

Catholic Church Community of

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



MAY 5TH, 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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Parish Resources

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# Masses May 4th - May 12th, 2024

## 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*

## Monday, May 6th:

9am- Debra Stuart Cameron *by Mom & Dad*

## Tuesday, May 7th:

9am- Mary Beth Weidig *by Mom & Dad*

## Wednesday, May 8th:

9am- Hank Bishop *by Frank Dowd Jr*

7pm- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

## Thursday, May 9th: Ascension of the Lord

9am- Gerard Smith *by Joan Smith*

7pm- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

## Friday, May 10th Sts Philip & James

9am- Marsha Augustyn *by Andy & Chris Paino*

## Saturday, May 11th:

5pm- Mother's Day Novena

## Sunday, May 12th: Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am- Mother's Day Novena

9:30am- Mother's Day Novena

11:30am- Mother's Day Novena

## John 15:11b-19 (Easter 7)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

## Focus Questions for 5/12/24

John 15:11b-19

- 1: Describe something extraordinary that happened because of your faith.
- 2: How seriously do you take Jesus' command to proclaim the Gospel?
- 3: Who do you know who needs to hear good news?

## Family & Children's Question:

How can people tell that you are a follower of Jesus?

## Readings for This 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

## Readings for Next Week

May 12th, 2024 (Easter 7)  
Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26  
Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20  
1 John 4:11-16  
John 17:11b-19

God is  
Love.  
1 John 4:8

# Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

**Mom: What does your girlfriend like in you?**

Son: She thinks I'm handsome, talented, clever and a good dancer.

Mom: And what do you like in her?

Son: I like in her that she thinks I'm handsome, talented, clever and a good dancer.

**This week's Gospel explains why and how much Jesus loves us.** "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus is loved by God the Father. He is nothing but the Father's love for us. That makes Him express His love for us. He is nothing but love for us so He invites us to "remain in my Love." He wants to continue in us as God's love that we too may be the gift of love and love alone to each other. "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

**Jesus also explains how He loves us.** He loves as His equals who can relate with Him as friends. He would not treat us as His slaves who have to obey orders, but we are His friends with whom He shares His total self without any inhibition or pretension. He welcomes us to love Him without any reservation. "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." No condition is laid out. We come before Him as we are and relate to Him as He is.

**Jesus offers His love beyond measure.** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." He is the measure of His love. He offers His total self as an expression of His love for us. The believers are loved by Jesus in God's measure. Jesus does not love us according to the measure we deserve but according to the measure that He generously wants to give. He loves us without measure to the extent that He gives His life for us. Even before we could realize that He loves us Jesus started to love us. He says, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

**Again, when Jesus says, "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,"** it is a direct invitation from Jesus to us how to experience love. Love can be experienced only by love. There is no other way. We can't feel the love of the lover unless we begin to love the lover back. Love feels the love. Unless the beloved falls in love with the lover, love will never become a reality. Unless we reciprocally love Jesus as He loves us, we will never feel His love for us. As the second reading instructs, we can experience the love of God when we exercise our willingness to love others. A loving heart opens all venues of love for the love to be experienced by us. Let us love and feel the love. Let us allow ourselves to be loved by others in order that we be filled with love.

**This Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> is the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, the Feast Day of the Ascension of our Lord.** The Feast of the Ascension ends the Easter Season. It is a solemn day of obligation. There will be a vigil mass on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The masses on the Feast Day of the Ascension are at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony



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

## The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist - Part XVI

We are still examining the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and we are very close to actually being able to receive Jesus. Last week we looked at the Sign of Peace. This week we will observe all that takes place before Holy Communion is actually distributed.

While the Sign of Peace is being exchanged, the deacon goes to the tabernacle and brings any ciboria with previously consecrated hosts to the altar, so that they may be distributed along with those just consecrated at the present Mass. If you watch the priest very closely, you will see him break the large host over the paten. This is in imitation of what Christ himself did at the Last Supper, where he blessed the bread and then broke it before sharing it with his disciples. The priest also takes a small piece of the host and places it into the Precious Blood in his chalice, praying quietly that "the mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."

Together, we are led in the "Lamb of God," recalling references to John's Gospel and the Book of Revelation. Note that as a link to what was discussed last week, we pray once again that Jesus grant us his peace. The host is shown to us all for us to "behold," and we recognize that we are about to take part in the "supper of the Lamb." Then together we

pray a prayer derived from *Matthew 8:8*, that like the centurion, we state we are unworthy for Jesus to come under our roof (our very bodies). Yet Jesus indeed wishes to become a part of us. And so we come forward, partaking in the Real Presence of our Lord, who loves us so much, he instituted this vital Sacrament of the Eucharist – for our sake.



