

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025



Peace I  
leave with  
you; my  
peace I  
give to you.

John 14:27

## This Week's Readings

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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# This Week's Masses

## 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

## Monday, May 26th

9:00am Joseph Prestopino

## Tuesday, May 27th

9:00am Joel Miller

## Wednesday, May 28th

9:00am Robert Prestopino

7:00pm People of STM

## Thursday, May 29th

9:00am Sherie Gaizo

7:00pm Thomas Fine

## Friday, May 30th

9:00am Rose Claire Mazza

## Saturday, May 31st

5:00pm Sheila Samson  
Ida Marcello

## Sunday, June 1st

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Kathleen Healy

9:30am Mary Arputha Asir  
Rosemary & Jack Mango

11:30am Matthew & Patricia O'Connell  
Chet Kalenty



## 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. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (5/25)

St. Philip Neri (5/26)

St. Augustine of Canterbury (5/27)

Visitation of BVM (5/31)

St. Justin (6/1)

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter (6/2)

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions (6/3)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1st 2025

### Readings

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 97:1-2,6-7,9

Revelation 22:12-17,22

John 17:20-26

### Gospel of John (17:20-26)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

### Focus Questions

1: Share an experience of feeling united with God?

2: Relate a time when you felt loved.

3: What stays with you when you hear this Gospel?

Families: Who are the people in your life who are a gift to you?

our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

Son: "Dad, what is a religious traitor?"

Father: "A person who leaves our church and joins another."

Son: "And what is a person who leaves another church and joins ours?"

Father: "A convert, son, a convert."

A convert or a traitor is a matter of allegiance, what one shows to a particular group or not. God is not bound by any allegiance. God is in and beyond every group and all denominations with Godly abundance.

Today's readings invite us to see this Godly reality amidst all of us. The first reading narrates how the early church recognized that the spirit of the Risen Jesus exists and works in both groups of Jewish and Non-Jewish (Gentile) Christian Churches. The second reading portrays how Heaven, the Godly abode is New Jerusalem without a Temple. Humanly speaking, the Holy City of Jerusalem, without a Temple is unthinkable. But divinely speaking, the temple is wherever the spirit and presence of the Risen Jesus presents. Heaven does not need a Temple because it is the presence of God everywhere in all the places forever.

The Gospel explains this truth in an emphatic way that God's presence is available in Jesus to whoever loves and keeps His word. God's presence is not a privilege of a particular group of people or restricted to a particular building or place. Whenever we pray or worship God, God begins His experience with us in particular symbols and places. But he always leads us to His abundance which no creed of a particular group, culture, liturgy, or symbols can hold or express fully.

In worship we don't bind God to our limitations but allow ourselves to expand to His limitless abundance. Let us pray to God to break all the barriers each of us have built in the name of religion, culture, ideologies etc. We are invited in worship and life, to experience and live the PEACE Jesus has given to us. The Risen Jesus presents among us, His believers, as the abiding peace among us whenever we are gathered to worship Him. Jesus gathers us and encourages us to live His peace and allow it to be available to all through us.



With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



## Our Staff

### Rectory

Theresa Recce (sacraments)  
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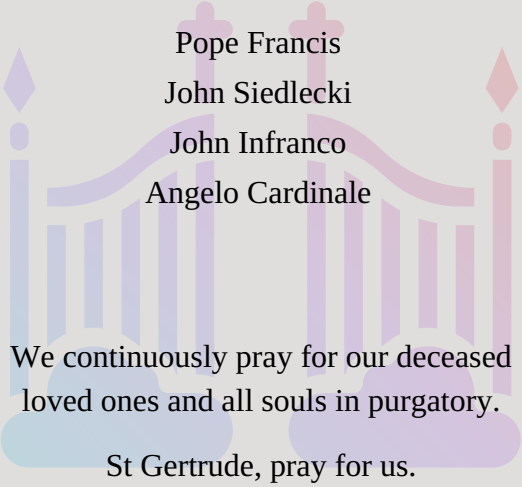
### Music Ministry

Emilia Savarese, Director  
(631) 724-8820



# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased



Pope Francis  
John Siedlecki  
John Infranco  
Angelo Cardinale

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

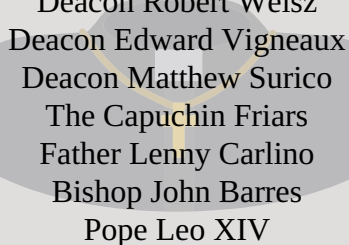
## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

May 26<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>



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.

