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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 29**

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30 Diane DiLorenzo, req. by Mom, Dad, and the DiLorenzo Family

TUESDAY, November 1**ALL SAINTS DAY**

12:10 The deceased members of the LaPorta and DiMassa Families, req. by Joseph and Viola DiMassa

7:30 Anthony Vecchio, req. by his wife, Theresa and family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:10 All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**St Charles Borromeo**

12:10 Giuseppe Scirocco, req. by his son, Vincenzo and family

Mass will be celebrated in the church**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

8:00 The deceased members of the Gagnon, Zacchia, and Mercaldi Families, req. by Mr & Mrs Robert Gagnon

4:00 The deceased members of the Italian Rosary Society, req. by Society Members

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 Alfonso and Maria Fragola, req. by Frank and Mickey

10:00 Mary Kopcha, req. by Emil and Kathy Kopcha

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.**

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.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in the church at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the parish center on **Wednesday, November 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. 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.

MANNA SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Manna Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. Please bring non-perishable food items to be shared with those in need. Suggested items include pasta sauces, canned fruits or vegetables, tuna, and healthy snacks. Donations may be left at any of the entrances of the church. Thank you.

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES

Next weekend our parish will take up a collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "serving those who serve". Their ministry includes proclaiming the Gospel, Eucharistic celebrations, providing sacraments, and spiritual support to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, or undergoing treatment at Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

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.

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 **Antonio and Teresa Zacchia**, requested by Theresa, Mickey, and Frank

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Louis Meccariello**.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Donations of coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and pajamas will be collected after all Masses November 5/6 and 12/13. All items will be donated to Southington Social Services as part of our ongoing outreach to those in need in our community. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory weekdays until 4:00 p.m. Please call the rectory for any additional information.

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.

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

Society has a right and duty to defend itself against violent crime and a duty to reach out to victims of crime. Yet our nation's increasing reliance on the death penalty is extremely troubling. Respect for human life must even include respect for the lives of those who have taken the lives of others. It has become clear, that inflicting the penalty of death is cruel and unnecessary. The antidote to violence is not more violence.

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

**SEARCHING FOR MARY:
EXCAVATIONS IN NAZARETH**

Dr. Freund of the University of Hartford will discuss finds and show slides of materials recently uncovered at Mary's Well and Bathhouse and the New Discovery of the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth on Sunday November 6th, 1:30—3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. The event is open to the public and free of charge. **Advance registration is required by Oct. 31st at www.orehartford.org.**

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.

Veterans' Day— please join us on Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. as the Southington Catholic School honors true heroes, our veteran. The student led assemble welcomes all present and past members of the military. If you or family members can attend please call SCS at 860-628-2485 for details. Our veterans have written our history and secured our future, we are privileged to celebrate their contribution s on this day.

Readings for the Week of October 3-, 2016

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14/2 Thes 1:11-1:1/Lk19/1-10

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3, 6/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26-32/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-9, 5/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2Mc 7:1-2,9-14/Ps 17: 1,5-6,8,15/2 Thes 2:16-35/Lk 20:27-38