

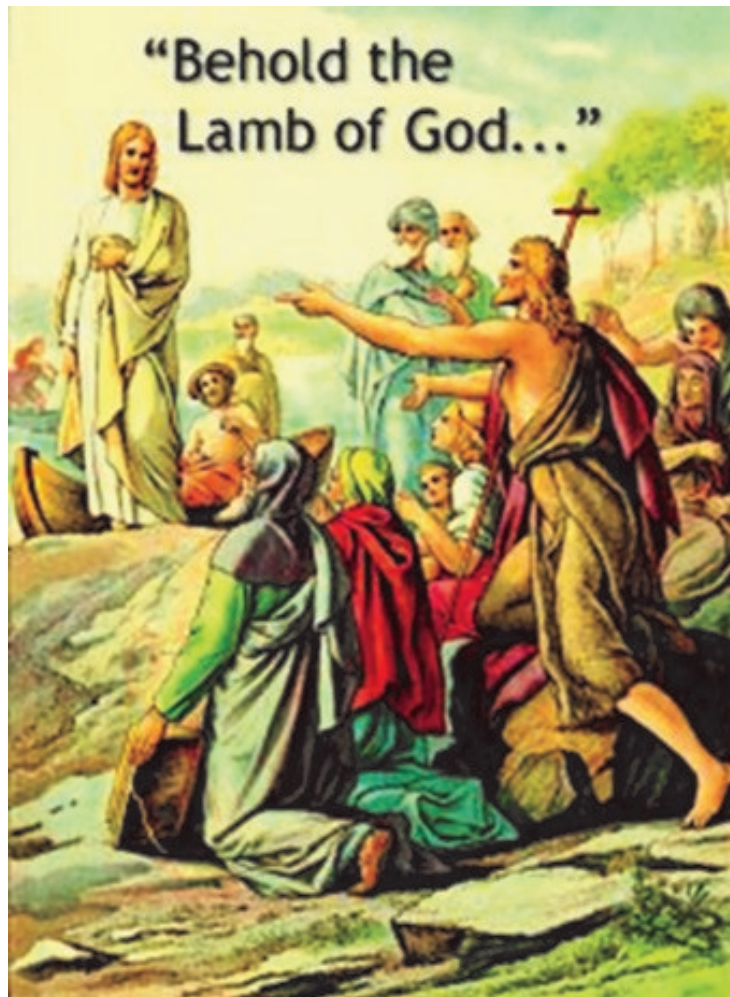


Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Mission Statement:

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.

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Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm: 40:2, 43, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Saturday, January 16

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Mass of Thanksgiving by *Kryisia Weller*

Sunday, January 17—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Anthony G. Rotola by *George Rivera & Family*

12:00pm Patricia O'Connell by *Matt & Nancy O'Connell*

Monday, January 18—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9am Catherine Penny by *Joann & Curt Keely*

Tuesday, January 19

9am Mary Ann O'Gara by *Ross & Marie Bracco*

Wednesday, January 20—St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

9am Elaine Moccia by *Dottie Lossani*

Thursday, January 21—St. Agnes

9am Josephine Dadowski by *the Eyring family*

Friday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9am Grace Zenga by *Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti*

Saturday, January 23—St. Marianne Cope; St. Vincent

9am Thomas O'Shaunnessy by *The Thursday Night Ladies Prayer Group*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Patricia Fabiano by *Frank & Vivianne Latorre*

Sunday, January 24—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Joseph Lombardi by *the Phelan family*

12:00pm William Link by *Mary Ann & Ralph Rantz & family*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark:

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they left their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

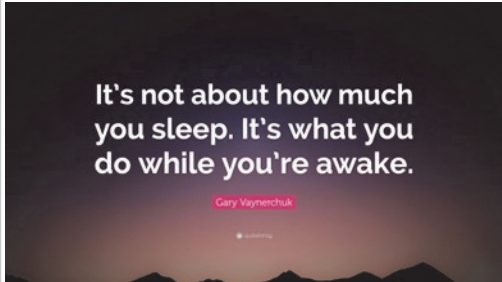
Doctor tells a man that he will die by the next morning. The man goes home and tells his wife about this and asks her to stay awake the whole night so they can talk about all the good memories they share. The wife starts to fall asleep after some time. The man asks "Why are you falling asleep?" The wife replies "You don't have to wake up tomorrow morning, but I do!"

In today's first reading God wakes up the boy Samuel three times. Samuel woke up all the times but could not recognize who woke him up until Eli, his spiritual mentor instructed Him at the third time that it is God who wakes him up to give him a special mission.

In the Gospel John and his disciples watched Jesus walk by. But his disciples needed their master John to introduce them to Jesus, as the Lamb of God. This introduction is needed for them to follow Jesus. When they actually followed Jesus, Jesus did not allow them to follow him blindly, but invited them to the next level of following that is to "come and see."

