

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saint Thomas Church

Southington, Connecticut

Almighty God and Father, it is our sure and certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servants of Saint Thomas Parish, who have gone to their rest in Christ during the past year, may share in the joy of His resurrection.

*Vera Fisher
Frank Jay Martin, Jr.
Sarah Kolosky Borrelli
Nicola Sabino
Vincenza Giano
Michele Testa
Thomas Albert
Anna Abate
Viola Fiondella
Muriel Sheehan
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Alice O'Hala
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Joseph Casale, Jr.
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Alexander Adaskaveg, Jr.
Gary LaForge
Anne Was
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Richard Sargent
Jason Bellemare
Marie Susco
Liberio Nuzzolillo
Louis Meccariello
Philip Hayes
Rita Currao
Francis Gualtieri
Rita Borowy
Shirley Fallis
Marie Forgione*

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace, Amen*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 The deceased members of the Pelletier Family: Vera,
Art, Margaret, Bill, Bob, Rit and Bobby, req. by family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 Sarah Kolosky Borrelli, req. by John and Diane Kolosky

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10**St. Leo the Great**

12:10 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in October:
Shirley A. Fallis, Rita J. Borowy, Francis D. Gualtieri
and Marie Forgione

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**St. Martin of Tours**

12:10 The deceased members of the DiChello and Vecchio
Families, req. by family

Mass will be celebrated in the chapel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**St. Josephat**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas
4:00 Evo J. Mongillo, req. by family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 The deceased members of the Louis and Michelina
Perillo Family, req. by Michele DiBenedetto and family
10:00 The deceased members of the Barbato and Lopreiato
Families, req. by Luigi and Antonietta Barbato and
Anna and Matthew Lopreiato

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.

LADIES GUILD

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

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Donations of coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and pajamas will be collected after all Masses November 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. Any parishioner with a question or concern about our parish they would like discussed at the meeting is encouraged to call one of the Pastoral Council representatives. You may also email the members of the Pastoral Council by going to the parish web page. The nine members of the Pastoral Council include: Zachary Janowski 860-384-5777, John Kolosky 860-276-1239, Joe DellaPorta 860-628-8703, Kathleen Baldwin 860-628-8465, Diane Snow 860-860-628-4197, Michael Casey 860-628-8473, BJ Raby 860-628-9425, Dorothy Fontana 860-621-7158 and Ed Baker 860-620-0622. The ex-officio members include Fr. Nick, Sr. Marie, D.R.E., Eileen Sampiere, Principal, Deacon Angelo Coppola, Stan Maigaire, and Susan Howard Parish Trustees.

FROZEN TURKEYS NEEDED

St. Thomas Parish will once again be involved with the preparation and delivery of Christmas food baskets to local residents in need. Although it may seem early, the Thanksgiving season is the best time to take advantage of the lowest prices on turkeys. Anyone wishing to donate a turkey may do so by delivering it to the rectory between 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday. Our collection of other food basket items will begin with the Thanksgiving day Mass and continue through mid December. Any questions may be directed to Mark Drechsler at 860-621-4980 or Nancy Ouimette at 860-621-8098.

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.



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of the **deceased members of the Italian Rosary Society**, requested by the Society Members.

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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Evo J. Mongillo, Sr.**, requested by his family.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **the deceased members of the Mulvey Family**, requested by family.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT SHELTER

St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol is looking for Winter Overflow Monitors, evenings at their Shelter, from 12/15/16 to 3/31/17. Requirements: Background check and Virtus Training by Archdiocese, Over 18 years of Age, Willingness to Help. In this year of Mercy can you help? Please contact St. Vincent DePaul Shelter if you can help at 860-589-9098, and for more information.

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.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!

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 contributions on this day.

Shadow Day- November 17 Southington Catholic welcomes interested students and families a great opportunity to experience Catholic education first hand. Visit grades K-8 and be introduced to students educated with "Creative minds, compassionate hearts and the courage to act on their beliefs". Please call 860-628-2485 for more information about Shadow Day or to arrange a personal tour of Southington Catholic School.

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Catholics are called to see political life through the eyes of faith and to bring their moral convictions to public life. We should approach political questions not as Republicans or Democrats, liberal or conservatives, but as Catholics, because we should not try to separate our public life from our faith life. Christ calls us to be faithful disciples in all the different aspects of our lives.

Our moral responsibility does not rest within forming our consciences and taking positions. WE must also investigate the positions of candidates and vote on election day. When a clear choice does not exist between candidates on critical issues of faith, a Catholic voter should cast their ballot for the one they feel would best benefit the common good. Does the candidate support:

- Preserving and promoting programs that help the poor and most vulnerable members of our society?
- Ensuring that basic and affordable healthcare is available to all persons when the need arises?
- Programs that help pregnant women that choose life for the unborn child?
- Financial assistance to parents, especially with children in underperforming school districts?
- Religious freedom by protecting a right of conscience for providers of healthcare, education and social services?
- Repeal the death penalty?
- Policies that address protecting our environment and preserving our natural resources?

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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Readings for the Week of November 6, 2016

- Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
- Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:3-6, 8, 11/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19