mia Mednick (10yrs)	Debbie Ward



*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Adele Manovsky

Paul Vigneaux

Peter Gibbons

Eleanor Kingsley

WELCOMED HOME

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



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

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:
April 20th & 21st

\$5464

Thank You!

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

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.

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>



****UPDATE****

Faith Direct now allows parishioners to opt-in to cover the processing fee for our Parish.

If you go into Faith Direct and manage your payment options, there is now a drop-down that will allow you to opt-in to give an additional 2.5%. This helps the Church offset the cost of processing payments, and allows us to receive the full amount of your donation.

Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.
God bless.

Calendar Club Winners

4/22 (\$25): Joyce Miller (1459)

4/23 (\$25): Michael Welch (1175)

4/24 (\$25): Christian Castellano (229)

4/25 (\$25): Matt & Christina Barrera (128)

4/26 (\$25): Deacon Bob Weisz (531)

4/27 (\$25): Mary Romano (1252)

4/28 (\$50): Dianne Vallette (282)

THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT,



THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE
IN THE NAME OF HIS
SON JESUS CHRIST AND
LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

1 JOHN 3:23, NRSV

Parish Social Ministry

WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR LEADS TO
THE LORD, AND HE WILL REWARD THEM
FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE
~PROVERBS 19:17

Our immediate needs for this week...

PEANUT BUTTER
BOXED MILK
Pasta
Canned Vegetables
Soup
Syrup
Pasta Sauce
Coffee/Tea
Detergent
Juice Mixes

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Mental Health Resources

*National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline* Call 800-273-8255

The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text 988
Chat at 988lifeline.org

*NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence
Hotline* If your home isn't safe
Call 800-942-6906 or Text 844-977-2121

*NYS Office of Addiction Services
& Supports* Help for drugs, alcohol,
or gambling:
Call 877-846-7369
Text HOPENY to 467369

Mental Health Hotline
Help for children with physical,
social, and behavioral challenges
631-389-6405

*Suffolk County Friends & Family
Support Group* For relatives & Friends
in recovery from mental health
Virtual on Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
631-471-7242 x1315

Saint Dymphna,
pray for us.



In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, and it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

LENTEN PROJECT 2024

Thank you all for your support of this years Lenten Project. This Sunday, we will be presenting a check for \$4,456 to Lauren Vlachos, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center. This would not have been possible without your generosity.

Thank you.



**Alzheimer's Disease
Resource Center**

Keeping Help and Hope In Mind

Outdoor Mass!

It was a brisk morning on April 17th, but it didn't stop Father Antony from enjoying the early spring weather by celebrating Mass outside. Join us Monday through Friday at 9am for weekday Mass (usually in the church, but sometimes outside!).



Your Questions Answered BIBLE STUDY

WITH FATHER ANTONY

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



CHANGED
TO 6:30PM

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri May 10th
at 12:30pm

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

PARKING LOT MASS

...will be returning for one day only!
Join us for this special Pentecost
Mass on the 4th anniversary of our
very first parking lot mass.

MAY 19TH @ 11:30AM

You can sit in your car and tune to FM
100.9 to hear the Mass, or bring a
chair and sit outside! Pray for a
beautiful day!

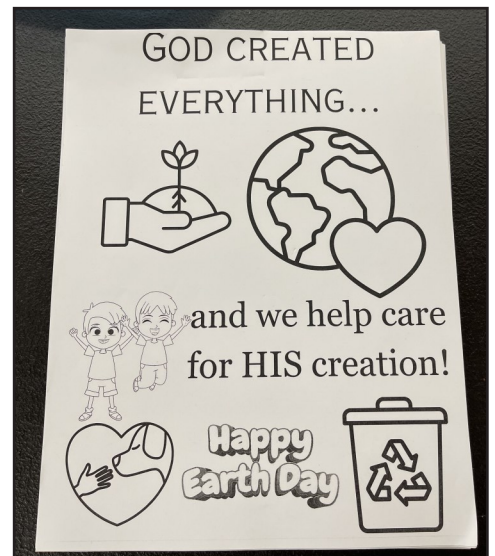


*Weather permitting



Children's Liturgy

This week was Good Shepherd Sunday! Our kids made a shepherd's crook and learned about how Jesus cares for all his sheep (us!).



