

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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MAY 12TH, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Resources

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Masses May 11th - May 19th, 2024

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

Monday, May 13th:

9am- Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 14th: St Matthias

9am- Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 15th:

9am- Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 16th:

9am- Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 17th

9am- Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 18th:

5pm- Marie Minutillo *by Their Family*

James Ilandi *by Michael & Vivian Jacobs*

Sunday, May 19th: Pentecost Sunday

8am- Edward J Borowski *by Paul, Kathy, & Amanda Borowski*

9:30am- Josephine & William Booth *by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keena*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Quincy*

John 20:19-23 (Pentecost)

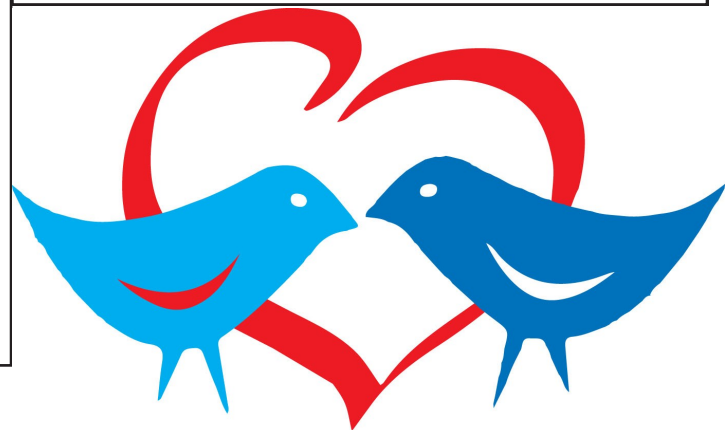
On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Focus Questions for 5/19/24

John 20:19-23

- 1: Describe a time when fear kept you from acting.
- 2: Relate a time when you felt God's spirit gave you confidence you felt you didn't have.
- 3: Where do you experience the peace of Christ?

Family & Children's Question:
How can you bring peace to others?



**Love
One
Another**

Readings for This 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

Readings for Next Week

May 19th, 2024 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1,24,29-30,31,34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Mrs. Jones was standing in her kitchen with her friend. She looked out the window and pointed at the neighbor's wash hanging on the clothesline and said to her friend, "Just look at Mrs. Martin's wash. It sure looks dirty. Look at all those gray streaks on her laundry."

Her friend replied, "Those streaks aren't on your neighbor's wash – they're on your window." If the media through which we see is stained, the vision we get through the media will also be marred.

The seventh Sunday of Easter is in between the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost; it is the time between Jesus's leaving us and the Holy Spirit coming upon us. The Ascension of Jesus means that He goes back to Heaven, leaving His mission to be carried on by us. Pentecost means that He will fill us with His promised gift of the Holy Spirit in order to empower and enlighten us, by His power and wisdom that we may effectively carry on His mission. Thus, this is the time we, the Church, the believers in Jesus Christ prepare ourselves to take up the mission of Jesus with the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

This week's Gospel instructs us how our mission should not be stained by the world. Jesus reminds us that we do not belong to the world any more than Jesus belonged to the world. What does this mean? Jesus does want us to be taken out of the world, but we must keep ourselves from the evil one. In carrying out the mission of Jesus we become the media for Jesus to reach the world. If we, the media is stained by anything other than Jesus's power and wisdom, the mission which reaches the world through us will also be stained.

That His mission through us may witness nothing of this world but everything of God's. Jesus consecrates Himself for us, so that we also may be consecrated in God's truth. Then He sends us into the world as God sent Him to us. In today's Gospel, He prays to God the Father for us saying, "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."

Yes, we become the Ambassadors of God sent in the name of Christ to be the living witnesses to the Truth. We are being called by God to live God's message, to proclaim God's truth and to be in the world without belonging to it. Let the Holy Spirit empower us and enlighten us to be Jesus's mission. We, like the media of Jesus proclaim God's truth and Jesus's Good News in all that we say and do. Let us live in the world as witnesses to God's value and Jesus's way of living.

Mother's Day - we wish all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers "Happy Mother's Day". We appreciate all that you did in bringing up your sons and daughters to life in Christ and for all the care and concern you poured upon your children. In your creative and caring love, we experience every day the shadows of the Love of God himself. May you live long, and may God keep you in good health and cheer of heart. We love you MOMs!

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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

The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist - Part XVII

We have reached the last part of our examination of the Liturgy of the Eucharist! Last week, we reviewed what happens right before the distribution of Communion. In this installment, we conclude this major portion of the Mass.

