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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.



The sanctuary flowers are generously donated this week by
George and Nawal Haddad.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

4:00 The deceased members of the Coccozza and Cicarelli Families, req. by Lucille and Frank Coccozza

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

MONDAY, JULY 17

7:30 James D. Walsh, req. by the Tabaka family

TUESDAY, JULY 18

St. Camillus de Lellis

7:30 Derek Price, req. by Vinnie and Judy Favale

THURSDAY, JULY 20

St. Apollinaris

12:10 Salvatore Amalfe, req. by Cheryl Wittenzellner

FRIDAY, JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

12:10 Esther Sica, req. by Mr. and Mrs. William Magri

SATURDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church
4:00 Nellie Kaczynski, req. by Donald and Dorothy Charette

SUNDAY, JULY 23

7:30 Lori Galvin, req. by her parents, Diane and Fran Massucci
10:00 Immacolata and Michele Salvati, req. by Carmen and Sue Votino

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.

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.

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

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. Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

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.

SAINT THOMAS CEMETERY

Pre-need graves are available for purchase, by appointment, at Saint Thomas Cemetery. Columbarium niches for cremains are also available. To schedule an appointment, please call 860-628-4713, Monday—Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Some 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.

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.



Baptism

We wish to congratulate the parents of **Kyle James Hinckley, Cole Thomas Hinckley and Kennedy Ann Hinckley** who were baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.



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

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers serve at the altar and assist the priest and the deacon. They may carry the cross, the candles, the thurible, the bread, the wine and the water. Those currently serving our parish in this ministry are:

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| Emily Brush | Margaret Galvin |
| Makenna Calabrese | Aja Jelks-Heron |
| Andrew Cawley | Zari Jelks-Heron |
| Dennis Cawley | Ryan Mckenna |
| Christian D'Agostino | Elizabeth Melvin |
| Dante D'Agostino | James Melvin |
| Mark D'Agostino | Philomena Krane |
| Christopher Descoteaux | Jackson Landino |
| Aurora Donato | Jhalissa Vincent |
| Giovanni Donato | Aubrey Young |
| Jack Galvin | Riley Wagner |
| | Kara Zazzaro |

**PARISH COLLECTIONS
JANUARY—JUNE 2017**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly	\$189,553	\$184,000
Monthly/Holy Day	\$22,703	\$21,000
	\$212,256	\$205,000

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!

Congratulations: Our Class of 2017—**Romi Bagdasarian, Ryan Bogdanski, Miranda-Corine Bunnell, Victoria Gomez, Kira Hanner, David Jerman, James Melvin, Zachary Oakes, Joshua Plochocki, Adriana Shea and Jenny Yang.** We pray that God will continue to bless these special young people of faith. We congratulate you, your families and your teachers who prepared you for this moment and pray that God will continue to Bless you as you move further in your academic careers.

Register Now: Southington Catholic School welcomes your family to visit and experience the benefits that small class size and a nurturing environment can offer your student. Our curriculum prepares our primary and middle school students well for all area high schools. A personal tour can be arranged by calling 860-628-2485. Applications are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year.



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

I had not moved in such a long time before coming here, so I had forgotten how strange it can be to adjust to a new home and town. This is a time full of questions. What time is Mass today? Where's the bank? What are the hours of the grocery store? How do I get to the hospital? What key opens this door? It can be rather confusing to find my way. Being the new kid in town, I've needed help. I want to thank all the parishioners and staff for your warm welcome. You have made this time of adjustment much easier for me and I'm most grateful! Thank you for your kind assistance and guidance!

Most of our lives, we operate on routine. We are accustomed to our daily rituals and barely put much thought into getting ready for the day, driving to work, or performing our basic tasks. When something breaks that routine, it can be most difficult. When we're sick or become limited in mobility due to age or injury and it's hard to get anything done, we suddenly have to put a great deal of thought into how we do basic tasks. When someone we love has died, we not only mourn the loss of a beloved friend or family member, but it means our entire life changes. We lack that person who did those chores or made us laugh. When a job is gone, we lose a huge part of our identity that comes with that career. Changes are difficult. They challenge us and cause disruption in our lives. That's when we need the help of others. We seek the support and guidance of family and friends, and that usually helps make it better. Having someone with us to face those challenges makes it easier to handle.

In moments of change and loss, we have to remember that God gives us a community of believers to walk with us. We're not alone. We seek the love and support of other believers in Christ to help us find the way. When we fall, they pick us up again. When we need guidance, they show us the way. When we're afraid, they reassure us. As one who has benefited greatly from the love and support of fellow Christians in a time of change, I can tell you it's wonderful. Seek that help. When others are having difficulties, recall when you needed some help. Let's remember to offer the love and support others need too. That makes it all work.

Gratefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

- Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30