

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

November 3rd, 2024



love
your
neighbor
as
yourself

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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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Masses November 2nd - November 10th 2024

Saturday, November 2nd: All Souls

5pm- All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 3rd: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- All Souls Novena

9:30am- All Souls Novena

11:30am- All Souls Novena

Monday, November 4th: St Charles Borromeo

9am- All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 5th:

9am- All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 6th:

9am- All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 7th:

9am- All Souls Novena

Friday, November 8th:

9am- All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 9th: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5pm- Agnes Schomber *by Russ & Evelina*

Doug Jones *by Barbara & Family*

Sunday, November 10th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Glen Bitet *by Lorraine Toomey*

9:30am- Lorenzo Garofalo *by Joanne & Gary Garramone*

Joseph Marsich *by Ratka & Joseph Santic*

11:30am- Terry Pankus *by Deacon Al Pankus*

Christopher Loring *by Elisa Kerenyi*

Mark 12:38-44 (Ordinary 32)

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Focus Questions for Ordinary 32

Mark 12:38-44

- 1: Relate a time when you witnessed generosity like the poor widow from someone who could least afford it.
- 2: Describe the most generous person you know.
- 3: Recall a time when you let go and put your trust in God like the poor widow.

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how you share what you have with others.

Readings for This Week

November 3rd, 2024 (Ordinary 31)

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

Readings for Next Week

November 10th, 2024 (Ordinary 32)

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 146:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



LOVE
YOUR neighbor
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart." These words of Helen Keller who became blind and deaf during her childhood, explain the reality that heart can experience. It may be that we depend too much on the other external senses (like seeing, hearing, smelling, etc.) that we become not as sensitive to the reality that Heart, the inner sense, can feel.

Today's readings name that heart-reality as love of God and love of others. The first reading explains how God can be loved with "all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength." Moses explained to the people that their God is the God of their history, the same God whom their fathers believed. Their faith in God is handed to them by their ancestors. The same ONE who was in a relationship with their ancestors is the same ONE who relates with them now. Moses emphasized the importance of a faithful relationship with God, and the need for obedience that comes from love, not just duty. God is not an abstract reality but a person of loving relationship whom we can love and who can be loved in loving others.

In the Gospel we find the words of the first readings said twice. The words "Love your God and others with all your heart, all your understanding etc." are said first by Jesus and repeated by the scribe. Jesus did not merely repeat the words from the book of Deuteronomy, but he added to them the other phase of God's love. "The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these."

When the scribe responded to Jesus' reply, he too did not repeat what Jesus replied to him. He expressed his own understanding of Jesus's words by his own, "to love (God) and your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Jesus appreciated the scribe for his understanding. First, God is the PERSON who can be and has to be loved in/through our human faculties, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. Secondly, this interpersonal love between us and God has to be released (lived) in our love towards others. Our life is primarily a spiritual expression in two loves: 1) the love of God who loves us 2) our love towards others. The true essence of our life is love that comes vertically down from God filling our hearts, so that we live that love horizontally, loving others around us.

November is the month we pray for those who lived with us and left us to be with God. Death is the reality of the biological body. As the Word of God explains, our body bears the Image of God (Genesis 1:28) and is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (Corinthians 3:16-17). The body has its own limitations and can hold life only for a limited time. When the body cannot hold life anymore, the life goes back to God where it came from. Jesus's words explain how He claims us back. "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him [on] the last day." (John 6:40) "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

Our beloved completed their earthly bodily life. Now they are called by God to live eternally in God's presence. Please pray that they have eternal rest and enjoy God face to face living eternally.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
October 26th & 27th

\$5805

Thank You!

*St. Thomas More Parish needs your support
now more than ever!*

Calendar Club Winners

10/28 (\$25): Pat & Joan Shea (887)

10/29 (\$25): Lottie & Chet Kalenty (983)

10/30 (\$25): Rita Malavet (1156)

10/31 (\$25): James & Donna Feeney (1100)

11/1 (\$25): Evelyn Mentock (1054)

11/2 (\$25): Amadeo Fasolino (742)

11/3 (\$50): Michele & Mike Musto (1362)

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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.

