

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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May 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

## Mary, Mother of All Christians



### This Week's Readings

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm 66:1-7,16,20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, May 9th

5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

## Sunday, May 10th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mother's Day Novena

9:30am Mother's Day Novena

11:30am Mother's Day Novena

## Monday, May 11th

9:00am Mother's Day Novena

## Tuesday, May 12th

9:00am Mother's Day Novena

## Wednesday, May 13th

9:00am Mother's Day Novena

## Thursday, May 14th

9:00am Mother's Day Novena

## Friday, May 15th

9:00am Mother's Day Novena

## Saturday, May 16th

5:00pm Augie Vrondis  
Laura Jennings

## Sunday, May 17th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Gerry Keena  
Brian O'Tool

9:30am Joseph Beltrani Sr  
Victor Constantino

11:30am Richard Stout  
Marianna Sblendorio



## 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. Damien de Veuster (5/10)  
Sts. Nereus & Achilleus (5/12)  
Our Lady of Fatima (5/13)  
St. Matthias the Apostle (5/14)  
St. Isidore the Farmer (5/15)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

our  
*daily bread*

### Readings

Acts 1:12-14

Psalms 27:1,4,7-8

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a

The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.



[bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar)

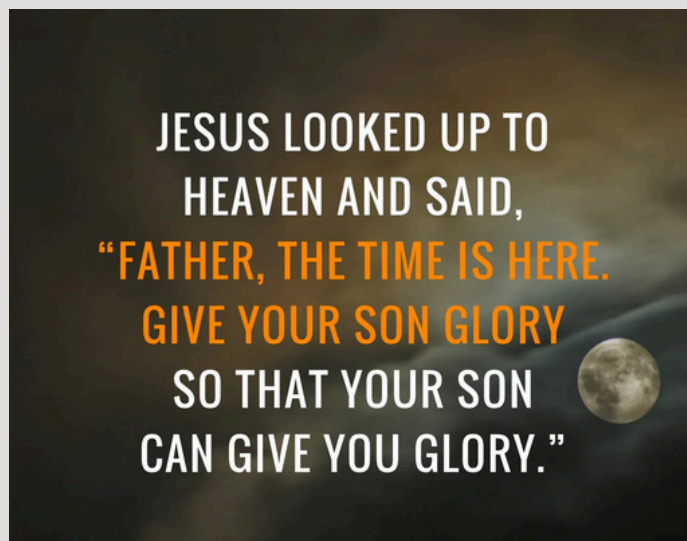
### Focus Questions

1: Describe your preferred way of praying.

2: Where do you find it hard to bring Jesus' message to others?

3: How do you feel when you read the words that Jesus prayed for his followers? Do you feel that includes you?

Families: Talk about the importance of prayer.



Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

Jim: **I hear that there's a new remedy on the market for baldness.**

Ken: Wow! Does it work?

Jim: Yes. "It's made of alum and persimmon juice. It doesn't grow hair, but it shrinks your head to fit what hair you have." It is not wise to shorten the feet to fit the shoes. Sadly, this is what happens whenever we want to prove something as true or false. When we try to establish truth based on provable evidence, we attempt to make truth accommodate the known facts. It is like customizing the truth to the facts we have. But truth in its nature is bigger than facts.

The sixth Sunday of the Easter Season **brings home the message Jesus is sending upon His disciples**, the gift from God the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who would remain with them and would be in them. Truth is the revelation of the Spirit which starts with the believers' hearts. Truth is the Holy Spirit's personal relationship with the believer. Truth is the external manifestation of the inner perception/conviction of the Holy Spirit's revelation to the believer. Truth is not the product of putting together the external facts to arrive at a particular concept, but a living expression of inner conviction.

Jesus further says that the **truth cannot be seen or known unless the Holy Spirit reveals it**. Evidence can interpret an event in the way we want it to be understood and acknowledged. But the truth that the Holy Spirit reveals empowers the believer to live what is revealed and to stand as a living witness to that revelation. The Holy Spirit does not make the believer an evidence/proof to the truth. Human evidence can be manipulated according to the whims and fancies of the human agents. Rather, the Holy Spirit forms the believer as embodiment of Truth itself. Such a believer cannot but live and express the Truth and Truth only. Living or telling lies is to act against one's own self for such a believer. This is how the Holy Spirit lives in the believer - revealing Truth, making the believer the embodiment of Truth, and empowering them to live the Truth.

