

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



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APRIL 21ST, 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Resources

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Masses April 20th - April 28th, 2024

Saturday, April 20th:

5pm- Robert Pondt *by Frances & Peter Foti*

Sunday, April 21st: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am- Marion Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

9:30am- Fiorella Iaboni *by The Grisanzio Family*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Kim*

Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Monday, April 22nd:

9am- Mary Sanfilippo *by The Cherubino Family*

Tuesday, April 23rd:

9am- Rosemary Corsi *by The Hayes Family*

Wednesday, April 24th:

9am- Joseph Scotto *by The Poulin Family*

Thursday, April 25th: St Mark

9am- Aida Hurtado *by The Rodriguez Family*

Friday, April 26th:

9am- In Thanksgiving *by Maria Cherubino*

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 Vrontis & The Holdorf Family*

John 15:1-8 (Easter 5)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Focus Questions for 4/28/24

John 15:1-8

- 1: What helps you feel connected to Jesus?
- 2: What needs to be pruned in your life to be a better follower of Jesus?
- 3: Share an experience when your community helped you to be more faithful to the Gospel.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how what you can do to put God at the center of your life.

Readings for This Week

April 21st, 2024 (Easter 4)

Acts 4:8-12

Psalms 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Readings for Next Week

April 28th, 2024 (Easter 5)

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-28,30-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8



Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

"Have you heard of a new remedy on the market for baldness? It's made of alum and persimmon juice. It doesn't grow hair, but it shrinks your head to fit what hair you have. "The hair is to beautify and protect the head and not the other way around.

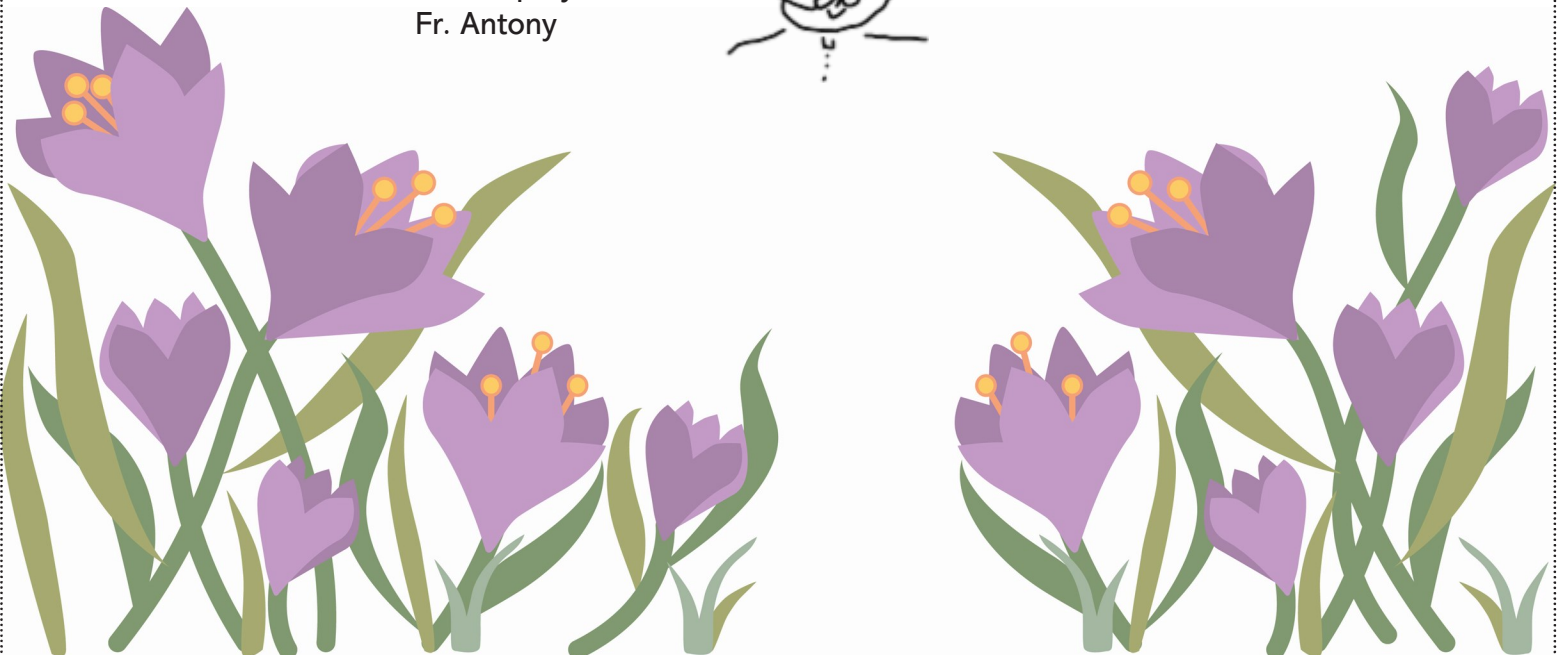
Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as our Shepherd. Jesus is not a hired servant but the true Shepherd. The hired man does not own the sheep and does not care for the sheep as the Shepherd would do. At the time of trouble, the hired man is ready to abandon the flock to save himself while the Shepherd is ready to lay down His life to save His flock as He did on the cross. The hired man uses the flock for his selfish benefit. His relation to his flock is just like cutting the feet (flock) to fit the shoes (his selfish benefit). But Jesus, the true Shepherd, gives His total self so that the sheep might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Sheep are not for the shepherd but the shepherd is for the sheep.

