



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Today we celebrate the "birthday of the Church!" Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the Disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after his resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. "Peace be with you." The apostles "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll

read: "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living



being" (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God

before the Fall. Here now, in this locked room, the Apostles receive the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings, the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel, we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?

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Monday-Friday  
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**Parish Staff**

Visit our website for a staff listing  
[www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org)

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Are you in need?

In the name of Jesus, we strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential and preserving dignity. Please call our answering machine at **847.628.5170**.

### Do you feel called to serve?

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm alternating between St. Laurence and St. Thomas respectively. For more information, please contact conference president

Katrina at [StThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com).



## SACRAMENTS

For a more in-depth look at the sacraments, please visit our parish website  
[www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org).

**Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard every Wednesday 9:00-10:00am and Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm. Appointments can also be made for confessions to be heard when needed.

**Baptism:** Children of all ages and adults are welcome to the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism for children is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:00pm. Parents need to be registered members and should be faithful in attending Mass. Participation in a baptismal preparation class is required. Please call Sharon Hall at the parish office to make arrangements. Adults seeking Baptism should contact Linda McEwan at [lmcewan@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:lmcewan@stthomasmorechurch.org).

**Matrimony:** Baptized Catholics are called to be married in the Catholic Church. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

If you were married outside of the Catholic Church and would like to have your marriage blessed, we would be happy to guide you in that process.

Call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest to begin all marriage preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness, for those having surgery, and for those near death. Call the parish office to make arrangements to receive this sacrament.

## With Sympathy

• JANE L. GILMORE

• GEORGE SAXINGER



## Prayer Requests

To add or remove a name on our prayer list, please call the parish office 847.888.1682. To keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 3 months. After that time, if you would like a name to stay on the list, please contact the parish office to renew names.

†Alice Abbs  
†Brad Abell  
†Judy Baggio  
†Marge Banker  
†Shirley Bednarke  
†Gracie Canning  
†Jessica Connell  
†Rita Cox  
†Thomas Egan  
†Joanne Fletcher  
†Judy Fowler  
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†Frank Iori  
†Bill Joynt  
†Dennis Junod  
†Joan Junod  
†Michael Keafer  
†Laura Keating  
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†Steve Lange  
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†Leticia Nolloo  
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†Marian Peterson  
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†Lutie Regan  
†Beth Robertson  
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†Diane Schumacher  
†Pat Schuman  
†Edward Sieracki  
†Ursula Sihocky  
†Linda Stevens  
†Mishal Taqi  
†Mae Thames  
†Mary Ann Vandervalk  
†Steve Watwood  
†Evelyn Wilk  
†Kathy Zeek

## Sick & Homebound

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office: 847.888.1682.

## PRAYERS & GRATITUDE To All Who Serve Our Country

- **Alex Arciuch** ..... Airman 1st Class, USAF
- **Ryan Bauman** ..... Major, USMC
- **Nathan Brammer**..... USAF
- **Miguel Carrillo** ..... US Army
- **Robert Castellvi** ..... Brig. Gen., Airborne
- **William J. Guth**..... Master Sgt., USMC
- **Douglas R. Johnson**.... USAF
- **Philip B. Johnson**..... Specialist, US Army
- **Nick Lange Sr.**..... LT. Col., Airborne
- **Alexander Litgen**..... Airman, US Army  
82nd Airborne
- **David McCallister** .....Sgt. 1st Class, US Army
- **Dominick LoPiccolo**....Army Specialist
- **Bryan P. Malm** .....SSG, USAF
- **Steve Olson**.....Staff Sgt., USAF
- **Tucker A. Parkhouse**...Pvt., USMC
- **Ryan Jacob Pechay**...Sgt., USMC
- **Greg Popejoy** .....Master Sgt., USMC
- **Patrick Puckett** .....2LT, National Guard
- **Sean Sabate** .....USN
- **Jonathan M Suire** ..... 1st LT; Army National Guard
- **Henry Voegtle** .....LT. Col., USAF

## Adoration

**What happens as we contemplate the presence of Christ in Adoration?**

*"When we contemplate Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament we are given the opportunity to thank Him for His passion, death, and glorious resurrection, the marvelous saving act that brought about our redemption. Christ draws near to us, more intimate with us than we are with ourselves. He strengthens our share in His divine life, the life that transforms us into His likeness and, in the Spirit, He gives us access to the Father.*

**Adoration is held every Wed from 9:00am to 4:00pm. There is an urgent need for faithful and committed Guardians at 11:00am, 12:00 noon, 2:00pm & 3:00pm. For more, information contact Cynthia or Larry Pelkowski at 404.409.6131, [larrypelkowski@gmail.com](mailto:larrypelkowski@gmail.com)**

## Anointing of the Sick

We will have a special Mass to administer the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** for those suffering with serious illness. If you or your loved one would like to receive this Sacrament, please call the church office or sign-up on our church website before Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> so we can prepare a place for you. Attendance at this Mass does fulfill your Sunday obligation.