"The celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ in communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us." - *Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1382*

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at [eucharist@stmli.org](mailto: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
Christine DiFilippo	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Rocco DiMaggie	John Reddy
Linda Dowling	Richard Ronning
Robert Ferro	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Stephanie Goodhart	John Spadaro
Richard Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Ellen Lentino	Laura Vigneaux
Jim Marquette	Debbie Ward
Mia Mednick (10yrs)	



\*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

## Pray for the Deceased

Adele Manovsky

Paul Vigneaux

Peter Gibbons

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 27th & 28th

**\$5600**

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

4/29 (\$25): John Egan (1310)

4/30 (\$25): Ralph Giambruno (78)

5/1 (\$25): Vincent Murray (1382)

5/2 (\$25): Paulette DiMarco (1420)

5/3 (\$25): Michael & Ann Marino (1001)

5/4 (\$25): Bob & Eveyln McMahon (347)

5/5 (\$50): Rosemary Marinacci (1471)

*These things  
I have spoken  
to you that my  
joy may be in  
you and that  
your joy  
may be full*

JOHN 15:11, ESV

# 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



**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

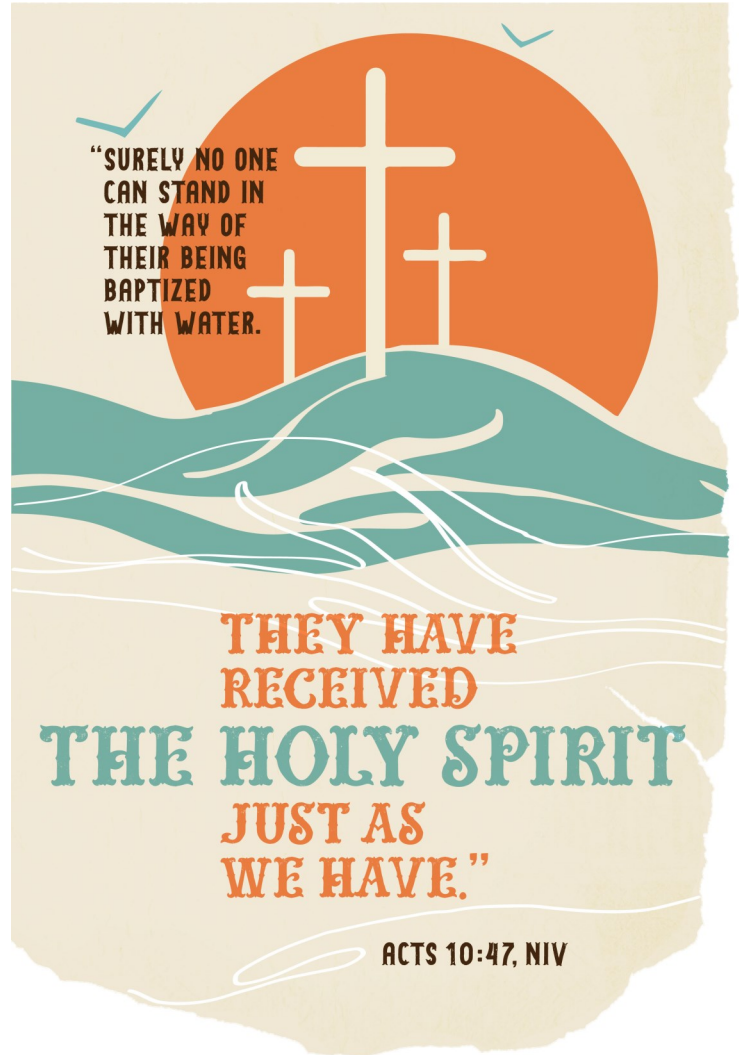
## Our immediate needs for this week...

PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY  
CEREAL  
Pasta  
Canned Vegetables  
Soup  
Syrup  
Pasta Sauce  
Coffee/Tea  
Detergent  
Toothpaste  
PAPER TOWELS  
TOILET PAPER  
Juice Mixes

We appreciate all of your donations!



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.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you."

We are truly grateful for your support of our "Magical Tea" on Saturday, April 27th. Once again, your generosity has enabled us to reach out and love our neighbors in need.

