



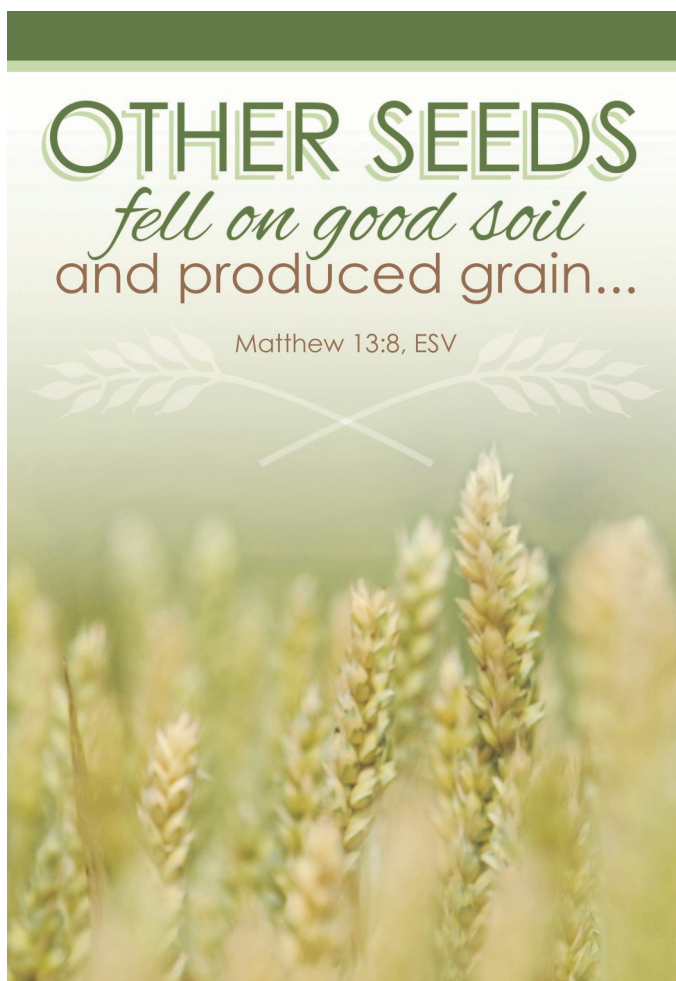
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth 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.

Contact Numbers

Rectory	Religious Ed	Outreach
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Website: <https://stmli.org>

Social Media

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

July 12, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`
Isaiah 55: 10-11
Psalm: 65: 10, 11, 12-13,, 14
Romans 8:9 18-23
Matthew 13: 1-23

Saturday, July 11

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 12—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am William Eyring *by Mr. & Mrs. Buynak*

9:15am People of the Parish

10:45am Walter Drechsler *by Kathy Drechsler*

12:15pm Dominique Rea *by Mommy, Daddy & Marco*

Monday, July 13—St. Henry

9am Victoria Miro *by Chris & Andrew Paino*

Tuesday, July 14—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9am People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 15—St. Bonaventure

9am John Garvey *by family*

Thursday, July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9am People of the Parish

Friday, July 17

9am People of the Parish

Saturday, July 18—St. Camillus de Lellis

9am Joseph Luca Sr., Harry & Josephine Luca,
Felice & Josephine Faragoal *by Nella Luca*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm John McKeon *by the Detectives of the
4th Precinct*

Sunday, July 19—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Vincent Zullo *by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro*

9:15am Bill Eyring *by the Dowd family*

10:45am Paul Kanischak *by Ross & Marie Bracco*

12:15pm Robert Dacey *by Ross & Marie Bracco*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time`
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm: 86:5-6, 9-19, 154-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13: 24-43

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew::

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:
“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said,
‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’
He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’
His slaves said to him,
‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’
He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
“First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

He proposed another parable to them.
“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’”

He spoke to them another parable.
“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:
*I will open my mouth in parables,
I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said,
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

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He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

times of crisis they are on the front lines providing emergency services to those in need; expanding food programs and services for seniors who are isolated or homebound.

Our Parish Outreach programs are working diligently to meet the needs of the growing demand of families reaching out to them for help.

During this unique time, there are so many ways to bring hope to others. One way, if you are able, is to provide assistance by making a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your continued support is critical at this time. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment.

Please know that you and your family are remembered in my daily prayer and Masses.



Dear Friends:

Pope Francis likens the stone that sealed the tomb of Jesus to the tombstones of the pandemic that “*threatens to bury all hope...*” But he reminds us that “*we are not alone, the Lord goes before us on our journey, and removes the stones that paralyze us. This is the hope that no one can take from us. The disciples of Jesus discovered something that we are now learning: No one is saved alone.*”

Support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to continue to serve so many in our community as you journey with us to bring hope to others.

Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal we support the ministries that help us as we build up the Body of Christ, such as Pro-life efforts, formation of seminarians for the priesthood and Faith Formation and education of our children and young adults.