Children ages 4-8 are invited to join us each week at the 9:30 Mass!

Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun April 28th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Wed May 1st, 7:30pm
Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting

Thur May 2nd, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 2nd, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

Sat May 4th, 11:00am
First Holy Communion

Sun May 5th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon day-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 PEACE



Spring Flower Sale 2024



Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next to 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

White Salmon
 Lavender

Balkin Ivy Geraniums
(8" Hanging Pot)

\$18.00

Pink

Begonia

\$20.00/ flat

Green Leaf/Pink
 Green Leaf/Mixed
 Bronze Leaf/White

Impatients

\$20.00/ flat

Purple Red
 Mixed

Marigolds

\$20.00/ flat

Large Yellow
 Dwarf Yellow
 Dwarf Mixed

Geraniums
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Salmon White
 Pink Red
 Blue Violet

New Guinea Impatients
(6"Pots)

\$10.00

Red White
 Pink Orange

Total Enclosed:

Name:

Phone #:

All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend of May 11 & 12 before and after all masses!

Hallow UPDATES

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

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

Praise & Worship



“Upbeat & Inspirational”

Classical



“Timeless & Reflective”

Hip-Hop



“Spiritual & Bold”

Country



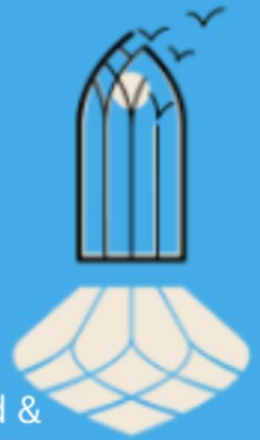
“Uplifting & Soulful”

Chill



“Relaxed & Peaceful”

Chant



“Sacred & Serene”

Radio
Hallow

Now available on the app, with six stations to choose from

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Hallow EASTER

He Leadeth Me

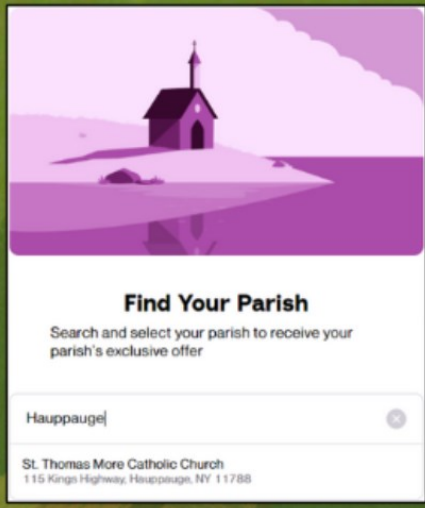


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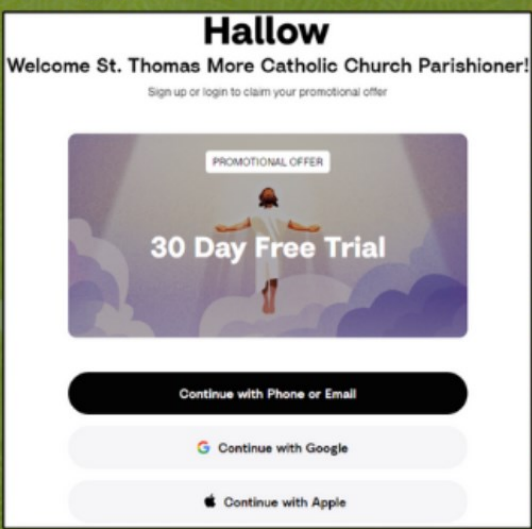
1: Scan the QR code or go to <http://hallow.com/holyday>



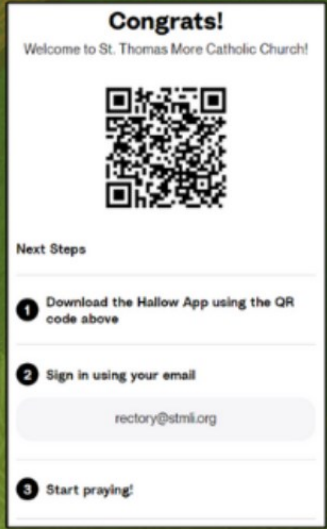
2: Search for "Hauppauge" and select our Parish



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!



