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Mass Schedule

Chapel

Monday & Tuesday 7:30 a.m.
Thursday & Friday 12:10 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30 p.m.
or by Appointment

Holy Hour (Chapel)

Tuesday (for vocation) 11:00 a.m.
Thursday (with Benediction) 11:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Sponsor Certificates

Sponsor Certificates are available in the sacristy of the Church or the rectory office. You must be an active parishioner, registered with our parish for 6 months or more. The use of the envelope system assists in verifying that you are an active parishioner.

Baptism

Parents are asked to contact Jean at the rectory to arrange for a Baptism.

Marriage

The Archdiocese requires a minimum of 6 months for marriage preparation. Couples should contact Fr. Nick at the rectory.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If your faith journey has led you to think about the Catholic Church or to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, please join us in the RCIA. For more information contact Sr. Marie Roccapriore, M.P.F. at the Convent.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00 Eric Thomas-5th Anniversary, req. by Maria, Alex, Angelina and Isabella

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 Paul Martin, req. by family
10:00 Katherine Kaufmann, req. by the Baldwin family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 SS. Cyril and Methodius

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas whose funeral Mass was in January: Louis D. DeSorbo, Sr., Philip Albert, Margaret E. Doran, Margaret B. Wilson and Richard J. Barbieri

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

12:10 Mary Gasecki, req. by family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:10 The deceased members of the Vecchio and Sabino Families, req. by Teresa Vecchio and family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 Michael Shore, req. by Gina Wroniak
4:00 Dolores Biafore, req. by Carmen & Sue Votino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 Francis Gualtieri, req. by Ermine & Jack Castiola
10:00 Luigi & Benito Perone, req. by Giovanna Perone and family

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Nick after Mass. Parish registration forms are available in the sacristy after Mass or at the rectory office during the week.

BULLETIN

All bulletin announcements must be submitted *in writing* no later than the **Monday** prior to publication. It is best to send by email to stchurchre@gmail.com. Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To make a request for prayer contact **Barbara Burke: 860-621-3129, Noreen Fragola 860-628-2500, or the Sisters at the Convent: 860-621-1904.**

SAFETY AT ST THOMAS

The safety of all is a priority here at St. Thomas. Anyone who notices a safety concern is asked to submit a Safety Observation Form. These forms are available in the church sacristy and at the rectory.

OUR PARISH GOES MOBILE NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend, February 19/20th the Archdiocese of Hartford will launch **My Parish App**, simultaneously to all parishes. This means you may bring your smart phones/devices to church! After Mass, we will introduce the App that will keep you in touch with St. Thomas through many features: Daily Readings, Calendar, Event Notices and Updates, Daily Reflections, Mass times, Messages from the Pastor, Occasional copies of Homilies and much more... Initially, we will all get signed on together. Then we will build the App to cater to our Parish needs, adding features over time. So next weekend, **DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM!**

MOM'S

Saint Thomas MOM's Inspirational and Support Group! This ministry provides Mom's with inspiration, guidance, and emotional support and strengthens the bonds of friendship and sisterhood. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th at 7pm in the convent.

NEW DAY PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED

St Thomas Church will conduct a bereavement seminar beginning March 15, 2017. Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is encouraged to enroll and participate at no cost. The New Day process, developed by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, OP, will be used and participants will meet each Wednesday evening from 7 – 9 pm for 10 consecutive weeks. This process has been very successful in helping the bereaved transition to life without their loved one. During each meeting, participants work through one element of the grieving process using prayer, reflection, sharing and journaling. Everything that is shared during the meetings is held confidential. For more information or to enroll please call Vinny Raby at 860-628-9425 or Dorothy Charette at 860-628-4010. You may also call the Parish office 860-628-4713.

PASTA FAGIOLI

Join us on Friday evenings during Lent for... Pasta Fagioli, salad, bread, beverages & desserts through from 5pm—7pm. In the school cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 per person eat in (children under 7 pay their age), and \$30 max for family. Take out orders will be available for \$8 per container. All proceeds go to support Southington Catholic School so bring your friends and family!

