

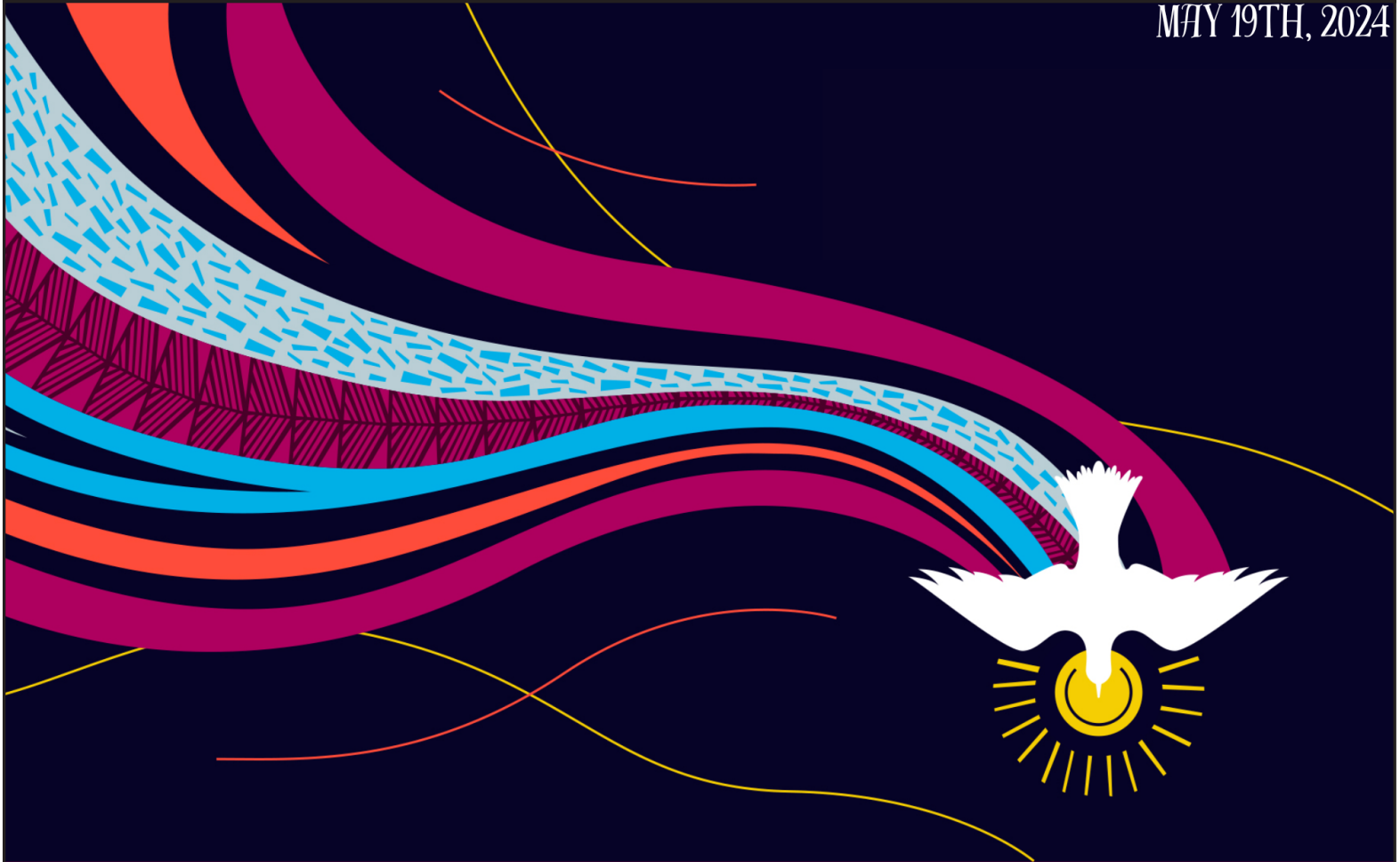
Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

MAY 19TH, 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Parish Resources

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Masses May 18th - May 26th, 2024

Saturday, May 18th:

5pm- Marie Minutillo *by Their Family*

James Ilardi *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*

Monday, May 20th: Blsd Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9am- Mary Theresa Huebner *by Chris Paino & Joan Oscar*

Tuesday, May 21st:

9am- Ann Marmo *by Mary & Richard Buynak*

Wednesday, May 22nd:

9am- Margaret Mayer *by Joan Smith*

Thursday, May 23rd:

9am- London & Maddox Olds (living) *by Joan Oscar*

Friday, May 24th:

9am- Ted & Loretta Muenkel *by Their Children*

Saturday, May 25th:

5pm- Nicholas Conzo *by Angela Conzo*

Sunday, May 26th: The Most Holy Trinity

8am- Samuel Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

9:30am- Carol Ann Bartollotta *by Robert & Louisa Sanfratello*

Maureen DeMarinis (healing) *by Paula & Sal Campo & Family*

11:30am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Mary & Walter Anderson *by Al & Eileen Weidig*

Matthew 28:16-20 (Most Holy Trinity)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Focus Questions for 5/26/24

Matthew 28:16-20

1: How seriously do you take Jesus' command to make disciples?

