

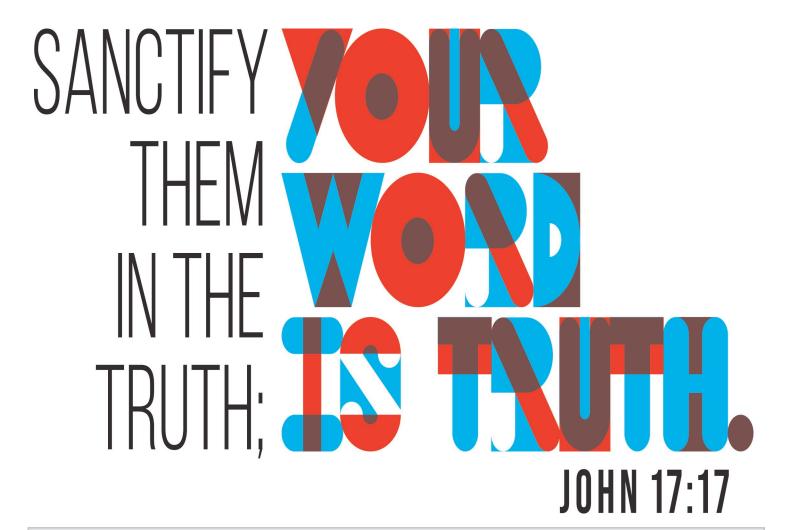
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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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from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 1 John 4: 11-16 John 17:11b-19

Saturday, May 15

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter—

9:30am Richard Coronato by Patty & Joe Citro

12:00noon Tancredi Schiavoni by Pat & Frank Lewis

Monday, May 17

9am Anthony Mirro by Chris & Andrew Paino

Tuesday, May 18—St. John I

9am Josephine & William Booth by the Rapisardi\
family

Wednesday, May 19

9am Robert Dacey by his family

Thursday, May 20—St. Bernadine of Siena

9am William J. Eyring by the Eyring family

Friday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallenes

9am Kelly Smith by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti

Saturday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia

9am Julia L. Porth by Betty Ann & Joe Codispoti

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Edward J. Borowski *by Paul, Kathy & Amanda Borowski*

Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday

9:30am Jerry Smith by Richard Smith

12:00noon Giovanna Garziano by Jacqueline
Garziano

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

May 22, 2021 Pentecost Sunday Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them.

"Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

"Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends.

While eating at a fast food restaurant, a little boy took his tray to the garbage can to throw away the trash. He studied the lid of the receptacle for a few moments and came running back to his mom and proudly announced that he knew how to spell "garbage" - P-U-S-H. His mom asked him if he knew what L-O-V-E spells. The boy said he did not. The mother hugged her son and told him that was how she felt about him. The primary goal of language is to convey the meaning, not the grammar. Spelling fixes the form of a word. Its meaning gives it life. The Church is the only form whose meaning and life is the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sends from the Father. The last (seventh) week of the Easter Season falls in the 10 day-period between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost (coming of the Holy Spirit). It is the time of changing the baton of the church, from Jesus Christ to the Holy Spirit. The readings speak about how the first believers gathered in the name of Jesus, getting ready to carry the mission of Jesus with the promised power of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading narrates that they fill the place left empty by Judas with the election of Matthias. God the Father in the Old Testament chose his own people and led the Redemptive History through the twelve tribes of Israel until the time of Jesus. Now in the New Testament the church continues God's Redemptive action of Jesus through the 12 apostles and the first believers. The time of the Church begins with the power of the Holy Spirit which Jesus sent 10 days after His Ascension.

In today's Gospel Jesus prays to His Father for the mission of His Church (believers), "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." Jesus consecrates the Church. Consecration means to "set apart for a special purpose." The Church of Jesus is set <u>apart for</u> the Truth of Jesus and set <u>apart from</u> the Truth of the world; which means the church, living in the world, will be serving the Truth of Jesus, but at the same time the church will not let herself be affected by the Truth of the world. Thus the mission of "the Set Apart Church" is to live in the World as servants of Jesus' Truth.

As we are all preparing to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, let us put on the mind of Jesus to set us apart for Jesus-Truth as servants offering Jesus-Truth in our lives, words and deeds.

I would like to inform you of the Diocesan New Guide lines. Beginning May 19, 2021, 100% of your church's capacity may be occupied.

