



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 31, 2021

Fourth 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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To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20,
Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Saturday, January 30

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm William Link *by Martha & Vincent Merra*

**Sunday, January 31—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

9:30am Jack Crociata *by the Phelan family*

12:00pm Howard Spegman *by Robert & Louisa
Sanfratello*

Monday, February 1

9am Elaine Moccia *by Pat & Joe Citro*

**Tuesday, February 2—The Presentation of the
Lord**

9am Josephine Sadowski *by Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Buynak*

Wednesday, February 3—St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

9am Josephine Scarcella *by Mary Lou Braun*

Thursday, February 4

9am Thomas Blomberg *by Rick & Diane
Auspaker*

Friday, February 5—St. Agatha

9am Gerry Smith *by Dottie Lossani*

**Saturday, February 6—St. Paul Miki and
Companions—First Saturday**

9am Anthony & Patricia Repetti *by Trish
Goodwin*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

**Sunday, February 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

9:30am Helen Ferrantello *by Gina & Gary Poulin*
12:00pm Elaine Moccia (healing and special
intentions) *by the Kane family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the Gospel of Mark:

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A gardener took great pride in caring for his lawn. But one time it grew full of dandelions. He tried every method and product to get rid of them, but nothing worked. Exasperated, he wrote to the Department of Agriculture explaining all that he had done. He wrote "What shall I try next?" After three days came the reply "Try getting used to them." It is easy and less risky to get used to things than to challenge ourselves and the situational forces. In order to be new, we should be ready to give up our own customized, habitual comfort zone.

Today's Gospel narrates the story of Jesus driving out the evil spirit from a possessed man and the astonishment of the people at Jesus' teaching and deeds. Like His healing, His teaching was very different from what they were used to hearing from the scribes in their synagogues. His healing liberated the possessed man from the evil spirit and empowered all the hearers to experience something new. It was new with authority.

In order to be new we need to be liberated from what we are used to. The authoritative words of Jesus can free us from what has frozen our life-forces in various entanglements, enslavements, habits, addictions and comfort zones. Once that which freezes us is removed, we become empowered to grow, blossom, be creative and new. Then we too, like the people of today's Gospel will experience the astonishment of creative and blossoming power liberating us to be new.

To be new is to be creative. To be empowered by God is not to live the routine but to allow God's creative power to actualize God's plan in one's everyday life. Unless our life shares in God's creative spirit and power it will just be repetitions of what we are used to or convenient and comfortable with. The amazement of life happens only when God's authority and newness becomes our life. May God make our life after the model of Jesus preaching... with God's creative authority and power.



Plenary indulgences during the Year of St. Joseph: Pope Francis issued a decree launching a special year dedicated to St. Joseph which will run from Dec. 8, 2020 until Dec. 8, 2021. The decree outlined several instances in which the faithful will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence in relation to the Year of St. Joseph, provided they meet the usual conditions of going to

confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the pope

What is an indulgence? As St. John Paul II once said; an indulgence is not a quick ticket to heaven; rather, it is an aid for the real conversion that leads to eternal happiness. It frees a person from the punishment their sinfulness warrants as it is a remission of the temporal punishment due for sins that have been forgiven. During this Year of St. Joseph a plenary indulgence will be available under these conditions:

- To those who meditate on the Our Father prayer for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- To those who perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- To families or engaged couples who recite the rosary together.
- To those who entrust their daily work to St. Joseph and those who ask St. Joseph to intercede for the unemployed.

To the elderly, sick, dying and those legitimately unable to leave the house, who recite an act of piety to St. Joseph under his title of Comfort of the Sick and Patron of a happy death, provided they offer their discomfort to God and fulfill the conditions for the indulgence as soon as possible.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein
 Jessie Bernstein
 Joseph Blaugrund
 Anthony Broncatello
 John Burk
 Collin Busto
 David Chester
 John Chester
 Nicholas Chester
 Theresa Chester
 Collin J. Crean
 Eddie Cullum
 Eric Cullum
 Adam Cussen
 David Cussen
 Capt. Sean Michael Dolan
 P. J. Erskin
 Timothy Fallon
 Major Michael Fantauzzi
 J.T. Foltz
 Mike Foltz
 Michael Gioia
 Carl F. Greiner
 Philip Gudone
 John Michael Haffner
 Sean Hendrikson
 Tylor J. Hickey
 Kevin Ilyichenko
 John Karies

Michael Knipper
 Kevin Ilyichenko
 Dylan Kowalski
 Thomas LaFemina
 Alex Lombardi
 Andrew Lombardi
 Lt. Clint Lorange
 Scott Lovelock
 Andrew Lynch
 Troy A. Maida,
 William Maley
 Thomas Migliara
 Tim Morris
 Ryan Murphy
 John Nachtman
 Kaitlyn Nachtman
 Thomas Nichols
 Adam Papaizai
 Michael Poist
 Michael Polanski
 Kyle Rathje
 Antonia Marie Rivera
 Ann Karen Sanchez
 Justin Schneider
 Christopher Sidor
 Christopher Singer
 Ryan Smith
 Michael White



The 6062 Colombian Club was happy to make a donation to St. Thomas More Parish.

