

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love


Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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May 18th 2025



As I have loved you,
so you also should
love one another.

This Week's Readings

Acts 14:21-27

Psalms 145:8-13

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-35

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, May 17th

5:00pm Len Munzer, Bernie Nagel
John Puglisi, Peggy Stepanek

Sunday, May 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Marie Papola
Joan Rehm

9:30am Arputha Mary Asir
Matthew Adrian

11:30am Richard Stout
Marie DeSantis Gradnaniello

Monday, May 19th

9:00am Aileen Schlef

Tuesday, May 20th

9:00am Connie Giunta

Wednesday, May 21st

9:00am Eleanor Signor

Thursday, May 22nd

9:00am Chet Gajda

Friday, May 23rd

9:00am London & Maddox Olds
(living)

Saturday, May 24th

5:00pm Ana Cecilia & Cirilo Castro
Donnacha Rockette

Sunday, May 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Samuel Infantino

9:30am Mercedes Josefina Cuenca
Eloy Santiago Dutan Cuenca

11:30am Nicholas Conzo
Christopher Loring



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 John I (5/18)
St. Bernardine of Siena (5/20)
St. Christopher Magallanes & Comp. (5/21)
St. Rita of Casci (5/22)
St. Bede the Venerable (5/25)
St. Gregory VII (5/25)
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (5/25)
Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 18th 2025

Readings

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Revelation 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29

Focus Questions

1: Where do you experience peace?
2: How has prayer helped you when you felt troubled?
3: Describe a time when you were inspired by the Holy Spirit.
Families: Talk about how your family has helped you to believe and trust in Jesus.

Gospel of John (14:23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.
Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
yet the word you hear is not mine
but that of the Father who sent me.
"I have told you this while I am with you.
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me tell you,
'I am going away and I will come back to you.'
If you loved me,
you would rejoice that I am going to the Father;
for the Father is greater than I.
And now I have told you this before it happens,
so that when it happens you may believe."

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

“You must be brave to come down in a one hundred mile-per-hour gale like this in a parachute,” the farmer said to the young soldier. “I did not come down in a parachute,” said the soldier. “I went up in a tent.”

What is evident to the farmer, does not mean that it is true.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Today’s Gospel describes a scene from Jesus’ Last Supper. Judas leaves the supper to betray Jesus in Gethsemane. Judas’ exit begins the time of trial for Jesus. Soon after the Last Supper, Jesus would be betrayed and judged by the Sanhedrin, condemned by Pilot, and crucified to die on the cross. But Jesus looks at this time as a moment of Glorification. Jesus lives his time of Passion and Death as His of Glorification by the Heavenly Father.

How can the **moment of suffering be a time of glorification?** What makes Jesus consider His suffering as glorification? Jesus sees all moments of His life as an expression of what God wants to do in Him. Whether it is suffering or joy Jesus, lives it as a moment of living God’s purpose for which He came into the world.

When **everything goes well in our life, we feel how wonderful it is to live God’s will** and purpose. But when we have to live through sorrowful and painful times it is very hard to accept or see God’s will and purpose at those moments of life. As long as we experience life through what happens to us, this is how we will feel about life. But Jesus teaches us in today’s Gospel how the moments don’t bring life to us rather we bring life into all moments we live. Moments don’t dictate or define life to us. Rather our way of living must give meaning and power to the moments. We should not be thrown by what happens to us. Rather, our way of living both the joyful or sorrowful moments should uplift the moments as the expressions of God’s will and purpose.