2: Describe a time when you had doubts. What helped you deal with your doubts?

3: Relate a situation when you taught others about Jesus.

Family & Children's Question:

Together, slowly say the "Glory be", a prayer to the Trinity.

Readings for This Week

May 19th, 2024 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-11

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

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

John 20:19-23

Readings for Next Week

May 26th, 2024 (Most Holy Trinity)

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Psalms 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

THEY SAW WHAT
SEEMED TO BE
TONGUES
OF FIRE
THAT SEPARATED
AND CAME TO REST
ON EACH OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3, NIV

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

How does the rainbow happen? When a beam of sunlight comes down to Earth, the light is colorless. Rainbows happen when sunlight penetrates the rain drop in a very specific way. As the colorless beams of sunlight enter a raindrop they separate into the colors of the rainbow. Do you know the Church is the rainbow of God?

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The Greek word 'Pentecost' means 'fifty'. This Sunday is the fiftieth day of Easter Sunday. On this fiftieth (Pentecost) day the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. As today's second reading explains that, 'we are all baptized in one SPIRIT and we each have received different kinds of gifts from the same SPIRIT.' God sends the Holy Spirit, who is like the light penetrating us, the raindrops. As the light separate into colors, so the Holy Spirit, the power of God fills us with various gifts. The Church becomes the rainbow of various gifts of the one SPIRIT sent by God.

During the night we see nothing but pitch darkness because there is no light. We need light to see and cherish the colors of the world. It is light that brings the colors to life. Likewise, the Church, without the Holy Spirit is in darkness with nothing to shine on its best colors. The Holy Spirit illumines the Church and shines in its various ministries. Without the HOLY SPIRIT, we the Church will be in darkness. We will stand lifeless and meaningless. With the Holy Spirit empowering and guiding us, we the Church will be witnessing God's power and joy in colors like the rainbow.

Since the Ascension, the last nine days we have prayed to God the Father that the Holy Spirit might come upon us as Jesus has promised us. In this, we are the church of God as body of Christ in the power and guidance of Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit is upon us. Let us lead a life of the Spirit. Let us realize that the power of the Spirit can make us witnesses and testimonies of what God has planned to achieve in us.

Please mark your calendar: June 8th and 9th is our Feast Weekend. From June 1st to 9th a special novena will be prayed for the intentions of all the families of our Parish. At the four masses (5pm on Sat 6/8; 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am on Sun 6/9) we will lift all our families to God's richest blessings.

We would like to thank all our volunteers in gratitude at the feast weekend masses with special blessings and a token of appreciation. All the volunteers who make our Parish Family grow and flourish are welcome. We invite you, all the volunteers who have served our Parish Family in whatever way, small or big, and in whatever measure of time or talent. We want to say "Thank You" and we appreciate you. "Well done, my Friend, we are who we are because of you." Please take this personal invitation from your Pastor as a warm invitation to join the celebration.

We will continue the celebration on Sunday June 9th with a pancake breakfast in Walden Hall after the 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses.

Also, I want you win the big **grand prize of \$10,000** by buying raffle tickets!!!

\$50 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$100. Please use the return envelope to send your participation in for our family fundraising. This is a nice and lucky way of fundraising for the parish...a lucky way to show your support to our lively community of St. Thomas More.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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

St. Teresa of Ávila

Today is the great feast of Pentecost! It also happens to be the sixth anniversary of my ordination to the diaconate. So I thought this would be an ideal day to take a look at another saint who is strongly associated with the Eucharist, who was greatly inspired by the Holy Spirit and who also happens to be my favorite saint: St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1584, feast day October 15).

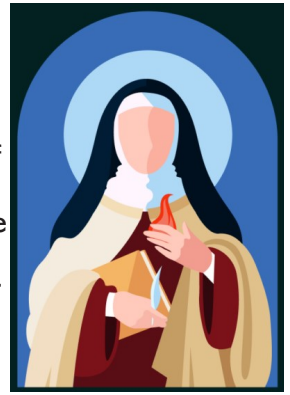
Teresa was a Carmelite nun, a mystic and a contemplative, and a thoughtful writer. She lived in the time of the Protestant revolution sparked by Martin Luther, and others.