Let us recall a line from the paschal hymn (found in our missalette) that goes like this, "Agnus redemit oves", which means "The Lamb redeems Sheep". Lamb of God is another image for Jesus. Jesus, the Shepherd has offered Himself as a Lamb to save/redeem the Sheep. St. Paul describes this: "Our Paschal lamb, Christ has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast." (1 Cor. 5:7).

When God delivered His people from slavery under Pharaoh in Egypt, He asked His people to sacrifice a Lamb and smear its blood on the door post of their house. The House that is marked with the blood of the Lamb was saved from the slaughter of the first born and thus started the deliverance from Egypt to the promised Land. Now Jesus is that Passover Lamb killed on the Cross who as a Shepherd saves His sheep through His blood. In Him we can start the journey of liberation from all that enslaves us, to the life in abundance that is offered to us by our Shepherd.

Our Shepherd has become a sacrificing lamb for us, the sheep. He became one of us, a human. He sacrificed Himself for us in order that we may rise from death and live forever like him. The shepherd, the lamb sacrificed himself for us in order that we, the sheep can live with the Shepherd forever. ("The Lamb redeems Sheep" – Agnus redemit oves) Whenever we look at the cross, let us try to recognize the quality of life that the Shepherd wants us to live. We the sheep can live like our Shepherd. We too can become a Lamb of God to promise and promote life to/in other sheep.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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

The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist - Part XIV

We are now at the point in the Liturgy of the Eucharist where the Eucharistic Prayer has just ended. We are about to enter into the Communion Rite. The priest sets down the host he has just elevated (as the deacon sets down the chalice). The priest then invites us to pray the Lord's Prayer together. You'll recall that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is directed to God the Father. It is therefore fitting that we all stand, and join together, led by the priest, to continue to pray to the Father, in Jesus' words.

There's an important liturgical note to mention about the Lord's Prayer. During the Lord's Prayer, the priest takes the *orans* posture (hands extended). The posture of the priest and the people is always done for a specific reason. It is the priest who offers the Lord's Prayer on behalf of the people, and the assembly prays through the priest.

After the changes to the liturgy from Vatican II, and the liturgical experimentation that was attempted, the posture of the people during the Lord's Prayer also took



on the orans position. This also led to hands being joined together in some cases. This has continued today. However, from a liturgical perspective, this is incorrect (it is perfectly acceptable in private prayer). Only the priest's hands should be extended. The posture of the assembly should be one of hands folded in prayer (if you're unsure about the posture during this part of Mass, just observe your deacon).

