

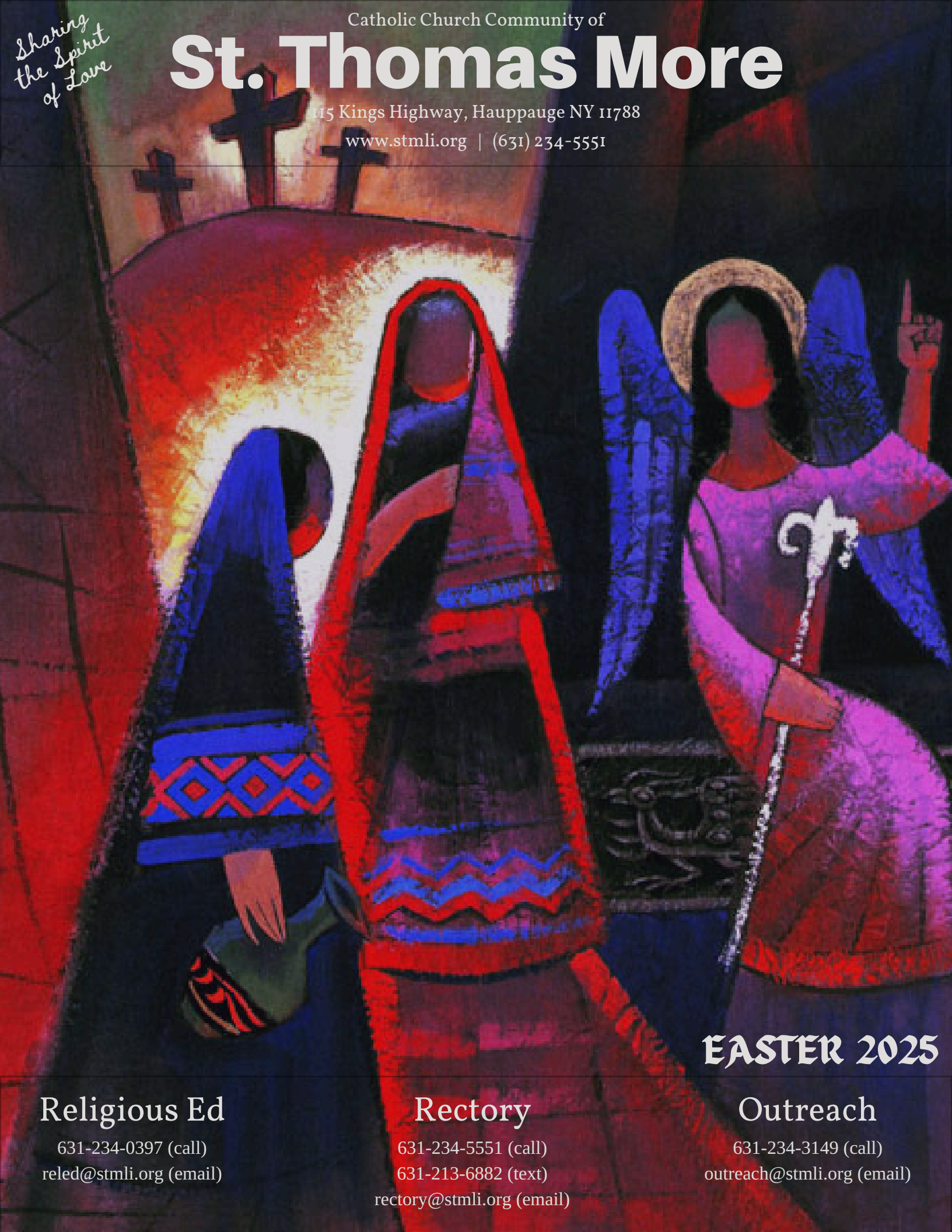
*Sharing
the Spirit
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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EASTER 2025

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, April 19th

7:30pm Easter Flower
Remembrance

Sunday, April 20th *Easter Sunday*

8am Easter Flower
Remembrance

9:30am Easter Flower
Remembrance

11:30am Easter Flower
Remembrance

Monday, April 21st

9am Nicholas Conzo

Tuesday, April 22nd

9am Mary MacAlpine

Wednesday, April 23rd

9am Elizabeth Samson

Thursday, April 24th

7:30pm Ana Cecilia & Cirilo Castro

Friday, April 25th

3pm Aida Hurtado

Saturday, April 26th

5pm Dominick Montanino
Giuseppe Piazza & Anna
Andolina

Sunday, April 27th *Second Sunday of Easter*

8am Joseph Puorro
Cleopatra Arneaud

9:30am Marilyn Quast
Leonard Munzer

11:30am Richard Stout
Kathy Slattery



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.

