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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. Cronin 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, JULY 1

4:00 Rocco L. Calabrese, req. by his wife, Janet 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

MONDAY, JULY 3 FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8:00 Joseph Angelillo, req. by a parishioner

THURSDAY, JULY 6 St. Maria Goretti

12:10 Marie Forgione, req. by friends

FRIDAY, JULY 7

12:10 Ray Derynioski, req. by his wife and family

SATURDAY, JULY 8

8:00 Deacon James P. Quinn
 4:00 Antonio and Sofia Barbagallo and Gaetano Caico, req. by Vincenzo and Maria Caico and family

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:30 Giuseppe and Rosa Izzo, req. by brother and family
 10:00 The deceased members of the Ferdinando Simone Family, req. by Tom and Marie DelSanto



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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cronin 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.

COMMUNION INVITATION

At Communion time **all are welcome to come forward**. Those who are not eligible to receive Eucharist should cross their arms at the chest and receive a blessing.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER...

Thank you to all who worked so hard in organizing my farewell reception, and for all who took the time to come out to share your gracious thoughts and feelings. It was an honor to have served you and St. Thomas parish for the past 11 years. Your willingness to work together for the good of our community and beyond was truly inspiring, and I know you will collaborate in the same way with Fr. Joe to do the work of the Lord. Let us hold each other in prayer as we begin the next phase of our journey toward the Father's Kingdom of true and lasting peace. My new assignment will be at the new Christ the King Parish,

84 Somerset St., Wethersfield CT 06109.

My email: frnickmelo@gmail.com. Peace & prayers,
Fr. Nick



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

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Millie and Frank Longo**, requested by family.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishops, priests, and deacons are the ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Assistance is given by other extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned. These ministers serve Christ in the gathered assembly on Sundays and Holy Days. They also serve the unity of the worshipping community by taking Holy Communion to those members who are prevented by sickness, old age, or other cause from taking part in the congregation. The extraordinary ministers of Saint Thomas parish bring Communion to Southington Care Center, The Orchards, the hospital, and to the homebound. The following ministers are currently serving our parish community:

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| Kathleen Baldwin | Diane Kolosky |
| Terry Bouchard | Laura Larson |
| Dorothy Charette | Debra Montano |
| Angelina DellaPorta | Nancy Ouimette |
| Joseph DellaPorta | Sr. Gina Piazza |
| Mary Beth Derynioski | Barbara J Raby |
| Janet Donahue | Don Ring |
| Rita Gilbert | Roberta Vendetti |
| Ron Ingriselli | William Welch |

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.

THOMAS, APOSTLE AND SPIRITUAL TWIN



Jesus wants to return to Judea when he hears that his friend Lazarus is dying. His disciples protest the return, for the people were recently trying to stone him for claiming oneness with the Father. Thomas, the name means, "Twin", says to them. "Let us go also to die with him."

Thomas – a person of courage.

Jesus says at the Last Supper, that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for the disciples. Thomas asks, "How can we know the way? We do not know where you are going."

Thomas – a person of curiosity.

The disciples tell Thomas that they saw the Lord. Thomas says to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Thomas – a person of skepticism.

The Risen Lord appears to Thomas, and Thomas says, "My Lord and my God!"

Thomas – a person of faith.

We are twins in faith to Thomas the person of faith. There may be times when we must be courageous in confronting the wrongness of another person or in the most secret parts of ourselves. There are times when we may seek further the way of the Lord due to challenges in our lives. There are times where we may dismiss the hope of new life because the old life is too hard. Thomas was absent from the disciple who experienced the living Lord, and Thomas only comes to faith when he is in the company of believers who experienced the Lord together. We experience the Lord together in the Eucharist. We touch the Lord in bread and wine. We are sent forth together to bring this experience to those who are absent through our words, actions, and attitudes. It may take courage. It may take inquiring. It may bring on doubt. It will always require faith, and it can be done together. Blessed are we who have seen the Lord and have received him in our hearts. But blessed more are those in Southington who come to faith in the Lord through us. **St. Thomas' feast day is July 3rd.**

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
- Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30