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.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## **Parish Resources**

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# Masses March 23rd - March 31st, 2024

Saturday, March 23rd:

5pm- Jordan Kenna by Clay & Kathy Chin & Family

Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday

8am- Joann Ryan by The Biczon Family

9:30am- Eileen Daly by Kathleen Daly

11:30am- Frank DiModica by The Kane Family

Cirilo DeJesus Castro by Their Family

Monday, March 25th:

9am- Don Larney by Marilyn Miller

Tuesday, March 26th:

9am- Thomas Fallona by Maureen Fallona

Wednesday, March 27th:

9am- Nicholas Conzo by Angela Conzo

Thursday, March 28th: Hoy Thursday

7:30pm- No Intentions

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday

3pm- No Intentions

Saturday, March 30th: Holy Saturday

7:30pm- Easter Remembrance

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday

8am- Easter Remembrance

9:30am- Easter Remembrance

11:30am- Easter Remembrance

#### Readings for This Week

March 24th, 2024 (Palm Sunday)

Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

#### **Readings for Next Week**

March 31st, 2024 (Easter Sunday) Acts 10:34a,37-43 Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 Mark 16:1-7

#### Mark 16:1-7 (Easter)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."

#### Focus Questions for 3/31/24 Mark 16:1-7

- 1: What is the stone that is preventing you from seeing Jesus?
- 2: Who are the people you feel called to bring good news to?
- 3: How do you celebrate the joy of Easter?

Family & Children's Question: What signs of new life do you see on Easter?



SUNDAY

# Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

Melba: My husband was named Man of the Year.

Pam: Well, that shows you what kind of year it's been.

Anybody can receive an award. It is not the award that gives honor to the recipient rather the recipient adds honor to the title. Jesus was "awarded" cross for the good works he did. But he changed the Cross, which was considered as punishment, into redemptive blessings to us. Jesus used the instrument of punishment to offer God's love to us. This is the message of Holy Week.

We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Holy Week commemorates the events that happened to Jesus during the last week of His earthly life. Palm Sunday celebrates how people saw Jesus as their Messiah entering the city of Jerusalem. Holy Thursday is the Last Supper in which Jesus offered his presence in the form of bread and wine – the Eucharist. Good Friday, Jesus died on the Cross expressing God's incredible love for us. Holy Saturday evening we will celebrate the vigil of Jesus' resurrection from death. The events of Holy Week show us how God chiseled the best sculpture in Jesus. In Jesus, God reveals to us how He can chisel the best out of each one of us if we allow him to, like Jesus did.

Holy Week invites us to be like Jesus. We too can become God's wonderful act of victory even over death. As St. Paul says, "if we die with Jesus we will rise with Jesus".

I extend a personal welcome to each of you to join us in celebrating the mysteries of Holy Week. Let us journey with Jesus. We have something going on in our Church every day of Holy Week. <u>Please go through the Holy Week schedule</u> and allow yourselves to be chiseled by God so that the best of you comes out as God's wonderful work of art.

**Reconciliation Monday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Church and in all the Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Individual Confession cleanses and illuminates the hearts to enter into the mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

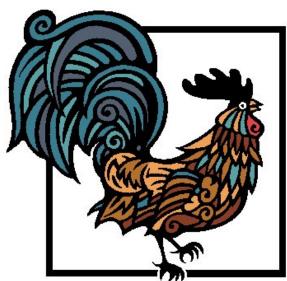
Our Choir invites you for a musical rendition of "The Way of Cross with Jesus and Mary" on March 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday of Holy Week at 7:30 pm. It is a great way of preparing to enter the three most holy days before Easter.

Another moving way of entering into the somber mood of Good Friday is Tenebrae, which is an evening prayer celebrating the Redemptive death of Jesus, with candles in the dark and listening to the scripture. Please come on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Let us celebrate

the mysteries of Holy Week to rise with Jesus to a new invigorating life on Easter Sunday.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony





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

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

We will now take a look at Eucharistic Prayer III. While not as commonly used as Prayer II, which we looked at last week, it still tends to get a fair amount use by priests, especially on saints' feast days. It was devised by the working groups that also gave us Prayers II and IV in 1968, and was meant to shorten and solidify the ideas of Prayer I but to do it in a way that had a better flow.

The main themes that thread together this prayer are ones of sacrifice and the Holy Spirit. We will see this as we examine the text.

