

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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May 4th 2025

And when he had said
this, he said to him,

FOLLOW ME

This Week's Readings

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Third Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, May 3rd

5:00pm Alec Catalano
Eileen Macholz-Barr

Sunday, May 4th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am Dorothy Thompson

9:30am John Puglisi
Joseph Gloster

11:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Eileen Macholz-Barr

Monday, May 5th

9:00am Casey McDonald

Tuesday, May 6th

9:00am Debra Stuart Cameron

Wednesday, May 7th

9:00am Arputha Mary Asir

Thursday, May 8th

9:00am Patricia O'Connell

Friday, May 9th

9:00am Marsha Augustyn

Saturday, May 10th

5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 11th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mother's Day Novena

9:30am Mother's Day Novena

11:30am Mother's Day Novena



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

Sts. Philip and James (5/3)
St. Damien de Veuster (5/10)
Sts. Nereus and Achilleus (5/12)
St. Pancras (5/12)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th 2025

Readings

Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalm 100:1-3,5
Revelation 7:9,14b-17
John 10:27-30

Focus Questions

- 1: Reflect on the qualities that made Jesus a leader who people wanted to follow. Who do you know who exhibits some of those qualities?
- 2: What do you do to practice openness to hearing the voice of Jesus in your life?
- 3: Relate a time when you felt the protection of Jesus.

Families: Who are the people you know who feel excluded? What can you do to help them feel like part of the flock?

Gospel of John (10:27-30)

Jesus said:
"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.
No one can take them out of my hand.
My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

“My wife has been **cooking a chicken for two days.**”

“For two days?”

“Yeah! The cookbook said to cook it one-half-hour per pound, and my wife weighs 110 pounds.” Cooking is an art, a personal expression not a product of what a book says.

Faith too is a living expression of trusting God and humans. Faith is neither a mechanical product of observing certain rules or regulations, nor meticulously fulfilling certain expectations or obligations.

Today’s Gospel narrates **two stories of faith**. The first story is about the disciples who labored the whole night but caught no fish. But at the word of Jesus, they caught an abundance of fish. At the abundant catch their attention turns away from the fish to the One who helped them with the abundant catch. The material paves the way to the spiritual belief in Jesus. When Jesus went through His Passion and death, they abandoned him and could not stick to Him as His disciples, due to fear and shame. They would have felt so ashamed as to how to begin life with Jesus again and would not have known how to relate with Him again.

Jesus again **initiates as he first did with them** at the shores of the Lake of Galilee. The present miracle of the great catch of fish must have reminded them of what happened when they said “Yes” to His calling the first time. They are revived in their hope in Him. They realized that in spite of their abandoning Him, He has never abandoned them. He has come back. He wants them back. All they have to do is just begin again. They thought they had broken the relationship. But now they realize it was never broken from His side, and now the fire of love is enflamed by Him more than ever.

The second story is about **Jesus forgiving Peter** who denied Him three times. The mercy from the heart of Jesus changes Peter’s denial into his committed love. Peter’s denial of Jesus did not make Jesus lose faith in Peter. He still believes in Peter and in what he is capable of. Jesus sees more of what he could do for Him than what he failed to do. His denial as an act had offended Jesus, but Peter the committed follower is seen by Jesus for his best that is yet to come. Jesus hates the sin but loves the sinner for the best he is capable of. His mercy cures the offense we commit and empowers us to live our best.

Faith is not a tit-for-tat action. Faith is not our measured reaction to what others do or don’t do to us. Faith does not move according to rules of judgment and evaluation of the human world. Faith in God is a leap into the heart of God, totally trusting in God’s goodness. Likewise, faith in the other is a leap into the heart of the other believing in their goodness, despite all their weaknesses and shortcomings. When God forgives our sins, He just believes in our goodness, as He did in Peter. When Jesus sends us as His messengers, He places strong faith in our goodness, that we would never fail Him again, as He did in Peter.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Pope Francis
Jack Mango
Evelyn Conroy
Eileen Newcombe

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

May 5th - May 11th

In memory of

Thomas & Theresa Lovelock

by Tom Lovelock

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

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	Joseph Barrett
Andrew Valentine	Joseph Tuffarelli
Christopher Conley	Larry Wilson
Christy Torkelsen	Margaret Sheehan
Codier Codispoti	Marge McGowan
Diane McCann	Michael Jacobs Jr.
Ellen Murphy	Noah Simonetti
Grace Harold	Nunzio Puleo
Jo Garvey	Peter Cappisillo
John Zuzzolo	Richard Landi
	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.

The only way, *the only situation* in which it is permissible to look down on others is... well, you tell me, out loud: ***to help them up.***

-Pope Francis, August 5th 2023
"Parque Tejo", Lisbon. Vigil With Young People



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
April 26th & 27th

\$6886

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.

