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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.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximillian Kolbe

7:30 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in July: Jeffrey G. Britton, John D. Abate, Salvatore J. Abbatiello, Jr. and Barbara Bolduc

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM Sophie Mongillo, req. by family

7:30 PM Marie Susco, req. by her husband, Vincent and family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

12:10 Michele and Gemma Volpe, req. by Dora and family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

12:10 Francesca and Vincenzo Napolitano, req. by their daughter and grandson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

St. John Eudes

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 The deceased members of the Dominican Sisters and Associates, req. by Carmel Avitabile

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 James Kaufmann and Robert Baldwin, req. by the Baldwin Family

10:00 Jean Kirychuk, 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. Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in the church at 7:30 am and 7:30 pm.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, August 14th at 7:30pm in the parish center. Any parishioner with a question or concern about our parish they would like to see discussed at the meeting is encouraged to call one of the Pastoral Council representatives. You may also email the members of the Pastoral Council by going to the parish web page. The members of the Pastoral Council include: Joe DellaPorta 860-628-8703, Kathleen Baldwin 860-628-8465, Diane Snow 860-860-628-4197, Michael Casey 860-628-8473, BJ Raby 860-628-9425, Ed Baker 860-620-0622, Dan Vendetti 860-621-7808, Larry Ryan 860-621-2443, and Walter Kustra 860-302-1936. The ex-officio members include Fr. Joseph Cronin, Sr. Marie, D.R.E., Eileen Sampiere, Deacon Angelo Coppola, Stan Maigaire, and Susan Howard Parish Trustees.

MINISTRY OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

During the Sacramental Liturgy of the Baptism the candidate is clothed in a white garment. We have a parishioner at St. Thomas who has generously donated her time and talents to make these garments over the years, so we thank **Terry Bouchard** for her service in this ministry.

In addition, St. Thomas Church has recently established a group of ladies who have dedicated their time and talents to making quilted Baptismal blankets to give to the newly Baptized. We thank the following parishioners for their beautiful gifts:

- Diane Ferraiuolo**
- Beverly Henkel**
- Nancy Ouimette**

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

It's Our Party! Please join us on Sunday, August 27th to celebrate the success of the Archdiocese's vision of one vibrant Catholic elementary school for the greater Southington area. Southington Catholic School is grateful for the community support that has contributed to the growth of our school since its inception two years ago this month. Greet our newest families and students while enjoying cake and ice cream with our growing faculty. The party starts at 2 PM on our school grounds. Call 860-628-2485 for more details.

Sharing your Gifts and Talents- Skilled carpenters, painters, electricians and computer techs are needed to help maintain the physical plant at Southington Catholic School. By donating your time you are helping to maintain the tuition rate at an affordable level for all our families and will enhance the environment for all of our students. **Volunteers** are urged to call Mrs. Sampiere at 860-628-2485.

Memorial Gifts- Recent technology upgrades at Southington Catholic School were made possible by generous Memorial Gifts from parishioners and their families. Remembering the mission of Catholic schools in your final will and bequests will help shape the future generations of our Catholic Church family. Donors are remembered in the daily prayers of our students and faculty.

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 generously donated this week by
George and Nawal Haddad.

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. Maureen 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).



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Dominican Sisters and Associates, Living and Deceased**, requested by Carmel Associates.

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

ST. ALOYSIUS RAFFLE TICKETS

Parishioners from St. Aloysius Church in Plantsville will be selling raffle tickets here at St. Thomas Church after all Masses, August 19th and 20th. The tickets cost \$1.00 each and are for their Annual Picnic Raffle. Prizes are \$2,000, \$1,000, and 2-\$500 cash prizes. The drawing will be on September 10th at their Annual Picnic.

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. Proceeds will go towards the annual scholarship fund. Call Shandra at 860-628-9966 or Barbara at 860-2760758 for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

This week, we have a holy day of obligation. Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have Mass in the church at 7:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. I hope to see you there.

This ancient feast honors the day of the death of the Blessed Mother and her assumption into heaven. That means that she went to heaven with both body and soul. It's a foreshadowing of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. As the Immaculate Conception, she was born without sin and lived without sin. She said yes to God and gave birth to our God in the glory of the Incarnation. She was the greatest disciple of the Lord and remained with him, even at the moment of his death on the cross. As a witness of the Resurrection, Mary went out into the world to declare the praises of God. Tradition tells us that she ended her days on earth in Ephesus, in modern day Turkey. As the first Christian and as one united fully to God, she shares first in the mystery of the Resurrection. That's what we will celebrate this Tuesday.

Though the feast day is very old, the teaching of the Assumption is our most recent dogma (a required belief of the Catholic faithful). Pope Pius XII made the proclamation at the conclusion of the Jubilee, a holy year in 1950. After the horrors inflicted upon humanity in World War II and the Holocausts, the pontiff chose this teaching as a way to honor the dignity of human life. Mary, though sinless, was a human being. She was not divine; she was just a blessed person. If a human being can become the Mother of God, then humanity is truly loved by God. If she goes to heaven in both body and soul, the human body matters and needs to be treated with dignity in both life and in death. As a contrast to the sheer brutality and evil unleashed in the Twentieth Century, Pope Pius gave us a reason to see the beauty of human life and the dignity of the body. In the Blessed Mother, we see that clearly. We are called to follow her in our own path to salvation.

This Tuesday, keep that in mind. We don't just go to Mass because the Church makes us; we gather in celebration because the teaching calls us to see the beauty of our lives and all humanity. We come to recall the marvel of being made in the image and likeness of God. We join our prayers with those of the Blessed Mother, assumed into heaven. It is a day to give thanks. That's why we will be in church.

Happily yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

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.