We have been working together with our schools to assist the underserved to get much needed internet service so that children are able to continue their education and parents can work from home

It helps to support Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs. Catholic Charities meets the needs of Long Island throughout the year, but during

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Johnny: Will I get everything I pray for, Mama?

Mother: Everything that's good for you, dear.

Johnny: Oh, what's the use, then? I get that anyway.

Prayer is not an instrument to placate or impress God that we may be granted anything for which we pray. Prayer is an intimate moment in which we allow God to grow in us and we in God, to live our life as the gift of God.

In this Sunday Gospel, Jesus explains the growing of God and ourselves in each other through the parable of the sower and the seeds. The seed has the inner power to grow and bear fruit in abundance. But the blossoming of its inner power varies according to the type of soil where it has fallen. Jesus is the sower, sowing the seeds of life in us. He sows believing in our good intentions that we will receive them as the rich soil would, in order to produce fruit hundred fold. But as free humans, we can choose to receive the seeds as we wish, like a path way, or rocky ground or thorny bush.

As the first reading makes it clear, the word of God is so potent that it will never fail. "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). The more the receiver opens his/her heart the better the receiver will be able to bear/enjoy the fruits of life.

We, humans are not like the robots that are programmed with unchangeable habits or characters. We are self-conscious people being aware of what sort of soil we are and how capable we are to become better soil to bear fruits up to hundred fold. Let us know ourselves how richly God has blessed us. Let us pray that we may receive the seed of God like rich soil. Let us blossom in the abundance of life.

Starting from this Friday and Saturday (July 10 and 11) we are celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion on all Fridays and Saturdays of this month at 11:00 am in the church for five groups of children. Due to the observance of social distance in the church like ours, we welcome only the immediate family of the child receiving First Communion. That means no one else but the parents and the siblings of the First Communicant. Please understand that we cannot include anybody but the immediate family. Please cooperate that we may all celebrate in a healthy and safe surrounding.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony

SUPPORT COLLECTION

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

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

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

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

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- stmreligiousd
- stm_yg

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 Dan Haggerty: youthminister@stmli.org
 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

THE RCIA NEEDS EVERYONE

We pray for all who cannot receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist. The Catechumens, those needing Baptism, and Candidates, those previously baptized who have hit a roadblock on their way to join the community at the table of the Lord. They have followed your example to remain faithful and on the spiritual path. We ask all parishioners of Saint Thomas More to continue to support those who are journeying to join us to be nourished at the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Catechumens are, Zhiping Fennekohn, Anthony and Rick Vigo. The Candidates are Marissa Abram, Eric Abram, Aiden Lepore, Nina Latchman, and Cynthia Leon



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 September 14, 2020. The book for discussion will be **Circling the Sun** by Paula McLain—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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of July 7, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$27,512.00
<i>Percentage of Goal</i>	39.08%



- Mass Times -

Saturdays

5 pm in the church
(live streamed as well)

Sundays

9:30 am parking lot

12 pm in the church



* Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pamela Brosnan, Erin Burke, Veronica Corvasce, Diane DiChristina, Walt Drechsler Jr., Rosemarie Flore, Marilyn Gast, Gail, Laurie Holmes, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Lauren Lossani, Jim Marsala, Joan Nachtman, Mary Ann O’Gara, Al Pankus, Rita Platia. Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Joyce Rose, Jerry Smith, Peggy Stepanek, Richard Tulipan, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Don Wieman, Pat Yezek, Ashley Zabelsky, Denise Zappia

Please re-submit names of those people you wish to put on our Sick List.

This listing will expire on September 30, 2020.



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.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

John McColgan Jr., Rose Scola, 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>.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You may contact the school at parents@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of the parish’s regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com



Focus on Religious Freedom

Are We Entering the Next Great Awakening? Part 1

Two of the most significant events in United States history, the American Revolution and the Civil War, were each preceded by a "Great Awakening" - a spiritual revival based on individual freedom and a challenge to live more moral lives. These spiritual revivals set a standard for political individual freedom, democracy, and freedom for all people.

The First Great Awakening, sparked by powerful religious preachers, began in the 1730's and stressed individual responsibility for greater spiritual intimacy with God. This emphasis on the authority of individuals over the established religious authority created dissent with the religious and political hierarchy. This resulted in changing not only the religious framework but also the social and political landscape of the American Colonies.

Having experienced some democracy and equality in the churches, the common people began to demand democracy and equality in their political life as well. This desire for more freedom went directly against the goals of the British government's desire for more money and control and became one of the basic causes of the American War for Independence.

The Second Great Awakening developed during the early 19th century (1790s-1840s) and was described as "... an expansion of religious feeling unknown in American history." ⁽¹⁾ This burst of religious enthusiasm prompted a movement to believe in the possibility of creating a much better world. Many yearned for stability, decency, and goodness in the new and turbulent expanding American republic.

