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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. Joseph 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 8**

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 Fernando Simone Family, req. by Tom and Marie DelSanto

**MONDAY, JULY 10**

7:30 Thomas Flynn, req. by Jean and Kathleen

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church **St. Benedict**

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**

12:10 In honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gagnon **St. Henry**

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**

12:10 Saverio Mercaldi, Giuseppe and Rosa Izzo, Giuseppe and Francesca Zacchia and Tommaso Zacchia, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Guarino Zacchia **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**

8:00 Sophie Mongillo, req. by family  
4:00 The deceased members of the Coccozza and Cicarelli Families, req. by Lucille and Frank Coccozza **St. Bonaventure**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**

7:30 Diane DiLorenzo, req. by DiLorenzo and Rossignol Families  
10:00 Arnold Furia, Sr. and Robert Furia, req. by Eleanor Furia

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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



**FATHER'S DAY**

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ~ MASS REMEMBRANCE**

**DECEASED:**

Michael Brennav Jean Paul Provencher  
Richard N. Pelletier Donald Richardson

**LIVING:**

Arthur J. Allaire John T. Pelletier



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **the deceased members of the Coccozza and Cicarelli Families**, requested by Lucille and Frank Coccozza.

**THE LAMB SHALL LEAD INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

Next weekend, Fr. Joe Estoloso, Jr., a missionary priest from the Diocese of Kalibo in the Philippines will speak at all the Masses. Rev. Estoloso works with the "Poor Helping the Poor" program of The Lamb Shall Lead International. He will share their mission work on the plight of the poor in the Philippines and on how they are able to help the poor to help themselves and their fellow poor. We are called to contribute and participate to the mission of Jesus, The Lamb, for the least of His brethren. We are all blessed and He will continue to bless us. Jesus is inviting us to see His face and presence with the poor.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

St. Thomas Social Justice Committee will be collecting school supplies for children in need from our community during the weekends of July 23rd and 30th. Keep your eyes open for July deals! There will be totes at the doors of the church for your donations. Supplies include but are not limited to: backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, rulers, markers, binders, folders, etc. For more information contact Dot Fontana 860-620-3791 or [jfontana01@snet.net](mailto:jfontana01@snet.net).

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

Eucharistic ministers are parishioners who have been commissioned to 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. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, please call Deb Montano at 860-621-3528.

**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](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2017-2018**

**Reminder:** Completed **re-registration forms** for enrolled students with the \$50 fee should be returned at this time. Registration forms were sent to parents via email. Registration forms for NEW students, or those entering 1st grade, may be obtained at the entrances of the church or weekdays at the rectory. **A copy of the child's full birth certificate, baptismal certificate and the non-refundable fee of \$50** must accompany the completed registration form for new students.

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 one more teacher 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 Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Deacon James P. Quinn, Sr.**, requested by the RCIA team.

MINISTRY OF READER

The word of God, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love. The ministry of the reader, then, is important to the life of the Church, for the reader proclaims God's living word. The ministry of reader is fulfilled at Saint Thomas by:

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| Lori Armstrong  | Maribeth McGloin     |
| Edward Baker    | Jean Moriarty        |
| Kevin Dieckhaus | Brett Rycki          |
| Michael Hebert  | Susan Savulak        |
| Marc Ingriselli | James Snow           |
| Jan Lopatosky   | Nicholas Szyszkowski |
| Marie Manchak   | Steve Whalen         |

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](mailto:vocations@aohct.org). Visit our website at: [www.harfordpriest.com](http://www.harfordpriest.com).

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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Father Joe's Notes



Hello, my friends,

I'm Father Joe Cronin, the new pastor here at St. Thomas Church. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome. I know that it's not easy to lose Father Nick who has been part of your family for so many years. Change can be difficult. My prayers are with him as begins his new ministry in Wethersfield. I pray for you in this time of transition as well. I promise that I will do my best to work with you to make this time easier to bear as we continue to serve the Lord by loving our brothers and sisters in Southington.

Let me tell you a few things about myself. I have been an ordained priest for 19 years. My most recent assignment was at Our Lady of Victory and St. John Vianney parishes in West Haven. I was there for fourteen years: three as the assistant, one as administrator, and ten as pastor. Before that, I was the junior curate at SS. Peter and Paul parish in Waterbury. This is my third priestly assignment.

I am the seventh of eight children; we are loud and lively crowd! Avon is my home town. (I have gone from Northington to Southington!) After graduating from Avon High School, I was off to Roger Williams College where I earned a Bachelors of Architecture. Upon graduation, I entered St. Thomas Seminary for pre-theology, studying theology and Scripture. I then went to St. John Seminary in Boston where I earned my Masters of Divinity and my Masters of Art in Hebrew Scripture. Sacred Scripture is my great love and lead me to by priestly calling. (Should anyone be interested in a Bible study here in the parish, please, let me know. I have taught a class for the last fourteen years and would love to break open the Word here too!)

You will learn more about me as the time passes. You will hear family stories and see my love of crazy shoes and socks. I look forward to many years in service of the Lord here with you. Please, pray for me as I pray for you!

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

MASS INTENTIONS

A few daily Mass dates have opened up for announced Mass intentions due to changes in scheduling for 2017. If you would like to schedule a daily Mass intention, please call the rectory at 860-628-4713.

Readings for the Week of July 9, 2017

- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9