After the *Preface* and *Sanctus* the prayer opens with a beautiful outpouring of thanksgiving. We immediately are introduced to the theme of sacrifice. This sacrifice is offered "from the rising of the sun to its setting," which has echoes from the Old Testament (*Malachi 1:11*). We also acknowledge God as the source of all life and holiness. The *epiclesis* occurs, followed by the *Institution Narrative* and *Consecration*.

Next, we recite the *Mystery of Faith*. During the *anamnesis*, we recall the entire Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension, in very few words. We then hear a line borrowed from Theodore of Mopsuestia,

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who was a theologian in the fifth century, in which we recognize that we are offering a "holy and living sacrifice". The second *epiclesis* recognizes our desire to become one



by the Holy Spirit as we refer to Jesus as the "sacrificial Victim."

The *Intercessions* mention Mary and the saints in a prayer for "peace and salvation for all the world". Prayers are offered for clergy and for those who have died. In conclusion, we look forward to that time when we all will share in "the fullness of [the Father's] glory, through Christ our Lord," and then enter into the *Final Doxology*.

"Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church, and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled by the Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ." — *Eucharistic Prayer III, no. 113.* 

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at <u>eucharist@stmli.org</u>.

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# **Prayers for Our Community**

#### Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne Jim Marquette Daniel Atkinson Ellen Murphy Bernice Noeker Anna Beltrani **Gregory Bennett** Matt O'Connell Barbara Cassetta Deacon Al Pankus Joseph Christiana Patricia Parker Rocco DiMaggie Joanne Pelletier Kathryn Douglas George Pflugel Bill Dowd Nunzio (Steve) Puleio Linda Dowling Richard Ronning Thomas Dwyer Lorraine Rouse Barbara Foberg Mike Rouse Noah Simonetti (2 yrs) Susie Golembiewski Linda Heller John Spadaro Jean Herlihy Peggy Stepanek Andrew M Valentine Richard Landi Maryanne Landi Laura Vigneaux Ellen Lentino **Debbie Ward** Frank Loporto Lorraine White Ildy Loverde John Zuzzolo

\*this listing will expire on March 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
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

Robert Wirkus

Robert Burns Jr

Kenneth Kowalski

Loretta Martines

Dorothy O'Gara

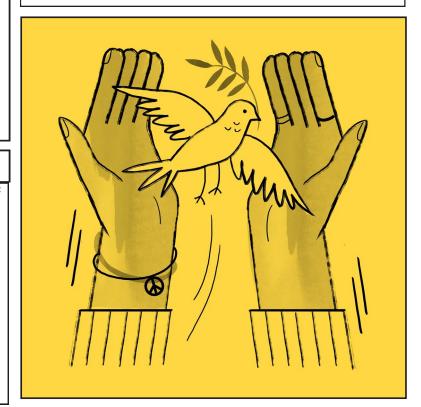
Erna Kresnik

MaryAnn Bonitz

Maria Jaskowski

Joseph Cassetta

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: March 16th & 17th

\$5920

Weekly Goal: \$6700

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

3/18 (\$25): Kimberly Boney (1306)

3/19 (\$25): Christian Castellano (1179)

3/20 (\$25): Joseph Gill (853)

3/21 (\$25): Allison Madison (48)

3/22 (\$25): Eamon Phelan (901)

3/23 (\$25): Mr & Mrs Peter Cappisillo (995)

3/24 (\$50): Donna Basile (1026)



# Parish Social M inistry

EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE HIM WORKING, HE'S BUSY WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF.

#### Our immediate needs for this week...

Rice
Mustard/Ketchup
Peanut Butter
Tomato Sauce
Pasta
Canned Vegetables
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Juice
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.

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.





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

#### Lent 2024

As we enter the last week of Lent and look forward to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the volunteers at Outreach would like to express our gratitude for your overwhelming generosity during this season of Alms Giving.

#### **Baby Formula**

Outreach has received a donation of formula.

15 cases of Nutramigen Hypoallergenic
Expiration June 2024

If you or someone you know needs a supply of formula, contact Outreach today!



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.



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross, and to follow Jesus through death into new life.

Your conference of St. Vincent de Paul wishes all of you a prayerful Holy Week.

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 April 12th, 2024

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

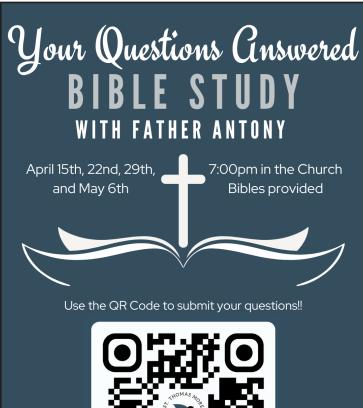


#### Children's Liturgy!

Children 4-8 are welcome to join us, Sundays @ 9:30. This week we learned how we can use shamrocks to represent the Trinity!