One of the most important doctrines she defended was the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, that it is truly and substantially the Incarnate Son of God. The Protestant argument was that Christ was present only symbolically in the Eucharist, but not in the fullness of his humanity united with his divinity. St. Teresa strongly defended the truth, compelled by the Holy Spirit and her personal experience of the Eucharist, that Jesus acts through the Eucharist by being fully present to give us the strength we need to



deal with the difficulties of life and prepare to be with him eternally in heaven.

It is important to note that because of theological teachings such as this, as well as the spiritual direction she gave in her writings, the Church conferred upon her the important title of Doctor of the Church, a title that only a few theologians have been granted. In fact, she was the first woman recognized in this way, though it took the Church nearly 400 years after her death to do so (by Pope Paul VI in 1970).



St. Teresa, pray for us, that we may be so strongly devoted to the Eucharist as you were!

“Here on earth it’s impossible to perform a more meritorious act than visiting Jesus often in the Eucharist. If you took all of the good works done by all of the humans who have ever lived in all of history and stacked them all up and multiplied them by a million, they wouldn’t equal the merit, the virtue and the worth of one Mass. The Eucharistic sacrifice is Christ’s infinite merit, infinite value.” - *St. Teresa of Ávila*

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

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Ellen Murphy
Ana Beltrani	Bernice Noeker
Gregory Bennett	Matt O'Connell
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Deacon Al Pankus
Christine DiFilippo	Joseph Platia
Rocco DiMaggie	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Linda Dowling	John Reddy
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

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 11th & 12th

\$5083

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

5/13 (\$25): Sandra Kowalchuck (1103)

5/14 (\$25): Betty Vrondis (1366)

5/15 (\$25): Lottie & Chet Kalenty (566)

5/16 (\$25): Bob & Evelyn McMahon (721)

5/17 (\$25): Evelyn Mentock (830)

5/18 (\$25): Lydia & Paul Merget (99)

5/19 (\$50): Jack & Caroline DeSantis (313)

*"I will pour out my Spirit
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV



Parish Social Ministry

"LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW
THE FACE OF THE EARTH"
~PSALM 104



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

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

Our immediate needs for this week...

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

We appreciate all of your donations!

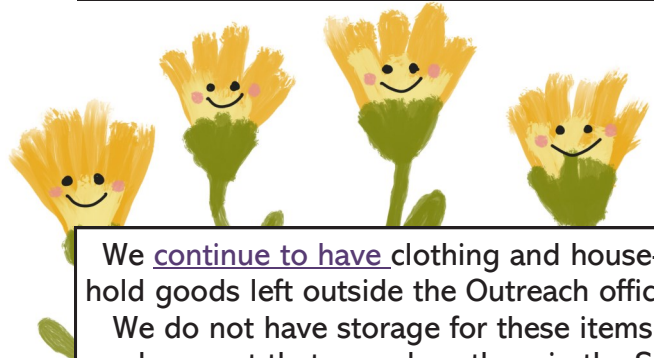
Did you know...

According to a recent Newsday article, a family of four should have an income of roughly \$100,000 for "basic necessities" on Long Island. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits are guided by thresholds which include an annual gross income limit of \$45,000 in NY for a family of four.

In Suffolk County 40% of the approximately 80,000 food insecure residents earn above the gross income SNAP threshold in New York.. That threshold is 200% above the poverty line.



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.



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.



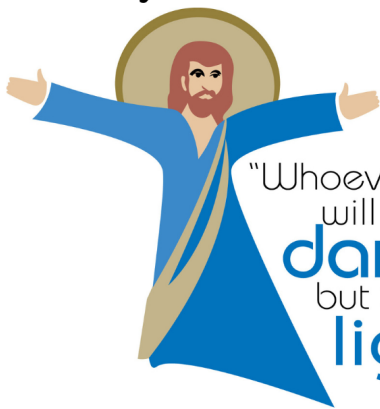
Today as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support which offers us the opportunity to do this.

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 June 14th
Hoyt Farm BBQ!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

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.

SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING



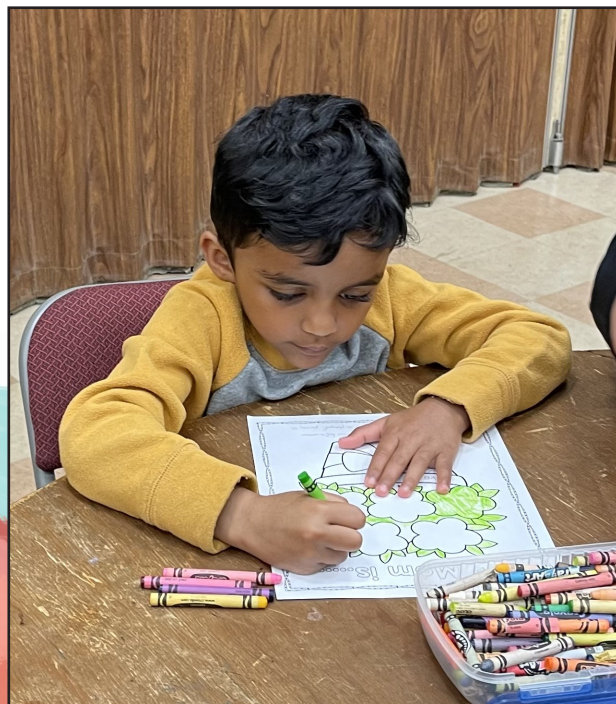
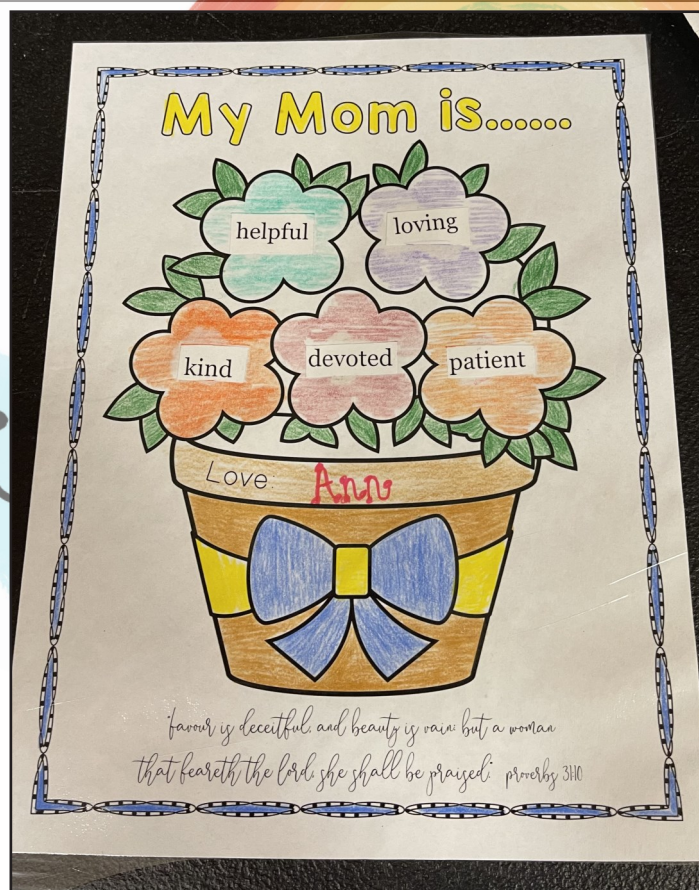
September 9th, 2024



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy

On Mother's Day, our young ones learned how we love both our Mother on Earth, and our Mother in Heaven, Mary. This was coupled with a cute craft to bring home to their moms!



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 19th, 12:30pm
Youth Group

Mon May 20th, 11am
Confirmation

Mon May 20th, 2:30pm
Confirmation

Thur May 23rd, 5:30pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thur May 23rd, 7pm
Choir Rehearsal

Sun May 26th, 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

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

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ruega por nosotros

молитесь за нас

pray for us

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

התפלל למענו

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Hallow

Today marks the end of our journey with Hallow as part of the Hallow Parish Program for Lent. I have been using Hallow for well over a year now, and when I received notification of the parish program just before Lent, I jumped at the opportunity to get Fr Antony and the Parish involved. My hope was that maybe, just maybe, a handful of people would sign up and find a modicum of spirituality through the app. Little did I know how amazing the response would be. During the first weekend of Lent, I put forth a challenge to our Parish Family. I wanted to see 50 people complete the Pray40 Lent Challenge. You all came out in droves and doubled a number that was, in my mind, a wild expectation. 104 people completed Pray40, and a whole 357 people signed up for the app!

