



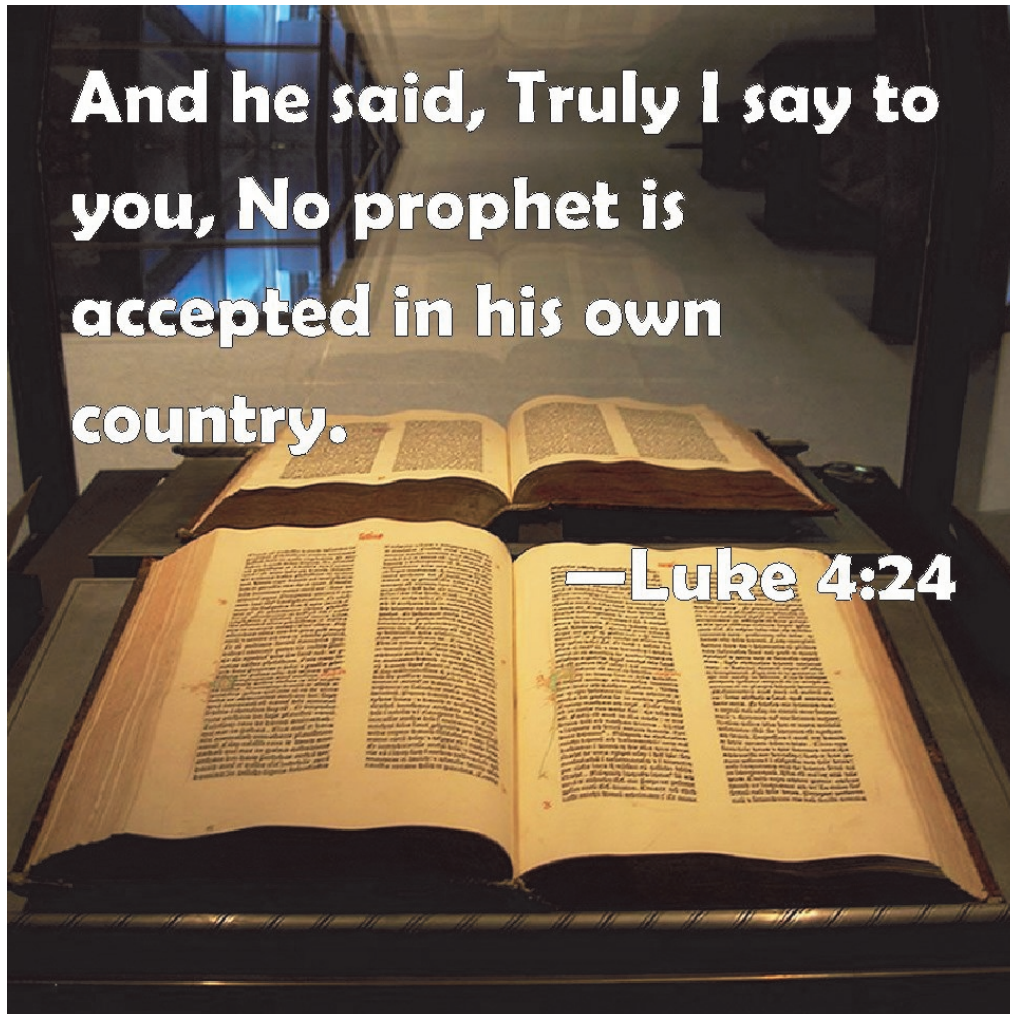
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 30, 2022

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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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 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Saturday, January 29

5pm—Jeanne Baer *by Ed Baer*

Sunday, January 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Ralph Molinaro *by Len Munzer*