**YOU
BELONG
here.**

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Young at Heart

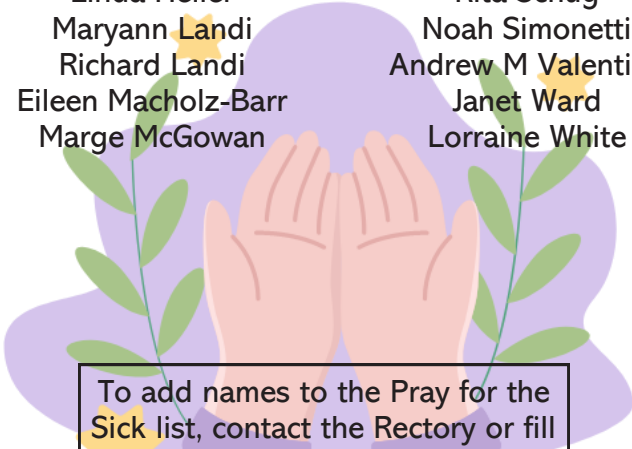
Anna Beltrani

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Marie Bracco	Meagan
Lillian Catalano	Ellen Murphy
Patricia Culbert	John Puglisi
Barbara Foberg	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Linda Heller	Rita Schug
Maryann Landi	Noah Simonetti
Richard Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Eileen Macholz-Barr	Janet Ward
Marge McGowan	Lorraine White



To add names to the Pray for the Sick list, contact the Rectory or fill out a card found in the literature rack and place it in a collection basket.

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Josephine Hauk
 Mary "Molly" Young
 Theresa Beirne
 Joan Nachtman
 James Dove



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
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch



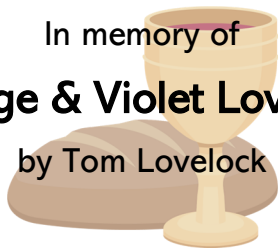
We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.



Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

11/4-11/10

In memory of
George & Violet Lovelock
 by Tom Lovelock



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 Social Ministry

"You were made for mission. You will never have lasting happiness until you realize this and act on it."

~M. Kelly



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† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs for the month...

Boxed Milk
Pancake Mix
Syrup

Small Laundry Detergent

Thanksgiving is coming! Please see our flyer for suggested food items. We are especially in need of \$25 gift cards to Shop Rite and Stop & Shop so our families can purchase a turkey or ham.

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.



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.

Life Center of Long Island...

...is in need of gently used and new winter clothing for boys and girls in sizes Newborn through 4T. Coats, snowsuits, clothing, diapers, formula, and baby food can be dropped off at their Smithtown location - 91 Maple Ave, Smithtown.

www.lifecenterli.org



In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone, and frightened.

Call us at 631-648-2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com.

TEXT STM

We now have a number you can text to reach
the Rectory!

*This is not an emergency line, and only
receives text messages

631-213-6882



Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: TBA

Call Anna for more info
631-234-0714

Parish Weddings

Please pray for these beautiful couples
who received the Sacrament of Holy
Matrimony here at St. Thomas More!



Michaela Crosby & Nicholas Nuzzi, October 25th

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*

Baptisms in our church

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

Delaney James Schiro
child of Lauren & Christopher

Brianna Elsemarie Jensen
child of Marissa & Kristian

★★★★★
VETERANS DAY MASS

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HEROES
MATHEW F. O'CONNELL M/C U S NAVY (KOREA)
BERNIE NAGEL U S NAVY (WWII)
ROBERT M. KOEPPER U S NAVY (VIETNAM)
U.T. FITZGERALD U S NAVY (COLD WAR)

To all Veterans and their families, please come and celebrate this very important mass service to Honor all our Veterans. After the service, we will raise a new American flag in their honor.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 5 PM

GOD BLESS AMERICA

St. Thomas More Church 115 Kings Hwy Hauppauge NY
 KOFC COUNCIL #6062/CMDR JOHN J. SHEA ASSEMBLY #729



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the name of the Pope's official ring?

- a: Shepherd's Regalia
- b: Ring of the Fisherman
- c: Camerlengo's Cross
- d: Piscatory Ring



Answer: Trick question, both B and D are correct. A Shepherd's Regalia is nothing I made it up! C: The Camerlengo will make a cross in the ropes ring upon his death, invalidating it.

Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children in your prayers as they take the first step on the path of Catholicism!