To everyone who signed up, to everyone who completed the Pray40 Challenge, thank you. The support our Parish had for this brought great joy to my heart. Throughout the season our parishioners came to me to share their excitement for the app, the joy that they felt using it, exploring the content, finding new things every day to pray. Every time, my heart was full. That our Parish so readily and eagerly latched onto this new form of prayer shows that the future of St. Thomas More is bright. You have proved that the Church can adapt and grow with the technologies of the 21st century. You have shown that we are willing to learn and try new things, to experiment with how we pray and evangelize.

As of now, I don't know what will come next. However, I promise that I will continue to seek out new opportunities, new technologies, and new platforms that we can use to pray and evangelize, to show the world what we are capable of as Catholics, with the love of God on our side.

Pax vobiscum,
Alex White

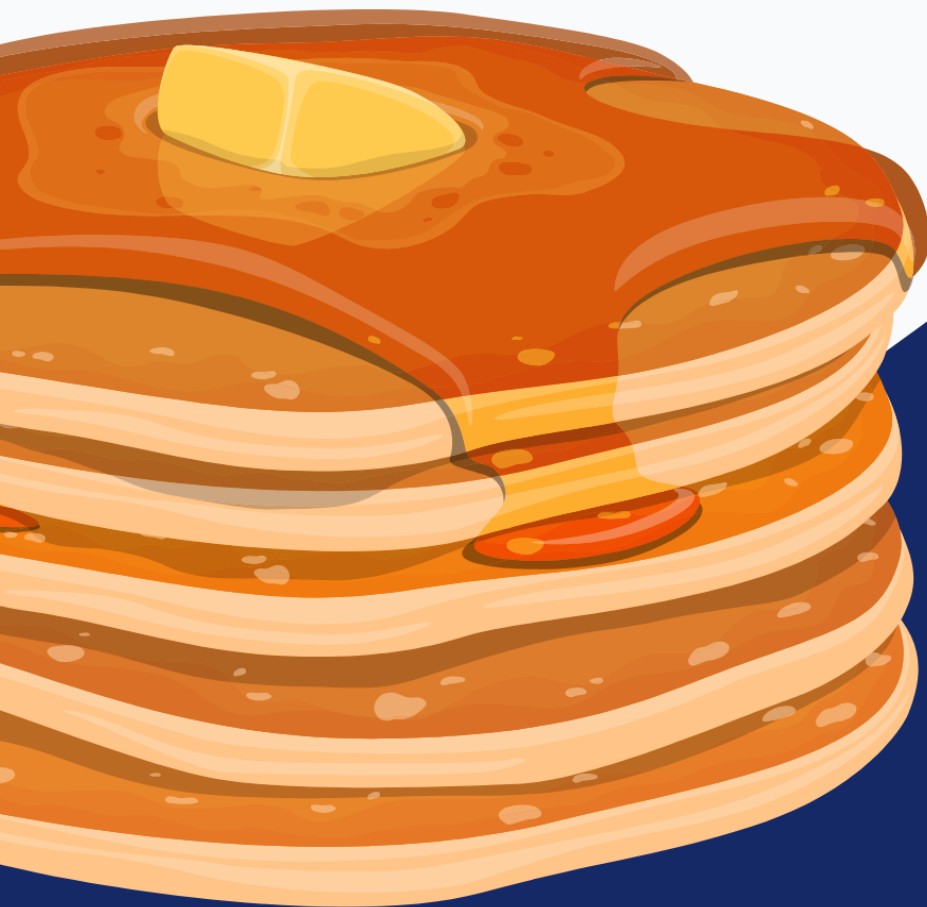
Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us.



Celebrate STM at our annual

Pancake Breakfast!

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



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Pilgrimage**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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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.

The Columbiettes Council 6062 Presents



BINGO NIGHT



Tickets include dinner, dessert and Bingo cards!

Things to look forward to:

\$25 gift cards prizes, grand prizes in the jackpot round, and a 50/50

(Additional Bingo boards will be available for purchase)



DINNER | PRIZES | BINGO



Saturday, June 29th
2024 at 6 PM



St. Thomas More
115 Kings Highway 11788



Tickets
\$25

Tickets will be sold at masses as the date gets closer!

Contact President Kimberly Mazzioti for questions and ticket sales

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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.

Healthy Sunday



**Free blood pressure screenings,
education, and referrals!**

Sunday June 9, 2024

8A-1P

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church

115 Kings Hwy
Hauppauge, NY 11788



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**8/9
JUN**

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR
PARISH VOLUNTEERS WITH A SPECIAL
BLESSING AND A GIFT, AT ALL
MASSES DURING FEAST WEEKEND!



ST THOMAS MORE PRESENTS

FEAST WEEKEND RAFFLE



TICKETS:
\$50 EACH
3 FOR \$100

GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000!!!