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY EVENT

The Italian Rosary Society is hosting a "Festa della Donna" (International's Women's Day) Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Testa's Restaurant @ 7 pm. Tickets are \$60 pp. This fundraiser will support St. Thomas Church, families in need and local charitable organizations. For more information, you may contact Antonietta Barbato [860-302-0228](tel:860-302-0228), Anna Lopreiato [860-620-1919](tel:860-620-1919) or Maria Dichello [860-628-6867](tel:860-628-6867).

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Church Women United will host a **World Day of Prayer Service** and luncheon on Friday, March 3rd at 12:00pm at the Southington Cultural Arts Community Center, on the corner of Main St. and Berlin Ave. *All are invited.* Please register by February 24th, by calling Marilyn at 860-628-9564. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be paid at the door.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WANTED

Eucharistic ministers are parishioners who have been commissioned to serve Christ in the gathered assembly on Sundays and Holy Days. They also serve the unity of the worshipping community by taking Holy Communion to those members who are prevented by sickness, old age, or other cause from taking part in the congregation. The extraordinary ministers of Saint Thomas parish bring Communion to Southington Care Center, The Orchards, the hospital, and to the homebound. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, please call Deb Montano at 860-621-3528.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard weekend for healing after abortion. If you are suffering from and abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 3-5, 2017** in Litchfield, Ct. Participation is total confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL PRESENTS..

"Transformative Encounters in The Gospel of John" on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 12:30-4:30pm at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT. Presenter will be Dr. Harold Attridge, Sterling Professor of Divinity at Yale University. All are welcome! Registration is required by March 17, 2017. Register online at www.orehartford.org or call 860-242-5573, ext. 2679. Donation requested.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2016 contribution statements will be sent to those who request one. You may enclose a note in your offertory envelope, call the office or send an email with your request and we will send a statement to you .

LECTORS WANTED

The word of God, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love. The ministry of the reader, then, is important to the life of the Church, for the reader proclaims God's living word. We are looking for a few new lectors to add to our ministry team. If you are interested, please call Marc Ingriselli at 860-628-7429 for more information.

VOCATIONS

The Lord has a plan for each one of us: we have the ability to say "yes" or "no". Don't be afraid to say "yes" if the Lord is calling you to priesthood or religious life. Call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit www.hartfordpriest.com.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Please remember to support the businesses who advertise on the back of the weekly bulletin. We wish to thank our advertising sponsors for making this publication possible.



The sanctuary flowers are generously donated this week by **George and Nawal Haddad.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, February 13th at 7:30pm in the parish center. Any parishioner with a question or concern about our parish they would like to see discussed at the meeting is encouraged to call one of the Pastoral Council representatives. You may also email the members of the Pastoral Council by going to the parish web page. The members of the Pastoral Council include: Zachary Janowski 860-384-5777, John Kolosky 860-276-1239, Joe DellaPorta 860-628-8703, Kathleen Baldwin 860-628-8465, Diane Snow 860-860-628-4197, Michael Casey 860-628-8473, BJ Raby 860-628-9425, Dorothy Fontana 860-628-4122 and Ed Baker 860-620-0622. The ex-officio members include Fr. Nick, Sr. Marie, D.R.E., Eileen Sampiere, Deacon Angelo Coppola, Stan Maigaire, and Susan Howard Parish Trustees.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

"Discover Mercy" - For 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls and their parents. Mercy High School in Middletown, CT on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Register online at www.mercyhigh.com.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

Mark Your Calendar- The date is **Friday, February 24th** for Southington Catholic's **"Night in Black and White"** Gala Fundraising Event at the Aqua Turf. An adventure in NYC; limited edition artwork by Disney artist Rob Surette; Red Sox Tickets; a Hilton Head vacation; sunshine on a Fort Myers Beach ...all these and so much more will be available at the Second Annual GALA to benefit the students of SCS. You can reserve tickets at \$75 per person by calling 860-628-2485.

"Souper Effort"- Students at Southington Catholic School worked together to create "soup kits" for homebound parishioners at all 5 Catholic parishes in our community. As an outreach during Catholic Schools Week, students in pre-k through grade 8 contributed to the purchase of the jars and ingredients needed to create a healthy, hearty soup meal and then filled and personalized the containers for distribution by each parish. Compassionate hearts inspire action at Southington Catholic School.

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48