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**



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 24, 2021** **\$2,087.00**

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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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



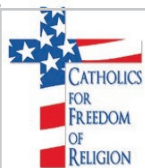
The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

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

**The Decline - & Possible Fall —
of
Religious Freedom in America**

"Historically, religion and its adherents have often been oppressed by government. By contrast, America has been singular in its dedication to preserving the freedom of its people to expect and experience religious freedom. **That is now rapidly changing,**" wrote Kelly Shackelford, president of First Liberty law firm. ⁽¹⁾ In the past year there have been a number of violent attacks on churches, church gatherings, statues of Jesus, Virgin Mary, saints and monuments. Churches, synagogues and other church services have been banned or severely restricted, while liquor stores & casinos are allowed to be open. "A nation truly committed to religious freedom would, in a time of national crisis, welcome the essentiality of religion's exercise - not ban it." ⁽²⁾

Religious liberty court cases have increased at an alarming rate. From the Constitution's ratification until 1940, there were only 3 Supreme Court cases challenging religious freedom. But since then, more than 75 cases have come before the high Court. Religious freedom has been under increasing siege for eight decades now. ⁽³⁾

**"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.
It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."**

John Adams, Founding Father and second president.

Speaking at the Univ. of Notre Dame Law School on Oct. 11, 2019, A.G. William Barr said that attacks on religious liberty have contributed to a moral decline in this country. "Secularists and their allies have marshaled all the forces of mass communication, popular culture, the entertainment industry, and academia in an unremitting assault on religion and traditional

values." ⁽⁴⁾

"The moral problems Barr mentioned in his speech - plus murder, mayhem, and other forms of anti-social behavior - will continue until we regain our moral footing," wrote Dr. Walter E. Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University. "I am all too afraid that a historian, writing a few hundred years from now, will note that the liberty America enjoyed was simply a historical curiosity. Then it all returned to mankind's normal state of affairs - arbitrary abuse and control by the powerful elite." ⁽⁵⁾

(newsweek.com, 8/5/20(1)(2)(3); dailysignal.com, 10/23/19(4)(5); the guardian.com, 10/19/19; deseret.com, 12/29/04; frc.org, 12/2/10)

**"It's the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people."
- Pope Francis**



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2020**

as of January 26, 2021

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloï, Stacy Bardavip, Rosemarie Bie, Bill Boyrer, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Ginny Desiderio, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Peggy Fleming, Tracy Gleason, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Tony Hollins, Matthew Inga, Regina Jeskie, Kevin Kenney, Frank Lewis, Ann Mandel, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Dolores Gabriellini Mastrototaro, 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.), Mel Smith, John Spadaro, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Ginny Vecchia, 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

Gerry Smith, Joseph DiMarco, Vincent Benintendi, Harold Macholz, Robert Kaye, Robert Moran Sr., 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

Toilet Paper**

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

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 we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Just call 631 648 2760 and we will answer all your questions.

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 ad-
dresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

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

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***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 Commit-
tee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Chick-fil-A: Local positions available. Go to: cfasmithtown.com

COVID-19 Contact Tracer: Some positions available on Long Island. Go to:

<https://www.publicconsultinggroup.com/new-york-state-contact-tracing-initiative/applying-for-a-position/>

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration: Seeking nurses. Go to: <https://careers.nyp.org/job/manhattan/vaccination-administrator-registered-nurse-day-evening-shifts/19715/18413593>

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, P/T and hourly 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>

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

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

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).

Holy Hour

Strength in Love

Tuesday, February 2nd
at 7:00 pm

Please join us and the Young Professionals for a Holy Hour of adoration, music, and prayer.



St. Thomas More Parish
A Catholic Church Community in Hauppauge, NY
Sharing The Spirit Of Love



TRINITY REGIONAL SCHOOL

1025 5th Avenue, East Northport, NY 11731

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

PRIVATE IN PERSON TOURS!

Call to Schedule a Tour at 631.261.5130

Catholic Schools Week Begins Saturday, January 30th

and Ends Friday, February 5, 2021!

Call to Schedule Your Private in Person Tour now for our Open House

on

Saturday, January 30 for Nursery through 3rd Grade

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

AND

Sunday, January 31st for 4th Grade through 8th Grade

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Virtual open house dates and times TBD

Check our website- trinityregional.org - for

Updates on virtual tours!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 31, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Beginning Sunday, January 31, 2021 and continuing through February 6, 2021, the 35 Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the annual national celebration of Catholic education: Catholic Schools Week.

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2021 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Schools Week will look a bit different. In lieu of the traditional open houses our schools have held in the past to meet with prospective families, the schools will be offering virtual open houses and one-to-one meetings with principals that will allow prospective families to ‘visit’ the Catholic school(s) of their choice from the safety and comfort of their homes.

This year, in spite of the pandemic, we have made significant progress transforming our schools through the Morning Star Initiative (MSI). Many elements of the Morning Star Initiative are already in place, like key academic improvements in mathematics, reading, and religious studies, which are helping students reach new potential. I am so grateful for the tireless dedication of the MSI team.

Working with the MSI team, Long Island’s Catholic elementary school faculty and staff continue to put the needs of the 11,626 students (nursery-8th grade) and their families first. From maintaining the continuity of instruction during remote learning when the Covid-19 pandemic hit back in March, to taking all of the necessary precautions to welcome students back into a safe school environment this fall, I am extremely grateful for the grit and determination demonstrated by our school community to address the academic, spiritual and social needs of our students.

Earlier this month, on January 4, 2021, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the death of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), one of the great native-born American Evangelizers and champions of Catholic Education. Please join me in praying that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Mary, Star of Evangelization continue to intercede for each of us, for our Morning Star and Department of Education teams, and for our principals, teachers, and staff. With prayers and gratitude for your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

- 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