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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, NOVEMBER 12

4:00 Evo J. Mongillo, req. by family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 The deceased members of the Louis and Michelina Perillo Family, req. by Michele DiBenedetto and family
 10:00 The deceased members of the Barbato and Lopreiato Families, req. by Luigi and Antonietta Barbato and Anna and Matthew Lopreiato

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 Joseph Telesco, req. by his wife, Jennie

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

St. Albert the Great

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

12:10 Stephen Barmore, req. by family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS.

Peter and Paul and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

12:10 Ann Quinn, req. by her husband

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 Simon L. Elsinger, req. by his wife, Charlotte and family
 4:00 Romeo, Geraldine and Norman Martin, req. by family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 Richard Fragola, Sr., req. by his wife and son
 10:00 John Rich, req. by his wife and son

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.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

St. Thomas Parish offers Ministry to the homebound and shut-ins. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist on a monthly or weekly basis please call the rectory at 860-628-4713.

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.**

SAVE THE DATE! NEXT UGANDA FRIENDRAISER IS PLANNED FOR MAY 5, 2017 AT TESTA'S RESTAURANT. MARK THOSE CALENDARS NOW! Be sure to check our website and our digital message board in the ramp entrance of the church for the latest pictures of the Clinic Expansion in Cyanika made possible from your past donations.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. Any parishioner with a question or concern about our parish they would like 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 nine 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 860-621-7158 and Ed Baker 860-620-0622. The ex-officio members include Fr. Nick, Sr. Marie, D.R.E., Eileen Sampiere, Principal, Deacon Angelo Coppola, Stan Maigaire, and Susan Howard Parish Trustees.

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, November 14th at 7pm in the convent.

LAP BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 p.m. in the church basement. The Lap Blanket Ministry is in need of yarn and would sincerely appreciate donations of any color and quantity. Lap Blankets are distributed to the sick and elderly at home, in healthcare facilities and hospitals. Thus far, we have given away over 1,000 blankets, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. For more information, contact Rita Gilbert, 860-620-0246 or Sr. Marie at the convent, 860-621-1904.

FROZEN TURKEYS NEEDED

St. Thomas Parish will once again be involved with the preparation and delivery of Christmas food baskets to local residents in need. Although it may seem early, the Thanksgiving season is the best time to take advantage of the lowest prices on turkeys. Anyone wishing to donate a turkey may do so by delivering it to the rectory between 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday. The collection of other food basket items will begin with the Thanksgiving day Mass and continue through mid December. Any questions may be directed to Mark Drechsler at 860-621-4980 or Nancy Ouimette at 860-621-8098.

ST. THOMAS PARISH MISSION

It is hard to believe that the Advent and Christmas seasons are right around the corner. Our new Liturgical Year begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th! As St. Thomas Parish has done in recent years, in an effort to assist us in spiritually preparing to welcome the Christ-child into our hearts and into our lives at Christmas, we invite you to attend our Parish Mission. This year it will be held on the evenings of Nov. 28-30th, beginning at 7:30pm. This coincides with the first week of Advent, to avoid some of the 'hectic-ness' that fills our schedules the closer we get to Christmas. Sr. Mary Ann and Sr. Catherine Mary of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist will be our Presenters. Please consider setting aside these three evenings and join us in church, so that together we can continue on the road that leads to the Father's Kingdom of true and lasting peace.

Fr. Nick



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

GIFT CARDS THROUGH SCRIP

Southington Catholic School has recently started a SCRIP program for fundraising purposes. There are over 600 participating retailers that give the school a certain percentage for every card purchased. The local supermarkets in the program include **Stop & Shop** and **Shop Rite**. Copies of the retailers list and order forms are available at the rectory. Orders that come in to the rectory or school by Monday will be filled and available for pick up that same Friday. Please consider supporting Southington Catholic School by utilizing the SCRIP program. For more information you may call Barbara Doherty at 860-621-2832 or email, bdoherty1@cox.net.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Alfonso and Maria Fragola**, requested by the Fragola family.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT SHELTER

St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol is looking for Winter Overflow Monitors, evenings at their Shelter, from 12/15/16 to 3/31/17. Requirements: Background check and Virtus Training by Archdiocese, Over 18 years of Age, Willingness to Help. In this year of Mercy can you help? Please contact St. Vincent DePaul Shelter if you can help at 860-589-9098, and for more information.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving has been updated with improvements for our donors including an easier-to-use interface, and a quicker way to donate to specific funds. Online Giving is a great way to support our church. Signing up is easy-you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our website, www.stthomassouthington.org, and click the Online Giving logo to get started.

CALLED TO SERVE

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord. (1 Cor 12:4 -5). One way to serve Saint Thomas Parish is through Liturgical Ministries. Please give prayerful consideration to participate as an Usher, Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, Greeter, Cantor, or Choir member. For further information please contact Jean at 860-628-4713 (day) or email stchurch@snet.net.

SAINT THOMAS CEMETERY

Pre-need graves are available for purchase, by appointment, at Saint Thomas Cemetery. Columbarium niches for cremains are also available. To schedule an appointment, please call 860-628-4713, Monday—Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Advent Day or Evening Retreat: Be My Light – Mother Teresa’s Journey of Doubt and Hope, with Dr. Brandon Nappi Wednesday, Dec 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Shortly after Mother Teresa died in 1997, her secret journals were published expressing a woman of intense paradox. Even as she lived out the Christian life in heroic radiance, she was accompanied by extreme doubt, struggle and dryness in the spiritual life. In this retreat, we’ll examine Mother Teresa’s incredible contribution to the history of spirituality and discover the constructive role doubt can play in our own Advent journey toward hope and light. \$40, includes meal. 860-760-9705. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!

Shadow Day- November 17 Southington Catholic welcomes interested students and families with a great opportunity to experience Catholic education first hand. Visit grades K-8 and be introduced to students educated with "Creative minds, compassionate hearts and the courage to act on their beliefs". Please call 860-628-2485 for more information about Shadow Day or to arrange a personal tour of Southington Catholic School.

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

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM SCHEDULE

St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol. The Placement Exam will be given Saturday, November 19th, at 8:00 am. Visit www.spchs.net for more information.

Xavier High School, Middletown. The Freshman Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, November 12th and 19th at 8:00 am. Pre-registration for the exam is requested and can be done online at www.xavierhighschool.org. For more information, call 860-346-7735 ext. 702.

Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford will offer its Entrance Exam to 8th graders on December 3rd at 8:00am. For more information go to NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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Readings for the Week of November 13, 2016

Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Dedication:	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43