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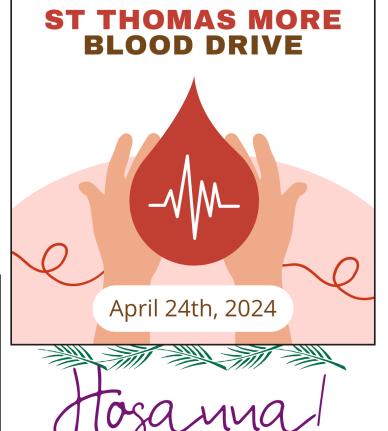
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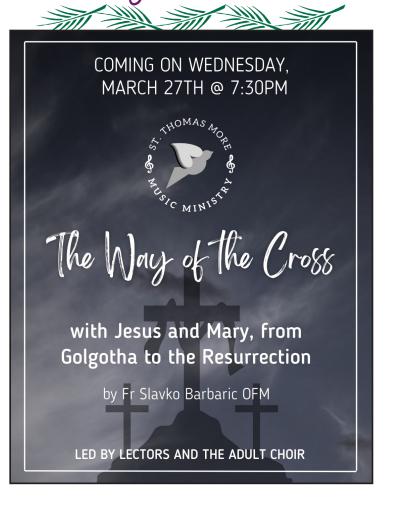
During the pandemic, many of these books were taken home for prayer. However, many were not returned, and now we are running low! If you have copies of this from the church in your home, please return them! We pray Morning Prayer each weekday at 8:30am. Bring the book and join us!!

Shorter Christian Prayer

# 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.





# Happening at St. Thomas More

#### Coming Up @ STM

Mon Mar 25th, 2-9pm Day of Reconciliation

Wed Mar 27th, 7:30pm Way of the Cross Cantata

Thur Mar 28th, 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

> Fri Mar 29th, 12pm Stations of the Cross

Fri Mar 29th, 1:30pm Stations of the Cross For Young People

Fri Mar 29th, 3pm Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

Sat Mar 30th, 10am

The Great Vigil

#### 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



# HOLY WEEK

AT ST THOMAS MORE

# MON 3/25 RECONCILIATION DAY

Confession available from 2:00pm-9:00pm at St Thomas More, as well as all parishes in the Diocese

# WED 3/27 THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Choir Cantata at 7:30pm. The Way of the Cross reflected through Mary. Directed by Emilia Savarese, 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

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. Led by Deacon Matt with music by Alex, performed by Noelle

# 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

# SUN 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8am, 9:30am, and 11:30am



# Hallow UPDATES

For the remainder of Lent, this page we 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



Hear from Fr. Ciszek himself! Now available on Hallow, clips from a series of interviews conducted with Fr. Ciszek in 1963, recorded just weeks after his return to the states. Thanks to the Society of Jesus for providing the recordings.

Fr. Ciszek is a Servant of God. Pray for his beatification, the next step on the path to sainthood!

# Pray for Peace during this Holy Wee



# No Phone? No Problem!

The good people at Hallow now have a web app in addition to their mobile apps!

If you do not have a smartphone, you are no longer excluded! Sign up on your computer (instructions o the right), and then you can use your computer/well browser to access the wonderful content on Hallow

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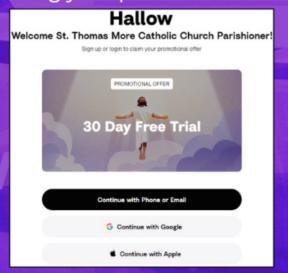


# How to Access Hallow Plus through Easter:

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



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



2: Search for "Hauppauge" and select our Parish



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!

# 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

Dogoma	
\$20.00/ flat	
Green Leaf/Pink Green Leaf/Mixed	
Bronze Leaf/White	

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

<b>Geraniums</b> (6"Pots)	
\$10.00	
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All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend of May 11 & 12 before and after all masses!

## 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.











# St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance! March 16th, 2024

















# 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.

# **Youth Group - St. Patricks Day Party**

March 17th, 2024





















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# **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sundays 12:30-2:30** 

March 17thIrish Catholicism
March 24thStations of The Cross