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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  
 Mondays during Lent..... 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**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 Moriarty 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, MAY 27**

4:00 Antonio and Teresa Zacchia, req. by Theresa, Mickey and Frank

**SUNDAY, MAY 28**

7:30 Joseph DePaolo, req. by his wife, Patricia  
 10:00 Immacolata and Peter Altieri and Giovanni and Francesca Colaccino, req. by Joe and Anna Colaccino

**MONDAY, MAY 29**

**Mass at the Cemetery**

9:00 The deceased members St. Thomas Parish

**TUESDAY, MAY 30**

7:30 Elaine Gineo, req. by her husband and family

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

**St. Justin**

12:10 John and Jennie Macri and Son, req. by Sr. Mary Macri

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

**SS. Marcellinus and Peter**

12:10 The deceased members of the Feighery Family, req. by Rosemary, James, Jr., Maura and Jordan

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

**St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church  
 4:00 Flora and Louis Cello, req. by family

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

7:30 The deceased members of the Chicone, D'Angelo and Griffith Families, req. by Daniel Valente  
 10:00 Dr. John E. Cockayne, req. by family

**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. It is best to send by email to [stchurchre@gmail.com](mailto:stchurchre@gmail.com). Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE MINISTRY**

To make a request for prayer contact the rectory at 860-628-4713 or, the Sisters at the Convent: 860-621-1904.

**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.



**MOTHER'S DAY**

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET—MASS REMEMBRANCE**

**Deceased:**  
 Louise Sieruta

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

A Mass for the deceased members of St. Thomas Parish will be celebrated at the cemetery on Memorial Day, Mon. May 29th at 9:00 a.m. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in the church.

**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.

**LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31st at 7pm in the church basement. For more information, contact Rita Gilbert at 860-620-0246 or Sr. Marie at the convent 860-621-1904.

**ST. THOMAS LADIES GUILD**

The Annual Cookie Walk will be held on June 3rd & 4th after all Masses. We encourage all ladies to contribute your best and favorite treats to share. Drop off is 2pm on Sat. June 3rd in church basement.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here and at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE**

The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 8th Annual **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference**, on **Saturday, June 10th** from 9am to 3pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. (Check-in begins at 8am) "Rooted in Faith: One Family Under God" is the theme and will feature two keynote addresses. Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, Ph.D., Founder and Executive Director, CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action will open the program with her keynote address. Participants will then have the opportunity to choose from a selection of 12 workshops. The day concludes with a closing keynote by Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Southbury. The conference is an opportunity to meet and learn from others across the archdiocese and beyond. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For information call 860-242-5573 Ext. 2688.

**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 **June 2-4, 2017** in Litchfield, Ct. Participation is total 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. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

On Friday, June 16th starting at 6:00pm Southington Catholic School will host a Retirement Reception for **Mrs. Pauline Pelczar**, who has been an outstanding math and science for over 40 years here at St. Thomas and now Southington Catholic School. Mrs. Pelczar has inspired and prepared many students to go on to very successful academic and professional careers. If you, or anyone in your family, were a student of Mrs. Pelczar and would like to attend or be a part of the celebration, please call Mary Alexander at the SCS, 860-628-2485, ext. 114.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Louise and Edward Sieruta-Birthdays**, requested by LouAnn Sieruta.

**BASKETBALL CAMP**

Southington Catholic School is happy to announce that the Bret Nichols "YouGottaBelieve" Basketball Camp will be held June 26 -June 30 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the school gym. Bret Nichols author, motivational speaker and professional basketball player is offering YGB Basketball Camp to girls and boys entering grades 2-9. To register please visit Bret Nichols site at [www.yougottabelieve.info](http://www.yougottabelieve.info). For more information email [nicholsygb@gmail.com](mailto:nicholsygb@gmail.com) or call 203-725-6186.

**FRANCISCAN LAND-BASED SUMMER EXPERIENCES AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

Are you looking for summer experiences for your children? The staff of the Franciscan Life Center is offering Franciscan Land-based Summer Experiences for children ages 6-12, and Youth Leadership Training for Youth ages 13 and 14. June and July dates to take place at the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Ave, Meriden, CT. For more information call 203-237-8084 or visit [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org).



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **Lori Galvin**, requested by Steve and Maureen Massucci.

**ATTENTION COLLEGE-AGED CATHOLICS**

**Feed Your Face and Your Faith Wednesdays for Catholics Ages 18-28:** Looking for a way to keep connected to Christ this summer? Join Father Jeff Gubbiotti for Mass, a grill & chill cookout, prayer, study and fellowship. We will be using Bishop Robert Barron's *The Pivotal Players* as our guide and meet at St. Thomas Becket Church, 435 N. Brooksvale Road in Cheshire for 6 Wednesdays. For more info visit: [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com) or contact Father Jeff at [fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org](mailto:fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org).

**COME AND PRAY**

A Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00pm at the Franciscan Life Center, 275 Finch Avenue in Meriden, CT. This Holy Hour is sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford and will be followed by a light "coffee-and" reception. **We remind all parishioners that each Tuesday here at St. Thomas Chapel, we have a Holy Hour for Vocations at 11:00am. Come and pray!**

**COMMON GOOD GARDEN**

Bread for Life is in need of volunteer gardener groups to sign up for one week's worth of gardening on a strip of land adjacent to the new Bread for Life building at 31 Vermont Ave. Each group would be responsible for various garden tasks to be completed during a one week period. Tasks may include watering, weeding, crop-harvesting, composting, mulching, and/or trimming. The produce grown will be used at the Bread for Life soup kitchen. If interested, please call or email Bread for Life. 860-276-8389 or email [missy@southingtonbreadforlife.org](mailto:missy@southingtonbreadforlife.org).

**Readings for the Week of May 28, 2017**

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

**FATHER'S DAY**

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ~ MASS REMEMBRANCE**

**Please remember at the Father's Day Masses, the Special Intention of:**

(please print)

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the collection basket or to the rectory no later than June 12th.*

**RECEPTION FOR FATHER NICK MELO**

The Parish is in the planning stages for a reception luncheon for Fr. Nick on June 25, 2017, following the 10:00 Mass at the Southington Catholic cafeteria. Please indicate below your name and # of people who plan to attend in your family/group so we can estimate on how much food, etc... to order. Please respond by phone to the rectory at 860-628-4713, by email to [stthomassouthington@gmail.com](mailto:stthomassouthington@gmail.com) or by dropping this form into the collection basket at any Mass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_