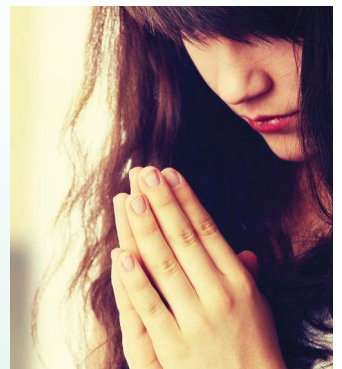


## SPRED Ministry

Please join us for our **1st SPRED Mass on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the St. Thomas More Chapel.

SPRED is a Ministry which provides Religious Education to our friends with learning difficulties and developmental disabilities.

For questions, please contact Deborah LaPorte at 630.945.7586



## Life Matters

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. Never feel alone, call Project Rachel at **800.593.2273** The Life Center at **847.622.1235** or Fox Valley Pregnancy at **847.697.0200**.

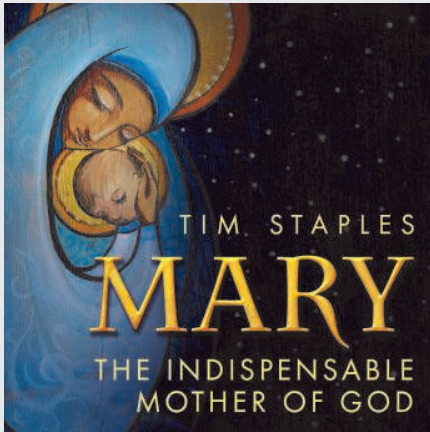
## Bereavement Ministry

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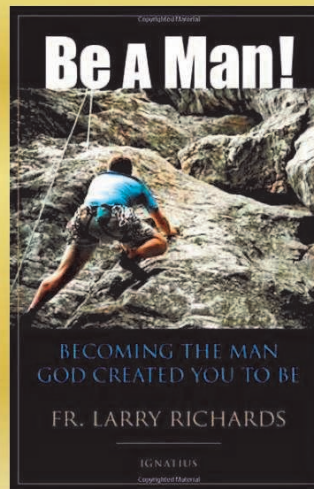
Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!

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- Dakota Jo Busse
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- Evelyn Patricia McClellan
- Stefan Daniel Wielgos



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For additional details, please call  
Chet at 630-338-2135

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# PRESCHOOL

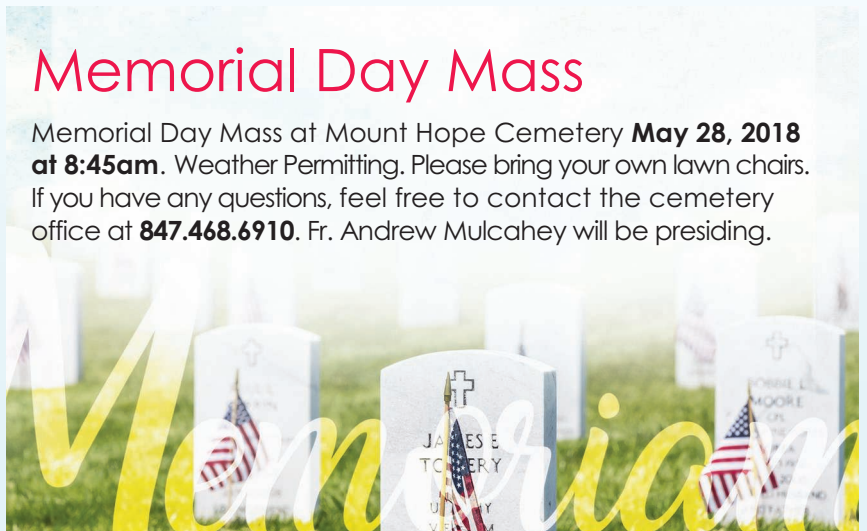
## Play, Learn, and Grow Together!

### Expanded Preschool

St. Thomas More School has **expanded the 4-year old preschool program** to offer half & full day options to families. They are also **reintroducing a half-day 3-year old preschool program**. Contact the school for more information **847.742.3959** or visit **[www.stmcentral.org](http://www.stmcentral.org)**.

## Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass at Mount Hope Cemetery **May 28, 2018 at 8:45am**. Weather Permitting. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the cemetery office at **847.468.6910**. Fr. Andrew Mulcahey will be presiding.

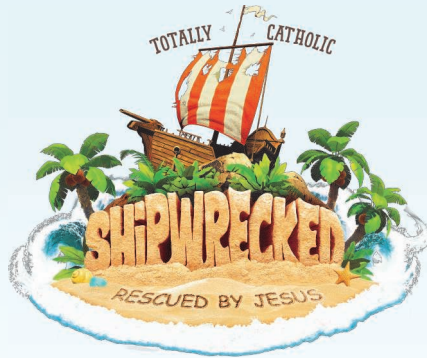


## VBS Registration is now open!

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

Forms can be found in the gathering space by the giant boat cutout or the parish website at: <https://stthomasmorechurch.org/vacation-bible-school>.