In the Lord's Prayer at Mass, we pray in a particular way for the Eucharist (our "daily bread") and also for purification from sin. How remarkable it is, therefore, that the very Lord Jesus who gave us the words of this prayer two thousand years ago is truly present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in this Eucharist we are about to receive. Praying this prayer and partaking in the Eucharist prepares us for the week ahead.

"Praying the Our Father and *living it* will lead us toward saintliness. The Our Father contains everything: God, ourselves, our neighbors." – *Mother Theresa*

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

Peter Gibbons
Eleanor Kingsley
Joseph Codispoti

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 13th & 14th

\$6041

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

4/15 (\$50): Arturo & Laura Bisoño (1460)

4/16 (\$25): Chris & Jeannine Gunsel (1291)

4/17 (\$25): Keith O'Connor (942)

4/18 (\$25): Timmy Vigneaux (936)

4/19 (\$25): Denise Murphy (765)

4/20 (\$25): Christina Falcone (1074)

4/21 (\$50): Toni & Steve Mattessich (551)

P.E.A.C.E.



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

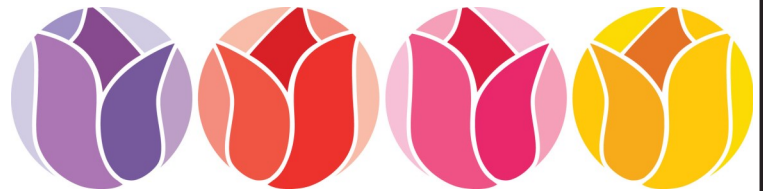
We appreciate all of your donations!
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use
large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of
our neighbors do not have the ability to store
extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



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.

Lord God, our heavenly Father,
we give praise and thanks
for your gracious gifts
which you provide so faithfully.

Help us enjoy these blessings
with gratitude and reverence,
that we may be strengthened
to praise you and serve our neighbors;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen,



We continue to have clothing and house-
hold 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 cor-
ner of the parking lot. Please contact Out-
reach regarding other donations.



Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday”, where we reflect on Jesus’ care
and love of us.

Our communal love of God is reflected in many diverse ways, as well as by your
ongoing support of our activities. If you can, support our “Magical Tea” on April
27th. It will be a fun time.

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

In Our Parish

Young at Heart Bids Farewell to Joan

Joan Smith, Vice President of Young at Heart is retiring and moving off the island. Farewell to Joan, and many prayers for a safe and healthy move.

