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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..... 3:00-3:30 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.

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7**St. Sixtus II and Companions
and St. Cajetan**

7:30 Anthony Renzi, req. by Louisa Renzi

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**St. Dominic**

7:30 Doreen Fasulo, req. by Michael Fasulo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**St. Lawrence**

12:10 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**St. Clare**

12:10 Robert Serbin, req. by his wife, MaryAnn

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:00 Andrea DelSanto-Anniversary, req. by his wife and children

4:00 Jesse James-1st Anniversary, req. by Bernice Schaaf

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 In thanksgiving for Joseph Kim and his new family, req. by Joseph Hur

10:00 Angelo, Francesca, Pasquale and Luigi Valentino, req. by Jerry and Vittoria Altieri

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.

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.



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **Joseph DePaolo-Birthday**, requested by his wife Patricia.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: St. Thomas Parish Office Hours will be 9am to 2pm through Friday, August 11th.

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.

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.

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.

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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Helen DeSorbo**, requested by Theresa Siemiakowski.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Angelina DelBuono**, requested by Maria DiChello.

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

As an art placed at the service of communal prayer, liturgical music is part of the liturgical action, one that is “a particularly apt way to express a joyful heart, accentuating the solemnity of the celebration and fostering the sense of a common faith and a shared love.” The inestimable treasure of liturgical music is considered integral to worship because it is so closely bound to the liturgical texts. A cantor, an organist, other instrumentalists, a choir and a director of music aid the gathered acclamations, and other texts set to music. These musicians exercise a genuine liturgical function and by their role, help to add beauty and solemnity to the celebration. The music ministers at Saint Thomas are:

Music Director: Emil Kopcha

Musicians: Emil Kopcha and Kathy Kopcha

Cantors: Vinny Raby and Beth Lorenzo

Choir Members:

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| Rocky Aldi | Patty Hackett |
| Barbara Camp | Paul Hackett |
| Donna D’Agostino | Susan King |
| Maria Delagrave | Anna Lynch |
| Brian Derynioski | Brad Magrey |
| Jacob Derynioski | Elaine Magrey |
| Madison Derynioski | Chris Morovsky |
| Dottie Drechsler | Vicki Nardi |
| Mark Drechsler | Diana Raymond |
| Lori Esternia | Larry Ryan |

In 2017 a **Resurrection Choir** was added to sing at funerals held at St. Thomas Church throughout the year. These choir members are:

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| Barbara Camp | Patty Hackett |
| Marilyn Coppola | Susan Howard |
| Maria Delagrave | Deb Montano |
| Dottie Drechsler | Donna Pascutti |
| Mark Drechsler | Eleanor Sharp |

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!



Father Joe’s Notes



My dear friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This day honors the revelation of the divinity of Jesus to his closest disciples: Peter, James and John. He was transfigured, changed in appearance before them, radiating the light of God’s power and might. On top of Mount Tabor, Moses and Elijah appear with him to demonstrate that in Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. This revelation only came to a handful of his followers and only for a few moments; nevertheless, it points the way for all of us to understand the moment of God revealing his great love through Christ at the crucifixion and Resurrection. This is an important day.

The Feast of the Transfiguration reminds us to be watchful. We follow the Lord all the days of our lives, but those moments of clarity and glory are few and fleeting. The revelation of God’s powerful love is amazing, but we have to pay attention so we do not miss them. It takes being present in the moment. We have to know where Christ is in our lives and be open to seeing what he wants us to see. The Spirit is at work in our lives, but we have to work with the Spirit to allow ourselves to see. After all, if the disciples did not go up that mountain, they would have missed this moment that was meant to give them strength, hope, and courage to face the coming Passion and death of Christ.

Have you had a moment where you knew the amazing power of God? Did you see the love of God shining in your life when you fell in love or welcomed the birth of a child? Did you see the light of Salvation when your sins were forgiven or you were Confirmed in the faith? Did you bask in the goodness of God when you studied Scripture or saw the splendor of Creation? Maybe you can’t think of a moment when you have seen that great power of God. That is fine. Keep following Christ and ask where he is leading you in your life. Be open to new experiences and the love of God present in your life. Maybe your moment of revelation has not yet come. Be like Peter, James, and John and be open for it when it happens. Stay with the Lord in prayer and good works and be ready to see great things. You may witness the Transfiguration.

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

- Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33