In this world which is **pluralistic in ideas, philosophies, customs, habits, traditions and ways of life**, Truth is treated as subjective opinions. Truth is neither objective to be abstract and unconnected with everyday life, nor subjective to become one's convenient and selfish opinion. Truth is a living harmony which brings together the best of everyone in order to realize the original joy of living as one human family in harmony with the universe...May this Truth liberate us from our selfish prisons and create a life living harmoniously in joy and beauty.

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased

Mark Pirnat  
 John Aspromgos  
 Joseph Kriklava  
 Nicholas Magrogan  
 William D Track Jr.  
 Fred Fiore

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

## Pray for the Sick

Andrew Valentine	Baby Kayden Richard
Angela Conzo	Larry Wilson
Anna Mancuso	Linda LoCastro
Blair Rocchio	Margaret Lombardi
Bob Basile	Maria Murphy
Christy Torkelsen	Maureen Gunderson
Dolores Rudden	Michael Minutillo
Ellen Murphy	Michael Redmond
Fern Peppe	Patricia Sronczer
Helen Kovarik	Richard Landi
Jim Engle	Baby Sienna Dwyer
Jimmy Cannon	Trish Landi

\*This listing will reset on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

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 11<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>



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

## Pray for our Clergy.

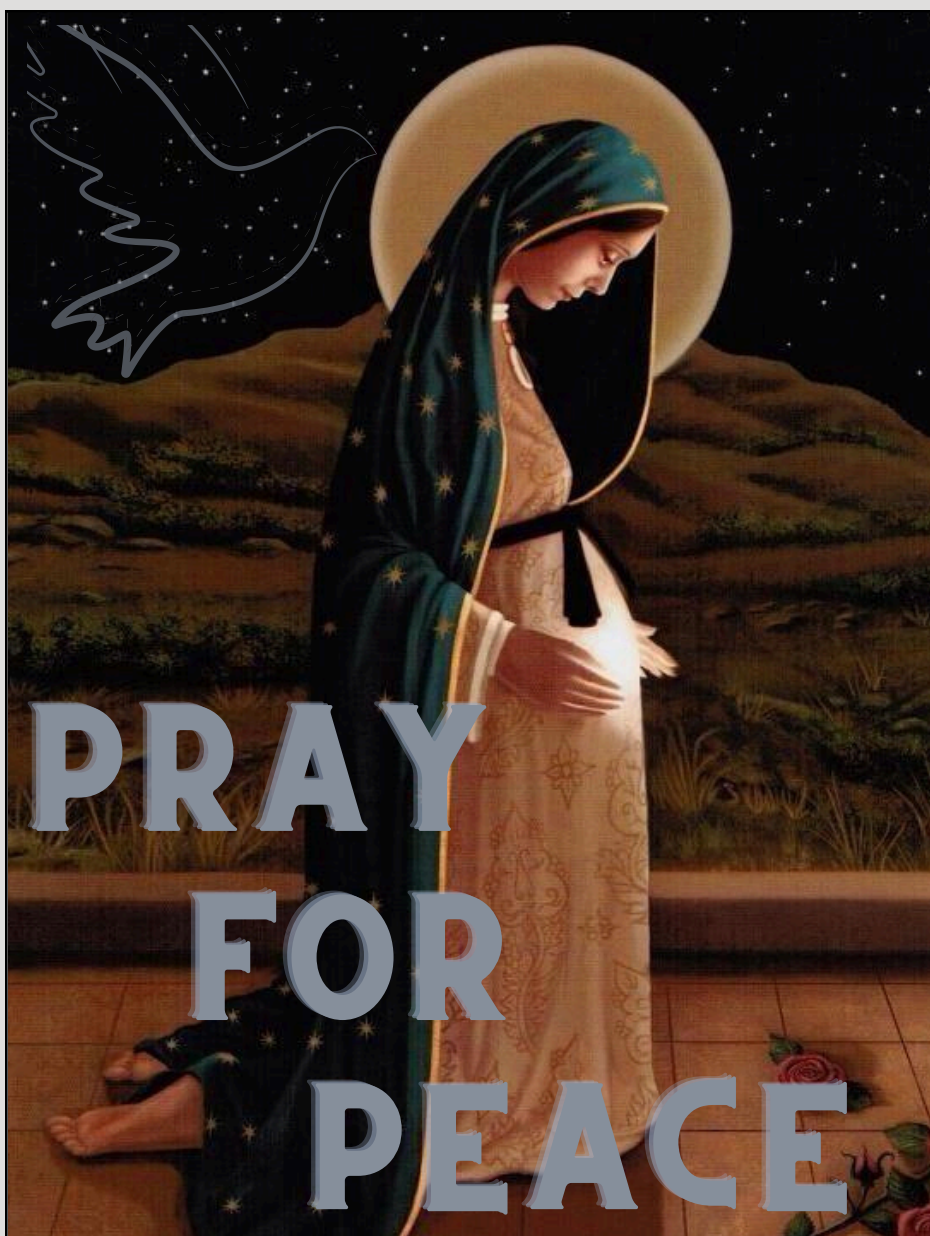
Father Antony Asir  
 Deacon Robert Weisz  
 Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
 Deacon Matthew Surico  
 The Capuchin Friars  
 Bishop John Barres  
 Pope Leo XIV

