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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 2

8:00 PM Eleanor and Robert Raby, req. by Vinny and BJ Raby

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 Louise Avitabile, Louis Avitabile, Sr. and Gertrude Morgillo, req. by Carmel Avitabile
 10:00 Louis Avitabile, Sr., req. by Karen Avitabile

MONDAY, APRIL 4 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 St. Vincent Ferrer

7:30 Yvonne and Raymond Allaire and Richard Pelletier, req. by family

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 St. John the Baptist de la Salle

12:10 The deceased members of the Ottalagana and Bicucci families, req. by Connie Ottalagana

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

12:10 Irwin Laurencelle, req. by Kathleen Baldwin

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 Aizlyn Bouchard, req. by Lester and Terry Bouchard
 11:00 Victor Roccapriore Memorial Mass
 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

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.**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL RAISES 4,000,000+ IN THREE WEEKS—ALL TIME RECORD!

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many Good Works of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. For more info visit: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbichops-annual-appeal

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| Salvati Family | Richard Thelen |
| Joseph Labrie | Mary Labrie |
| Claudia Labrie | Continued next week..... |

LADIES GUILD

St. Thomas Ladies Guild will be meeting this Monday, April 4th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Call Terry at 860-628-2981 for more information.

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. We invite anyone who would like to pray the Rosary in Italian to join us. For further information, please contact Sue Votino at 860-628-2993.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory **Mary Labrie**, requested by her family.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Louis Avitabile, Sr.**, requested by Barbara Avitabile.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

CONGRATULATIONS! Southington Catholic's eighth grade honor student, Emma Kief, was introduced at the recent Archbishop's St Patrick's Day Breakfast as an outstanding Catholic School student in our Archdiocese. The Archbishop and supporters of this popular FACS event, joined in congratulating Emma for her excellence in all areas of academics, team leadership in basketball and robotics and extensive community service projects, and wished her continued success at Mercy High School in the Fall.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION Many of your weekly grocery items contain a packing seal that identifies them as participating in Boxtops for Education. Each clipped stamp can be redeemed for 10 cents. This small effort can result in hundreds of dollars per year for additional school supplies for our teachers. We will continue this program with bins located at the glass door entrance of the church. Thank your support!!!!

APPLICATIONS for the 2016-2017 school year are now being accepted for all grade levels, Pre-k through Grade 8 at Southington Catholic School. Don't delay. Please call 860-628-2485 for more information and to schedule a tour.

SAINT THOMAS CEMETERY

Palm Sunday-Easter. When Easter occurs prior to April 15th, artificial flowers may be used. They will be removed 10 days after Easter. We urge families to remove them prior to this time, as they can be used for several seasons. Artificial Flowers are not allowed after April 15th. Palm has been blessed and therefore, should not be used as a cemetery decoration.

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016	
Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next 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

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

RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE! April 10, 2016. 3rd Annual Retreat for Women held at Mary Our Queen Church, Plantsville, from 12:00 pm to 3:00pm. The retreat day includes lunch, keynote speaker **Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle**, book signing, dessert, music by Muddy Boots Christian band and ends with Chaplet of Devine Mercy. Early bird registration is \$20; day of \$25. To register visit www.maryourqueensouthington.org and download registration form. For more information contact Donna Ayer at ayer26@cox.net or 203-619-3985, or Robin Taillie at rtailie@cox.net or 860-919-3783.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We wish to congratulate the following children in the Religious Education Program and Southington Catholic School who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on March 12th.

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| Marissa Ackerman | Alora Johnson |
| Christian Arute | Mario LaChance |
| Tyler Benoit | Sidney Miller |
| Rocco Calabrese | Trinity Muro |
| Alexander Clough | Mason Nardi |
| Emma Daddona | Nathan Owen |
| Max DelSanto | Nicole Raymond |
| Aidan Desaulniers | Donato Salzillo |
| Tayden Descoteaux | Isabella Sanchez |
| Angelina Egidio | Amber Smith |
| Angelina Fazio | Gavin Verbeek |
| Owen Graven | Molly Votino |
| Mitchell Green | |
| Kaylee Hall | |

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