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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 29**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 31**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**

7:30 Salvatore Amalfe, req. by Cheryl Wittenzellner

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

7:30 Madonna De Pompei, req. by Angelina and Joe DellaPorta

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3**

12:10 Giovanni, Lucia and Silvio DiChello, req. by Pasquale and Maria Dichello

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4**

**St. John Vianney**

12:10 Michael Volpe—Anniversary, req. by Maria LaPorta

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

**The Dedication of the Basilica of**

**St. Mary Major**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Marco Ingriselli-22nd Anniversary, req. by his wife and children

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:30 Florence DeFeo, req. by Susan Ingriselli Caron and son, Nicholas

10:00 Richard L. Brown, req. by family

**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.

**ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the parish center on **Tuesday, August 1st** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. We invite anyone who would like to pray the Rosary in Italian to join us. For further information, please contact Antoinetta Barbato at 860-628-2241.

**TELEVISED MASS**

Fr. Joe will preside at the TV Mass on Friday, August 4th. The televised Mass is on WCCT-TV at 10:00 a.m. Tune in!

**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.



We wish to congratulate the parents of **Drew Nicolas Kenefick** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

**NEW DAY PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED**

St Thomas Church will conduct a bereavement seminar beginning September 13, 2017. Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is encouraged to enroll and participate at no cost. The New Day process, developed by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, OP, will be used and participants will meet each Wednesday evening from 7 – 9 pm for 10 consecutive weeks. This process has been very successful in helping the bereaved transition to life without their loved one. During each meeting, participants work through one element of the grieving process using prayer, reflection, sharing and journaling. Everything that is shared during the meetings is held confidential. For more information or to enroll please call Vinny Raby [860-628-9425](tel:860-628-9425) or Dorothy Charette [860-628-4010](tel:860-628-4010). You may also call the Parish office [860-628-4713](tel:860-628-4713).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER**

Join us for a night of fun and good food. This year the Ladies Guild sponsored Italian Night dinner will be held at the Manor Inn Restaurant on Friday, September 22, 2017. A five course, sit-down dinner will be served along with musical entertainment by Enzo. Wine and music is included. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call Shandra at 860-628-9966 or Barbara at 860-2760758 for tickets. Last day to buy tickets is September 15th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. THOMAS ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!**

Sunday, September 24th from 11:00am to 2:00pm on the grounds adjacent to the Church. There will be music, games and activities for children of all ages, as well as raffle prizes. Burger, hot dogs, rolls and fixings will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish to share, beverages for yourself and lawn chairs, blankets, etc.

## CALLED TO SERVE

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord. (1 Cor 12:4-5). One way to serve Saint Thomas Parish is through Liturgical Ministries. Please give prayerful consideration to participate as an Usher, Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, Greeter, Cantor, or Choir member. For further information please contact Jean at the rectory at 860-628-4713 (day) or email [stthomassouthington@gmail.com](mailto:stthomassouthington@gmail.com).



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in honor of the **50th Wedding Anniversary of Rosemary and Jim Champagne**, requested by Alfred and Joan Gagliardi.

## LAP BLANKET MINISTRY

The St. Thomas Parish Ministry of Prayer with Lap Blankets is generally held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Anyone who can sew, crochet or knit is invited to participate in this charitable outreach. Lap Blankets are distributed to the sick and elderly at home, in healthcare facilities and hospitals. Thus far, we have given away over 1,000 blankets, thanks to our dedicated volunteers:

Carol Albert	Sylvia Golman
Lisa Bissonette	Marlene Kulesa
Claire Bill	Mary Klimovich
Terry Bouchard	Jeanne Lopatosky
Mary Calderoni	Florence MacDowell
Dorothy Charette	Tonia Mongillo
Sylvia Covino	Jean Morgan
Claire DeFrancesco	Ruth McIntyre
Barbara Fiorente	Antoinette Potenza
Noreen Fragola	Josephine Rubino
MaryAnn Frederickson	Irene Spring
Rita Gilbert	Rosalyn Teardo

Donations of yarn are always appreciated. For more information about this ministry, contact Rita Gilbert, 860-302-9895 or Sr. Marie at the convent, 860-621-1904.

SAVE THE DATE!  
November 4, 2017

**What's Included?**

- Deli lunch buffet
  - Validated parking
  - Captivating keynote/breakout speakers
  - Women-centric vendor hall
  - Vigil Mass with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair
  - Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of Confession
  - Time to celebrate our Roman Catholic faith!
- Visit [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) for more information!



## Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

I've been hearing from many of you that you're interested in beginning a Scripture study. I'm thrilled to offer that. I have been thinking about how to do this. I adore Sacred Scripture – my vocation comes from study of the Bible – and so I love to help others appreciate the Word of God. But I ran into the question, “Yes, but where do I start?” That is the dilemma. Do I begin with the Old Testament? My Masters is in Hebrew Scripture. While tempted, I thought it might be better to start with something from Christian Scripture and explain how the Church has come to answer questions about Jesus, the Trinity, and our own community. Gospels came to mind, and then I thought of Acts of the Apostles. Finally, I thought I'd go to the beginning. I decided that we will study St. Paul and read Galatians with First and Second Thessalonians.

Why study St. Paul? St. Paul was the first to write the Christian message. If it were not for him, we wouldn't be here. He not only recorded what the Church taught, but he helped shape our understanding of Jesus Christ and our relationship with God through him. Why these books? First Thessalonians was St. Paul's very first epistle and Galatians was the earliest formulation of a Gentile Christian theology that shapes our beliefs. There is enough story behind the texts to make them interesting, and there are enough theological points to make them illuminating. They're not too long, so they can be handled quickly enough while still giving us time to delve into some subjects with meat.

When will this all happen? I'm looking at the fall. I want to let school and catechism begin. I also want to make sure I understand the parish schedule before I finalize anything. I will be taking some vacation time in September and October, as I have had no time away in just over a year. (With all the stresses from the Pastoral Planning this past year, I will need a good rest before I begin this new endeavor.) So it looks like the middle of October will be our start. It looks like Thursday evenings will be the best time, with occasional weeks off to accommodate school board meetings. If anyone is interested, let me know.

Happily yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

**Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017**

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  
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9