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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.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

4:00 Barbara and Al Westermeyer, req. by BJ and Vinny Raby

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

7:30 Francesca and Giovanni Colaccino and Peter and Immacolata Altieri

10:00 Daniel Charette-10th Anniversary, req. by Donald and Dorothy Charette and family

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24****St. Anthony May Claret**

7:30 Louisa Volpe-Anniversary, req. by Joseph Volpe

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

7:30 Charles Gooding, req. by the Zita Family

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

12:10 Tim Mulvey, req. by his family

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28****Ss. Simon and Jude**

12:10 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

8:00 Antonio and Carmelinda DelSanto, req. by their daughter and family

4:00 Elizabeth Longo, req. by Nancy Longo

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

7:30 Antonio and Teresa Zacchia, req. by Theresa, Mickey, and Frank

10:00 Mildred Furia, req. by Eleanor Furia

**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.**

**SAVE THE DATE! NEXT UGANDA FRIENDRAISER IS PLANNED FOR MAY 5, 2017 AT TESTA'S RESTAURANT. MARK THOSE CALENDARS NOW! Be sure to check our website and our digital message board in the ramp entrance of the church for the latest pictures of the Clinic Expansion in Cyanika made possible from your past donations.**

**BOOK OF REMEMBEANCE**

The *Book of Remembrance* will be displayed in front of the altar for the month of November. The book contains the names of those who have passed away in St. Thomas Parish during the past year and the names that were submitted on the All Souls envelopes. If you would like to have a name of a deceased person included in the *Book of Remembrance*, **legibly PRINT** that person's name down and place it in the collection basket.

**LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Lap coverings are shared with the sick and elderly at home, in nursing homes and in hospitals. Anyone who can sew, crochet or knit is invited to participate in this charitable outreach. **Donations of yarn are always appreciated.** For info contact Rita Gilbert, 860-620-0246.



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **Daniel Charette**, requested by his family.

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**School Board:** Congratulations to the 2016-2017 School Board. Donna Finn, Chair; Paul Raymond, Vice-Chair; Jill Petruzzi, Secretary; Steve Proffitt, John Leary, Sharon O'Brien, Nicholas DePaolo, Rita Gilbert, David Tellerico, Mary Alexander (ex-officio), Sr. Frances Zajac, F.S.E. The Board serves as consultants to Father Ronald May, Father Nicholas Melo, and Principal, Eileen Sampiere.

**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](http://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.

**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 **Immacolate Altieri**, requested by Lou Ann Sieruta.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Millie and Frank Longo**, requested by their family.

**RCIA**

Are you Baptized? Were you baptized in another faith? Have you been baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the Sacraments of First Communion, Penance, or Confirmation? Are you interested in learning more about your faith? RCIA allows unbaptized or Non-Catholics to explore and experience the Catholic Church with other Non-Catholics and members of the St. Thomas Parish Faith Community. If your faith journey has led you to think about the Catholic Church, please join us in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation). For more information, contact Sister Marie at 860-621-1904.

**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](mailto:bdoherty1@cox.net).

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

Church teaching on economic justice insists that economic decisions and institutions be judged on whether they protect or undermine the dignity of the human person. We support policies that create jobs with adequate pay and decent working conditions, increase the minimum wage so it becomes a living wage, and overcome barriers to equal pay and employment for women and minorities. We reaffirm the Church's traditional teaching in support of the right of all workers to choose to organize and bargain collectively and to exercise these rights without reprisal. We also affirm church teaching on the importance of economic freedom, initiative, and the right to private property, which provide tools and resources to pursue the common good.

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*Faithful Citizenship: Civic Responsibility* p.19

**RESURRECTION CHOIR**

A Resurrection Choir has begun 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](mailto: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

**Readings for the Week of October 23, 2016**

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

Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10