- Since the NY State current regulation re distancing is still 6 feet, people are encouraged to wear masks and to maintain some distance as best as possible, especially those who do not belong to the same household/family.
- Masks should continue to be worn, except by children under 2 years of age and those individuals with breathing difficulties. Priest celebrants do not wear masks during the celebration of Holy Mass, except during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Offertory processions should not resume because of the added complications of handling the gifts, interaction with ushers, etc.
- The Precious Blood should not be distributed until further notice.
- Holy Water fonts should remain empty indefinitely, but Holy Water should be available to the faithful in Holy Water tanks / dispensaries.
- Outdoor Masses should not be the norm. However, if they are celebrated, care should be given to the dignity of the celebration. In addition, Holy Communion distribution protocols must be strictly observed. Communion should not be brought to cars, distributed in plastic bags, etc.
- As per prior communications, pastors may request faculty to administer Confirmation through the fall of 2021. Beginning in the spring of 2022, we anticipate that the usual procedures for booking episcopal Confirmations will likely resume.
- The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect. We anticipate a future lifting of the dispensation together with the entire New York Province when we can accommodate our people without distancing limits. However, people are encouraged to return to in-person participation in the Holy Mass and Sacraments as much as possible. With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

631-234-5551

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Rev. Antony Asir ext. 14

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SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

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https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge

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To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the

following

Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net

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





CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

as of May 10, 2021

Our Parish Goal \$68,000.00 Pledges to date \$26,582 Percentage of Goal 39.009%

The Ascension



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein Michael Knipper 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, William Maley Collin J. Crean Thomas Migliara Eddie Cullum Eric Cullum Tim Morris Ryan Murphy Adam Cussen 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 Rathie Antonia Marie Rivera Michael Gioia Carl F. Greiner Ann Karen Sanchez Philip Gudone Justin Schneider John Michael Haffner Christopher Sidor Sean Hendrikson Christopher Singer Rvan Smith Tylor J. Hickey Michael White Kevin Ilvichenko

One Liners and Short Jokes

What do you call a joke that isn't funny? A sentence.

You know you're getting old when... happy hour is a nap.

John Karies

Even after a decade or two, I think we will all remember the year of Covid-19 forever.. I mean, hindsight is 2020.

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of May 9, 2021

\$4,267.00

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,
Fr. Antony



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. Out next meeting is on June 14th at 2:30 pm, the book for discussion will be

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins—

Facilitator: Vivianne Latorre

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.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Current Ideologies That Jeopardize Religious Liberty and Judeo-Christian Founding Principles - continued

Critical Race Theory continued: "By a landslide vote, they don't want racially divisive 'critical race theory' (CRT) taught to their children or forced on their teachers," said newly elected Texas school board member Hannah Smith after parents overwhelmingly rejected candidates in favor of CRT. "(This vote) is a referendum on those who put personal politics and divisive philosophies ahead of ...students and families and their common American heritage and Texas values." (1)
More school districts around the country are also supporting school board candidates who oppose critical race theory as harmful to their children.

"There's no room in our classrooms for things like critical race theory," said FL Gov. DeSantis. "Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money." (2)

Legislation hoping to ban the Marxist ideology of CRT has been introduced in many states (NH, FL, IA, OK, AK, etc) in an effort to push-back against the government proposals to overturn an executive order of Sept., 2020, that banned instilling "divisive concepts" that claim "an individual, by virtue of his/her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive ..." (3).

Critical race theory has gradually proliferated in recent decades through academia, government structures, school systems and the corporate world. It views individuals through the lens of Marxist principles of the "oppressors" (bourgeois - white people) and the "oppressed" (proletariat - everybody else).

In April, the administration proposed offering grants for K-12 history classes that use curriculum in support of critical race theory and other ideologies that teach the United States is inherently racist. In a letter to the Secretary of Education who is endorsing and promoting CRT,

House members from Colorado & South Carolina wrote, "CRT commits to an unremitting attack on Western institutions and norms in order to dismantle all aspects of society... CRT is antithetical to the fundamental values and beliefs of America and the American dream." (nypost.com, 5/3/21(1); theepochtimes.com, 3/31/21(2)(3); dailywire.com, 4/27/21(4); wnd.com, 4/27/21; educationviews.org, 5/3/2; dailymail.co.uk, 5/3/21; freebeacon.com, 4/22/21 (5); persecution.org, 4/28/21)

"I have a dream that my 4 little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Happening Now: Shifting Focus Away from International Religious Freedom:

Sec. of State Blinken reversed a 2020 executive order that directed federal agencies to "prioritize international religious freedom in the planning & implementation of U.S. foreign policy." Blinken vowed to "repudiate" the focus on religious freedom in foreign policy, which he said came at the cost of other human rights issues such as gay rights & abortion. (5)

Calendar Club Winners Congratulations!

Here are the winners for May 2—8 2021

5/02/2021	\$50	232	Cameron Tonry
5/03/2021	\$25	1180	Marti & John White
5/04/2021	\$25	1253	Joseph Beltrani
5/05/2021	\$25	391	Joseph & Suzanne Jeskie
5/06/2021	\$25	786	Veronica Young
5/07/2021	\$25	967	Wyatt Tate
5/08 1/2021	\$25	940	Mariann Tkacz



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Joey Cullem, Pat Delamer, Catherine Regina Jeskie, Jean Kelly, Kevin Kenney, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Walter Knell, Michael Lai, Robert McGurrin, Kieko McKeon, Charles Mallon, Barbara Mickelson, Sharon Mills, Kathy Orta, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Roseann, John Santangelo, Teagan Elizabeth Silverman (4 yrs), John Spadaro, John Thompson, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Diane Weisz, Julia Westbrook, Edward Zebrowski,

This listing will expire on September 30, 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
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."