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:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Sat., April 27 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.
Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- **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.

SANKT-WALPURGISNACHT

APRIL 30TH

ST WALPURGA

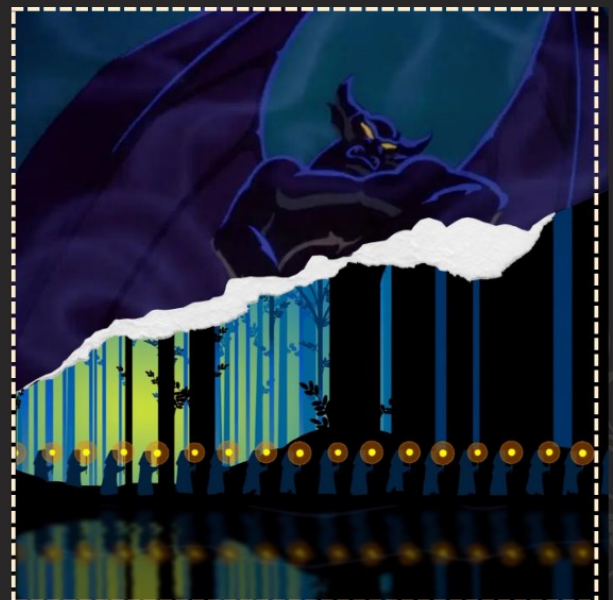
WAS A FAMOUS ANGLOSAXON SAINT WHO MISSIONED TO THE FRANKISH EMPIRE (GERMANY). ST WALPURGA HELPED BRING CHRISTIANITY TO GERMANY, AND IS HAILED FOR BATTLING PESTS, RABIES, WHOOPING COUGH, AND WITCHCRAFT.



SAINT WALPURGIS NIGHT IS CELEBRATED WITH THE LIGHTING OF BONFIRES TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS AND WITCHES, AS WELL AS PILGRIMAGES TO HER TOMB IN EICHSTÄTT TO OBTAIN VIALS OF ST WALPURGA'S OIL.

THE FEAST WAS FAMOUSLY PORTRAYED IN THE FINALE OF THE 1940 MASTERPIECE, FANTASIA.

MUSSORGSKY'S *NIGHT ON BALD MOUNTAIN* DEPICTS THE AWAKENING OF THE CHERNABOG AND OTHER DEMONS AND RESTLESS SOULS ON WALPURGIS NIGHT. THE DENOUEMENT OF THE PIECE FEATURES A CHURCH BELL DRIVING BACK THE DEMONS AS NIGHT TURNS TO DAWN. THE MUSIC SHIFTS TO SCHUBERT'S *AVE MARIA* AS MONKS ENTER A RUINED CATHEDRAL ON THE MORN OF WALPURGIS DAY



Pentecost

As Pentecost approaches we are encouraged to open our hearts and minds, that we can be filled with the Holy Spirit like the disciples. Please consider praying to the Holy Spirit each of the next seven days leading to Pentecost.

Keep in your hearts and prayers the students who will be receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit during the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday May 20th.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the
fire of your love.