Once Communion has been received by the assembly, the ministers of Communion gather at the altar. The deacon collects all the remaining consecrated hosts and places them into a small number of ciboria. This action reminds us of John 6:12. This is one of the Gospel passages describing the miracle of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves. In that passage, after all had eaten, Jesus said, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So this is what we do at Mass as well. The assembly is still kneeling at this point, because Jesus remains outside of the tabernacle. The deacon then places those ciboria into the tabernacle, the doors are closed, and the ministers make a sign of reverence (usually bowing or kneeling). The faithful may now sit back in their seats.

The work of the clergy is not yet completed, because the vessels need



to be purified. You may have noticed the deacon, in emptying the ciboria at the altar, used a purificator to wipe any fragments of host into one of the chalices. Now water will be poured into the chalices, to mix with those fragments and any Precious Blood that remains. The priest and deacon consume the water, and the chalice is wiped clean with a purificator.

Purification of the vessels takes place because of our belief in the Real Presence. Even the smallest fragment of consecrated host or drop of Precious Blood is still Jesus. We cannot leave Jesus outside of the tabernacle unconsumed.

"The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ" - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1377

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
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

Robert Anthony Grippo
Dorothy Schiavone
Adele Manovsky
Paul Vigneaux

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	Deacon Bob Weisz
The Capuchin Friars	Deacon Matt Surico
Fr Lenny Carlino	Bishop John Barres
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	Pope Francis



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

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
May 4th & 5th

\$7238

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>



****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.

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

5/6 (\$25): Angelo DiFrancisco (692)

5/7 (\$25): Eileen & Mike Barr (35)

5/8 (\$25): Rick Mallen (1401)

5/9 (\$50): Don Cleary (267)

5/10 (\$25): Mary Ellen Skrzypek (955)

5/11 (\$25): Christian Castellano (456)

5/12 (\$50): Ed & Laura Vigneaux (661)

God ~~is~~ love,
and those who
abide in love
=
abide in God,
and God
abides in them.

Parish Social Ministry

"YOU are a messenger of GOD'S LOVE"
-MOTHER THERESA



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Our immediate needs for this week...

JELLY
CANNED VEGETABLES
CANNED FRUIT
PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER
Peanut Butter
Soup
Syrup
Pasta/Sauce
Coffee/Tea
Detergent
Toothpaste
Juice Mixes

We appreciate all of your donations!

Who YOU helped feed during the month of April...

63 families
98 children
94 adults



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.



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.



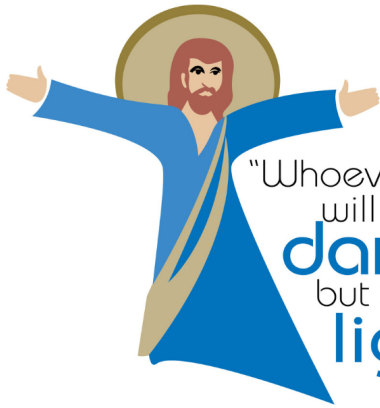
Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through His disciples...and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace, and joy, into our lives and into the hearts of those in need.

Your generous support of our "Magical Tea" raised \$2,755 which will continue to help us to help others. Thank you!!

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

In Our Parish

Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.

Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: Fri May 17th
9am Mass & Communion Breakfast to follow!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



A Magical Tea ~ 4.27.24

Hosted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In Our Parish



**Prepare the way...
of the Lord.**

WANTED Blood Drive Coordinator

After 28 years coordinating the Parish Blood Drive, Ed Rogan will be stepping down. Anyone interested in assisting the Long Island Blood Center with coordinating the semi-annual blood drives, usually in September and April, please contact Ed at 631-366-1085



Communion for the Homebound

As a parish, we would like to make you aware of our ability to bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. It is a privilege and responsibility that we do so. We ask that you call the rectory to request Communion in the home.

Please note that if you or a loved one is in need of Communion to be brought to the home, we must adhere to the following guidelines, for the safety of both the recipient and our Eucharistic Ministers:

If anyone in the home is suffering from a contagious illness, we are unable to enter the home.

There must be a companion with the recipient to ensure the safety of your loved one and our EM.

We look forward to serving you and your family.

SUNDAY *Masses*



JOIN US EVERY WEEK!