9:30am—Patricia Farley *by John, Sharon, Campo
& family*

11:30am—Patricia A. Surico *by Dolly Ward*

Monday, January 31—St. John Boscoe

9am—Genarro Bruno *by Rosemarie & Bob Nick*

Tuesday, February 1

9am—RoSann Zeunges *by Michael & Geraldine
Keena*

Wednesday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

9am—William Duffy *by the McNeill family*

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

9 am—Selma Rowe *by Joan Loring*

Friday, February 4—First Friday

9 am—Gerard Smith *by Joan Smith*

Saturday, February 5—St. Agatha—First Saturday

5pm—Meryl Nadraus *by Gerard Combs*

Sunday, February 6—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—Ralph Molinaro *by Don & Joan Perks*

9:30am—Jeanne Baer *by Ed Baer*

11:30am—Ralph M. Marcello *by Ralph C. Marcello*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Focus Questions:

1. What qualities do you think Jesus looked for in His disciples? Which of those qualities do you possess?.
2. What ‘great catch’ have you made in your life because you said yes to God.
3. What are some of the reasons a person may want to ignore God’s call? Has that ever happened to you?

Family and children’s question:

The apostles left everything to follow Jesus because they put their trust in Him. Who are the people you trust?

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A man was lost in a desert. Later, when describing his ordeal to his friends, he told them how, in sheer despair, he had knelt down and cried out to God to help him.

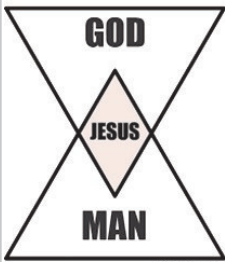
“And did God answer your prayer?” he was asked.

“Oh, no! Before He could, an explorer appeared and showed me the way.”

It is up to each one's choice to see in that explorer, a God-sent-help or a natural coincidence.

Today's Gospel narrates that the villagers were not able to notice anything special in one of their natives, Jesus while at the same time they could not stop being amazed at the gracious words of Jesus. So, it was their choice to believe in Him for what He revealed of Himself or to reject Him for what He appears to be in their knowledge of Him. The Gospel story continues that even though Jesus explained to them through the examples of the prophets of Elijah and Elisha, people at the end chose to reject Him, trying to hurl Him down headlong from the village hill.

Jesus is revelation in our human terms. Jesus's presence is God's good news and God's power. His human appearance and deeds are the media through which God reveals His message and power. If our focus is on the Divine good news and power we would deal with His human conditions as his way of communicating with us. But on the other hand if we focus on His human terms in which He revealed Himself we would miss His divine message and power. Jesus is both human and divine. In human conditions He totally unites with all of us in human terms. In His divine nature He unites us all with God. As St. Augustine said, “in order to make gods of those who were merely human, one who was God made himself human”



Those who believe in Jesus as God-Man, are participating in this Jesus-reality. Every one of us definitely knows that we are humans. But the belief in Jesus invites us to realize that we, as bearers of God's image can experience personally and live individually the divine image, as Jesus did while He lived on earth. So it is our choice that we can settle for human weakness and just allow ourselves to be nothing more than weaklings; or we can allow the Spirit of Jesus to make us live life in the divine standard.

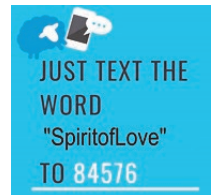


The belief in Jesus also binds us to see the same Jesus-reality in others. We can judge others in their human weakness and deficiency. Or we can also remain open-hearted to the divine message that can be revealed in others as it happens in us. Let us pray that God help us to live our lives as God's revelation in our human conditions. Let us pray to God to open our hearts to grasp the divine revelation in the human conditions of others

Faith Direct is the way to fulfill your way of supporting the parish when you cannot join the community on Sundays or holidays. It helps the parish deduct your contribution from a checking or saving account or a credit card of choice, and transfer to our parish account. Thanks for your kind and generous support. Please consider about the contribution by Faith Direct especially when we worship from home through live streaming.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



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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 above or go to
StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

2021 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2021 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

**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 is on February 14, 2022 at 2:30 pm. The book for discussion will be:

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Facilitator: Marti White

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

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of January 23, 2022 \$3,763.00

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,

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL 2021**

as of January 24, 2022

Our Parish Goal \$68,000.00

Pledges to date \$37,487.00

Percentage of Goal 55.13%

Courtesy Announcement

1st Announcement:

Senior Citizen Apartments Available:

St. Anne's Gardens, Brentwood (60 years +)

and St. Hedwig's Gardens. Floral Park

(62 years +)

Call 516-486-1000



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom

"Let us preserve freedom. Let us cherish freedom. Freedom of conscience, Religious Freedom, the freedom of each person, each family, each people, which is what gives rise to rights."

Pope Francis

Federal Agency to Begin Tracking Those Seeking Religious Exemption to Vaccine

"The federal government has no business to create a database of people who file religious exemptions," said Liberty Counsel, a religious freedom legal aid nonprofit, upon learning about this newest government policy that will begin tracking all federal employees who file for religious exemption to the Covid vaccine, beginning on Feb. 10, 2022. ⁽¹⁾

"Knowing who files for religious exemptions serves no legitimate purpose," said Liberty Counsel. "A federal agency compiling a database of people who take their faith seriously sets a bad precedent, (and is) hostile to religious freedom." ⁽²⁾

Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Case of HS Coach Fired for Praying on Field

"No teacher or coach should lose their job for simply expressing their faith while in public," said Kelly Shackelford, First Liberty law firm. ⁽³⁾ "By taking this important case, the Supreme Court can protect the right of every American to engage in private religious expression, including praying in public, without fear of punishment." ⁽⁴⁾

In 2016, Coach Kennedy sued the school district after being suspended in 2015 for his practice of praying silently for 15-seconds on the football field 50-yard line after games. He accused school officials of violating his religious freedom. Kennedy said he hoped he would "soon be able to be back on the field coaching the game and players I love." ⁽⁵⁾

Happening Now: Praying for Religious Faith & Freedom at Renewal 2022

On Jan. 8, 2022, in Plant City, FL, many Christian pastors, leaders and believers from around the nation joined in a rally designed to be the beginning of a movement to renew faith and religious freedom in America. The hope is to inspire our nation to come back

through a revival similar to the great faith awakenings of past centuries.

"He changes the times and the seasons; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

Daniel 2:21

Religious Education News



The number of children ages 4-8 who attend the 9:30 am Children's Liturgy has been increasing each week. Before the first reading they are led to the white room to hear the Gospel in way they can understand. They return to Mass after the Prayer of the Faithful.

This Sunday, Patti Surico, Lois Christianson, with the assistance of Diane Phelan, spoke to the children about the miracles of Jesus. The children worked on some creative crafts to reinforce the lesson.

Children 4-8 years old are welcome to join in each week.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marsha Augustyn, Ronnie Borgese, Pamela Brosnan, Paul Connors, Angela Convok Nick Conzo, Joey Cullum, Veronica Corvasce, Marianne Deszcz, Sal Ferraro, Michael Fiorentino, David Gingold, Chet Kalenty, Kevin Kenney, Joe Madonia, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Eleanor Kingsley, Manuel (Mal) Malavet, Robert McGurrin, Barbara Mickelson, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Ellen Murphy, Arlene Osieckui; Philip Pandolfi, Al Pankus, Richard Rantz, Helen Reichert, Blair Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Barbra Mary Sexton, John Spadaro, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Mary Anne Walker, Rosalind Warmuth, Janet Weil, Edward Zebrowski,

This listing will expire on March 31, 2022.



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. 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



Altar Bread and Wine Memorial

To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory at 631-234-5551.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Harry Francis Merkle Jr., Graham G. Kelly, Geri Jardin, Robert Nick, Edward McAllister, 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.