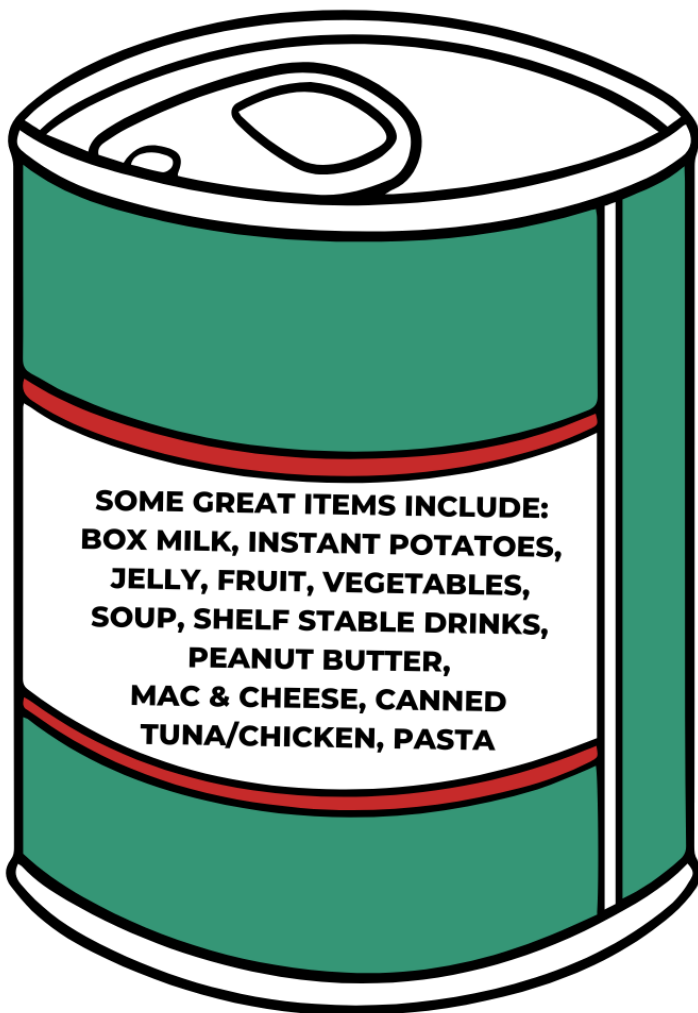
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the
face of the earth.



COUNCIL 6062 COLUMBIETTES

FOOD DRIVE

FOR ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH OUTREACH



SOME GREAT ITEMS INCLUDE:
BOX MILK, INSTANT POTATOES,
JELLY, FRUIT, VEGETABLES,
SOUP, SHELF STABLE DRINKS,
PEANUT BUTTER,
MAC & CHEESE, CANNED
TUNA/CHICKEN, PASTA



**UNEXPIRED NON
PERISHABLE FOOD**

SAT/05.18.2024

OUTSIDE SHOP RITE
335 NESCONSET HWY HAUPPAUGE

FATHER CHARLES AND LAURIE MANGANO

(a brother & sister)

Present a Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration & reflection

