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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, JUNE 10

4:00 Alfred Coppola-Anniversary, req. by family

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7:30 The deceased members of the Valente, DeMatteo, Greco and Chmilenicki Families, req. by Daniel Valente
 10:00 Harry Kyle, req. by his wife and family

MONDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 Deacon James Quinn, Sr.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua

7:30 John and Jennie Macri and son, John, req. by Sr. Mary Macri

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

12:10 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in May: Alfred Botelho, Jr., Frances Hurley, James P. Quinn, Sr. and Kenneth McDonald

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

12:10 Hazel Collins, req. by Richard M. Collins and family
 3:30 WEDDING: Beth Anderson and Brian Cyr

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 Andrea DelSanto-Birthday, req. by his wife and children
 4:00 Joe, Debra & Jennifer, req. by Bernice Schaaf

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

7:30 Margaret and George Pepi, req. by Richard and Beth
 10:00 Robert and Jeanne Plourd, req. by their daughter

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. 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.

“COME AND FOLLOW ME”

Are you following Archbishop Blair and the Archdiocese on social media?

Twitter: @ArchbishopBlair
 Snapchat: @ArchdioceseofHartford
 Facebook.com/ArchdioceseOfHartford

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—HELP NEEDED

We have been so blessed with many catechists offering their time and talent each week through the instruction of our youth in Religious Education. A special thanks to all of them! May God reward them with blessings in abundance! For the next school year, however, we will need two more teachers in the faith formation of students in the primary grades who meet on Mondays from 4:15pm to 5:30pm. Consider: Is God calling YOU to be an instructor of the Faith with our youth? We invite anyone who would be willing to assist us during the new school year to contact Sr. Marie at the convent at 860-621-1904.

THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Are you newly married and looking for a great date? The Family Life Office invites couples married 5 years or less to an evening of fun and enrichment on Sat., June 17, 2017, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. Engaged couples that have attended an Engaged Couples' Conference or Engaged Encounter are also invited. The program will begin with Mass, include dinner, prayer, discussion and laughter centered on the theme "Life After Cana: Lessons Learned through Unexpected Turns." The cost is \$10.00 per couple and includes dinner. To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to thomas_finn_ph_d@sbcglobal.net. Please R.S.V.P. by June 13th.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

Read, Reap and Rise to New Life! *The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share.* (1 Corinthians 9:10) The Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to engage the Word of God from the perspective of Catholic faith. First-year classes are forming in Milford, Bloomfield, Hamden and Waterbury. Contact the CBS office by August 15 to apply. Classes begin just after Labor Day. For more information to to www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.

Readings for the Week of June 11, 2017

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
 Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

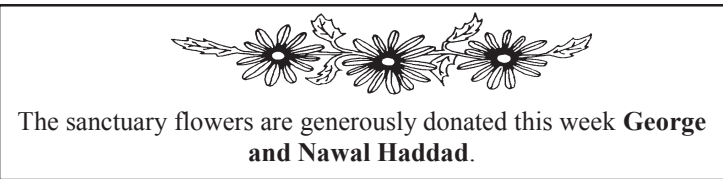
BASKETBALL CAMP

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. For more information email nicholsygb@gmail.com or call 203-725-6186.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Elliot and Marks Families**, requested by the Stephen Elliott, Jr. family.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Angelina DelBuono**, requested by Antoinette Carbone.



COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUPS

Courage is a Catholic support group for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and are seeking to live chaste lives in Christ. Courage plans to meet Tuesday, June 13th 7pm. Encourage helps the loved-ones of those who experience same-sex attraction to grow in understanding and love, while honoring the virtue of chastity. Encourage will meet on Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm. For meeting locations and additional information you can contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-265-0961 x2, or aohctcourage@gmail.com. The website for Courage International is couragec.org.

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.

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 or contact Father Jeff at fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org.

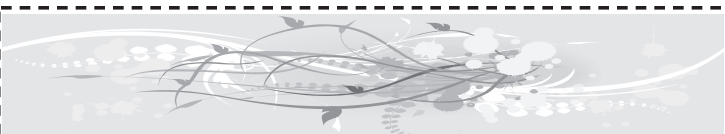
SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

Congratulations to the 2017 Class of Southington Catholic School. On Friday, June 2 Father May and Father Melo joined Principal, Eileen Sampiere in conferring diplomas to the following 8th grade students: Romi Bagdasarian, Ryan Bogdanski, Miranda Bunnell, Victoria Gomez, Kira Hanner, David Jerman, James Melvin, Zachary Oakes, Joshua Plochocki, Adrianna Shea and Jenny Yang.

Thank you, Shoppers- By registering your grocery courtesy cards at Stop and Shop, Price Chopper and Shop-Rite last fall you have helped earn benefits for our school. Mrs. Sampiere will be able to use the accumulated points to purchase recess equipment, teaching materials for our pre-k classes and help fund the purchase of new Chromebooks for our middle school. Thank you for your support. **A new program will begin in August so please re-register your cards** in order to continue your support of Catholic education in Southington.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements in our sanctuary enhance our liturgical setting. The donation for the flowers is \$100. If you would like to be a sponsor or dedicate the flower arrangements in memory of someone, please contact the rectory. The dedication or donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin that week.



FATHER'S DAY

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ~ MASS REMEMBRANCE

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

(please print)

Father's name _____

_____ 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 having 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.** If you would like to contribute a dessert, you may bring it to the cafeteria on Sat., June 24th at 2pm. Please respond by phone to the rectory at 860-628-4713, by email to stthomassouthington@gmail.com or by dropping this form into the collection basket at any Mass.

Name Number attending

YOU MUST RESPOND BY MONDAY, JUNE 19TH.