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email [svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)

# In Our Parish

## STM Weddings!

What an exciting day on 4/27 with a double header wedding! Our congratulations to these beautiful couples! Please keep them in your prayers.



Melanie Ngo & Karl Buno



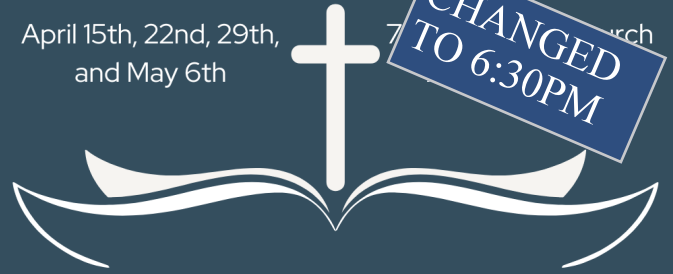
Christina Perito & Michael Macaluso

## 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

Spring Ice Cream Party!

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

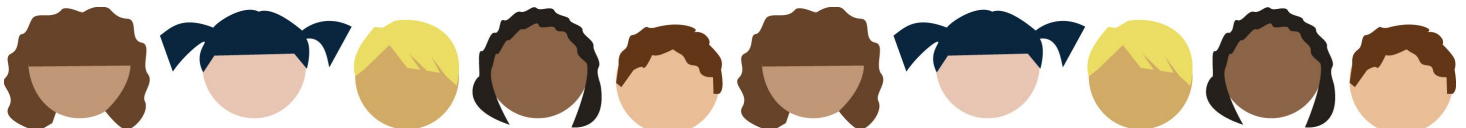
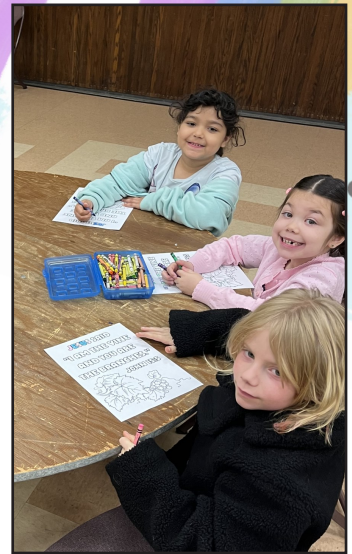


Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.  
1 John 4:7



# Children's Liturgy

Our children this weekend learned all about Jesus, the true vine! Coloring, scripture, and prayers!



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 May 5th, 12:30pm  
Youth Group

Mon May 6th, 6:30pm  
Bible Study w/ Fr Antony

Tues May 7th, 7:00pm  
Adoration

Tues May 8th, 7:00pm  
Columbiettes Business Meeting

Thur May 9th, 5:30pm  
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 9th, 7:00pm  
Choir Rehearsal