(VIGIL MASS) **SATURDAYS @ 5PM**

(QUIET MASS) **SUNDAYS @ 8AM**

(FAMILY MASS) **SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM**

(ADULT CHOIR) **SUNDAYS @ 11:30AM**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains
in me and I in him. ~John 6:56*



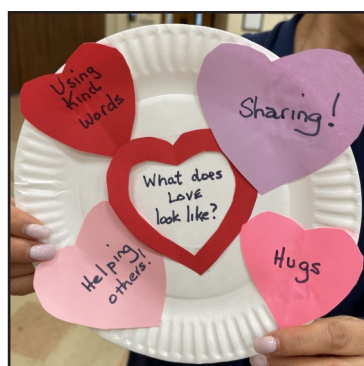
WE LOVE OUR MOMS!



Children's Liturgy

Last weekend we celebrated the Crowning of Mary for the start of May! After the children crowned our Queen, they went off to learn about how we love, and how we show love to others!

We Saved a
seat for you



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

Happening at St. Thomas More

Coming Up @ STM

Mon May 13th, 2:30pm
Circle of Women Book Club

Wed May 15th, 6pm
Knights of Columbus
Social Meeting

Thur May 16th, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 16th, 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal

Fri May 17th, 9am
Young At Heart
Communion Breakfast

Sat May 18th, 11am
First Holy Communion

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

CALL HER

BLESSED

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.





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

**For all info, please visit:
eucharisticpilgrimage.org**

Our National EMMAUS Moment



eucharisticpilgrimage.org

There are four regional routes, each named after a saint, that are taking place across the country from May 17 - July 16. All routes conclude at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. On each route, a Eucharistic Procession will take place, as well as events in churches where the Procession makes a stop.

The eastern route is named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and begins at St. Mary's Church, the church where Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney was serving when he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1886. This route won't travel through Long Island, but it will be going through Manhattan and Brooklyn.

- The Manhattan portion takes place primarily on Sat. May 25 and Sun. May 26, including stops at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton shrine in lower Manhattan. Complete information on all events in the Archdiocese of NY:
<https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/seton/seton-route-archdiocese-of-new-york-4a2PDnqpSC/overview>
- The Brooklyn portion takes place primarily in the evening of Sun. May 26 and Mon. May 27. Complete Brooklyn info: <https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/seton/seton-route-diocese-of-brooklyn-4a2PDnqpSH/overview>

Registration for certain events is requested - see the website for further information.

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

33 Days to Morning Glory

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



with
SR. MIRIAM

Pray Today

NOW AVAILABLE

ONE WEEK LEFT

In some sad news, there is only one week left of the Hallow Parish Program. If you want to continue on with Hallow, consider signing up for your own subscription! If you choose not to, don't worry, there is plenty of content on Hallow that is not restricted by the paywall.

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Hallow EASTER

He Leadeth Me

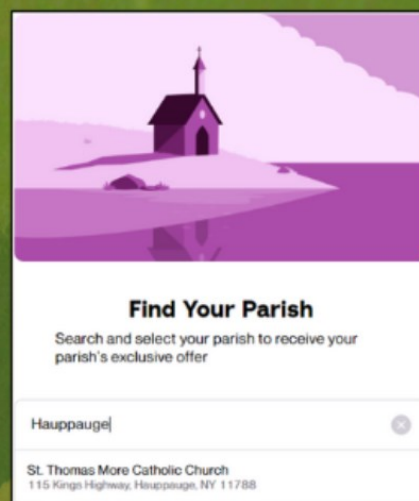


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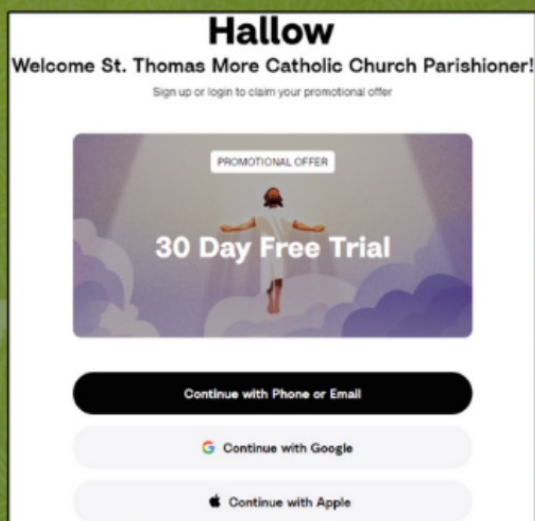
1: Scan the QR code or go to
<http://hallow.com/holyday>



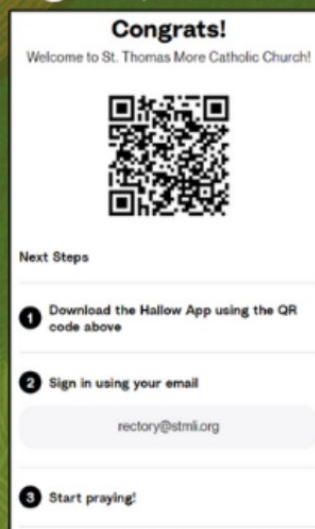
2: Search for “Hauppauge” and
select our Parish



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.