## 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
Chris Capasso	Matthew P Dell'orto

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.



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

# \$7130

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. It is both convenient and secure. For more information, 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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

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### OCIA

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### Young at Heart

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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. There is a clothing bin in the back of the parking lot where clothing can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have household items, please call the Outreach office!

## Parish Social Ministry

"The Lord is good; his kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations"

PSALM 100

### 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.



**"BLESSED** are the  
**PEACEMAKERS,**  
for they will be called  
**CHILDREN OF GOD."** *Matthew 5:9*

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or  
email svdp.stm@aol.com



Cereal  
Ketchup  
Drink Mixes  
Laundry Detergent (sm)  
Mayonnaise  
Coffee  
Tea Bags

### 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.

# Pre-Cana 2026

Please pray for these soon to  
be wed couples participating  
in our Pre-Cana program!

Jenna Von Bevern  
&  
Drew Sajdak

Maria Scammell  
&  
Dan Sullivan

Victoria Lombardi  
&  
Sean Brodersen



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Parish Social ministry is ready to launch our  
Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound. We  
have wonderful volunteers who are ready to  
start making phone calls and connect with  
those who would benefit from a weekly check-  
in. Now we need to identify those in our parish  
and community who may be alone and lonely. If  
you have a relative, friend, or neighbor who  
would benefit from a weekly check in, please  
contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149  
outreach@stmli.org



## SAVE THE DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

## GOLF OUTING

September 14th, 2026

9am Shotgun Start

Contact Ed Rogan for more Information

516-319-8643



## YOUNG AT HEART

NEXT MEETINGS:

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> - \*NO MEETING

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> - 9:30  
MASS & COMMUNION  
BREAKFAST (RSVP)

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN  
631-234-8118



# PENTECOST PARKING LOT MASS!

June 6th, 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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Celebrate STM at our annual

# Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, June 7th  
after all Masses!



Freewill  
Donation



## AND WHY WE SHOULD PRAY IT DAILY

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

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.



# OUR LADY

# QUEEN OF PEACE

# ادعو لنا

# молися за нас

# 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 14th 2026.

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 5/13 @ 7pm

Thur 5/14 @ 9am

Thur 5/14 @ 7pm

# WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM



Crowning of Mary at the 9:30 Mass on May 3rd.



Lots of fun had at Musical Bingo, hosted by the STM Columbiettes. Thanks to all who came out to support them!



# WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT STM

Blessing our new bench after Mass on May 3rd



Childrens Liturgy, May 3rd



Deacon Matt presided over a double convalidation, turning these civilly married couples into Catholic married couples!

Amanda and Michael Caridi (L)  
Erica and John Danzi (R)



The beautiful children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please pray for them as they continue their formation journey as young Catholics!



# 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