**Space is limited, don't delay!**



## History Fair Winner



**Olivia Brown**

Earlier this month nine of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders went down to Springfield to compete in the State History Fair. We are happy to say that five of them received a Superior on their project and one of them, **Olivia Brown**, will be going on to the National competition in Washington D.C. this June to compete.

**Congratulations to all!**  
**We are so proud of them.**



**Fr. Manny Gomez**

## Vocations Corner

### Vocation to Life

Some years ago, my brother and his wife were talking about having their dog 'sterilized'. Their children overheard their conversation and were discussing between them. The five year old asked the older: "Hey Joss what does it mean to sterilize? What are they planning to do with our dog?" The older, who was 8 at that time, replied: "Oh don't worry sister, I am pretty sure that they are taking our

dog to have her hair and nails done". Both of my nieces in their innocence did not realize that they were confusing the words 'sterilize' and 'stylize'. That was a funny situation, but it gave me insight to think of something else.

It seems that the way our society thinks is not different from the way my nieces thought. Either by choice or by ignorance we tend to change words to make it sound nicer. For instance, 'abortion' is called 'early termination of the pregnancy', and 'Euthanasia or assisted death' is called 'dignified

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## Reminder

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end of life'. Some people argue that it is ok to use a different name, so 'we won't hurt anyone's feelings', but the reality is that when we change the name of something we are opening the door of evil to destroy our world beginning with our minds.

Jesus reminds us: "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one" (Mathew 5:37). So let us call things by its name; but more important, let us keep ourselves united to the source of truth, beauty, and goodness: God.



## Parish Calendar

Visit our website to see the complete schedule and calendar.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Monday</b>		
May 21	9:00 am	Bible Study –Westminster Rm
	7:00 pm	Bible Study –Westminster Rm
<b>Tuesday</b>		
May 22	7:00 pm	St. Vincent DePaul-Chelsea Rm
<b>Wednesday</b>		
May 23	9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration –Chapel
	4:00 pm	Benediction –Chapel
	4:00 pm	Bible Study –Canterbury Rm
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir –Lancaster Rm
<b>Thursday</b>		
May 24	9:00 am	Women's Intercessory Prayer Group –Tudor Rm
	6:30 pm	Spred –Canterbury & Westminster Rms
<b>Friday</b>		
May 25	9:15 am	Women's Rosary Group –Canterbury Rm
<b>Saturday</b>		
May 26		

## Readings for the Week

### **SUNDAY:**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### **MONDAY:**

Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

### **TUESDAY:**

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:38-40

### **THURSDAY:**

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50

### **FRIDAY:**

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 [8a]/Mk 10:1-12

### **SATURDAY:**

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 [2a]/Mk 10:13-16

### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

## Mass Intentions for the Week

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, call the parish office to schedule. The contribution for reserving the intention of a Mass is \$10.00.

### **Monday, May 21**

8:30 am Marcos Gudino, Anastacia Olpindo

### **Tuesday, May 22**

8:30 am Mary Blake, Marie Mirabella

### **Wednesday, May 23**

8:30 am Pat Schnell, Josefina Antonio

### **Thursday, May 24**

8:30 am Deceased members of O'Rourke Family

### **Friday, May 25**

8:30 am Estela Tejada, John Scanlon

### **Saturday, May 26**

5:00 pm Maynard Decker, Phyllis Brockman

### **Sunday, May 27**

8:00 am Christine Baczek, People of STM

10:00 am Walter Schroeder, Carl Hess

12:00 pm Jaime Aldave, Gerie Johnston

## Liturgical Roles

### Weekend for May 26th & 27th.

#### **Presiders**

5:00 pm Father Rich

8:00 am Msgr. Linster

10:00 am Father Deitz

12:00 pm Father Rich

#### **Altar Servers**

5:00 pm A Martinez, A Tiu, K Tiu

8:00 am M Calero, A Calero, H Garcia

10:00 am A Goto, M Mesina, N Mesina

12:00 pm C Costales, H Herrero, J Utanes

#### **Lectors**

5:00 pm O Tiu

8:00 am M Poyer, M DeDobbelaere

10:00 am M Dela Merced, L Dela Merced

12:00 pm M Ramos

#### **Musicians**

5:00 pm J Tendy, D Johnson, S Ward, JA Aukofer

8:00 am P Sajdak, M Gumapas, H Relihan

10:00 am Adult Choir

12:00 pm Servant Choir

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm E Thompson, R Seisser, E Reckamp,

C Voris, J Taeyaerts, M Suire, K Stasukaitis

8:00 am R Callahan, L Heuer, M Gogoel, M Beyer,

S Beyer, J Roder, D Velten

10:00 am L Gaston, G Stuart, D Varley, C Flores, M Thompson, M Mesina, A Battaglia, M Battaglia, K Mudgett

12:00 pm J Gutierrez, M Zarccone, T Kuroski, E Rafael, P Lublow, R O'Neil, B Cruz

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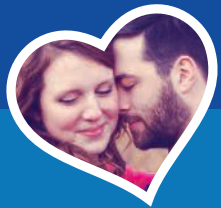
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