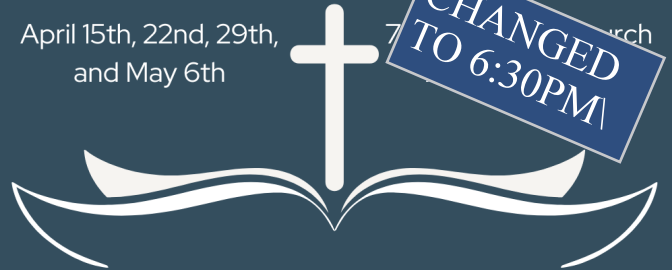


Your Questions Answered BIBLE STUDY

WITH FATHER ANTONY

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

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TO 6:30PM



LENTEN PROJECT 2024

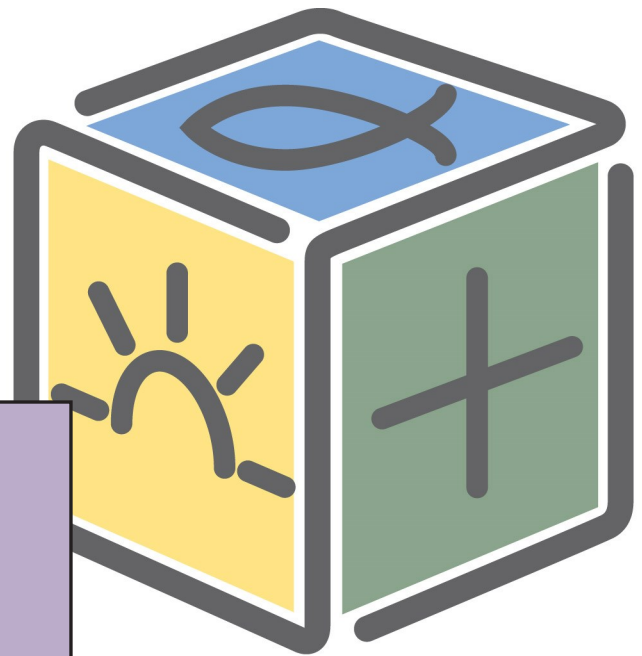
Thank you all for your support of this years Lenten Project. This Sunday, we will be presenting a check for \$4,456 to Lauren Vlachos, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center. This would not have been possible without your generosity.

Thank you.



**Alzheimer's Disease
Resource Center**

Keeping Help and Hope In Mind



**SAVE THE
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MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

**GOLF
OUTING**



September 9th, 2024

In Our Parish

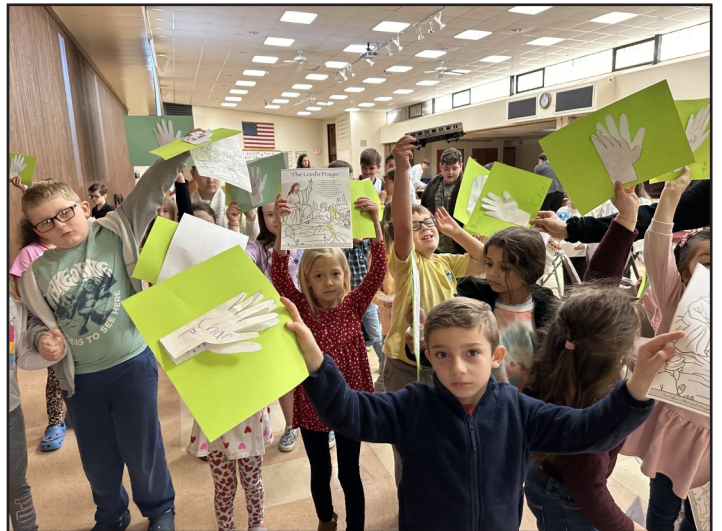


Children's Liturgy!

This week our kids learned all about prayer. Remember the 3 A's of praying...



Anytime, Anywhere, for Anyone



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

Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri April 26th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



Knights of Columbus

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



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Use promo code: Blessed McGivney



Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Sun April 21st, after masses
Hospitality Sunday

Wed April 24th, 1:30pm
Blood Drive

Thur April 25th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur April 25th, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

Fri April 26th, 12:30pm
Young at Heart

Sat April 27th, 12:00pm
SVdP Fundraiser

Sun April 28th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

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



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 will exist to offer updates and tips on using the Hallow app to expand your prayer life.

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

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The goal set at the start of Lent for the number of parishioners that would sign up for, and participate in, the Lent Pray40 Challenge.

The people at Hallow are offering a 20% discount on an annual subscription to all our parishioners that signed up for the Lent Parish Program, bringing a subscription to \$55.99 for the year (\$4.66 per month!)

A message was sent to your email or phone last week with the offer.

357

The number of parishioners who signed up for Hallow via the Lenten Parish Program.

104

The number of parishioners who completed 100% of the Lent Pray40 Challenge by Easter Sunday!