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



Our current needs include:

Boxed Milk
Bread
Canned Fruit
Canned Tomatoes
Macaroni & Cheese
Pasta/Spaghetti
Soup (18-22 oz)
Spaghetti Sauce
Tuna
Chef Boyardee Meals
Toothpaste
Coffee

Syrup
Mustard/Ketchup
Mayonnaise
Cereal
Pancake Mix
Peanut Butter (smaller jars)
Rice
Apple and other juices
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent (small)
Bar Soap
Dish Soap
Shampoo

**** we especially need bolded items.**

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

Volunteers Needed:

Parish Outreach and the Pantry are in need of volunteers to fill in on an as-needed basis. If you have mornings available to help the pantry crew fill grocery bags or are interested in helping the Outreach office please call 631-234-3149.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place Gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values

Is God calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

To contact us,, call 631 648 2760 or email us at svdp.stm@aol.com

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 Choir
- 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:

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)

CALENDAR CLUB 2022

I (We) would like to join St. Thomas More’s Calendar Club for 2022.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

PHONE:

ONE number for \$25 OR

FIVE numbers for \$100

(If you return your form and payment by Sunday, December 12, 2021, 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 MOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope Calendar Club 2022).

St. Thomas More Employment Services

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

NEW – Jamesport Manor: Hiring Asst. GM, Bartenders, Servers, Bus Staff, Cooks. Health care benefits available. Email Chris at: cocinadechris@gmail.com

Still Looking – LA Fitness (Commack): Housekeeping Staff needed. Speak with Operations Manager or submit resume at website. 631-623-5216

Still Looking – U-Haul (Smithtown): Positions available. Sign on bonuses.
Inquire within: 771 Nesconset Highway

NEW – H & M: Positions available in Lake Grove, Garden City, and Riverhead.
Go to: <https://career.hm.com>

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

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

Whole Foods (Commack): 15% Store discounts! Apply on line. Go to: joinwholefoods.com

Walmart: Adding 100+ P/T and F/T positions in new Yaphank Super Store
Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

Chipotle: Apply on line at: Jobs.Chipotle.com (Restaurant Name: Motor Parkway; Restaurant Number: 1634)

Auto Zone: Positions still available. Go to www.autozone.com/careers

Candlelight Diner: All positions available. Call 631-499-3918 or stop in.

Maryhaven: Many positions at many locations.

Go to: <https://maryhavenjobs.chsli.org/search-jobs>

PC Richards: Many positions available. Go to: <https://careers.pcrichard.com/>

Still Looking – Brendel's Bagels: Deli Clerks, Catering, Kitchen Staff Drivers. P/T & F/T.
Call: 631-656-6828

Dunkin' Donuts/Subway: F/T and P/T Flexible positions available.
Call: 718-820-6112.

The Paramount Theater (Huntington): Many positions available. Sign on bonuses. Send resume to: kevin@paramountny.com

Western Suffolk BOCES: Special Education Aides. Go to: wsboces.org/team

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.
Go to: www.upsjobs.com

Target: Multiple positions at all LI locations. Text "JOBS" to 827438

Community Care Home Health Services: HHAs and PCAs. Call: 516-965-2809

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

Safelite Auto Glass: Multiple Long Island jobs open, including the Hauppauge location.
Go to: www.safelite.com/careers

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

UPDATE - Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.
Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

Starbucks: Positions available. Go to: www.starbucks.com/careers

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care 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.

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**](mailto:jmtwhite@optonline.net)

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





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for Black Catholic Concerns



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Diocese of Rockville Centre

Will host their annual

Black History Month Mass

of Thanksgiving



Principal Celebrant & Guest Homilist:
His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

with concelebrating Bishops & Priests from both Dioceses

SUNDAY, FEB. 20, 2022



4:00 p.m. Cultural
4:30 p.m. Mass



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Last Sunday's Youth Group

A big thanks to Deacon Matt for leading our "New Life in Christ" Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction!



Next Sunday, January 30th, is another Alpha meeting from 12:30 to 2:30pm. New members always welcome!