Saints of the Week

St. Anselm of Canterbury (4/21)
St. George & St. Adalbert (4/23)
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (4/24)
Mark the Evangelist (4/25)

Saints in heaven,
pray for us

Prepare for Next Weekend

Second Sunday of Easter
April 27th 2025

Readings

Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
Revelation 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

Focus Questions

1: Jesus' first greeting to the apostles was, "Peace". What do you do to find peace? How do you share peace with others?

2: Describe a time when you felt the power of the Holy Spirit.

3: Relate a time when your doubts caused you to hesitate.

Families: What do you do to bring peace to your family and friends?

Gospel of John (20:19-31)

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."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Jesus is Risen! Halleluia!! Blessed Easter!!!

On the **Sunday morning of the First Easter**, as we read in today's Gospel, the women went to the Tomb with spices to embalm the dead body of Jesus. (Because they entombed the body of Jesus hurriedly on Good Friday without proper embalming). They did not expect the tomb of Jesus to be open and his body missing – an empty tomb.

They saw two men (angels) inside the Tomb. They explain to them the meaning of the Empty Tomb. Jesus is Risen! The two men remind the women to believe in what Jesus said, "He will rise again on the third day".

Faith is the key to experience the Risen Jesus. The one who believes will see the Risen one and feel his presence. Faith is seeing light with the heart when all that the eyes see is darkness. The women believed and spread the news of the Resurrection. The Risen Jesus appeared only to those who believed in him. Jesus could have appeared to those who put him to death to prove that He is back to life, and what they did to Him was unjust and wrong. However the Resurrection of Jesus is not an act of vengeance from God to prove the sinfulness or injustice of the humans. The Resurrection is to bring people together to live in peace and forgiveness. That is the reason Jesus appeared to those who believe in Him, in His message of forgiveness and peace.

Faith is the key which opens the door for a new experience of the Resurrection. We are the people of the Resurrection. We live by Faith. We live in Hope. Look at the bulbs we buried in the Fall. We buried them with faith in the bulb. We hoped and waited through the winter. Our Faith and Hope did not go in vain. They all have sprung up to New Life. Some are already blooming.

Easter, the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, affirms that what we see in nature can happen to us. We too can become like the bulbs, buried in order not to decay to dust, to rise and bloom with heavenly glory. For those who believe in Jesus, what happened in Jesus will happen in his believers.

HAPPY EASTER TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF OUR FAMILY OF ST. THOMAS MORE.

May the blessings of the Risen Christ bring Newness in our lives and relations. **I personally thank all** those who worked with heart and soul to make the Holy Week, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday a great spiritual and faith-filled experience of the mysteries of our faith. Those decorated the Church and altar, various ministers served in the liturgies both on and behind the stage, and those who helped with their time, talent, and treasure all of you made the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord celebrative. Thanks to the Choir. They elevated the liturgical ceremonies to meaningful and joyful celebration as they always do. I appreciate all the volunteers who served at the Outreach and Pantry. From your generosity they served three bags of food and gift cards to over 60 needy families. You contributed from your heart an overwhelming number of Easter Baskets for children. God bless you all. Thank you, the family of St. Thomas More for your hearty participation and support.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Judith Frances Sutter

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

April 21st - April 27th



Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

Pray for our Clergy

Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Father Lenny Carlino
Bishop John Barres
Pope Francis

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
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch

We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Ana Beltrani	John Zuzzolo
Andrew Valentine	Joseph Tuffarelli
Christopher Conley	Larry Wilson
Christy Torkelsen	Margaret Sheehan
Codier Codispoti	Marge McGowan
Diane McCann	Noah Simonetti
Ellen Murphy	Nunzio Puleo
Grace Harold	Richard Landi
Jo Garvey	Rosalie Malerba

*This listing will reset on September 30th, 2025

To add a name to the sick list, please fill out a card from the literature rack place it in the collection basket, or contact the Rectory by phone or email.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
April 12th & 13th
Palm Sunday

\$7904

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, check the literature rack in the Narthex, or visit us online at stmli.org

Physical Support

There are many different ways to support the St. Thomas More Parish Community! Whether you are 4 or 40, 8 or 80, there are ways for everyone to be involved.