When our **life is centered just around ourselves alone**, then we have no other explanation than ourselves for all that happens to us. Like Jesus, when God becomes our goal and purpose of our lives then we have a bigger view of life to see a glorification in suffering, to see a resurrection in crucifixion.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi: On Friday May 16th, Bishop Romero Fernandez administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 85 young men and women of parish. We thank all those who helped them in their long preparation to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Appreciation and thanks go to their sponsors and families who helped them to grow as strong Christian witnesses to be equipped with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Pope Francis

John Siedlecki

John Infranco

Jack Mango

Evelyn Conroy

Eileen Newcombe

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Ana Beltrani

Andrew Valentine

Ann Russo

Christopher Conley

Christy Torkelsen

Codier Codispoti

Diane McCann

Ellen Murphy

Grace Harold

Jo Garvey

John Zuzzolo

Joseph Barrett

Joseph Tuffarelli

Larry Wilson

Margaret Sheehan

Marge McGowan

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MaryAnn Landi

Michael Jacobs Jr.

Noah Simonetti

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Peter Cappisillo

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.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

May 19th - May 25th



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 Leo XIV

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.

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God.

I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth:

Peace be with you.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
May 10th & 11th

\$6850

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

A Gentle Reminder:

Please do not place clothing or household items in the food bins or leave them at Outreach. We do not have a lot of extra storage space.

Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family you could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

"We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs him like a bridge to reach God and his love."

POPE LEO XIV

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.

Did you know?

Outreach maintains a list of people who provide homecare, assistance around the house, companionship, tutoring, and day care/babysitting. If you would like your name added to our list, please contact the Outreach office.

OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Jelly
Coffee/Tea
Soups
Drinks/Mixes
Detergent
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 the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

By your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you show that you have love for one another, especially our neighbors in need, and that you are a disciple of Jesus.



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)



YOUNG AT HEART

RSVP TO ANNA
631-234-0714

NEXT MEETINGS:

MAY 23RD

MAY 30TH
COMMUNION BREAKFAST
\$15 PER PERSON

JUNE 13TH
HOYT FARM BBQ
\$25 PER PERSON

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.

BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

REBECCA TRENTINI
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



STEVEN HROMIN
St. Saviour
Brooklyn

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

SAMANTHA JANOWITZ
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



NICHOLAS GIORDANO
St. Anthony of Padua
East Northport

POPE FACTS

Pope Leo earned a BS in Mathematics from Villanova University. However, despite his time in Philly, he is still a White Sox fan!

BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
Be You.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

ادعو لنا

ruega por nosotros

pray for us

ora pro nobis

молися за нас

Reflections on the 2025 DRVC Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress

by Deacon Matt

During the days of May 31 - June 7, we all have a great opportunity to experience a diocese-wide pilgrimage which leads us to the diocese-wide Congress on June 8 at St. Anthony's High School. Each day will consist of a Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and then a Revival Night (Adoration, preaching, and catechesis). This is a miniature version of what took place across our country and in Indianapolis last year for the National Eucharistic Revival. I would urge everyone to check the daily schedule in the flyer in this bulletin as well as on the DRVC website, at <https://www.drvc.org/congress/eucharistic-pilgrimage/> and start making plans now, even if it is just for a single day or evening. Some of the events are taking place fairly close to Hauppauge. There is something very uplifting about walking with fellow Catholics and witnessing to the Truth of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist out in public. There is also something very stirring about attending a Revival Night. Apart from our own spiritual needs, we never know how our participation in something like this will enliven the hearts and minds of a fellow Catholic who needs a boost to return to a more active participation in the faith. And above it all, we get a personal reminder of Jesus' desire to remain with us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). I look forward to joining many of you!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Pope Leo is our first American Pope. How many Popes have been from "Italy"

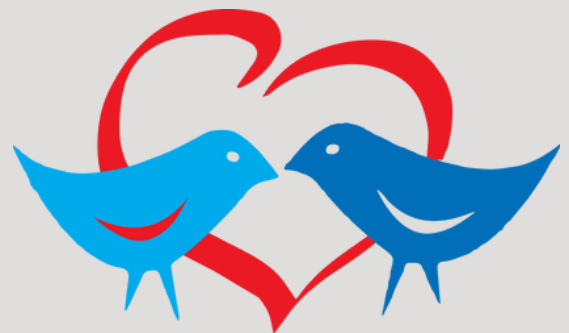
- a: 94
- b: 158
- c: 217
- d: 263



Answer: C (217): Did you know that the election of Karol Wojtyla as Pope John Paul 2 marked not only the first Polish Pope, but the first non-Italian since the 16th century (Nov 1523)

POPE FACTS

Pope Leo is the second Pope to speak English as a native language! Before him was Adrian IV (1154-1159), and he spoke Middle English which barely counts.



