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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, OCTOBER 14

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 **St. Hedwig, St. Margaret and Mary Alacoque**

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 **St. Ignatius of Antioch**

7:30 Maria Zacchia, req. by Frank Izzo and family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 **SS. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions**

12:10 Frank, Lucy, Thomas and Mark Zumbolo, req. by the Mongillo Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 **St. Paul of the Cross**

12:10 The deceased members of the Schaaf and Dunn Families, req. by Bernice Schaaf

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 Fern Parent, req. by family

4:00 Daniel Charette, req. by family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 Bette Longo-Birthday, req. by family

10:00 Michael Giannelli, 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.

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.

LECTORS

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



The sanctuary flowers are generously donated this week by
George and Nawal Haddad.

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.

PARISH-WIDE TOWN HALL MEETING

All are invited and encouraged to attend a parish-wide "Town Hall" meeting on Wednesday, October 25 from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity to share your input regarding our parish life — liturgy, ministries, etc. Meetings like this one are designed to help keep our parish vibrant, welcoming and spiritually healthy.

BIBLE STUDY—DATE HAS CHANGED

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 26th**. Bring a Bible and read Galatians, Chapter 1 before hand for the discussion. We look forward to sharing the Word of God with you!

CANTORS NEEDED

Please consider sharing your musical talents. We are looking for some new cantors to join our musical ministry. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Emil Kopcha at 860-621-0637.

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.

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.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

- 40 Days for Life Campaign will be from Sept. 27th-Nov.5th
- 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 are sign-up sheets at all entrances to the church. Please consider spending 1/2 hour to one hour in prayer before God.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2018 Mass Book is open for announced Mass intentions. 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.

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.

MEN’S RETREAT

The men of our parish will be attending the annual Men’s Retreat Nov 3-4-5 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. This years’ retreat theme is "Grace Enough". Join us for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God’s grace in our lives. The retreat includes great meals, inspiring liturgies & music as well as workshops and free time. For more information go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call Larry Ryan (860) 621-2443 or Joe DellaPorta (860) 628-8703.

SENIOR SISTERS’ BAZAAR

The annual Senior Sisters’ Christmas Bazaar for the Religious Teachers Filippini will be held on Sunday, November 5, at Villa Walsh, Morristown, N.J., the motherhouse of our Sisters. If anyone would like to contribute to this worth-while cause with artwork, homemade item, craft or baked goods or need information, please contact Sr. Marie at the convent: 860-621-1904. Items should be brought to us no later than November 2. If anyone would like to help us with the purchase of our raffle tickets, we would be grateful. The cost is \$2 a ticket or \$20 a book (ten tickets). Your help will be greatly appreciated and we assure you of our special prayerful thanks.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

Church Women United will host the **2017 World Community Day** on Friday, November 3rd at 1:00pm at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St, Planstville. *All are invited to attend!* “Kindling New Fires for Peace” Refreshments will follow the service. Please call Marilyn at 860-628-9564 for information.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next Rachel’s Vineyard retreat sponsored by Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be on Oct. 20th-22nd in Litchfield, CT. For more info contact Marie Laffin, Facilitator, at 203-631-9030 or email at: mlaffin@prolifeministry.org. All contact is confidential.



Father Joe’s Notes



My dear friends,

The peace and joy of my vacation was sadly disturbed by the news of the terrible shooting in Las Vegas. The horror of knowing more than 50 people were killed just attending a concert is difficult to comprehend. How could someone do this? Why would someone do this? It’s just beyond comprehension. Hate leads people to do some terrible things. Facing this kind of evil can be overwhelming.

What my trip has reminded me is that there are wonderful things all around us. We live in a country with great natural beauty. Our resources are vast and the landscapes are stunning. People can be very kind. Traveling alone, there have been people who have reached out to speak with me or assist when I needed something. I have not felt alienated, isolated, or rejected anywhere I have been. Despite the differences of regions, politics, ethnicity, gender, or anything else, I find that we have more in common than anything that divides us. Traveling not only brings you to see lovely places, but it helps expand your worldview. For that I am grateful.

When I see evil, hatred, and destruction, I need to remind myself that this isn’t the norm. Most people are good and not trying to destroy others. There are people showing kindness to one another and helping make the world better. We live in peace with each other most of the time. We need to remember that a thing makes the news because it’s something extraordinary. It is not normal for people to lash out in violence and hate. We need to remind ourselves not to live in fear, because that is the path to hatred that causes such destruction.

As I continue to roam and ramble, I will enjoy the peace I find. I will treasure the natural beauty of this nation. I will enjoy the hospitality of strangers. I will know that I am loved and treasured by God and share that joy with others. I refuse to let the fear and hatred of some people destroy my peace and alter my worldview. I choose to live in peace, hope, and love.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

2017 ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

To date we have raised **\$14,355** towards the 2017 Annual Fund. Thank you for your continuous generosity and support.

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21