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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, OCTOBER 1

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:30 Rena and Joseph Costagliola, and Anna and Michael Costagliola, req. by family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

S. Francis of Assisi

7:30 Louis and Maria Iannucci, req. by Jennie Telesco

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

St. Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

12:10 Luca and Teresa Leonetti, req. by Mario Leonetti and family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

12:10 The Deceased members of the Schaaf and Dunn Families, req. by Bernice Schaaf
(School First Friday Mass in Church)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be no daily Mass celebrated at Saint Thomas while Fr. Nick is on vacation from Oct 8th through the 14th. 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.

*Confessions will not be held on Sat. Oct. 8th.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

4:00 Frank Levanti-7th Anniversary, req. by his wife, Jean and family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 Audrey Lubrico, req. by her husband and daughters
 10:00 Nicholas DeLuco, req. by his wife and daughter

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.**

LADIES GUILD

St. Thomas Ladies Guild will be meeting this Monday, October 3rd at 7:00pm in the Church basement. Call Terry at 860-628-2981 for more information.

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday, October 4th 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.

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.

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. Members of the Resurrection Choir can come whenever they are able to during the year based on their schedule.

“FRASSATI ON TAP” WITH ARCHBISHOP BLAIR

Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Want to enjoy a cold pint, meet fellow Catholic young adults, and listen to interesting discussions about the faith? The ‘Frassati on Tap’ series at Stony Creek Brewery in Branford will continue on October 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the upper event room. We are excited to announce that Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford will be doing an open Q&A session with young adults of Connecticut! We encourage you to come and ask any questions you may have about faith or the Church. Food may be purchased at the food trucks located in the Brewery parking lot, or you may bring your own! Hosted by Frassati New Haven, a newly formed group for young adults. To learn more, or make an online donation visit www.facebook.com/FrassatiNewHaven or www.FrassatiNewHaven.org. See photos of past events, and stay connected for future events!

LADIES GUILD ITALIAN NIGHT

The St. Thomas Ladies Guild will host the Annual Italian Night Dinner on Sat., October 29th, 2016 at 6:30pm, in the Southington Catholic School cafeteria. Enjoy music by Angelo and a buffet dinner, including wine, catered by Gnazzo's Catering for \$35 per person. If you would like to donate baked goods or an item for a raffle basket or to purchase tickets call Kathy at 203-439-0105, or Sue at 860-276-0261. No tickets sold at the door.

BREAD FOR LIFE - SOUP NITE

The Hottest Ticket in Town! Bread for Life will be hosting its annual *Soup Nite* on Wednesday October 19th from 4:30 to 7pm at Southington High School, 720 Pleasant Street. Enjoy: soups, stews, desserts and beverages all donated by local restaurants. Bring the family! Tickets available at the door. \$8/adults; \$4/children under 12. Bring a non-perishable food item to feed the hungry.

LECTORS

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



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Kenny Bouchard**, requested by his sister, Priscilla Dunn.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 21-23rd, 2016 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. For more information contact Marie Laffin, Facilitator at 203-631-9030, email: mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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- Remember to stop by the SC booth! Volunteers are needed if you want to join us 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. Thank you for your support!

PASTOR'S CORNER...

In recognition of all those who gave so generously to our past Capital Campaign, a donor recognition board has been installed outside the Upper Conference Room in our new Parish Center. Thank you to all who make the redecoration of our church, the new parking facilities, and the handicap-accessible Parish Center a reality.

Fr. Nick

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.

2016 HOPES COLLECTION

Thank you! On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we send deep gratitude to all who contributed to the 2016 HOPES Collection. Your participation helps to create a culture of educational excellence and plays an important role in the evangelization of young students as active participants in their parish communities.

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 10th 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.

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. Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwccath.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. Make up date: Sat., Nov. 19, 2016.

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

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
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19