Hallow EASTER

He Leadeth Me

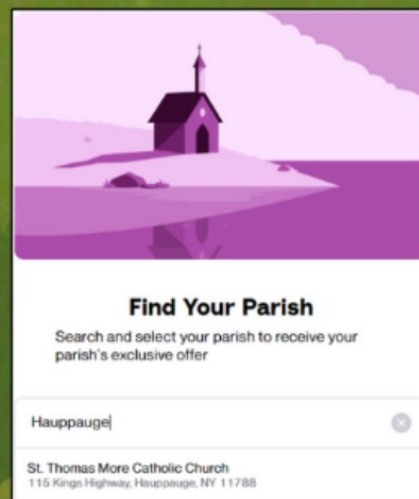


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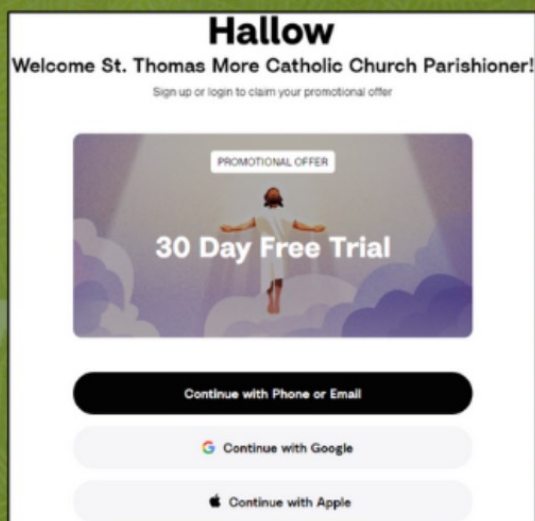
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<http://hallow.com/holyday>



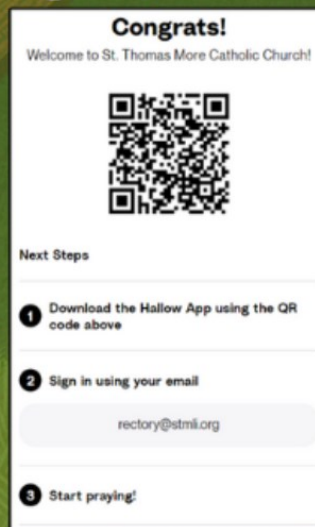
2: Search for “Hauppauge” and
select our Parish



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.

Enjoy a Magical Tea!

12pm - 4pm Saturday, April 27, 2024

at St. Thomas More



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

Please bring your own Tea Cup
Hats encouraged!



Tickets available in the Narthex.
For more information please call:
Jo Garvey 631-579-1128
Ann Russo 631-543-2740

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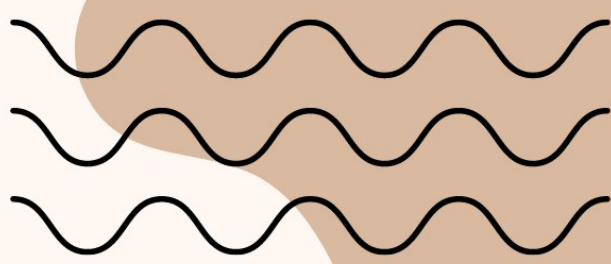
Detach here and return after Mass to the volunteer seated at the table in the Narthex or drop form and check off at the Rectory.

Make your check payable to: SVdP - St. Thomas More Conference

Name _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ # Attending _____

A NOTE FROM OUR Altar Servers



We have a deep love for altar serving, and believe others should consider taking up this role for several reasons. First, altar serving provides a unique perspective on the Mass, allowing individuals to engage with the rituals and traditions in a more hands on and profound way. Beyond the spiritual aspects, it fosters a strong sense of camaraderie with fellow servers, offering the opportunity to meet new people and develop a greater sense of family within the church community. Getting involved in altar serving is not only personally enriching but also a means of becoming more actively connected to the church's activities. The experience is extremely enjoyable, amplified by the chance to don cool robes and play an important role in the Mass, contributing to the beauty and sanctity of the worship experience. Moreover, altar serving presents a valuable opportunity to learn about the Mass in a hands-on manner, giving a deeper understanding and connection with the sacred traditions of the church.