In both readings we learn that in order to experience God in our life we have to be awake first. God calls or God walks by our life's path but if we are not awake like the boy Samuel or unable to recognize Him like John the Baptizer, we would miss Him. We need the readiness like Samuel and the discipleship of John to hear and willingness to follow the instructions.

Once we are awake and follow the Lord we will be invited by Jesus to the next level to "Come and See." Our spiritual experience of God, is not a method or program that we apply to ourselves. It is an invitation of "Come and See" which means it is an everyday



It's not about how much
you sleep. It's what you
do while you're awake.

Gary Vaynerchuk

living experience with Jesus. It is a personal relationship of living with God in all that we think, feel, say or do. The message of God being born as Jesus is to live with us and develop a personal living relationship with us. Let us open our hearts like the boy Samuel and the first disciples of Jesus to recognize Jesus walking by us and ready to live with Him who is willing to be with us.

Year of St. Joseph: On Dec. 8, 1870 Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph, as the patron of the Universal Church. This year marks the 150th anniversary of this proclamation. Pope Francis dedicated this year to St. Joseph beginning from Dec. 8, 2020, and concluding on Dec. 8, 2021.

Pope Francis said that the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, because so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,"

"Go to Joseph" (Ite Ad Joseph). These were the words of Pharaoh to the people of Egypt during the years of famine (Gen. 41:55). The same phrase is now addressed in catholic tradition to St. Joseph in all moments of trials and troubles. Let us pray especially through the intercession of St. Joseph to stay safe and healthy.



With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

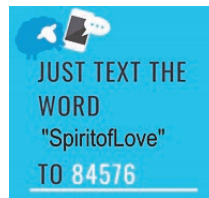
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| Jessie Bernstein | Kevin Ilyichenko |
| Joseph Blaugrund | Dylan Kowalski |
| Anthony Broncatello | Thomas LaFemina |
| John Burk | Alex Lombardi |
| Collin Busto | Andrew Lombardi |
| David Chester | Lt. Clint Lorance |
| John Chester | Scott Lovelock |
| Nicholas Chester | Andrew Lynch |
| Theresa Chester | Troy A. Maida, |
| Collin J. Crean | William Maley |
| Eddie Cullum | Thomas Migliara |
| Eric Cullum | Tim Morris |
| Adam Cussen | Ryan Murphy |
| David Cussen | John Nachtman |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | Kaitlyn Nachtman |
| P. J. Erskin | Thomas Nichols |
| Timothy Fallon | Adam Papaizai |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi | Michael Poist |
| J.T. Foltz | Michael Polanski |
| Mike Foltz | Kyle Rathje |
| Michael Gioia | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Carl F. Greiner | Ann Karen Sanchez |
| Philip Gudone | Justin Schneider |
| John Michael Haffner | Christopher Sidor |
| Sean Hendrikson | Christopher Singer |
| Tylor J. Hickey | Ryan Smith |
| Kevin Ilyichenko | Michael White |
| John Karies | |



“Half an hour’s meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.”

– Saint Francis de Sales

Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what’s happening in our Parish? See below or go to **StThomasMore29.flocknote.com**



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2020 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2020 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.



SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **January 10, 2021** **\$2,434.00**

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You,

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/)

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- stmreligioused
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Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org

Personal Prayer

SpiritualOrientations.com

To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net



CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

Our next meeting will be on February 8, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

At our next meeting we will discuss Book Selection. Please bring a book which you would like to facilitate.

We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



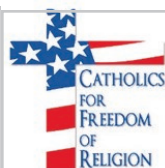
The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The seekers will be accompanied on the journey by the community of Saint Thomas More in the spirit of love.

Do you know of a family member or friend who needs to complete one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?

Do you know a family member or friend who has been a member of another faith tradition who wants to become a catholic?

To find out more about the faith journey or to join us on the journey please call the rectory at 631-234-5551.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

America As a Religious Refuge in the 17th Century - Part 1

Refusing to compromise passionately held religious convictions, in 1620, 102 Pilgrims, followed by thousands of Puritans from 1630 - 1640s, fled European persecution for the British North American colonies. The New England colonies of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland were established as "plantations of religion."⁽¹⁾ Some settlers came for secular motives but the great majority left Europe to worship God in the way they believed to be correct. They enthusiastically supported the efforts of their leaders to create "a city on a hill" or a "holy experiment," whose success would prove that God's plan for his churches could be successfully realized in the American wilderness.⁽²⁾ Even colonies like Virginia that were planned as commercial ventures, were led by self-proclaimed "militant Protestants."

The Puritans settled in Massachusetts with a goal to make the church more holy. By 1690 they were the largest religious group with 50,000 living in MA. Since they believed theirs was the only true religion, they expelled those who disagreed. Puritan minister, Roger Williams, disagreed with compelling others to agree with him and was forced to leave the colony in 1636. He went on to establish the colony of Rhode Island founded on the principle of religious freedom.

America is Still an Asylum for those Seeking Religious Freedom

A U.S. core value is the right to be a member of any religion you choose and to worship openly. This is why America grants religious asylum to those who have been persecuted for their beliefs.