"When we embody the peace of Christ we become instruments of peace in a restless world."

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.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all who donated to our Lenten Project. St. Thomas More was able to send a check for \$4600 to assist those who were impacted by the wildfires in Los Angeles!



OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Instant Potatoes
Jelly
Tuna
Rice
Coffee/Tea
Drinks/Mixes
Shampoo
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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



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



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)

BANNS OF *Marriage*

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

ALLISON MCMAHON

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



GARY ENGELTHALER

St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



Baptisms *in our church*

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

Ryan Anthony Aprile

child of Colleen & Jonathan

Robert Alexander Bernhardt

child of Rachel & Robert

Isabel Shea Mastrocola

child of Emily & Adam

Rocco James Olk

child of Gabrielle & Kyle

Michael Connor Steen

child of Jaime & Michael

Aneillo James Thompson

child of Marisa & Eric



NEXT MEETINGS:

MAY 16TH

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

\$15 PER PERSON

JUNE 13TH

HOYT FARM BBQ

\$25 PER PERSON

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

RSVP TO ANNA
631-234-0714



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The aspergillum ("little sprinkler") was first made of what material?

- a: Olive branch
- b: Palm frond
- c: Hyssop branch
- d: Lily stems



Answer: C Hyssop. Leviticus 14 describes making an early aspergillum of hyssop, cedar, and birds. In addition, John's gospel specifies that hyssop was used to alleviate Jesus' thirst during his Passion.

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.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

bete
für

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε
για εμάς

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молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למענו

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Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation, commemorates the ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of the Father 40 days after the Resurrection! This year we celebrate this Feast Day on Thursday, May 29th 2023.

St. Augustine's work appears to be the first written evidence of the observance of the feast day on Ascension Thursday, although he traces its origin to the apostles. John Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa, and the Constitution of the Apostles also make reference to the feast.



Find it in the Bible:

Mark 16:19

Luke 24:51

Acts 1:2

Also referenced in:

John 6:63

John 20:17

1 Corinthians 15:27

Ephesians 4:8-10

Colossians 3:3

1 Timothy 3:16

1 Peter 3:22

The Feast of the Ascension is one of the ecumenical feasts, celebrated by many Christian churches. In various faiths and provinces, the date of observation varies.

Please join us in celebration!

Mass Times

Wed 5/28 @ 7pm

Thur 5/29 @ 9am

Thur 5/29 @ 7pm



How to 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 finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

1. The Annunciation to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

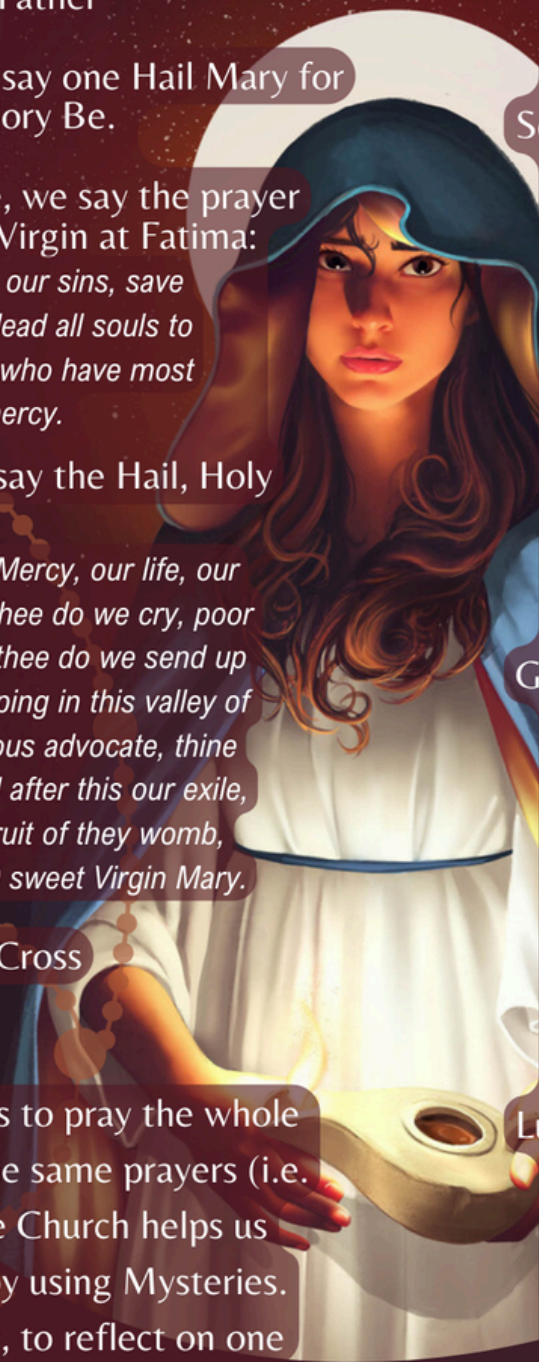
1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEHOLD 2025

with Guest Speakers:



