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# Saint Thomas Church

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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 22**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 24**

**St. Sharbel Makhluaf**

7:30 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in June: Dolores A. DePaolo and Rocco L. Calabrese

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**

**St. James**

7:30 Mary Daly, req. by family

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**

12:10 Alfonso Ricciardi, Joe and Angelina DellaPorta

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**

12:10 Pasquale and Antonia Mongillo, req. by Dora and family

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**

**St. Martha**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Robert Gionfriddo-Birthday, req. by his wife, Marion

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**

7:30 Salvatore and Michelina Magnano, req. by their children

10:00 Annette Miceli Brown, req. by Passion Play Friends

**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.

**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.

**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 this weekend and July 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.

**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.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2017**

The 2017 Appeal "Moved by Mercy" to date has total pledges of almost \$9.9Million of the \$10Million dollar goal. On a parish level, St. Thomas Church has 383 parishioners who have donated with pledges totaling \$94,967! Another example of our parish's outstanding generosity towards the needs of others.

**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).

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

St. Thomas Parish offers Ministry to the homebound and shut-ins. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist on a monthly or weekly basis 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.

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!**

**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.



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

**USHERS**

Ushers are responsible for greeting parishioners, taking up the collection, assisting people in need and distributing the bulletins after Mass. This ministry helps people participate at Mass. The following parishioners currently active in this ministry are:

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| Felix Albrycht    | Art Quinlan       |
| Thomas Alfieri    | Michael Reney     |
| Nelson Berube     | Randel Schmidt    |
| Lester Bouchard   | John Sheehan      |
| John Boutote      | Ned Skinnon       |
| Michael Fasulo    | Eugene Slason     |
| Ronald Ingriselli | Clyde Soccodato   |
| Matthew Lopreiato | Edward Szydlowski |
| Gene Manware      | Andrew Testa      |
| Kim McHenry       | Paul Thompson     |
| Paul Miano        | Hugo Vellucci     |
| Diana Mihalko     | Stephanie Verner  |
| James Mihalko     | Robert Whyte      |
| Guss Nevelos      | Robert Yorski     |

**“Come And Follow Me”**

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

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**Father Joe’s Notes**



My dear friends,

I had a wonderful moment at morning Mass on Monday. As I stood at the altar and gathered the congregation in prayer, I realized that I knew the names of everyone there! (Lest you be too impressed, there were only six people in the pews; nevertheless, I knew their names! They were six names I didn’t know three weeks prior to that.) I will be struggling with names for the first year, and I will depend upon GPS to guide me around town for the next few months, but this was a good sign. It let me know that I’m adjusting. It means that you are becoming familiar to me, and that’s a huge part of being a pastor. I am very happy.

When changes happen, we adjust. We may not want the change, and we may not be happy, but we still have to adapt. We could lock in our heels and refuse to change. That’s adapting – not healthy adaption, but it’s a way to face the situation. We could begrudgingly make adjustments to our lives to face new situations. It may be more realistic, but it isn’t the best way. A healthy way to face change is to address honestly how we feel while still trying to be hopeful and positive about where we need to go. When we work to resituate ourselves, we may be surprised by the joy that comes when we meet new people or enjoy new experiences.

Try enjoying changes in your lives. Maybe you have moved; see this as a chance to make new friends. Your closest friend maybe be one of those new faces. Maybe you’re learning a new job; rejoice in the opportunity. This may be your true calling and bring you great satisfaction. Maybe you have experienced a death of someone you love; don’t feel guilty the first time you catch yourself laughing. Would the person you love want you to be miserable forever? The changes aren’t easy, but we must adapt. Who knows, you may find something wonderful and be happier than you ever imagined. Try to move ahead with hope and joy. It isn’t easy, but it sure beat the alternative of misery and pain.

Happily yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

**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.

**Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017**

- 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
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46