The Commission on International Religious Freedom was formed in 1998 to study the impact and violations of religious freedom around the

world.⁽³⁾

(loc.gov/exhibits/religion (1)(2); many-things.org; reference.com, 3/28/20; politiclasylumusa.com; mtsu.edu/first amendment; Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day, 2020)

Happening Now: Religious Freedom Day, January 16

On Jan. 16, 1787, the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was signed into state law and is one of the most important documents in early U.S. religious history. It was the model for the religious clauses of the First Amendment of the Constitution, ratified in 1791.

Each year, the President of the United States issues a Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day. In 2020, Pres. Trump wrote:

"On Religious Freedom Day, we honor the foundational link between freedom and faith in our country and reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the religious liberty of all Americans."

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of January 12, 2021

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$42,142.00
<i>Percentage of Goal</i>	59.86%



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloï, Stacy Bardavip, Bill Boyrer, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Ginny Desiderio, Joseph Di Marco, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Peggy Fleming, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Tony Hollins, Matthew Inga, Regina Jeskie, Kevin Kenney, Frank Lewis, Ann Mandel, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Robert McGurrin, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Rich Nixon, Bernice Noeker, Al Pankus, Frank Procaccini, Marilyn Punger, Richard Rantz, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Janet Rodriguez, John Sellitto Sr., Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs.) Jerry Smith, Mel Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Ginny Vecchia, Jerry Walker, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Julia Westbrook, Dawn Zabbia.

This listing will expire on March 31, 2021.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Robert Reimers, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to Support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.

**St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry
OUTREACH**



“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Syrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)

Paper Towels**

Bread

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce**

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Mayonnaise**

Canned Fruit**

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)**

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Apple Juice

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tea Bags**

Mustard/Ketchup

Soup (18-22 oz)

Shampoo

Toothpaste

****We are especially in need of these items**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our STM families who so generously donated food, gift cards, toys and money during this Christmas season. Through your generosity we were able to help 53 families have a Christmas meal and purchase some gifts for their children. In addition we were able to donate toys and gift cards to some other agencies in our community who are struggling during this pandemic.

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

**Beginning this week Outreach will be open
Monday through Thursday
10 AM to 2 PM
Phone: 631-234-3149**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?"

Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy

As you donate to your conference of SVdP, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

CALENDAR CLUB 2021

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2021.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE:()

EMAIL:

- () One Number for \$25 OR
- () FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, December 20, 2020, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

() I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket).

PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY'S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at the Rectory)

REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

- () I/we would like to register in the parish.
- () Please send contribution envelopes.
- () I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.
- () Other _____
(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- () Altar Server () Hospitality
- () Usher () Greeter
- () RCIA () Liturgy with Children
- () Lector () Eucharistic Minister
- () Consolation Minister () Landscaping/Planting
- () Rosary Altar Society () Pre-Cana
- () Caring for Altar Plants () FOCCUS

() Adult Lending Library () Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Aides at Home: PCAs and HHAs. P/T and F/T. Call **516-641-2273**

Altice (Optimum/Cablevision) - Many positions available. Go to: www.alticeusacareers.com

Catholic Charities of Long Island:—many F/T and P/T positions available. Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers.

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health care positions. Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

Geico Insurance—Service and sales positions available. Go to: <https://careers.geico.com/us/en>

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment

Panera--Positions available. Go to: <https://careers.panerabread.com/global/en/search-results>

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available. Go to: <http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs>

7-Eleven Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.7-eleven.com/careers/home>.

ShopRite: Hauppauge and other Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://shop.shoprite.com/careers>

Stop & Shop: Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://stopandshop.com/pages/careers>

Developmental Disabilities Institute: Local jobs available. Go to: <https://www.ddiny.org/> or call Mary Ann Stein

Brookhaven Laboratories: Many positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.bnl.gov/>

Costco: Local positions available. Go to: <https://www.costco.com/job-opportunities.html>

BJ's: Local positions available. Go to <https://careers.bjs.com/>

Northwell Health: Many health and non-health care positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/>

Tri-County Nursing Services: Care Manager positions available on Long Island. Go to: <https://www.tricountycare.org/careers/>

Ideal Home Care: PCA and HHA positions available. Go to: <https://www.idealhcs.com/employment>

Kohls: Many seasonal positions available on Long Island . Go to: <https://careers.kohls.com/>

Lowes: Positions available. Go to: <https://corporate.lowes.com/careers/search-apply>

Target: Long Island positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.target.com/>

Home Depot: Local positions available. Go to: <https://careers.homedepot.com/>

Stony Brook Medical Center: Multiple health and non-health job opportunities available. Go to: <https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers>

Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue): Multiple positions available. Go to: <https://licommunityhospital.org/careers/>

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available. Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

- Mass Times -

Saturdays

5:00 pm in the church
(live streamed)

Sundays

9:30 am parking lot
(weather permitting)

12:00 pm in the church