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# Saint Thomas Church

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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, JANUARY 14**

4:00 Alfred Laone, req. by family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:30 Edward Maigarie, Sr. and Edward Maigarie, Jr., 15th Anniversary, req by Genevieve Maigarie

10:00 Peter and Immacolata Altieri and Giovanni and Francesca Colaccino, req. by Joe and Anna Colaccino

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

7:30 Giovanni and Maria Concetta Marcuccio, req. by Ersilia Castaldo and family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17****St. Anthony**

7:30 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in December: Rosa Izzo, Joseph DiMassa, Dennis M. Nagle, Dominic J. Arre, Richard L. Egidio, Julia T. Hackett, Michael A. Shore and Mary Ellen Melesko

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

12:10 Frank Roccapiore, req. by the Sisters

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20****St. Fabian and St. Sebastian**

12:10 Nicholas Grego

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21****St. Agnes**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Rinaldo Brino, req. by family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

7:30 Maria Parlapiano, req. by her family

10:00 Francis Gualtieri, req. by Rose and Carl Cassella

**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.

**VOCATIONS**

From our birth God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through service as a priest or in consecrated life. To explore your path, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 860-242-5573, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**SAFETY AT ST THOMAS**

The safety of all is a priority here at St. Thomas. Anyone who notices a safety concern is asked to submit a Safety Observation Form. These forms are available in the church sacristy and at the rectory.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS****In Memory of:**

Fumiko Kirby  
Raymond Scratta  
Victor DiSarro, Jr.  
MM/ Wilfred Bonin  
Ralph & Anne Ferrucci  
Michael & Linda Gustie  
Donald & Joann McBreairsty  
M/M Stanley Yorski  
Bob LaChapelle  
Jacob Hanecak  
Frank Dunn, Jr.  
Leonide & Stella Bouchard  
Emile & Clara Allard  
Gerard & Eileen Fortier  
M/M Francis Sweeney  
Sophie & Al Tutino  
Sharon Boutot  
Jennifer McAllister  
Robert & Mary Yachon  
Robert, Louis & Juliette Govoni  
John, Aline & Sandra Rodrigues  
Millie Borovsky  
Luisa Coscia  
Florence & Philip Pomposi  
James Cemore  
Patricia Scricca  
M/M Fernand Pepin  
Funzey Cusano  
Alphonsine Pelletier  
Baby Bryan  
Jean & Adolph Petro  
The Aldieri Family  
Jim Conlon  
Joseph Abele  
Walter R. Morris, Sr.  
**In Honor of:**  
Jadwiga & the Labbe Family  
The Evjen Family  
Sister Marie Roccapiore

Daniel Kirby  
Achille DiSarro  
M/M Archelas Vaillancourt  
The Bonin Family  
Elio Cinquedita  
The Izzo & DiBioso Family  
Pattie Yorski  
MM Pat Maiorano  
Raymond F. Derynioski  
Katarin Hanecak  
Kenny Bouchard  
David D'Agostino  
Clara Allard  
Rosemarie Allard  
M/M Martin Burava  
Nancy & Ed McCray  
Donald McAllister  
M/M Joseph Grikis  
Josphine Walsh  
M/M Anthony Celella  
Louis Coscia  
Nancy Valente  
Rose Foley  
Lillian & Michael Cassella  
Robert Pelegano  
Yolanda Scricca  
Rene Pepin  
Tara Schneider  
Eva Cyr  
Ellen & Adolph Billings  
The Wassel Family  
The Shappell Family  
Simon R. Elsinger  
Anna Abele  
Walter R. Morris, Jr.  
The Murphy Family  
Asuncion Lopez Gomez

**RESPECT LIFE BABY BOTTLE EVENT**


St. Thomas Respect-life Ministry will be distributing baby bottles after all the Masses **next weekend January 21st and 22nd**. Please use the bottles to collect spare change over the next 3 weeks. At anytime you can deposit the bottles in the collection bins at the entrances of the church. Last weekend to collect bottles will be February 11/12. All proceeds will go to Carolyn's Place, the Catholic pregnancy resource center serving the greater Waterbury area. Carolyn's Place assists young women and girls with unexpected pregnancies, provides parenting skills training to new mothers and fathers, conducts Christ-centered education on human sexuality and mentoring to teenage boys and girls. If you need more information or wish to volunteer please contact Roberta and Dan Vendetti at 860-621-7808. Thank you.

