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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, OCTOBER 7

4:00 Filomena and Carmine Votino, req. by Carmen and Sue Votino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 Ralph and Anna D'Agostino, req. by their son and family

10:00 Mildred Furia, req. by Eleanor Furia

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 St. Denis and Companions and St. John Leonardi

7:30 Richard Jiggy Egidio-Birthday, req. by his wife and family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in September: Rosemary Sabatella, Charles Jardine, Audrey Ryder and Elaine Ryder

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:10 Louis and Mary Iannucci, req. by Jennie Telesco

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:10 Luca & Teresa Leonetti, req. by Mario Leonetti and family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 St. Callistus 1

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish

4:00 Sarah Kolosky Borelli, req. by her parents, John and Diane and family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 Adolph and Crystal Mongillo, req. by Rob and Robin Bores

10:00 Angelo DelSanto and Mariantonia Simone-Birthdays, req. by Tom and Maria DelSanto

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.

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 **Dominic DeSorbo**, requested by his family.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Donations of coats, hats, gloves and mittens will be collected after all Masses October 22/23 and 28/29. All items will be donated to Southington Social Services as part of our ongoing outreach to those in need in our community. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory weekdays until 4:00 p.m. Please call the rectory for any additional 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.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

- 40 Days for Life Campaign will be from Sept. 27th-Nov.5th
- Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass is Sunday, Oct. 8, at 11am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford
- 24-Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Thomas Chapel from Wed., Oct. 18th at 11:00am to Thurs., Oct. 19th at 11:00am to pray together for All life from conception to natural death. There will be sign-up sheets at all entrances to the church. Please consider spending 1/2 hour to one hour in prayer before God.
- 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. Please call 203-235-3822, ext. 402 for more information.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!

HOPES Sunday- Thank you for your generosity in the recent HOPES collection. 25% of the HOPES collection of the 5 parishes in Southington will go directly to Southington Catholic! The most recent HOPES Grant awarded to Southington Catholic School supported a new pre-k classroom and renovations to the science lab. Your generosity is remembered in the prayers of our students and families.

Shopping for Supplies- If you grocery shop at Stop and Shop, Shop-Rite or Price Chopper you can help fund school supplies for Southington Catholic School. By registering your scan card, your total purchases for the year will translate into redeemable points for our school. You can register in the store or online by identifying Southington Catholic with the following ID: Stop and Shop: School ID #07204; Shop-Rite: School ID #52127; Price Chopper: School ID# 56218. Sign up today!!

LECTORS

The 2018 Lector workbooks for Cycle B are now available in the church sacristy. Please stop by to pick up your copy.

BIBLE STUDY

St. Thomas Parish will be offering a Scripture study program, beginning this Fall. Classes will be on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 8:00PM. We will have our first meeting in the school cafeteria and judge the space size needed for those who come. Father Joe will begin the study with St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, perhaps his very first epistle. As the oldest Christian text in Scripture, it's a good place to start. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, October 19th**. Bring a Bible and read Galatians, Chapter 1 before hand for the discussion. We look forward to sharing the Word of God with you!



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

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Philip Serafino**, requested by his family.

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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, will hold an open house on Saturday, October 14th and November 4th with a tour at 10:00am. The Placement Exam will be given Saturday, November 18th. Visit www.spchs.com/admissions for more information.

Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford, will hold an open house on Sunday, October 29th from 1-3 pm. For Campus Tour and additional information, please call Andrew Selig at 860-236-4221, ext. 140 or email: aselig@nwath.org.

Xavier High School, Middletown, will hold an open house on Sunday, October 22th from 1-3pm and Thurs., November 2nd from 6-7:30pm for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and their families. The Entrance Exam will be on Sat., November 4th, or Sat., November 18th at 8:00am. Pre-registration for the exam is requested and can be done online at www.xavierhighschool.org. For more information, please call the school at 860-346-7735, ext. 743.

Mercy High School, Middletown, will hold an open house on Sun., November 5th from 1-4pm for middle school girls and transfer students. The Entrance Exam will be held on Sat., November 11th from 8:00am to 11:15am. Pre-register at - www.mercyhigh.com.



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

I hope and pray that all is well in Southington. As you have been celebrating the Apple Festival, I was at a chili and wine festival in Santa Fe. (It's an odd pairing, but I wasn't going to question things.) As I write this letter, I'm in a hotel near the gate of the south rim of Grand Canyon. With the coming of a new day, I'll go exploring! Before I do, I will share some thoughts from the road.

The trip has been fun – long, but fun. (As of last Sunday, I have driven over 3,000 miles!) I'm doing all sorts of things for the pure joy of it. I've slept in a hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and have seen the birthplace of Will Rogers – with its guard donkey. I visited the oldest continuously occupied residence in America and I climbed an ancient Indian mound. I even drove the old highway and stopped at some sites as I got my kicks on Route 66. I take immense pleasure in seeing so much of our nation and photographing what I visit.

One thing I love about travel is having the chance to meet new and interesting people. I spoke to some potters about their artistic techniques. I found out about the differences between polishing the clay with smooth stones versus glazing. I chatted with a most knowledgeable docent at the Woodie Guthrie center and learned some amazing things about his music. I explained some iconography at the cathedral in Santa Fe to some grateful tourists who had no idea about the meaning behind some of the beautiful artworks. In every place I traveled, there were new and fascinating people.

One of the highlights was being able to drive through Abiquiu, New Mexico. This is where the artist Georgia O'Keefe painted for many years. I had been driving through a torrential rainstorm with lighting flashing all around. As I approached this small town, the rain and stopped and the clouds were breaking to let some light flood through just before sunset. It set the scenery on fire, highlighting the golds, reds, and greens of the countryside. I could look around and see some of the paintings of Ms. O'Keefe all around me! It was a spectacular moment.

As I continue to drive, I pray for all of you. I hope to come back refreshed and inspired. I hope you are having wonderful experiences yourselves. We don't need to travel half way around the world to appreciate beauty; it's right in our own back yard. See the splendors in our own town. Get to know the amazing people in your own community. See your daily life in a new light. Rejoice in the beauty of your life!

Gratefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

- Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
- Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10