Dr. Edward
Sri



Father Pierre
Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose
Diaz



Sister Mary
Gabriel, SV



Father Daniel
Rivera

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
JUNE 8**



10AM-5:30PM

Saint Anthony's
High School,
South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

**For registration, schedule,
and more details, visit:**

www.drvc.org/congress



**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, May 31

Opening Mass at St. Therese Montauk

10:00 am

Procession through Montauk

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Opening Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral

5:00 pm

Procession to St. Christopher, Baldwin

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Procession from Our Lady of Poland to
Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary,
Southampton
6:00 pm

Sunday, June 1

Mass at St. Isidore, Riverhead

10:30 am

Procession to St. John, Riverhead

11:30 am

Mass at Cure of Ars, Merrick

7:30 am

Procession to St. Barnabas, Bellmore

8:30 am

Mass at St. Barnabas, Bellmore

10:30 am

Procession to St. William the Abbot Seaford

12:00 noon

Monday, June 2

Mass at St. Raphael, East Meadow

7:30 am

Procession to Holy Trinity High School

8:30 am

Tuesday, June 3

Sts. Philip and James, St. James

Procession to St. Patrick, Smithtown

11:00 am

Wednesday, June 4

Mass at Corpus Christi, Mineola

7:30 am

Procession to Chaminade High School

8:45 am

Thursday, June 5

St. John of God, Central Islip

Procession to St. Anne, Brentwood

6:00 pm

Friday, June 6

Mass at St. Gertrude, Bayville

8:30 am

Procession to St. Dominic, Oyster Bay

9:30 am

Saturday, June 7

Closing Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln,

Huntington Station

8:30 am

Closing Procession and Benediction

St. Patrick, Huntington

11:00 am

Walk with Jesus

Mark your calendars for days of public
witness, walking with Jesus on the
roads of Long Island.



Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress



**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

REVIVAL NIGHTS

PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.

NASSAU

Saturday, May 31

8:00 pm

Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport

Sunday, June 1

7:00 pm

Maria Regina, Seaford

Monday, June 2

7:00 pm

Holy Family, Hicksville

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Thursday, June 5

7:00 pm

Notre Dame, New Hyde Park

Friday, June 6

7:00 pm

St. Patrick, Glen Cove

SUFFOLK

Saturday, May 31

7:00 pm

**Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
Mary, South Hampton**

Sunday, June 1

7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches

Monday, June 2

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm

St. Patrick, Smithtown

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 pm

St. Joseph, Babylon

Thursday, June 5

7:00 pm

St. Anne, Brentwood

Friday, June 6

7:00 pm

St. Philip Neri, Northport

Each night will have:

- **Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Eucharistic Preaching and Catechesis**
- **Eucharistic Processions**
- **Nocturnal Adoration**

Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress



Holy Hour

"The Lamb Has Overcome"

Contemporary
music by Alex
and Noelle!



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"You killed the author of life, but
God raised him from the dead."

Acts 3:15



Join the Children's Liturgy!
Ages 4-8, Sundays at 9:30



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Our beautiful grounds
on Easter Weekend!



We remember and
pray for Pope Francis.



Juliana & Steven Marini had their
marraige convalidated on Palm
Sunday!

Convalidation allows a civilly married couple
to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony. Contact
the Rectory for more info!

2025

Parent *Internet* *Safety* Nights

What Parents Need to Know

Dates & Locations:

7:00PM

Wednesday, May 7
Holy Angels Regional School
1 Division Avenue, Patchogue

Thursday, May 8
Trinity Regional School
1025 Fifth Avenue, East Northport

Thursday, May 15
St. Patrick's School
6 N. Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore

Wednesday, May 28
**Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional School**
2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches

About

Suffolk County Police will discuss how to respond appropriately to concerning statements about schools posted on social media, along with the potential consequences of making such posts. The session will also address what steps to take if you or your child sees or receives these types of comments online. An overview of the Suffolk County Police Department's investigation procedures will be provided.

Planning and practice keep schools safe. Schools are safe. It is important not to live in fear. We will talk about the difference between lockout and lockdown. It is easy to get the words mixed up especially in the height of a situation. The evening will end with information about the Suffolk County Police response and our roles in schools.

**No registration required
- all are welcome.**