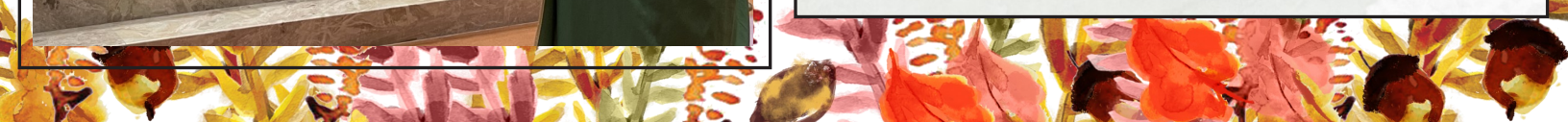
BANNS OF Marriage

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

ANA DIEZ CANSECO
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YOAN VELAZQUEZ
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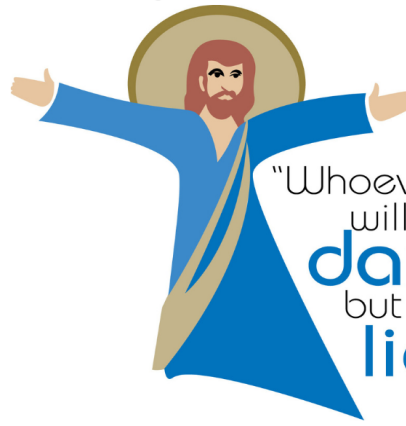


OCIA Rite of Welcome

Last Sunday, two candidates were officially welcomed into the OCIA program. Please keep Jenna Gustafson and Natalya Minisalli in your prayers on their journey of faith.



Have you been called by Name?



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

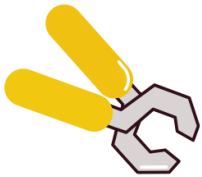
JOHN 8:12

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.



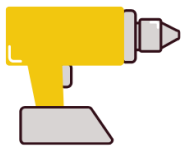
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



RENOVATION UPDATE



Construction in the back is proceeding.



Please remember that the White and Red Rooms (Walden & Kirwin Halls) are off limits to ALL parishioners, by order of the Fire Marshall.



*Sorry for the
inconvenience caused.*



Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training 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.

You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Thursday, Nov. 14 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am - 12 noon
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B - 1pm - 4 pm

(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

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. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration is NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

2024  2025

REVIVE

SPEAKER SERIES

7:30PM

Thursday, November 7



Church of St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545



Featured Speaker

**Sr. Maria Veritas
Marks, OP**

Presentation:

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Admission is free.

All are invited to gather at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Brookville for a special event as we encounter Eucharistic Revival on Long Island.



Originally from Queens, NY, Sister Maria Veritas Marks entered the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in 2010 and made her final vows in 2018. She earned her PhD in theology at The Catholic University of America in 2024 and, since 2014, has taught theology at the high school and college levels. She authors a monthly column for the Detroit Catholic and regularly speaks and writes on spiritual topics.

For more information, please email: mcooke@drvc.org

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis • Diocese of Rockville Centre

Parish Outreach

THANKS

FOOD DRIVE

GIVING



Please donate food items and/or gift cards to pay for turkeys as we are not accepting donated turkeys!

Food is great, Gift Cards are preferred!!

Yams
Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Veggies
Applesauce
Coffee & Tea
Desserts

\$25 Gift Cards
(ShopRite or Stop & Shop)

Cards/Cash donations
can be sent to Outreach
or put in the collection
basket at mass.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

631-234-3149
outreach@stmli.org

YG October 20th The Ten Commandments



YG October 27th Spooky Side of The Church



On October 27th we learned about the Hallowtide Triduum (Hallow's Eve, All Saints Day, All Souls Day) and some strange spooky things (like real exorcisms, acceptable burial, a church full of bone decor, Mary Magdalenes skull and incorruptible corpses)



Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

November 3rd

November 17th

Follow us on
Instagram! [@stm_yg](https://www.instagram.com/stm_yg)

 **YOUTH GROUP**
† ST. THOMAS MORE †

A New Emmaus Experience

Thanks to those who came to the New Emmaus presentation! We hope that those who came were touched by personal stories of pilgrimage and encounter. For those who watched the live stream, we know it was difficult to view the slideshow due to lighting challenges in the church. I'll be taking the audio/video recording of the presentation and adding in the slideshow, then uploading that to our parish YouTube channel, so that anyone who missed it can see it more clearly. And please note that as we said in our talk, pilgrimage and encounter lead to mission. We are in the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival, which is the year of mission. Like in many parishes in our country, we in St. Thomas More will have an opportunity to explore new ways to be missionaries and evangelize. So stay tuned for more on this in the near future!



[YouTube Link](https://tinyurl.com/5n7y2u8m)
<https://tinyurl.com/5n7y2u8m>



Holy Hour

*"Where the Soul
Never Dies"*

Contemporary
music by Alex
and Noelle!



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!

Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer



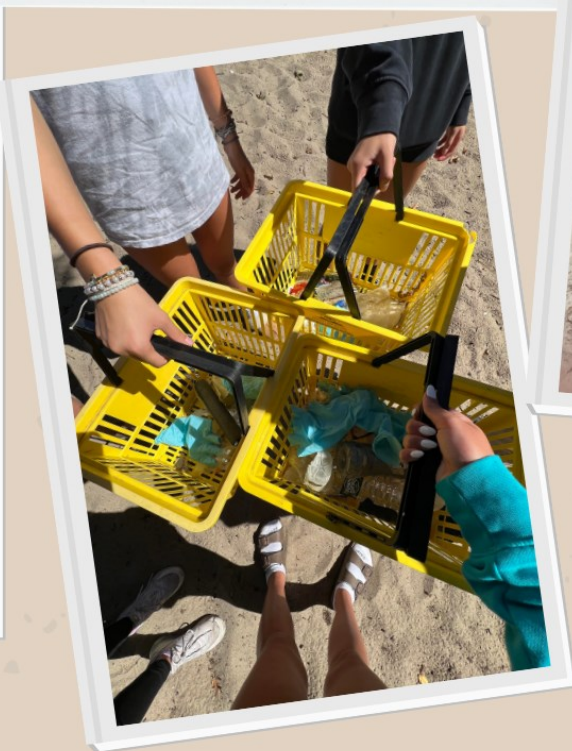
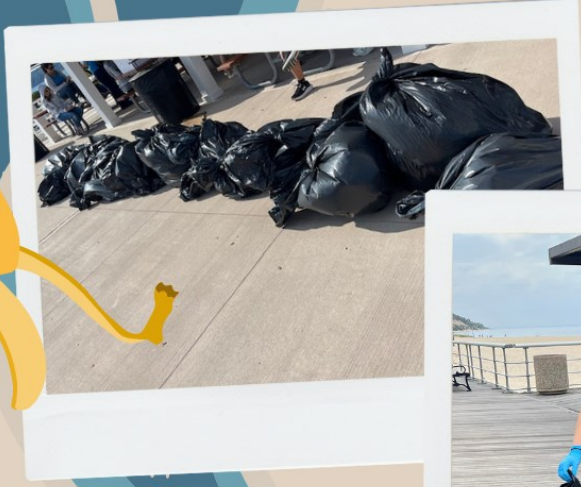
RELIGIOUS ED

BEACH

CLEAN UP

Our 8th graders have been learning about Pope Francis' call to protect the environment. They've been doing projects in that vein, including cleaning up our local beaches!

More photos, from more classes!!





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bulletin Announcement: *Parish Scholarships Available at Catholic University*

The Catholic University of America is a faithful global research university in our nation's capital that offers its students a life-transforming educational experience. As the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States, the Catholic University of America's global mission is centered on Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church in the world. Grounded in a passion for the Sacred Scriptures, the Holy Eucharist and fidelity to the liberating truths of our Catholic Faith, the Catholic University of America integrates faith, reason, scholarship, professional and career preparation and missionary corporal and spiritual works of mercy service in a vibrant harmony.

We have many students from Long Island from both our Catholic and public schools who are studying at the Busch School of Business, the Conway School of Nursing, Catholic philosophy and theology, Biomedical engineering and many other academic disciplines and their connected career paths.. These different academic dimensions of Catholic University have one critical thing in common. They integrate Catholic biblical, doctrinal, sacramental, moral and spiritual theology into these critical academic disciplines and their related professional and career preparation.

Nominate students today for an annually renewable \$4,000 parish scholarship—worth \$16,000 over 4 years. If you know a high school student seeking a vibrant academic community grounded in our Catholic faith, invite them to explore our programs. Learn more about how you can refer a student and help them take the next step in their educational journey with us. Visit the following link or scan the QR Code for more details: <https://www.catholicu-lead-with-light.net/referral>





Hallow
coming
soon

Calendar Club 2025

The Every Day Lotto!

Numbers are drawn every day of the year (except during the Easter Triduum). The lucky winner of each day is awarded \$25 (or \$50 on Sundays and Holy Days!)

One number for \$25, or 5 numbers for \$100.

Buy as many entries as you want, and win as many times as your luck allows! You can even purchase numbers as gifts for family and friends.

The Calendar Club is a great way to support our parish, and a very important annual fundraiser for us! Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory, or put it in the basket during Sunday collection.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

ONE for \$25 TWO for \$50 THREE for \$75 FIVE for \$100

Early Bird Special: Deadline Sun Dec 15th

Order FIVE numbers and get a SIXTH on us!

Note: You must return your form and payment by Sunday
December 15th.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2025 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!