Love
One
Another

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)

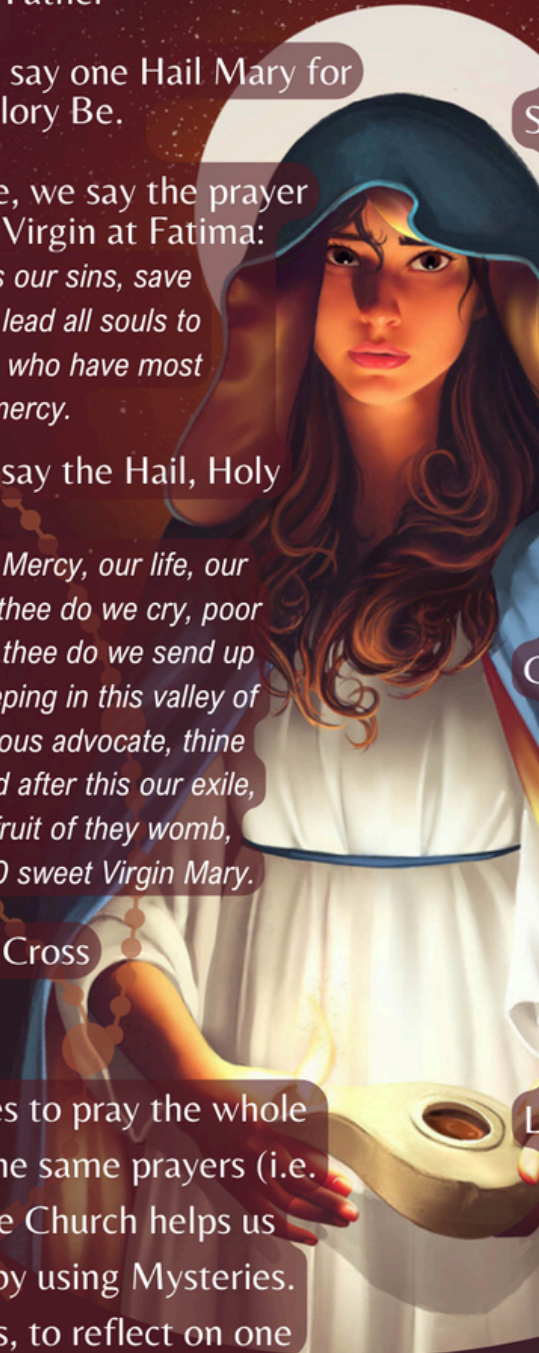
1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

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





The Rosary

AND WHY WE SHOULD PRAY IT DAILY

THE FOLLOWING COME DIRECTLY FROM MARY, AS GIVEN
TO ST DOMINIC AND BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE

1: Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

2: I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

3: The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4: The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.

5: The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

6: Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune.

7: Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8: Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces.

9: I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10: The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

11: By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.

12: Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13: I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

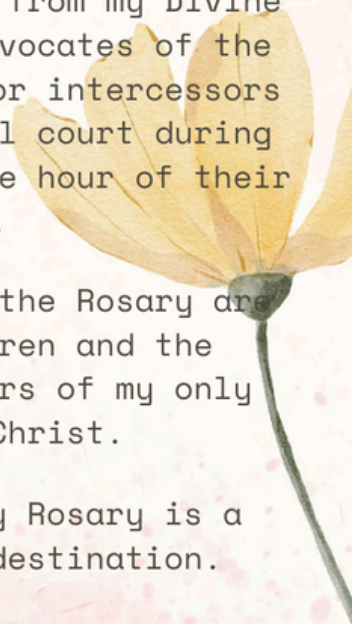
14: All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

15: Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †

"United in the Love of Christ"





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
EUCCHARISTIC 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





PENTECOST PARKING LOT MASS!

