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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 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, MARCH 18

4:00 Don Grimaldi, req. by his family

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 Stephen and Helen Keltonic-36th and 29th Anniversaries, req. by Genevieve Maigarie and family
 10:00 The deceased members of the Casale Family, req. by the Casale Family

MONDAY, MARCH 20

ST. JOSEPH

7:30 Leonard Hugick, req. by family

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 Fr. Charles Kennedy

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

12:10 The deceased members of the Campagnano Family, req. by family

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 (in church)

12:10 Ann Quinn, req. by her husband and family

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church
 4:00 Thomas Tedesco, Jr., req. by Darlene, Gail and family

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 Francis Gualtieri, req. by Elizabeth Aiken
 10:00 Ralph and Maria Parlapiano-Birthdays, req. by 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.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of generous scholarships available for parishioners who are high school seniors looking to go onto college, including scholarships from the St. Thomas Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus. Please see our website for information and application deadlines at www.stthomassouthington.org.

At Communion time **all are welcome to come forward**. Those who are not eligible to receive Eucharist should cross their arms at the chest and receive a blessing.

UGANDA FRIEND-RAISER DONATIONS

Do you own a vacation home or time share? Can you cook and serve a gourmet meal? Do you have connections for cooking classes or wine tasting? Consider donating these or similar items for the Live Auction at the Uganda Friend-Raiser. Our planning meeting will be Monday, March 20th at 7:30 pm in the parish center. All are welcome to attend! For more information contact BJ Raby at 860-628-9425 or Bj.raby@cox.net.

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!

LENT

At Masses during the season of Lent, the presider will ask the congregation to kneel for the Penitential Rite as we recite the Confiteor and sing the Kyrie.

Mondays	Confessions	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	Holy Hour for Vocations	11:00 a.m.
	Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary	7:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Eucharistic Adoration	8:00-11:00 a.m.
	Holy Hour and Benediction	11:00 a.m.
Fridays	Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m.
	(at St. Thomas Church)	

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 – 59 years of age.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We extend heart-felt thanks to John Kolosky and Zach Janowski for serving six years on our Pastoral Council, and Dot Fontana for having filled a vacancy on the Council. We appreciate all they have done to assist us. We must now fill those positions for 3 year terms. Dot Fontana may run again, since she was filling an unexpired term. According to the By-Laws, candidates must be nominated by a parishioner of St. Thomas Church. Qualifications for membership: Each member must be at least 18 years of age, a registered member of St. Thomas Church, and a practicing Catholic. All members must have received the Sacraments of Initiation. If married, the member must be living in a valid, sacramental marriage as outlined in Canon Law. If you know of someone who may be interested in serving on the Board to advise and assist the Pastor in the administration and development of the spiritual and material matters in the parish, you may submit their name below and drop it in the collection basket or by email to the rectory office at stchurchre@gmail.com by March 30th.

NOMINEE

NAME _____


PARISHIONER

NAME _____

ENVELOPE # _____

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and be *Moved by Mercy*, to share your blessings.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **A. J. Conaty-3rd Anniversary**, requested by family.


WOMEN'S RETREAT

The St. Thomas Women's retreat weekend is April 21-23rd at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. The Theme of this year's Retreat is *"Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love"*. For more information or questions contact Barbara Dahlgren at 860-276-0758, or Lori Armstrong at 860-628-6108.

**SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING SEMINAR
SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a planning seminar at Mary Our Queen Church Hall, 248 Savage Street, Plantsville on Tuesday, March 28th from 7-8:30pm. The featured speaker will be Attorney James D. Funnell, Jr., a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Estate and Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association. All are invited. Seating is limited so please, RSVP starragency@kofc.org.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



- Short and relevant
- Daily Gospel reflections
- Suitable for men and women of all ages

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PASSION PLAY TICKETS

Listed below are the contact names and phone numbers to obtain tickets for the Annual Saint Thomas Passion Play.

Diane 860-628-4197 Lois 860-621-0411
Ginny 860-628-4628 Joan 860-426-2371

Performances

Saturday	April 8th	7:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday	April 9th	3:00 p.m.
Monday	April 10th	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 11th	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 12th	7:30 p.m.
Good Friday	April 14th	7:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET

12 Volunteers are needed for the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday, April 13th**. Please call Jean at the rectory office, 860-628-4713 if you wish to participate.

BREAD FOR LIFE

St. Thomas Church has been assigned this week, **March 27-31** for the Bread for Life Soup Kitchen. We need two people per day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, **donations of milk and fruit are needed**. If you are able to assist in the kitchen or help with a donation, please call Marie, 860-621-7615. Please consider giving the gift of your time one day during our assigned week.

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.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

SCS Raffle- Tickets are now on sale for \$3 each, with cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. For your convenience, tickets will be sold on March 26 after Mass and at Pasta Fagioli on Friday evenings. For more information, call 860-628-2485. Good Luck!

Tee Time-Think Spring and mark your calendar for the Southington Catholic School Golf Tournament on May 12th. Sign up your foursome for a great day of golf at Southington Country Club while supporting Catholic education in Southington. Call 860-628-2485 for further details.

Register Now- Southington Catholic School welcomes your family to visit and experience the benefits that small class size and a nurturing environment can offer your student. Our curriculum prepares our primary and middle school students well for all area high schools. A personal tour can be arranged by calling 860-628-2485. Applications are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Northwest Catholic will offer its Entrance Exam to 8th and 9th graders on March 22nd at 8:30 am. An application will serve as your registration for the exam. For more information or to apply online, go to NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions.

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38