## Pray for the Sick



Ana Beltrani  
Andrew Valentine  
Angela Tolentino  
Ann Russo  
Barbara Foberg  
Christopher Conley  
Christy Torkelsen  
Codier Codispoti  
Diane McCann  
Ellen Murphy


Grace Harold  
Jo Garvey  
John Zuzzolo  
Joseph Barrett  
Joseph Tuffarelli  
Larry Wilson  
Linda Heller  
Lori Rooney  
Lorraine White

Margaret Sheehan  
Marge McGowan  
Maria U Aldaba  
MaryAnn Landi  
Michael Jacobs Jr.  
Noah Simonetti  
Nunzio Puleo  
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.

## 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.*

Hallow



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

# \$5091

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](http://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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Patty Citro  
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### Parish Outreach

Marti White  
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### Pastoral Council

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### Consolation Ministry

Eileen Weidig  
631-724-2462

### OCIA

Ann Russo  
[redaa@aol.com](mailto:redaa@aol.com)

### Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani  
631-234-0714

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.

### 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 fmailly you could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

## Parish Social Ministry

"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](mailto: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.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

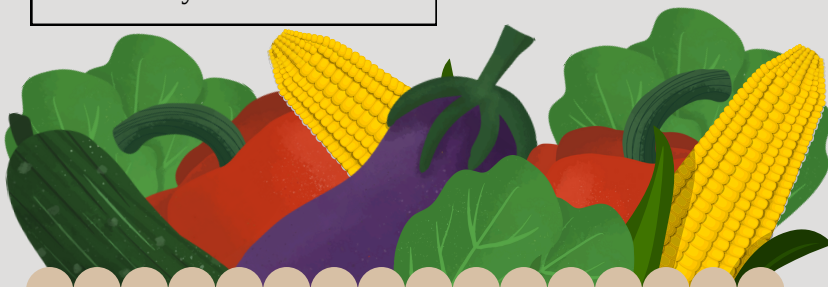
In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

During the month of May, we received several requests for help that we could not meet as the need was too large and beyond help. As Vincentians, we then return to prayer for the person in need and for all of God's church.

Do you have an interest in joining us?

If you know someone in need, please call!

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email [svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)



### OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Tuna

Drinks/Mixes

Soap

Toothpaste

Detergent

### 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 †

# SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

## GOLF OUTING

September 15th, 2025

9am Shotgun Start

\$190 per golfer (before 8/15)



RSVP TO ANNA  
631-234-0714

### NEXT MEETINGS:

MAY 30TH  
COMMUNION BREAKFAST  
AFTER 9AM MASS  
\$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 21<sup>st</sup> until July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Are you able to help? Please call the Rectory or email Alex ([rectory@stmli.org](mailto: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

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

REBECCA TRENTINI  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



STEVEN HROMIN  
St. Saviour  
Brooklyn

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

SAMANTHA JANOWITZ  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



NICHOLAS GIORDANO  
St. Anthony of Padua  
East Northport



## POPE FACTS

Pope Leo personally met  
his three immediate  
predecessors!



## 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

June 8 is the day of the great feast of Pentecost. It's wonderful to reflect on how the Holy Spirit has been a part of our lives, both individually and as a parish. Sometimes we can be blinded to the Spirit's presence and action when we settle into the routines of the day and the week. This is one reason why we need spiritual direction and retreats. There is a golden opportunity to participate in a kind of retreat on the feast of Pentecost. The diocese is putting on a one-day Eucharistic Congress. There will be Adoration, music, talks, and the opportunity to share faith with fellow Catholic Long Islanders. There also will be a Mass in the afternoon. It will be a great day to celebrate within the parish (including our pancake breakfast for our feast weekend) and then head over to St. Anthony's High School. The diocese requires that everyone register to be sure they have enough space and supplies, so sign up at <https://www.drvc.org/congress/registration/>. I look forward to seeing many of you there!



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

During the Easter Season, both the first and second reading come from the New Testament. Which books?

- a: Revelation & Corinthians
- b: Acts & Revelation
- c: John & Peter
- d: Romans & Acts



Answer: B (Acts & Revelation).

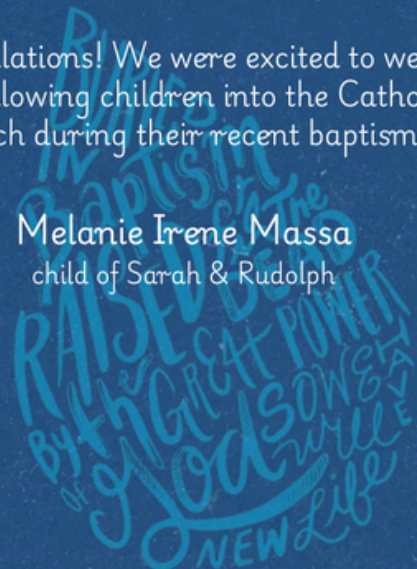
## POPE FACTS

Pope Leo speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, plus he can read Latin and German!