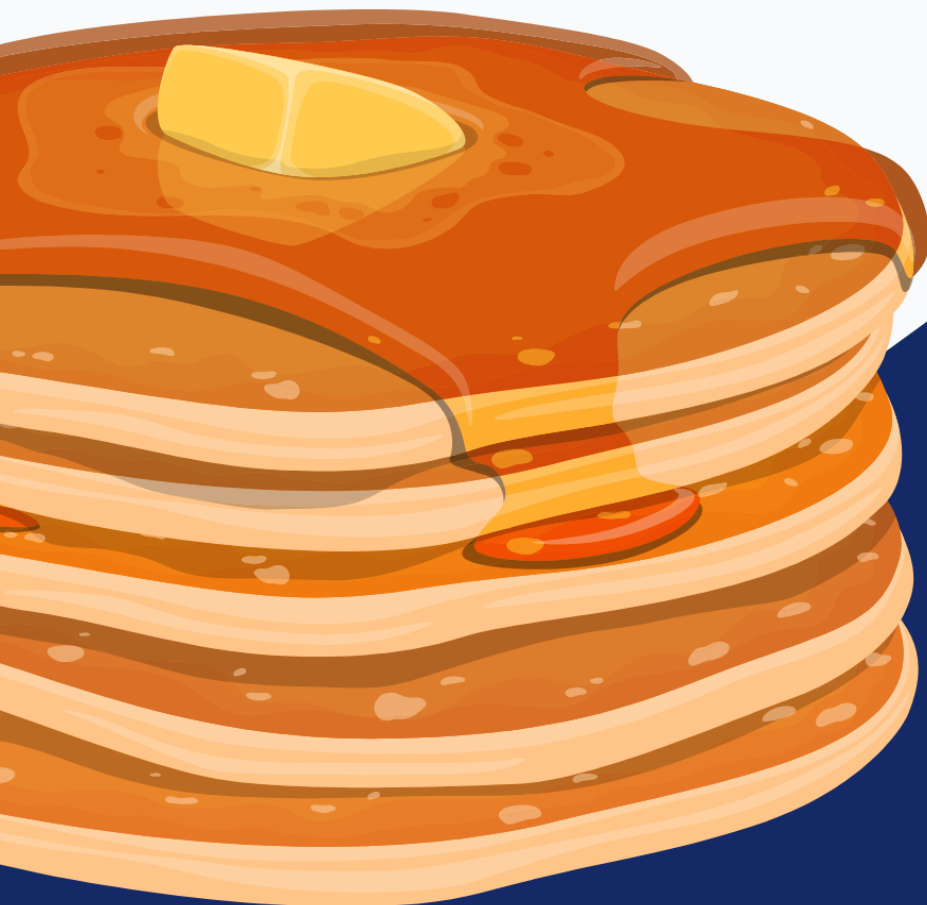
A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For 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.



Celebrate STM at our annual

Pancake Breakfast!

*Sunday, June 9th after the
8, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses*



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Youth Group - Orthodox Easter, Cinco de Mayo & The Chosen May 5th, 2024



Learning about Orthodox v. Catholic
since it was Greek Orthodox Easter



Watching S1E7 of The Chosen
titled "Invitations"



Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

May 19th

May 26th

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Instagram! @stm_yg @stm_church

 YOUTH GROUP
† ST. THOMAS MORE †



PENTECOST PARKING LOT MASS!

May 19th, 11:30am Mass

step 1

Pull into the parking lot
(Furthest entrance)

step 2

Park in a spot facing the Altar

step 3

Tune to Radio station
100.9 FM



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

~Proverbs 31:28-29~



Healing Mass *for Young Adults*

Celebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald



Friday, May 17th, 2024

Adoration at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Mass begins at 8:00 p.m.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
280 East Main Street
Smithtown

May: The Month of Mary

[For] this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration, and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts come down to us from our Mother's throne.

-Mense Maio, Pope Paul VI, April 1965



Pray the Rosary

- 1: Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed
- 3: On the first bead, say an Our Father
- 4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each
- 5: Say the Glory Be
- 6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father
- 7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.
- 8: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen
- 9: Make the Sign of the Cross



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First Holy Communion Mass on May 4th, 2024

