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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 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

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 15

St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 Sarah Kolosky Borrelli, req. by John and Diane Kolosky
 4:00 Carmine and FilomenaVotino, req. by Carmine and Sue Votino and family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 Pat Massucci, req. by family
 10:00 Michael Giannelli, 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.

WHY ONE SHOULD BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

1. To support your local parish Church and School. Your Church is in the city in which you are domiciled.
2. To identify yourself with a worshipping community of faith. Salvation comes to us by God in Community. Religion is not meant to be individualistic. Membership in a parish community is the norm.
3. To allow the priest of the parish to know you so that Letters of Recommendation can be given when needed. (Sponsorship/certificates)

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.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you desire a visit from Fr. Nick, upon admission to Bradley Hospital, you must state your denomination (Roman Catholic) and place of worship (St. Thomas). By giving this information you are agreeing to a visit from Fr. Nick or a Eucharistic Minister.

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.**

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, October 10th at 7pm in the convent.

BREAD FOR LIFE

St. Thomas Church has been assigned this week, **October 10-14th** 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.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST


Isabella Council 15 and Assembly 122 of the Southington Knights of Columbus will hold its FALL 2016 PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Calendar House Senior Center at 388 Pleasant Street. Full Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. Tickets are \$7.00 pp, Seniors \$6.00, children under 6 Free. All proceeds will be exclusively used by the K of C to support many local charities. In the past fraternal year alone, a total of \$25,000 in raised funds was donated by the Knights to 25 different non-profit and charitable causes in the Greater Southington community.

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.

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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Sarah Kolosky Borrelli**, requested by her Southington neighbors.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Joseph Costagliola**, requested by his family.

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.

CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Join Archbishop Blair and the leaders of the statewide Catholic Church in the support of CT Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, October 22nd from 8:00am to 5:00pm at Goodwin College in East Hartford. The day includes talks by four inspiring speakers, Mass celebrated by our priests and bishops, confessions heard throughout the day and good music. Our theme this year is "**Year of Mercy**" The \$40 ticket includes lunch and can be purchased only on our website: www.CTCatholicMen.org. *Give Him the day!*

SENIOR SISTERS' BAZAAR

The annual Senior Sisters' Christmas Bazaar for the Religious Teachers Filippini will be held on Sunday, November 6, at Villa Walsh, Morristown, N.J., the motherhouse of our Sisters. If anyone would like to contribute to this worth-while cause with artwork, homemade item, craft or baked goods or need information, please contact Sr. Marie at the convent: 860-621-1904. Items should be brought to us no later than November 3. If anyone would like to help us with the purchase of our raffle tickets, we would be grateful. The cost is \$2 a ticket or \$20 a book (ten tickets). Your help will be greatly appreciated and we assure you of our special prayerful thanks.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The world that God created has been entrusted to us, yet our use of it must be directed by God's plan for creation, not simply by our own benefit. Our stewardship of the earth is a kind of participation in God's act of creating and sustaining the world. In our use of creation, we must be guided by our concern for the welfare of others, both around the world and for generations to come, and by a respect for the intrinsic worth and beauty of all God's creatures.

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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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Please remember to support the businesses who advertise on the back of the weekly bulletin. We wish to thank our advertising sponsors for making this publication possible.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!

HOPES Awards- Archbishop Blair expressed his appreciation of volunteers during the annual HOPES Dinner, where the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award was presented to Donna Finn, for her outstanding volunteer efforts at Southington Catholic School. The Archbishop also awarded the St. John Neumann Award to Mrs Joan Byrne and Mrs Jill Petruzzi in recognition of their volunteer service. Congratulations! On behalf of all the students we serve at SCS, thank you to all our generous volunteers.

Calling all Catholic School Alumni- Please contact the Advancement Office at Southington Catholic (860-628-2485) to share your personal story of Catholic education and to reconnect with former classmates. YOU are the success story for Catholic education.

Welcome!- Your family has a standing invitation to come explore Southington Catholic School. Let us share the good news about our students scoring 2 grade levels above expectations on standardized tests. Doesn't your student deserve the advantages of Catholic education? Call 860-628-2485 to arrange your visit. for your support!

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2016

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8