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# Saint Thomas Church

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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  
Mondays during Lent..... 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**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 Moriarty 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, MAY 6**

4:00 Stephen, John and Thomas Kiltonic and Eldie and Helen Moyer, req. by Genevieve Maigarie

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

7:30 Robert Gionfriddo-Anniversary, req. by his wife, Marion

10:00 In honor of the Virgin Mary, req. by Vincenzo and Teresa Scirocco

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

7:30 In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gagnon

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

7:30 Deceased members of the McBreairty and Coustie Families, req. by Angie and family

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

12:10 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in April: Mary Witiak, Richard Riccio, Genevieve Stasche, Anthony P. D'Agostino and Alice R. Camisa.

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 SS. Nereus and Achilleus and St. Pancras**

12:10 Giovannina Luongo, req. by Maria & Pasquale DiChello

**SATURDAY, MAY 13 Our Lady of Fatima**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Yolanda Scricca, req. by her son and grandchildren

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

7:30 Josephine & Peter Ortale, req. by Erminia Cusano and family

10:00 Deceased members of the Casale Family, req. by the Casale Family

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, May 8th 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: 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, Ed Baker 860-620-0622, Zachary Janowski 860-628-5777, John Kolosky 860-276-1239, and Dorothy Fontana 860-621-7158. The ex-officio members include Fr. Nick, Sr. Marie, D.R.E., Eileen Sampiere, Deacon Angelo Coppola, Stan Maigaire, and Susan Howard Parish Trustees.

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

In honor of all mothers, silk roses will be available after each Mass on the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. A donation of \$1 per rose is requested to help Birthright in its pro-life work. Birthright gives girls and women the confidential and practical support they need to choose life for their unborn children. Birthright provides maternity and baby clothes, diapers, baby food, and referrals for car seats, cribs and financial assistance. For more information contact Birthright of Meriden at 203-237-9887. Thank you for helping women, the unborn, and needy families.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Annual Catholic Citizenship Awards of the Southington Knights of Columbus, Assembly 122 will be held from 12 noon to 3pm on Sunday, June 4th at Hawks Landing CC, Southington. Honorees this year are Donna Ayer, Mary Our Queen; Leeanne Frisina, St. Dominic; Susan Zajac, Immaculate Conception Church; and **Dorothy Charette, St. Thomas**. All are invited to celebrate these community heroes. Cost of reception, luncheon and awards presentations is \$32.00 pp. Advance payment please. **RSVP by May 26th**. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus may be mailed to Phil Mazzatti: 59 Marcy Drive, Southington. For more info call 860-276-8228.

**VOCATIONS**

Traditionally on Good Shephard Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today of all days, let us pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. Invite someone you know to consider a life of leadership in the church. If you are considering a vocation, contact **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**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.

**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](mailto:stchurchre@gmail.com). Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE MINISTRY**

To make a request for prayer contact the rectory at 860-628-4713 or, the Sisters at the Convent: 860-621-1904.

**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.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS—IN MEMORY OF:  
Pasquale & Amelia DeSorbo Family  
Daniel & Julia LaPorte Family**



**Baptism**

We wish to congratulate the parents of **Ryan Quinn Vassar, Jr.** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

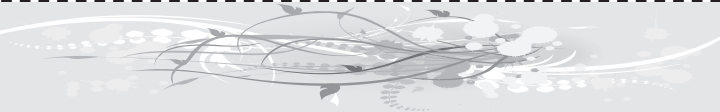
This year the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is more critical than ever! State and Federal resources have become more and more limited. Across the Archdiocese more people need our help. I am asking every household in St. Thomas parish to prayerfully consider making a gift—no matter the amount. We need you. We are all part of God's family and we are called through Baptism to respond to Christ's call to serve our neighbors in need. Our communities need our support to treat drug and alcohol addiction. Our church needs to bring its members closer to Christ through educational ministries and programs and so much more. Our parish has always responded to the needs of our Church—we are truly blessed. I know you will do your best—thank you and God bless you!  
 -Archbishop Leonard P. Blair



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Sylvia DelSanto Elliotte**, requested by Tom and Marie DelSanto.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **June 2-4, 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](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



**MOTHER'S DAY**

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ~ MASS REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember at the Mother's Day Masses, the Special Intention of:

(please print)

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the collection basket or to the rectory no later than May 8th.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

We wish to congratulate the following children in the Religious Education Program who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on March 11th:

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| Kaelyn DeLagrave    | Makayla Nelson       |
| Joseph Flanigan     | Marion Rathbun       |
| Ava Gagnon          | Sydney Ricciardi     |
| Christopher Gainer  | Ariana Riedinger     |
| Gregory Kopka       | August Riedinger, IV |
| Daria Kryzanski     | Madelyn Riopelle     |
| Cassandra Landes    | Jennifer Russo       |
| Amelia Michalski    | Isabella Thomas      |
| Walker Mierzejewski | Thierry Vincent      |
| Gia Mongillo        |                      |

**ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE**

The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 8th Annual **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference**, on **Saturday, June 10th** from 9am to 3pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. (Check-in begins at 8am) "Rooted in Faith: One Family Under God" is the theme and will feature two keynote addresses. Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, Ph.D., Founder and Executive Director, CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action will open the program with her keynote address. Participants will then have the opportunity to choose from a selection of 12 workshops. The day concludes with a closing keynote by Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Southbury. The conference is an opportunity to meet and learn from others across the archdiocese and beyond. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For information call 860-242-5573 Ext. 2688.

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!**

**Tee Time**-Join Southington Catholic for a great day of golf on Friday, May 12 at the Southington Country Club. Contact [Stephaniebenoit57@yahoo.com](mailto:Stephaniebenoit57@yahoo.com) to register your foursome. For more information, call 860-628-2485.

**Register Now**-We are now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 860-628-2485 to arrange for a personal tour or to schedule a "Shadow Day" for your K-8 student.

**Congratulations**-On Sunday, April 23rd the third grade class of Southington Catholic received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time at St. Dominic Church.

**"In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him."**

USCCB, "God's Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation"

**Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017**

- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12