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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.



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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

4:00 Marco Ingriselli-Birthday, req. by his wife and children

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:30 Frank and Carmella (Perillo) DiBenedetto, req. by Michele DiBenedetto and family  
10:00 Florence and Frank Triano, req. by their children

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 SS. Cosmas and Damian**

7:30 Carmelina Galietti, req. by Louisa Renzi

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

There will be no daily Mass celebrated at St. Thomas on Tues. and Thursday this week while Fr. Nick is on retreat. Daily Masses at the other parishes in town are as follows:

**DAILY MASSES AT AREA CHURCHES**

Mary Our Queen	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.
St. Dominic	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.
St. Aloysius	Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00 a.m.
Immaculate Conception	Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri	8:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome**

12:10 Benedetta and Beniamino Mancini-Anniversary, req. by Joe and Angelina DellaPorta

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

8:00 Salvatore Ferraiuolo and Irene Stark, req. by Anthony and Diana Ferraiuolo  
4:00 Patricia and Kenny Gagliardi, req. by family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

7:30 James Fasulo, req. by Mike Fasulo  
10:00 In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary

**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.

**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.**

**LECTORS**

The 2017 Lector workbooks for Cycle A are now available in the church sacristy. Please stop by to pick up your copy.

**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.

**FAMILY DAY 2016**

Did you know that sitting down for a family dinner on a regular basis can promote healthier, happier and better adjusted children? According to studies by the National Center on Addiction and Substance abuse (CASAColumbia), family dinners can help prevent smoking, drug and alcohol abuse in children. This year Family Day is on **Monday, September 26th**. The Archdiocese encourages us to observe family day and offers the following meal prayer:

Good and gracious God,  
We thank you for the many blessings that we share, especially our families. In faith we share our love for you. We share our concern for each other, and, we are ever aware of families in need of our prayers and help. We thank you for the food on this table, for the members of our family present, old and new; For memories past and those we make today. May families all around the world experience the joy of praying, loving and being with one another. We offer the love we share this day as a remembrance of how much you love each of us. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28th at 7pm in the church basement. Lap Blankets are distributed to the sick and elderly at home, in healthcare facilities and hospitals. For more information, contact Rita Gilbert at 860-620-0246 or Sr. Marie at the convent 860-621-1904.

**RESURRECTION CHOIR**

We are forming a Resurrection Choir at St. Thomas Parish to sing at funerals throughout the year. The majority of music selected are standard hymns which everyone knows. Review of the music would occur about 15 minutes prior to the funeral. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry should contact Emil Kopcha at 860-621-0637 or [ekopcha@cox.net](mailto:ekopcha@cox.net). Members of the Resurrection Choir can come whenever they are able to during the year based on their schedule.

**MANNA SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Manna Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. Please keep in mind the need for nonperishable food. Food items are delivered to Southington Social Services every month. With children home from school there is no breakfast and lunch programs so the need for food available through the food banks grows during the summer. Needs include Cereals, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Tuna, Canned Meats, Macaroni and Cheese. Consider picking up a few extras on your next shopping trip.

**THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE—A FILM**

St. Dominic Men's Club will be showing a film entitled "The Human Experience" at 2pm this Sunday, Sept. 25th in the St. Dominic Geraghty Parish Center. The documentary runs 90 minutes during which refreshments will be served. An opportunity for discussion will follow. For info call Mark Proffitt at 860-621-4316.



**Baptism**

We wish to congratulate the parents of **Johnathan Alexander Mirante** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

**HOLY FAMILY MEN’S AND WOMEN’S RETREATS**

*The Light of Simplicity*—Join Holy Family’s retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection as we explore the simple and transformative message at the heart of Jesus’ teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is truly essential and important in our lives. Women’s Retreat Dates: Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Men’s Retreat Dates: November 4-6, 2016. The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on Friday evening and ends with Sunday brunch at noon. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) for details.

**RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE**

The 17th Annual Respect Life Conference will be held at Holy Angels Parish Center, 585 Main Street, South Meriden, CT on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9am –3pm. Registration is \$25 per person, will begin at 8am and includes lunch. Keynote speaker: Mother Dolores Hart. Register today by calling 203-235-3822, ext. 402.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The 2017 Mass Book will be opened for announced Mass intentions on **Wednesday, October 12th at 9:00am**. In an effort to have Masses available for as many people as possible, we limit each person to **three (3)** announced Masses. At each Mass, we pause to remember the intentions of all gathered so you are encouraged to come for Mass on those special anniversaries so that we might pray with you even if the names are not publicly announced. After all, it is the prayers that will be important, not the announcement. In addition, there will be one Mass per week for Parish Intentions, during which we remember the special intentions of all the people of Saint Thomas Parish. The stipend is \$15 for a weekday Mass, \$20 for a Sunday or Holy Day Mass. The 2017 dedications for the Sanctuary Flowers (\$100) and Sanctuary Candles (\$20) can also be taken.

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!**

**Shopping for Supplies-** If you grocery shop at Stop and Shop, Shop-Rite or price Chopper you have the ability to fund school supplies for Southington Catholic School. By registering your scan card, your total purchases for the year will translate into redeemable points for our school. You can register in the store or online by identifying Southington Catholic with the following ID: Stop and Shop: School ID #07204; Shop-Rite: School ID #521127; Price Chopper: School ID# 56218

**Apple Harvest Festival-** Fall officially started this week and it is time to plan for the Apple Harvest weekends. Southington Catholic School invites you to be part of fun by participating in our booth during the Festival. Volunteers are needed for both weekends. Please call the school if you have a few hours to spend serving hospitality to visitors of the SC booth.

**Boxtops for Education is Back!**-School is back in session and we are asking you to help collect Boxtops again, from your favorite packaged foods. Just drop them in the Bright marked box in the Double Door entrance at the back of the church. The funds collected help fund additional school supplies and gym equipment. Thank you for your support!

**Pastoral Planning Progress Report:**

By late September, the first round of pastoral planning meetings will have resulted in restructuring recommendations from over 200 priests and at least 900 parishioners representing 17 deaneries and 212 parishes of the Archdiocese. An additional round of meetings with priests and parishioners will begin sometime in November. These meetings will entail reviews and feedback on the first round of deanery planning. The feedback we gather will be used to advance our thinking on how best to restructure our deaneries. Additionally, and as a response to people’s request for more frequent and up-to-date communication, the Office of Pastoral Planning has launched its new Pastoral Planning website: [www.stewardsfortomorrow.org](http://www.stewardsfortomorrow.org). (Note: *it is now located on our bulletin cover.*)

Here you will find information about Pastoral Planning, including a glossary of key terms; people invested in guiding the process; data and statistics that will help inform decisions; news and testimonies from those involved in the pastoral planning process and much more. Finally, in the last quarter of 2016, we will publish a special edition magazine dedicated to providing even more information about pastoral planning, including stories and testimonies from people whose parishes and/or schools have already merged or are in the process of restructuring. The magazine will be mailed to every registered household of the Archdiocese.

**ST PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Attend our **Open House** at 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol, on Sat., October 15th, at 2:00 pm or Sat., October 29th at 10am. The **Placement Exam** for prospective 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 8:00 am. Please call our Admissions Office at (860)-584-0911 for more information or visit our website at [www.spchs.net](http://www.spchs.net).

**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE**

Come learn about Northwest Catholic at our Open House on Sunday, October 30th from 1 to 3pm. For more information or to register for an info session online, go to [www.NorthwestCatholic.org/InfoSession](http://www.NorthwestCatholic.org/InfoSession). Please contact Andrew Selig at [aselig@nwcath.org](mailto:aselig@nwcath.org).

**MERCY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Mercy High School, Middletown, will hold an Open House on Sun., November 6th at 1:00pm for middle school girls and transfer students. The Entrance Exam will be held on Sat., November 12th from 8:00am to 11:15am. Testing fee is \$30. Pre-register at - [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com). Make up date: Sat., Nov. 19, 2016.

**Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016**

Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10