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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. Please complete and return to the sacristy or the rectory for the Pastor's signature. 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. The Sponsor Certificate will be available in the sacristy the following weekend.

### **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, APRIL 9**

4:00 Patricia Scricca, req. by her husband and children

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

7:30 Marta Bencivenga Scirocco, req. by Joe and Angelina DellaPorta  
 10:00 George and Nick Franciscelli, req. by family

**MONDAY, APRIL 11**

**St. Stanislaus**

7:30 Victor Roccapiore, Carl Piazza, John Macri, req. by the Sisters

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

7:30 The deceased members of the LaPorta and the DiMassa families, req. by Joseph and Viola DiMassa

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**

12:10 Alfred Bigliere, req. by his family

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

12:10 Mass of thanksgiving for Nathan, req. by Tonia, Evo, Michael and Charlene Mongillo

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

8:00 Tonia and Evo Mongillo-50th Wedding Anniversary  
 4:00 Frank Casale, req. by family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

7:30 Frank Sinescalco, req. by Robert and Ellen Montenieri  
 10:00 Jeanne and Robert Plourd, req. by their daughter

**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. Submitting well in advance of that date is greatly appreciated.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Next weekend our Archdiocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works throughout the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

**BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING**

Bethlehem Wood Carving will be visiting our parish next weekend, April 16th & 17th, to sell olive wood religious art created by Catholic Christian artisans from the holy land, after all Masses. For centuries, the Christian artisans of Bethlehem district have earned their living by this dignified work of their hands in the land of Christ's birth by selling to visiting pilgrims. With fewer pilgrims journeying to the holy land today, making a living for their families is very difficult. Bethlehem Wood Carving has helped hundreds of struggling families. Your purchase will make a difference in their lives. Credit cards will be accepted.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

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| Donald DellaVecchia             | Harold Graham                |
| Jean Graham                     | Continued next week.....     |



We wish to congratulate the parents of **Cristian Gianni Fragola and Jacob Ryan Casey**, who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

**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, April 11th at 7pm in the convent.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service to the Lord. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those cultivating a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so. Although we need a number of extraordinary commitments to meet our goal, please know that every dollar of your gift will have a major impact.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Church Women United presents **2016 May Friendship Day** to be held at the Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Plantsville, on Wednesday evening, May 4th at 5:30pm. All are invited to attend as we honor Rosemarie Melvin. Tickets for the event are \$20 per person and must be purchased before May 1st. Please call Marilyn at 860-628-9564.

**PRAYER PARTNER**

You are invited to become a Prayer Partner for a student who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at Saint Thomas Church. Please call Sr. Marie, 860-621-1904 if you would be willing to offer prayerful support.

**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.**

**Readings for the Week of April 10, 2016**

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**PASTOR'S CORNER...**

On May 21st, we celebrate with Deacon Hector Rangel-Guerrero and Deacon Matt Gworek as they are ordained by Archbishop Blair to the Presbyterate of the Archdiocese of Hartford. The ceremony begins at 11:00am at the Cathedral. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We have reserved a bus to leave at 9:15am from our parking lot. It is the only bus available on that date. The first 44 people to submit their name, phone number and a \$10 non-refundable fee toward the cost of the bus, will have a reserved seat to and from the Mass. (Complete coupon below and return with payment to rectory or drop in collection basket at Mass.)

They will each celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Thomas. More information to come.... **Fr. Nick**

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND**

Divorced, separated and widowed men and women of all ages are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The Weekend will be held May 13-15 at the at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT, and the fee is \$235/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Sat. and Sunday and 2 nights' stay, as well as a follow-up event. For more information, call Victoria at 860-993-7866 or Beth at 845-373-8202, or go to [www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut)

**OUR LADY OF CALVARY WOMENS' RETREAT**

**Women of the parish!** On the weekend of May 13-15th, the women of our parish are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. At Our Lady of Calvary, the natural beauty of the grounds and the peaceful atmosphere of the retreat house can provide a much needed break from your daily routine. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and reflect on this year's theme, "Encountering the Tenderness of God". For information call Barbara Dahlgren at 860-276-0758.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Please join us for the Archdiocesan Mass of Remembrance sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, on Tuesday evening, April 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Bridget Parish, 175 Main Street, Cheshire. The mass is an opportunity to remember babies and children who have died as a result of miscarriage, abortion, accidents or illness, and is an important step in healing, and remembering the precious gift of life. Father Robert Rousseau, Pro-Life Director, will be the main celebrant. For more information please contact the Pro-Life Ministry at 203-639-0833. Thank you.

**2016 ORDINATION BUS RESERVATION**

**Please complete the form below, include the \$10 per seat (non-refundable) fee and drop in the collection basket or bring to the St. Thomas Rectory.**

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