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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 24

4:00 Julia Casale, req. by family

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 Bette Longo-15th Anniversary, req. by Tony, Nancy and Bill
 10:00 Ralph Parlapiano-15th Anniversary, req. by his family

MONDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 Nancy Valente, req. by Daniel Valente

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria

7:30 John Hur, req. by Joseph Hur and family

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

SS. Peter and Paul

12:10 Thomas and Gertrude Moriarty

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

12:10 Mary Borovsky

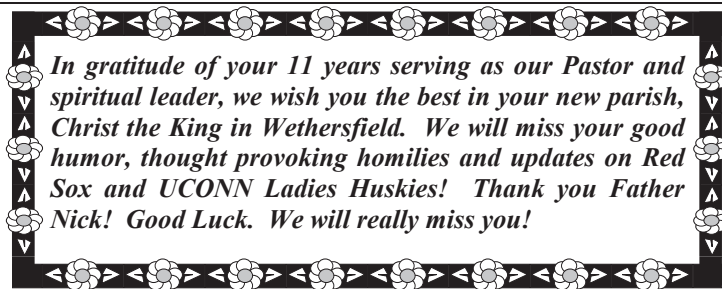
SATURDAY, JULY 1

St. Junipero Serra

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church
 4:00 Ray Derynioski-Anniversary, req. by his wife and family

SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:30 Paul Thompson, req. by his parents and family
 10:00 John and Marie Ravenscroft, req. by Anthony and Melissa Cop and family



In gratitude of your 11 years serving as our Pastor and spiritual leader, we wish you the best in your new parish, Christ the King in Wethersfield. We will miss your good humor, thought provoking homilies and updates on Red Sox and UCONN Ladies Huskies! Thank you Father Nick! Good Luck. We will really miss you!

LAP BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28th at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Lap coverings are shared with the sick and elderly at home, in nursing homes and in hospitals. Anyone who can sew, crochet or knit is invited to participate in this charitable outreach. **Donations of yarn are always appreciated.** For info contact Rita Gilbert, 860-620-0246.

BRAKE THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

On Tuesday, June 27 at the Church of St. Dominic in Southington, the Brake the Cycle of Poverty team will present their ongoing mission to spread awareness of poverty to others. That day will be the fourth day of the Brake the Cycle team's weeklong bike ride throughout Connecticut to increase the awareness of poverty. Did you know that the poverty rate in Connecticut is 10.5% which translates to close to 366,000 people living in poverty in the richest state in the richest country in the world? Since 2003, Brake the Cycle has traveled throughout the state to various parishes bringing their message about the pervasiveness of poverty in this wealthy state. Come and see how you can make a difference to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Everyone is welcome. This is not a fundraising event.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN

Young men ages 18-35, have you figured out what you want to be when you 'grow up'? Wondering where God is leading you—and why? Join us for informational gatherings where there will be a short talk with practical suggestions for discerning the call that God has in store for you, time for prayer, a chance to hear from our current seminarians, and some free pizza. **When and where:** Monday, July 10th, 6:30-8:30pm at St. Thomas Becket Church, 435 N. Brooksvale Road in Cheshire; Monday, August 14th, 6:30-8:30pm at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Road in Southington. RSVP to the Vocations Office at 860-761-7456 or email to vocations@aohct.org. Visit our website at: www.harfordpriest.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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Albert and Mary Gasecki**, requested by family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS

The ministry of catechist is a ministry of God's Word. Being a catechist takes a willingness to see and hear the message within the Word. The acceptance of this wonderful ministry testifies to the openness to the Word. Being a catechist is something that stirs and happens within you as you allow God's Word to bear fruit in your own life and in the lives of others. The catechists who teach the children of Saint Thomas Parish in grades 1-10 are:

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| Elaine Ainsworth | Janice Infante |
| Edward Baker | Sandra Ingriselli |
| Maura Baker | Diane Kolosky |
| Ruth Benham | Joanne Labbie |
| Keri Coombs | Maureen Massucci |
| Melissa Cop | Donna Pasciutti |
| Amy DelDebbio | Dora Rusiecki |
| Irene Fojtik | Lisa Uba |
| Dorothy Fontana | Roberta Vendetti |
| Marion Gionfriddo | William Welch, III |
| Jean Graff | |

Assisting the catechist as aides, helpers and substitutes are:

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| Abigail Alfieri | Stephanie Mitchell |
| Kerry Brush | Vina Nadeau |
| Makenna Calabrese | Domenic Perone |
| Anthony Cop | Sister Gina Piazza |
| Bozena David | Caterina Pond |
| Cindy Lubrico | Olivia Stich |
| Salvatore Magnano, Jr | John Wojenski |
| Ralph Mastroianni | Sue Zazzarro |
| Paul Miano | |

We thank them all for their dedication and service!

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 www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER...

Congratulations to Makenna Calabrese, Dante D'Agostino and Christopher Descoteaux on receiving the 2017 Father Bennett Award given to those who have been Altar Servers through their senior year of high school. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to our parish.

Fr. Nick

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD TO SEND DELEGATES TO HISTORIC CHURCH CONVOCATION

Your Prayers are Needed

Guided by the missionary vision of the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* or Joy of the Gospel, the Archdiocese of Hartford is sending delegates to participate in the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. The purpose of the national meeting is to discuss the issues facing Catholics in the 21st Century, and to ultimately equip delegates with tools and resources they can use to evangelize in their respective dioceses. The convocation will take place in Orlando, FL from July 1-4. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, who as the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis played an important role in planning the historic gathering, will lead a delegation of 25 people from throughout the Archdiocese.

"My hope is that these delegates will bring back to the Archdiocese innovative and creative ideas to share with parishioners. For a parish to grow and thrive, the challenge is for every parishioner to realize that being Catholic also means being evangelical, a missionary, and a witness for the faith. This is what Pope Francis is asking of all of us," says Archbishop Blair. The Archbishop asks everyone to pray for the success of the convocation and for the Archdiocesan delegation who will be participating. For more information about the *Convocation of Catholic Leaders* visit: usccb.org.

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

- Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42