Fri May 10th, 12:30pm  
Young At Heart

## Weekly Mass Schedule

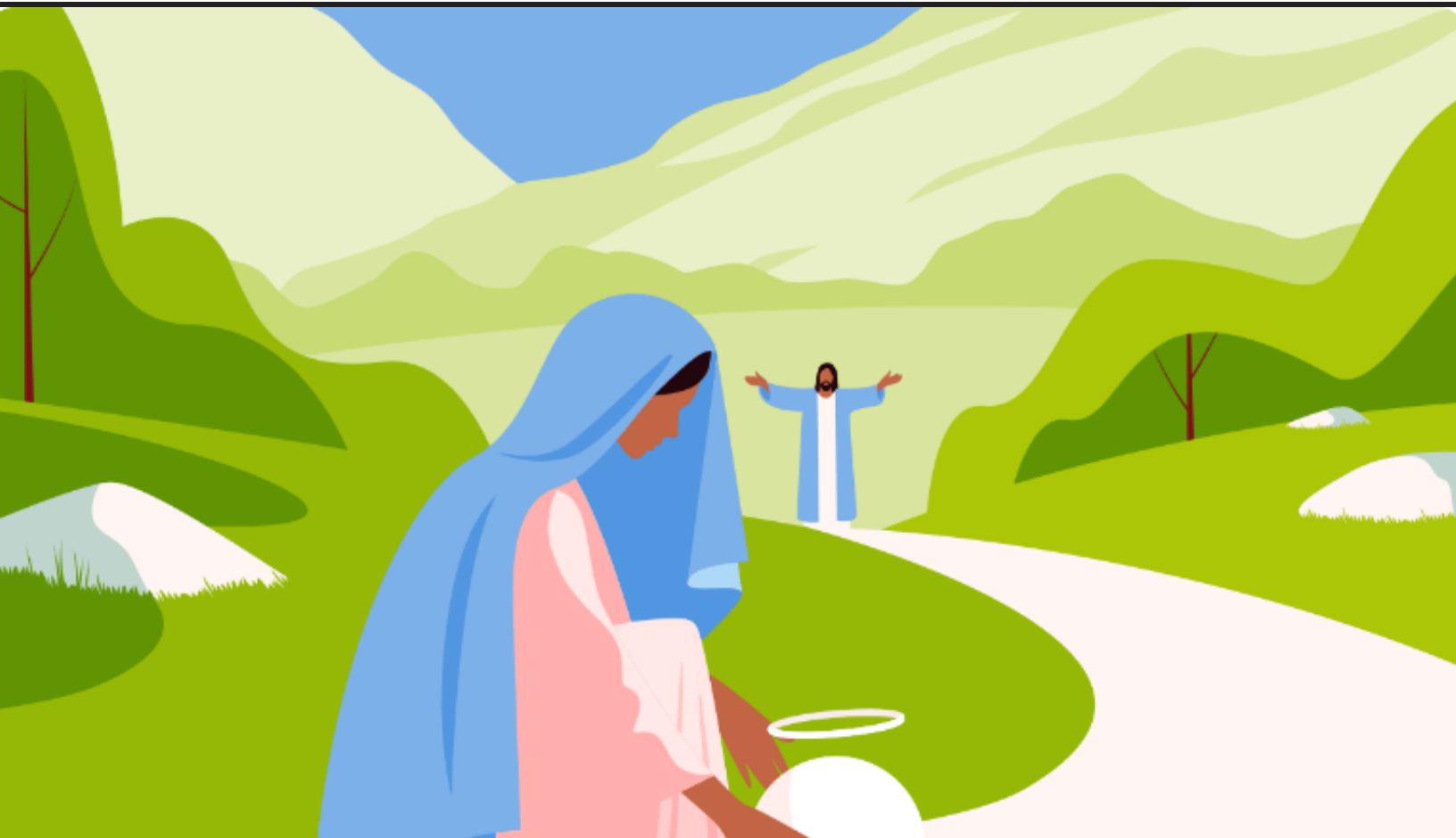
Monday-Friday  
9:00 AM

Saturday  
5:00 PM

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

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

do PEACE



# 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.



# Hallow UPDATES

For the remainder of Easter, this page will 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@stmli.org

## Coming May 6th!

A new challenge arrives, starting Monday May 6th! Guided by Sr Miriam, this Marian Consecration will take us through *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr Michael Gaitley MIC. Pray together each morning to entrust our hearts to Mary. After 33 days of preparation and prayer, we will dedicate our hearts to Jesus through Mary in a formal consecration on June 8th, the Feast of Her Immaculate Heart.

...She'll give us her compassionate heart. She'll even let us live in her heart! If only we give her ours"

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY


New Waitlist

33 Days to

# MORNING GLORY

Starts May 6

Join the Waitlist



with  
sr. miriam

A DEAF MISSIONS FILM

# JESUS

COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU

## JUNE 2024

TICKET SALES OPEN IN MAY

## New Film Alert!

Coming out this June, a new film about the life of Jesus, done completely in American Sign Language. With native signers, this film tells the story of Jesus from the deaf perspective for a deaf audience. If you are deaf, or have family and friends that are, consider checking out this film. Or go anyway, and experience the beauty of ASL.