June 7th, 5:00pm 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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@StThomasMoreHauppauge



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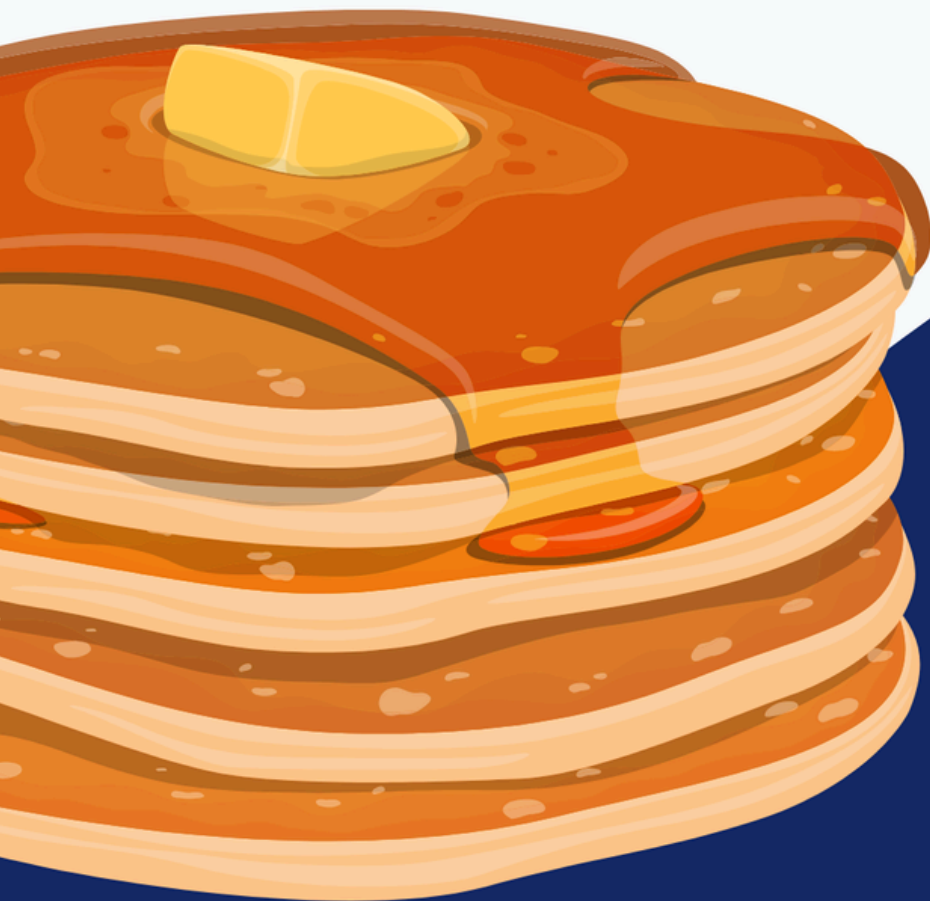




Celebrate STM at our annual

Pancake Breakfast!

*Sunday, June 8th
after all Masses!*



Freewill
Donation





Our beautiful children at their First Holy Communion!!



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Blessing of the Babies! Pray for them ahead of their Baptisms!



Learning about the new Pope and praying for our Mom's at Children's Liturgy!



Allison McMahon & Gary Engelthaler with Father Antony after their wedding!