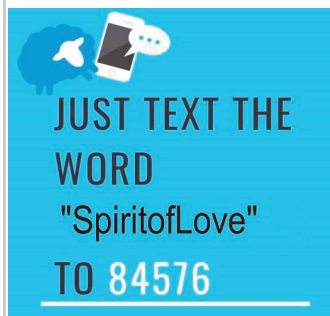
Social reform came largely out of this new devotion to religion and took the shape of social movements for temperance, women's rights, and the abolition of slavery, as well as reform to prisons and care for the handicapped and the mentally ill.

Many religious leaders believe America is now seeing the development of the next Great Awakening. In response to social and political challenges, they see

Americans turning to our Judeo-Christian foundation for reaffirmation of the inalienable rights of each human being.

Americans remember In 1976 Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, Pope St. John Paul II, warned in his address in Philadelphia for the bicentennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence: *"We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the Anti-christ. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously."*

(ushistory.org; thought.com, 7/29/19; lifesitenews.com, 5/18/17; secondgreatawakeninghistory173.com(1); courses.lumenlearning.com; catholic online)



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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	John Karies
Jessie Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
Collin Busto	Andrew Lombardi
David Chester	Lt. Clint Lorange
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
Nicholas W. Flanary	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
Sean Hendrikson	Ryan Smith
Tylor J. Hickey	Michael White
Kevin Ilyichenko	

A note of appreciation to our Knights of Columbus for their assistance in making sure that our Sunday Masses run smoothly during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you so very much



CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from July 5—11, 2020

7/ 5/2020	258	\$50	Dorothy Lossani
7/ 6/2020	101	\$25	BerryAnn & Joe Codispoti
7/ 7/2020	628	\$25	Ellen & William Lemtino
7/ 8/2020	221	\$25	Vincent Cordina
7/ 9/2020	72	\$25	Holdorf family
7/10/2020	516	\$25	Hunter Tate
7/11/2020	968	\$25	Janet Daly



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

“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Canned Fruit	Coffee/Tea
Tomato Sauce	Soup (18-22 oz)
Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)	Macaroni & Cheese
Jelly	Boxed Milk
Canned Vegetables	Cereal
Mustard/Ketchup	Pasta
Spaghetti	Peanut Butter
Individual Canned Meats (i.e. Chef Boyardee)	Liquid Laundry Detergent
Tuna	Shampoo
Rice	Toothpaste

Our neighbors continue to need food. Please help if you can!

Non-perishable foods may be left in the bins at the entrance to the Narthex.

We are always grateful for your generosity!

**Outreach is now open Monday and Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM
Phone: 631-234-3149**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week, by donating to your SVdP conference, know that when taken together they will produce fruit a hundred fold

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 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:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

2019 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we would like a record of our 2019 contributions to St. Thomas More:

NAME(s)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-mail:

Please return to the Rectory for processing.

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)

St. Thomas More Employment Services

*Are you presently unemployed and looking for a part-time or full-time job? * Do you have or know of any job openings? If so, call our Employment Services Office, 234.4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls are kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Aides at Home Inc. Home health aides and personal care aides— part & full time. Will provide free certification training. Call Suzanne Dunn at 516-641-2273.

Cablevision - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory— Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive— 4 days, 12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

Catholic Charities—many positions both full time & part time available— check Employment Bulletin Board outside Walden Hall for complete list.

Per Diem Driver—Chemical Dependence Services—Commack

Catholic Health Services of LI 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.

2) **Superintendent Helper Male** Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$13.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

Geico Insurance—Sales reps, mgt. trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200

2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774

3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708

4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 - Contact Maryhaven directly

New Beginnings Pre School in Hauppauge—needs an Infant and a Toddler Teacher—631-360-0039

Newsday Media Group--Account executives for sales. Excellent benefits including matching 401K

Newspaper Delivery—Excellent 2nd income—early AM hours—car & valid NYS license.

Panera--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drivers. & Van Drivers. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

7-Eleven--Owner is a member of St. Thomas More--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

ShopRite Supermarket--Various positions open; apply on-line or go to ShopRite in Hauppauge.

Suffolk Bus Drivers--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

St. Catherine of Siena—

1. **Nursing Home**—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/ FT—dietary;

2. **Hospital**—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists

3. **Physical Therapy Aides**—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.

4. **Nurse Manager**—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

The Garage—Drivers & Delivery—To deliver orders PT.

US Census Bureau—Census takers for the 2020 Census.. Paid training. Flexible hours, \$23.50 per hr. Contact 1-855-JOB-2020.

See “Civil Service Notice” posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information about any of the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, etc. positions are in the child’s home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides, etc. It is the responsibility of the employer to check all references prior to hiring.

****We have a list of names of those willing to baby-sit in their homes.

****We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.