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*He Leadeth Me*

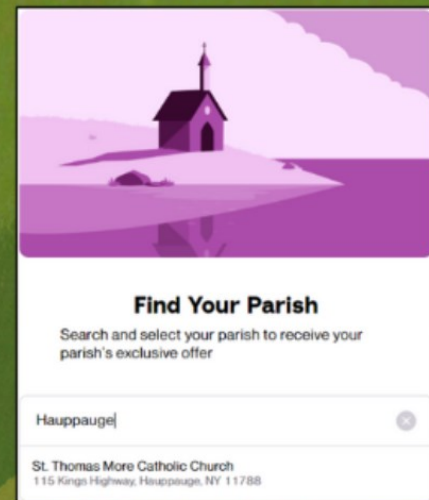


## How to Access Hallow Plus through Pentecost:

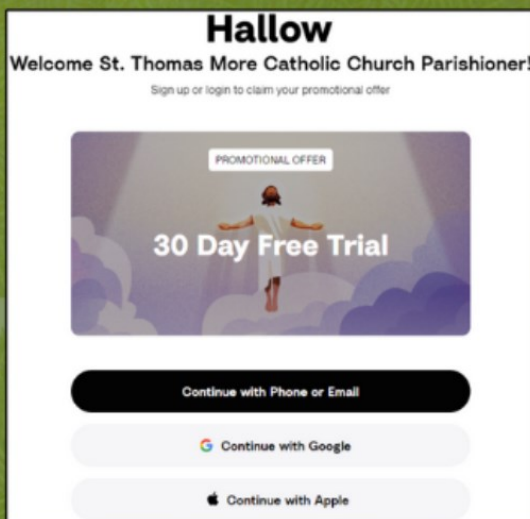
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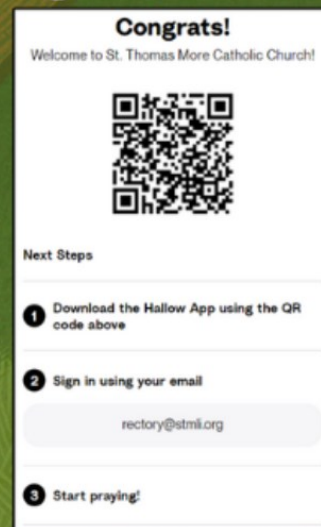
2: Search for “Hauppauge” and select our Parish



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!



## 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.

# Holy Hour

## "The Spirit of God"

Contemporary  
music by Alex  
and Noelle!



Adoration and  
Benediction led  
by Deacon Matt!

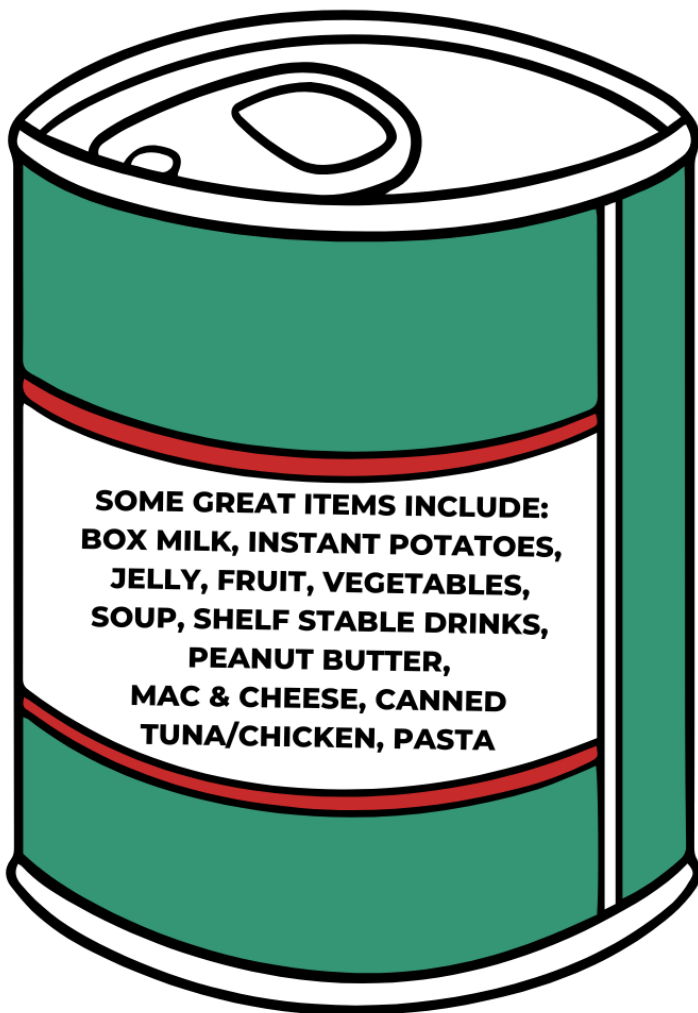
Tuesday, May 7th  
at 7:00 pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

COUNCIL 6062 COLUMBIETTES

# FOOD DRIVE

FOR ST. THOMAS MORE  
PARISH OUTREACH



**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

*free will offering*

*For more information, call 631-265-2271*



# Youth Group - Animals and Earth Day

April 28th, 2024



## Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

May 5th

May 19th

Follow us on Instagram! @stm\_yg @stm\_church