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Christopher Loring, 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



"Generous giving helps us detach from stuff and attach to God"

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Svrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)**

Paper Towels

Bread

Pasta**

Spaghetti**

Spaghetti Sauce**

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Mayonnaise**

Hand Soap **

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

NO CEREAL AT THIS TIME PLEASE.

We are so grateful to the Hauppauge Middle School for their donation of many, many boxes of cereal to Parish Outreach. We are set with cereal for the next few months.

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

Outreach is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM Phone: 631-234-3149

If you have or know of anyone with an apartment or room to rent, please contact the Outreach office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciplesand now through us.

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

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 Ministry () Rosary Altar Society () Pre-Cana () Caring for Altar Plants () FOCCUS () Landscaping/Planting () Banner Committee
Name::
Address:
Phone:
Please return to the Rectory for processing.
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:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at the

TODAY'S DATE:

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)
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021
I/we would like to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021.
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processing.

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

Brendel's Bagels: Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff, Drivers. Call: 631-656-6828

BJ's: Local jobs available. Go to: BJs.com/careers

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

<u>Catholic Charities of Long Island:</u> Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available. Go to: <u>www.catholiccharities.cc/careers</u> <u>Catholic Health Services:</u> Many positions available at local hospitals and medical practices: health professionals and non-health

care positions. Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/

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

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

Compounder – 2nd Shift (Wednesday – Sunday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=211784&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#.YEaHcp0h0M4.mailto

<u>COVID-19 Contact Tracer:</u> 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

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

<u>Developmental Disabilities Institute:</u> Local jobs available. Go to: https://www.ddiny.org/ or call Mary Ann Stein 631-366-2900 Estee Lauder: Mechanic III – 3rd Shift (Monday – Friday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2011789&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#.YEaFTiresjU.mailto

1199 SEIU: NEW Healthcare positions available.

Go to: https://ec-1199funds.icims.com/jobs/search

GEICO Insurance: Service and sales positions available. Go to: https://careers.geico.com/us/en

Hauppauge Palace Diner Immediate Need: Wait Staff – Hostesses – Line Cooks. Go to their Facebook page or stop in person

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

<u>Ideal Home Care:</u> 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/Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Long Island Community Hospital (Patchogue): Multiple positions available

Go to: https://licommunityhospital.org/careers/

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

Mosquito Joe: Full & Part-Time positions available. Go to: southshoreny@mosquitojoe.com or call 731-458-5910

Nassau County: Many P/T & F/T positions available. Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/334/Employment.

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

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

Rite-Aid: Long Island positions available for Pharmacy Technicians and Shift Supervisors.

Go to: https://careers.riteaid.com/jobs

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

Shop Rite: 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

Stony Brook Medical Center: Multiple health & non-health job opportunities available.

Go to: https://licommunityhospital.org/careers

Suffolk County: Many P/T & F/T positions available. Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

Suffolk Transportation Services: Drivers, Driver Assistants and Mechanic jobs available.

Go to: http://applynow.suffolkbus.com/jobs

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

Technical Operator – 3rd Shift (Monday – Friday)

https://elcompanies.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2010717&lang=en&sns_id=mailto#.YEaFK-ZfpWg.mailto

Tri-County Nursing Services: Care Manager positions available on Long Island. Go to:

https://www.tricountycare.org/careers/

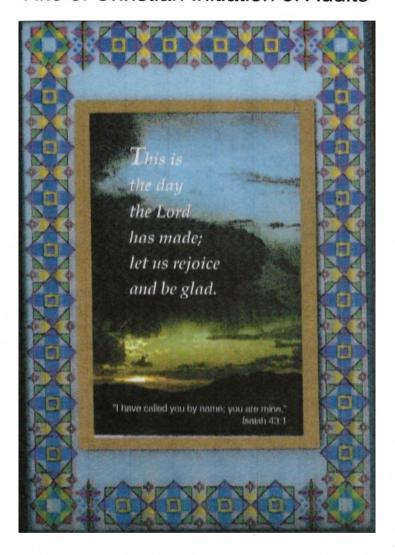
United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available. Go to: www.usps.com/careers

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).

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Have you been called by Name? Do you want to Know Jesus!! Do you feel like there is more? Then step into the light and join us at the RCIA where your faith journey leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The RCIA team is comprised of committed individuals who are entrusted to share our faith with those adults who express a desire to become a Catholic or to complete one or more of the sacraments. To find out how to start this faith journey call the rectory at 631-234-5551.