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Whether giving money, time, or labor, all your support is appreciated. St. Thomas More would not exist as it does without the generosity of our Parish Family.

Parish Social Ministry

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Mon-Thur 10AM to 2PM

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.

"Easter Blessings! He is Risen!"

The staff at Outreach would like to express our gratitude for your generosity this Easter season! Wishing you a Blessed Easter!

Looking for ways to help?

Outreach is in need of "back-up" helpers. If you have some time to spare, consider volunteering with us! Please call the Outreach office for more information.



OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Tuna
Mac & Cheese
Soup
Syrup
Pancake Mix
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

We, the members of our conference of SVdP, wish all our supporters and fellow parishioners a Blessed and Happy Easter!



If you know someone in need, please call!
To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com



Baptisms in our church

Congratulations! We were excited to welcome the following children into the Catholic Church during their recent baptisms:

Genevieve Gianna Baker
child of Ashley & Joseph

Nicolette Sofia Martello
child of Lisa & Joseph

BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ALLISON MCMAHON

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



GARY ENGELTHALER

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIA JOSE MURPHY

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



ALLEN MURPHY

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

September 15th, 2025

9am Shotgun Start

\$190 per golfer (before 8/15)

\$200 per golfer (after 8/15)



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



COMMON GOOD
(Thinking of everyone)



DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE
(Sharing fairly)



HUMAN DIGNITY
(Everyone is special)



PARTICIPATION
(Taking part)



PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR
(Putting people in most need first)



PROMOTING PEACE
(Being peacemakers)



SOLIDARITY
(Showing we care by working together)



STEWARDSHIP
(Caring for God's Creation)



SUBSIDIARITY
(Everyone should have a say)



NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 25TH

CALL ANNA
631-234-0714

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Easter occurs on the First Sunday after the First Full Moon after the Vernal Equinox (First Day of Spring). Which is the possible range of dates for Easter Sunday?

- a: March 21-April 30
- b: March 22-April 25
- c: March 21-April 20
- d: March 22-April 21



Answer: B (March 22nd-April 25th). The next time Easter will be late (April 25th) is in 2038. The next time we have an early Easter (March 22nd) won't be until 2285!

Exchange Student

In Need of a Host Family!

We are seeking out a Host Family for a 16y/o German student who will be in Hauppauge for an internship at Muller Martini from June 21st until July 12th.

Are you able to help? Please call the Rectory or email Alex (rectory@stmli.org) for more information.

Rieke is an active young woman, involved in her church, and speaks fluent English with no dietary restrictions.

24:5-6 **WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE; HE IS RISEN! LUKE 24:5-6**

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

ادعو لنا

молися за нас

bete
für

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

ora
pro

uns

молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למענו

nobis

Spring Flower Sale 2025

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 27th**



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 10 & 11 before and after all masses!**

An Easter Table Prayer

Creator God and Lord of life,
You who call forth from the darkness of death
all those who love you,
we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday,
in the resurrection from the dead
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Visit our home and this table
With your bright blessing of peace and life.
We pause in the midst of this prayer
to remember all the Holy Dead in our family
who live now in you and who await
the final and glorious resurrection of the dead.

May they and we,
because of our faith in You, our God,
taste in the victory of life over death.
May the risen Christ, our Lord and Savior,
be our guest as we celebrate his resurrection
with this Easter Sunday dinner.

Bless those who work to preare this meal
which has been a work of prayer,
and bless all of us who shall share it
with Easter love and Joy
May You, then, bless this table and this food,
and each of us,
in your Holy name.

Amen



Blood Drive

St. Thomas More RC Church
In Memory of Arputha Mary
Asir – Fr. Antony's Mother

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

1:30pm – 7:30pm

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge

Walden Hall



To make an appointment, please scan the QR code above. For medical eligibility questions, scan the QR code to the right or call 1-800-688-0900 Monday through Friday, 9am – 5pm.

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Youth Group prayed the Stations of the Cross on a beautiful Palm Sunday, and made Palm Crosses!



Spring has sprung at STM! The daffodils are in bloom, and the mulch has been laid. Can you smell it?



The Lenten Mission led by Fr Jerry Ringenback gave us three beautiful nights of prayer ahead of Holy Week! Thank you Fr Jerry!