Catholic Daughters Court 1702 Queen of the Universe Present



Human Trafficking— a National and Local Epidemic

May 21, 7-9pm

Canning Hall, St. Patrick Church, Smithtown

280 East Main St., Smithtown

(Canning Hall is located in the building to the left of the church)

Catholic Daughters Court 1702, Queen of the Universe, invite you to an informational evening on human trafficking. The human-trafficking rate in Suffolk County is now at epidemic proportions with Suffolk County in the top 20th percentile in the nation. Currently, at least 21 children from Suffolk are missing. James Johnson of the Suffolk County Police Department will discuss this important topic to create awareness and provide us with the tools needed to keep at risk adults, teens and children safe. We encourage parents, grandparents and junior/senior HS students to attend. Topics will include:

- ☐ Human Trafficking – a basic overview
- ☐ Human Trafficking Investigations (SCPD) and Suffolk County Anti-Trafficking Initiative (SCATI)
- ☐ Child Sex Trafficking – social services, high-risk youth, methodologies/techniques employed by traffickers to compel victim compliance
- ☐ Psychological impacts of these crimes on victims as well as indicators for who becomes a victim, and why
- ☐ Operation Safe and Lasting Return
- ☐ Questions/Answers session following presentation

Many of those rescued from trafficking and sent to temporary shelters are in great need of basic items to restart their lives. Please consider contributing some of the following items to help them in this process.

ITEMS NEEDED (*MOST NEEDED) (Donations will be accepted at the event, or after all masses on May 24 and 25):

- * Full/travel size oral hygiene supplies (e.g., toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss)
- * Ready-to-eat meals in microwavable cups or pouches (e.g., macaroni and cheese, soups, instant ramen soups), ramen noodles, instant mashed potatoes, fruit cups, squeezable fruit/yogurt pouches, jar baby food, cereal, tuna in pouches...
- ☐ Personal hygiene: feminine hygiene products, wet wipes, baby wash, shampoo, deodorant, ladies shavers, body lotion, liquid hand soap, bar soap, lip balm, cotton swabs, hair brushes
- ☐ Travel size laundry detergent and fabric softener, small size dish washing liquid

St Thomas More/Msgr. Francis S Midura
Council #6062
Grand Knight Ernie LaFontaine

Council Scholarship Application

The Knights of Columbus Council # 6062 is a nonprofit organization established to assist the St. Thomas More community. The organization is comprised of men from the St. Thomas More Parish. Through a variety of events and activities, we donate funds, provide services and time to many causes, one of them being our community youth. This scholarship is one way we as a council, have decide to give back to a member of our community that lives his or her life in a way that echoes the mission of our council.

Who is eligible? All current graduating high school seniors who are members of the St. Thomas More Parish

How will the winner be selected? The winner will be selected by the Grand Knight and a committee comprised of officers of the council. The judges will evaluate eligible student's application in relation to their goals, school and community service, as well as other significant information that the applicant includes in the required essay. The winner will be notified by the end of June. The award winner and his or her family will be invited to the council's regular business meeting on the first Wednesday of July or other day to be specified. No materials will be returned to the candidates. All entries will see results posted in the church bulletin.

How much is the scholarship? The council will award the winner with a check for \$250 with the intention that the money be used to offset the expenses of college.

How do I apply? Complete the application on the next page, and attach a typed 300-word essay.

Essay Question: In your own words, what are the challenges facing younger Catholics in today's world? And what can you do from a personal perspective to keep your faith strong in difficult times?

Mail both the application and essay to:

Knights of Columbus
115 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Deadline is June 25th 2025



Council Scholarship Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Are you a member of the St. Thomas More Parish? _____

Which high school did you attend? _____

Which college/university are you attending in the fall? _____

What is your intended major? _____

List community service activities that you have been involved in. Most recent first.

	Activity	Organization	Date(s)
1:	_____	_____	_____
2:	_____	_____	_____
3:	_____	_____	_____
4:	_____	_____	_____
5:	_____	_____	_____

List any awards or achievements you have earned. Most recent first.

	Award	Organization	Date(s)
1:	_____	_____	_____
2:	_____	_____	_____
3:	_____	_____	_____

I declare that all information entered above is true and correct, and the essay I submitted is my own work.

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature