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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 Intentions for the Week


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00 Marco Ingriselli-Birthday, req. by his wife and children

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 The deceased members of the Cotugno and Secondo Families

10:00 Stanley and Elizabeth Cop, req. by their children

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 Deacon Bob Muro, req. by his granddaughters

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 SS. Cosmas and Damian

7:30 Ersilia Castaldo, req. by Dorothy Charette

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 St. Wenceslaus and**St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**

12:10 Anna Spolzino, req. by the Sisters

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

12:10 John F. Collins, req. by Richard M. Collins and family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish

11:00 Joseph Roccapriore, Memorial Mass

4:00 Patricia and Kenny Gagliardi, req. by their parents

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30 Frank and Carmella (Perillo) DiBenedetto, req. by Marie DiBenedetto and family

10:00 In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary

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.

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.

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY ON MONDAY, 9/25

Simple activities such as playing, shopping, praying and eating dinner with your kids make a big difference. They create strong, healthy relationships that can prevent future drug and alcohol use. September 25th, "Family Day," brings together communities across the country to celebrate the positive influence parents have on their kids. Email a #FamilyDaySelfie to mzone@aohct.org, and the Archdiocese will post it on Facebook on Sept. 26. Visit: archdioceseofhartford.org or <https://www.casafamilyday.org> for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2018 Mass Book will be opened for announced Mass intentions on **Wednesday, October 11th at 9:00am**. In an effort to have Masses available for as many people as possible, we limit each person to **three (3)** announced Masses. At each Mass, we pause to remember the intentions of all gathered so you are encouraged to come for Mass on those special anniversaries so that we might pray with you even if the names are not publicly announced. After all, it is the prayers that will be important, not the announcement. In addition, there will be one Mass per week for Parish Intentions, during which we remember the special intentions of all the people of Saint Thomas Parish. The stipend is \$15 for a weekday Mass, \$20 for a Sunday or Holy Day Mass. The 2018 dedications for the Sanctuary Flowers (\$100) and Sanctuary Candles (\$20) can also be taken.

LADIES GUILD

St. Thomas Ladies Guild is still conducting its membership drive. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00pm in the Church basement. Our guest speaker will be Dan Valente, Postulant, M.S.A. at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, who will talk about his progress in his formation. We will also be collecting pajamas of all sizes from children to adults for Southington Social Services. All are welcome to join us!

ROSARY RALLY OF CONNECTICUT

The 28th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, CT on Sunday, Oct. 1st from 2-3:30pm. The day features a procession, rosary, talk and benediction, concluding with Mass at 4pm. The guest speaker is Fr. James Sullivan, Pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Ansonia, CT, who will speak on "*Mary: How Humility Leads to God*".

CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2017 Archdiocesan CT Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 21st at St. Paul Catholic High School. Speakers include EWTN's Frank Caggiano, Franciscan Friar of the Renewal Fr. Glenn Sudano, and James Wahlberg of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. Our theme this year is "**You will be my witnesses**" - **Acts 1:8** The \$45 ticket includes lunch purchased on our website: www.CTCatholicMen.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce the inaugural Archdiocesan Women's Conference on Sat., November 4th from 9am to 5pm at the Hartford Marriott-Downtown. A full day of inspiration, spiritual nourishment and sisterhood, open to all Catholic women of faith. For more information and to register visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org.



We wish to congratulate the parents of **Domenic Cirillo** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

THE ABCS OF ANNULMENT

The Rev. James Sullivan, pastor of Church of the Assumption, Ansonia will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Thursday of October 5, from 7-9pm in the Church Hall, 35 No. Cliff St. Members of the Annulment Team will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. A donation is requested to defray the cost of printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call 475-221-8464.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **the deceased members of the Cotugno and Secondo Families**, requested by Bonnie, Susan and Lina.

18th ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

The 18th Annual Respect Life Conference, presented by Our Lady Queen of Angels Pro-Life Outreach Ministry, will be held on Sat., October 14, 2017 from 9am to 3pm at Holy Angels Center, 585 Main St., South Meriden, CT. Registration fee of \$25 includes hospitality, exhibits, workshops, lunch and Respect Life Mass. For more information, please call (203)235-3822, ext. 402.

ST. THOMAS CHOIR

Looking for something that you can do this fall to give back to your church? Why not share your talent by lending your voice in song with our choir. We are made up of many members of all ages. The St. Thomas Choir will resume **weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join as we start the season. Music reading is not necessary, only the ability to sing one's part with the group. The choir sings for the 10:00 am Sunday Masses and at all liturgical celebrations throughout the year. If you have any questions, please call Emil Kopcha, Music Director at 860-621-0637 or email: ekopcha@cox.net. Come raise your voice in song!

2017 - 2018 LADIES GUILD REGISTRATION

The Saint Thomas Ladies' Guild is conducting it's annual membership drive. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. **Please complete the form below, include the \$5 membership fee and drop in the collection basket.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

This weekend, we celebrate our parish picnic here at St. Thomas. It will be a time of food and fun here on the grounds. It's a good thing to be able to see your brothers and sisters from the parish in a relaxed environment. This is the chance to get to know the person you see each week but doesn't sit on your side of the church. This is an opportunity to catch up with people who attend other Mass times. Make the most of what we have.

I hope to be able to talk with many of you there. It helps me learn more about the people I am serving. I'm now beginning to recognize the faces and memorize where you sit in church. (Catholics all sit in the same pew every week!) A party like this gives me the chance to put stories to the faces. It helps me know something of your personalities, so you aren't all just faces in a crowd. I look forward to getting to know you all better. Oh – and please remind me of your name. I'm starting to get some down just now. It helps to be reminded from time to time!

A parish is more than a place to run for weekend Mass or to send the children for religious education. Your church should be more than a place to come for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. (The old priest joke is that we see Catholics to hatch 'em, match 'em, and dispatch 'em!) This is your home and this is your family. As in any family, you only get from them what you offer. Let's try to be present to one another and get to know each other better. Communion is about community! Celebrations, like the parish picnic, help build a sense of welcome and belonging. My prayer is that we do that and continue to thrive as a family of faith.

Happily yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

PS – Please note that I will be away for the next three weeks on vacation. I have arranged for Fathers Pilon, Cockayne, and Maroney to cover while I'm gone. Say a prayer for me that I will return well rested and excited for many more activities to come!

VOCATIONS

Life in service of the Lord is never dull, often challenging, and always rewarding. Consider life as a priest, brother or sister. Call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32