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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..... 3:00-3:30 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. Joseph Cronin 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, SEPTEMBER 16**

4:00 Audrey Lubrico, req. by her husband and daughters

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 Concetta Cusano, req. by her daughter and family

10:00 The deceased members of the John Longo and John Keating Families, req. by Tony, Nancy and Bill

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 Kathleen E. Collins, req. by Richard M. Collins and family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**St. Januarius**

7:30 Ralph and Anna Ferrucci, req. by Angie and family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**St. Matthew**

12:10 Frank and Florence Triano, req. by their children and family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:10 Joseph Labrie, req. by Corinne Nadeau

3:30 WEDDING: Caitlyn Magda and Justin Myjak

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 The deceased members of the Cotugno and Secondo Families

10:00 Stanley and Elizabeth Cop, req. by their children

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Joe 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.

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.

SAFETY AT ST. THOMAS

The safety of all is a priority here at St. Thomas. Anyone who notices a safety concern is asked to submit a Safety Observation Form. These forms are available in the church sacristy and at the rectory.

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.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY

Over the next few weeks, the St. Thomas Cemetery will be undergoing extensive work on the roads and water lines. **The gates to the cemetery may be closed periodically for safety reasons**, as the work is being done. We ask for your patience and understanding as this work is expected to take 4 weeks to be completed. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018

Welcome to all students in this year's Religious Education Ministry. Our parish schedule of classes is as follows:

Grades 1-4 Mondays, 4:15-5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 18

Grades 5-8 Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 19

Grades 9-10 Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 17*

All meet in the school cafeteria for general assembly—followed by class instruction in the designated classrooms.

*Parents of grade 9 and 10 students will also meet on Sept. 17.

For more information, contact Sr. Marie at 860-621-1904

ST. THOMAS ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

Come one, come all on Sunday, September 24th from 11:00am to 2:00pm on the grounds adjacent to the Church. There will be music, games and activities for children of all ages, as well as raffle prizes. Burger, hot dogs, rolls and fixings will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish to share, beverages for yourself and lawn chairs, blankets, etc. The Parish Picnic Committee is looking for helpers, please call BJ Raby at 860-628-9425 to volunteer.

THE HOPES COLLECTION

The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants supporting a safe and nurturing environment where children learn about Jesus Christ, fund innovative educational technology, create future active Catholic parish and community leaders, and market Catholic schools as “centers of excellence”. The collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2017 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of September 23/24.

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY ON MONDAY, 9/25

Simple activities such as playing, shopping, praying and eating dinner with your kids make a big difference. They create strong, healthy relationships that can prevent future drug and alcohol use. September 25th, “Family Day,” brings together communities across the country to celebrate the positive influence parents have on their kids. Email a #FamilyDaySelfie to mzone@aohct.org, and the Archdiocese will post it on Facebook on Sept. 26. Visit: archdioceseofhartford.org or <https://www.casafamilyday.org> for more information.

TOUCHED BY MERCY

Sponsored by the Franciscan Life Center, *Touched by Mercy* is a day of reflection for persons affected by the suicide of a loved one. Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE will be the presenter and it will be held at Chiara Center, 275 Finch Ave, Meriden, CT on September 30th from 9:30am to 3:00pm. The day will include lunch and Mass. RSVP to 203-237-8084 or go to flcenter.org for more information.



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

THE ABCS OF ANNULMENT

The Rev. James Sullivan, pastor of Church of the Assumption, Ansonia will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Thursday of October 5, from 7-9pm in the Church Hall, 35 No. Cliff St. Members of the Annulment Team will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all. A donation is requested to defray the cost of printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call 475-221-8464.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **George Serafino-20th Anniversary**, requested by family.

VOCATIONS

We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives—we belong to God. What a freeing reality! What does God free us from? What does God free us for? If God is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

ST. THOMAS CHOIR

Looking for something that you can do this fall to give back to your church? Why not share your talent by lending your voice in song with our choir. We are made up of many members of all ages. The St. Thomas Choir will resume **weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join as we start the season. Music reading is not necessary, only the ability to sing one's part with the group. The choir sings for the 10:00 am Sunday Masses and at all liturgical celebrations throughout the year. If you have any questions, please call Emil Kopcha, Music Director at 860-621-0637 or email: ekopcha@cox.net. Come raise your voice in song!

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
 Mt 20:1-16a



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

This is Catechetical Sunday. The Church honors all those dedicated people who share their time and talents teaching the faith. Whether it be through the religious education program or a Catholic school, RCIA or adult enrichment programs, we thank all who do so much. You do the work of the Lord and we are blest to have you do your part in the ministry of Jesus Christ. After all, the Lord is a teacher. “I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you (Psalm 32:8).” Thank you and God bless you!

Teaching the faith isn't just something left to catechists and Catholic school teachers; it's the work of all the faithful. We have been taught by Christ through teachers, the Word of God, the liturgy, and the sacraments. Our lives are meant to be journeys with Jesus to grow and deepen our faith. Our faith matures as it's lived. By living the faith, we teach it. As St. Paul wrote: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:16-17).” Whether we stand before a class of people, deal with coworkers in the office, or work to raise decent and honorably children, it is all a witness to the power and love of our God. We need to remember that we all share in the ministry of sharing the faith by living it well.

As we welcome the young people of our parish back to religious education, we remember that we all play a part in catechizing. Let's pray that we meet the challenge to be faithful and loyal witnesses of God's living mercy. We should recommit ourselves to live the faith joyfully and powerfully. Reflect on whether or not a person would know you are Christian without having to be told. Consider how to act ethically and work for justice and peace. Realize that the way we treat others should match what we say in Mass. The best lesson of living the faith is simply the example of how to do it. I hope and pray that we all meet this challenge well!

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

2017 - 2018 LADIES GUILD REGISTRATION

The Saint Thomas Ladies' Guild is conducting it's annual membership drive. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. **Please complete the form below, include the \$5 membership fee and drop in the collection basket.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____