–Altar Servers Timothy Sandbichler and Ryan Tjersland

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the Parish community by becoming an Altar Server, contact Deacon Matt by emailing altarservers@stmli.org



BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

St. Thomas More RC Church

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

1:30PM – 7:30PM

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge

Walden Hall

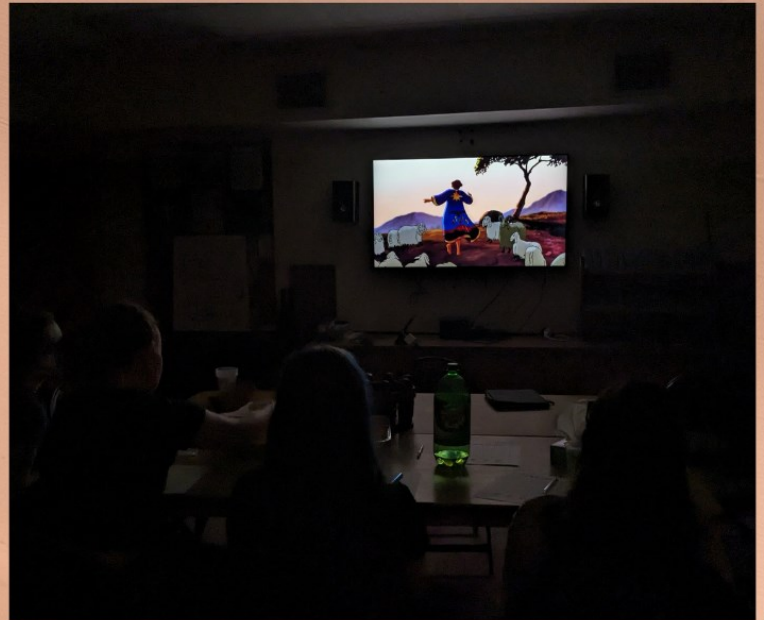
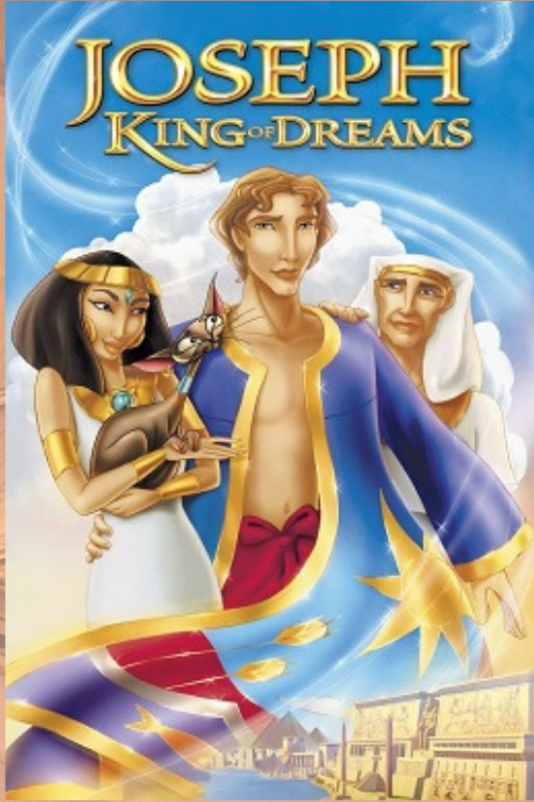


Please make an appointment by scanning the QR code or call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybc.org. For medical eligibility please call 1-800-688-0900 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am – 5pm.

*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.*

Youth Group - JOSEPH- KING OF DREAMS

April 14th, 2024



Upcoming Meetings
Sundays 12:30-2:30

April 28th

May 5th

**Follow us on
Instagram!**

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@stm_church



PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LONG ISLAND'S
EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND TO PREVENT
HOMELESSNESS ON LONG ISLAND.
PROVIDE LIFE WITH HOPE DURING THIS SEASON OF LENT!**

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