**Friday, May 10th
at 7:30 PM**

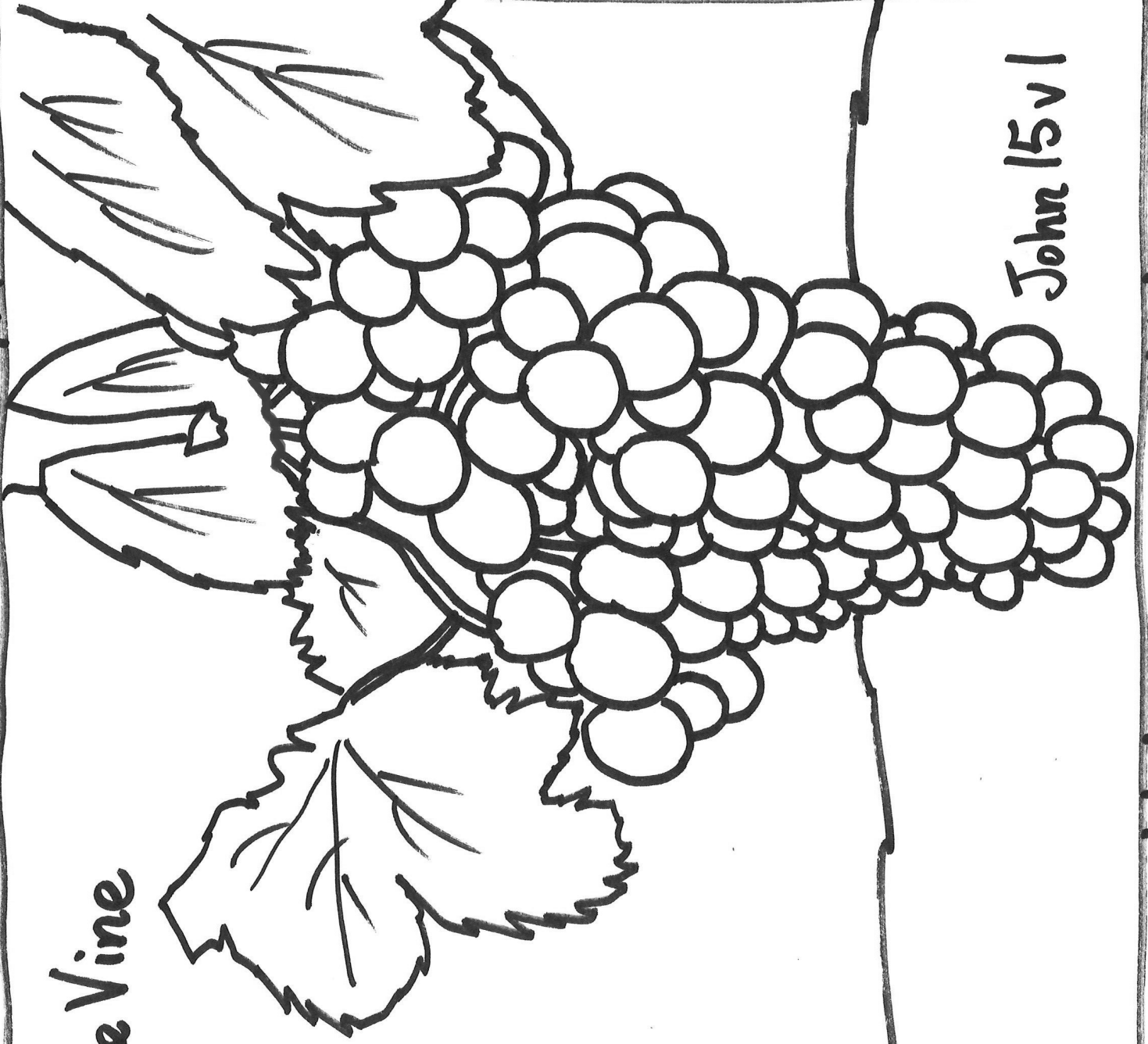
St. Patrick's R.C. Church
280 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787

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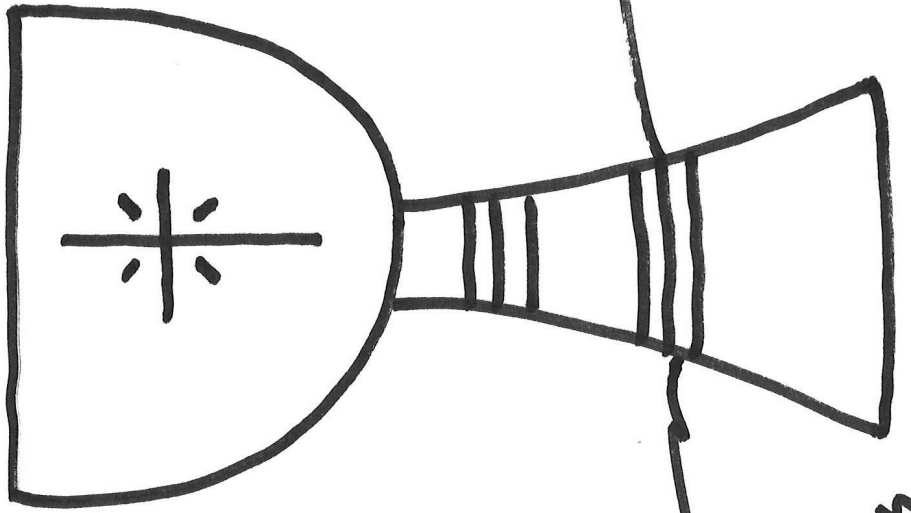
For more information, call 631-265-2271



I am the True Vine



John 15 v 1



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