## Baptisms in our church

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

Melanie Irene Massa  
child of Sarah & Rudolph





# 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







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](http://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](http://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](http://drvc.org/congress)**





# PENTECOST PARKING LOT MASS!

**June 7th, 5:00pm Mass**

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## **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



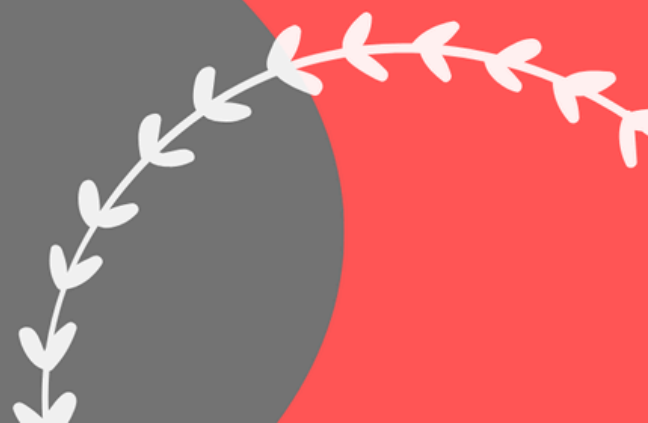
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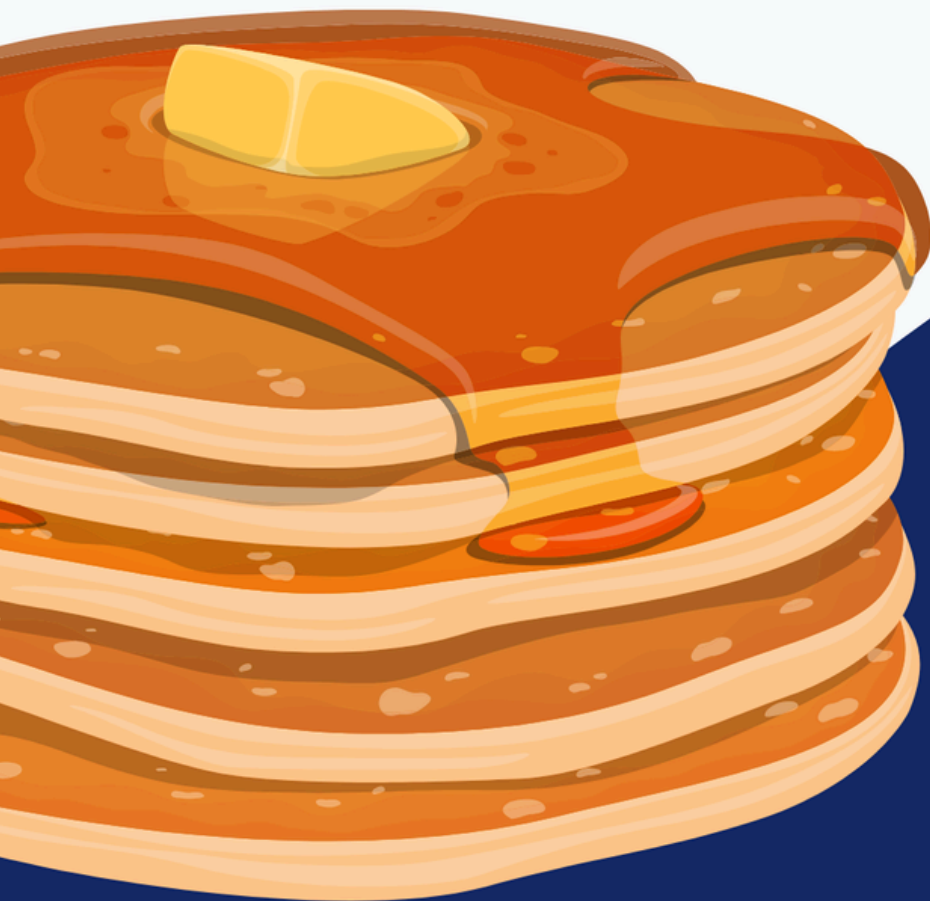




Celebrate STM at our annual

# *Pancake Breakfast!*

*Sunday, June 8th  
after all Masses!*



Freewill  
Donation



St Thomas More/Msgr. Francis S Midura  
Council #6062  
Grand Knight Brad Fine

## 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** Jesus was asked which is the Greatest Commandment in the law? Jesus replied this is the First and Greatest Commandment and the second is like it. What were those Commandments? What did they mean then and what do they mean to you today? There are no wrong answers, just follow your heart.

Mail both the application and essay to:

Knights of Columbus  
115 Kings Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup> 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