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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 15**

4:00 Carmine and Filomena Votino, req. by Carmine and Sue Votino and family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 Louis Meccariello
10:00 Michael Giannelli, req. by family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**St. Ignatius of Antioch**

7:30 Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Pepin, req. by family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**St. Luke**

7:30 Maria Zaccia-Anniversary, req. by Rosa Izzo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**St. Paul of the Cross**

12:10 Frank, Lucy, Thomas and Mark Zumbolo, req. by the Mongillo family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:10 Modesto and Maria DeTommaso, req. by Dominic Arre

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**St. John Paul II**

8:00 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in September:
Rita M. Currao
4:00 Barbara and Al Westemeyer, req. by BJ and Vinny Raby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 Francesca and Giovanni Colaccino and Peter and Immacolata Altieri, req. by Joe and Anna Colaccino
10:00 Daniel Charette-10th Anniversary, req. by Donald and Dorothy Charette

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.

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.**

TELEVISED MASS

Fr. Nick will preside at the TV Mass on Thursday, October 20th. The televised Mass is on WCCT-TV at 10:00 a.m. Tune in!

SAVE THE DATE! NEXT UGANDA FUNDRAISER IS PLANNED FOR MAY 5, 2017 AT TESTA'S RESTAURANT. MARK THOSE CALENDARS NOW!

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.

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!*

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. THOMAS MEN'S RETREAT

The men of our parish will be attending their annual retreat November 4, 5 and 6 at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. Come away and rest awhile. This year's theme is *The Light of Simplicity*. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is truly essential and important in our lives. Register online at www.holyfamily.org or call Larry Ryan at 860-621-2443, or Joe DellaPorta at 860-628-8703.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**


Church Women United will host a **World Community Day** and will begin with luncheon on Friday, November 4th at 12:00pm at First Baptist Church, 581 Meriden Ave, Southington. *All are invited to attend!* Lunch cost is \$5 per person and tickets may be purchased at the door. Prayer service will follow. Please call Marilyn at 860-628-9564 for information.

LECTORS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2017 Mass Book is opened and available for announced Mass intentions. 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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Domenica D'Angelo**, requested by Carmel Avitabile.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Addolorata Luciano**, requested by Giovanna Perone and 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.

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.

GIFT CARDS THROUGH SCRIP

Southington Catholic School has recently started a SCRIP program for fundraising purposes. There are over 600 participating retailers that give the school a certain percentage for every card purchased. The local supermarkets in the program include **Stop & Shop** and **Shop Rite**. Copies of the retailers list and order forms are available at the rectory. Orders that come in to the rectory or school by Monday will be filled and available for pick up that same Friday. Please consider supporting Southington Catholic School by utilizing the SCRIP program. For more information you may call Barbara Doherty at 860-621-2832 or email, bdoherty1@cox.net.

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!

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.

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

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 16, 2016

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14