**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.**

**2017 PASSION PLAY NEWS**

The St. Thomas Passion Play gets underway the first week of February. Besides acting we can use help in many areas to keep the play running smoothly. Please consider helping us spread God's message of love. Auditions will be held in the Southington Catholic School café starting at 7pm. **Women:** Wednesday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and **Men:** Thursday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. A commissioning Mass will be held on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass in St. Thomas Church. Our first gathering, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school gym, is for everyone. For a complete schedule check our web site [stthomassouthington.org/passionplay](http://stthomassouthington.org/passionplay) or contact Bonnie Peterson at 860-621-7005.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Ralph Salerno**, requested by family.

**HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM SCHEDULE**

**St. Paul Catholic High School**, Bristol. The Placement Exam will be given Saturday, January 21st, at 8:00 am. Visit [www.spchs.net](http://www.spchs.net) for more information.

**Northwest Catholic High School**, West Hartford will administer its entrance exam on January 23rd at 8:30am. You can apply and register for the exam by going to [www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions](http://www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions). Please contact Andrew Selig at [aselig@nwcath.org](mailto:aselig@nwcath.org)

**“COME AND FOLLOW ME”**

Are you following Archbishop Blair and the Archdiocese on social media? Twitter: [@ArchbishopBlair](https://twitter.com/ArchbishopBlair)

Snapchat: [@ArchdioceseofHartford](https://www.snapchat.com/add/ArchdioceseofHartford)  
Facebook.com/ArchdioceseOfHartford

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!**

**Open House**—Come explore Southington Catholic School during the upcoming Open House events on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM or Wednesday, February 1st at 9 AM at 133 Bristol Street. If you prefer a personal tour at another time, we can arrange a visit at your convenience. Registration for the Fall of 2017 is now being accepted. Please call 860-628-2485 ext. 114 to set up an appointment.

**An Outstanding Middle School Program-** As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this month, we are proud of the great opportunities available in our Catholic school. Academic awards and scholarships reflect the effective teaching that characterizes Southington Catholic, and **we proudly extend Congratulations to David Jerman and his parents!** During the Honors Reception at Xavier High School on January 19th, David will be recognized for earning the highest grade on the entrance exam out of hundreds of applicants for the Fall of 2017. David will be awarded a four year full scholarship to Xavier High School where he will be in the Honors program.

**Mark Your Calendar-** The date is Friday, February 24th for Southington Catholic's "Night in Black and White" at the Aqua Turf. Our second annual gala event features great food, dancing, raffle prizes, silent and life auction to benefit the students of SCS. You can reserve tickets at \$75 per person by calling 860-628-2485.

**Marriage Enrichment Celebration**

The 10th annual Archdiocesan Marriage Enrichment Celebration will be held on Sat., Feb. 4, 2017, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. Celebrate the Sacrament with other married couples for Mass, prayer, and a good deal of laughter focusing on the theme: "Weddings, Wines and Miraculous Times: Jesus' Gift at Cana". The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner and a wine tasting. To register contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-621-7858, or email to [tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net). Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 29, 2017. Sponsored by the Family Life Office and Catholic Engaged Encounter.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

We want to extend a huge "thank you" to all those who contributed in any way to the successful delivery of 200 Christmas food baskets to the Southington community from St. Thomas parish! The generous food and turkey donations were overwhelming! Thanks to those who contributed food, sorted the food after masses, brought turkeys to Gulf Shrimp for storage before delivery, collected boxes, arranged for drivers, and packed boxes on Friday night. Our heartfelt thanks for the dedicated drivers and delivery teams that braved the first snowstorm of the season to ensure those in need received their Christmas baskets! If you are interested in helping with this special ministry next year, we will be looking for help in the fall. You may also call Nancy Ouimette at [860-919-2340](tel:860-919-2340) or Mark Drechsler at [860-919-2305](tel:860-919-2305) to learn how to get involved. God bless you!

**SOUTHINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Thanks to you Southington Community Services was able to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to 514 Southington families (1,109 individuals), Christmas food baskets to 594 Southington families (1265 individuals) and Christmas gifts to 597 Southington families (1,255 individuals). To everyone involved in the holiday meals, Thank you for making it possible for those less fortunate in town. Thank you for taking so many names for the Christmas meals. We distributed almost 1/2 million meals last year. Thank you (St. Thomas) for your continual support.

Janet Mellon

**RETRouvaille OF CONNECTICUT**

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and discover why you fell in love. The next Retrouvaille weekend is January 20-22, 2017. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [helds4marriag@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriag@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for information and registration.

**Readings for the Week of January 15, 2017**

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17