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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, OCTOBER 21

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**St. John of Capistrano**

7:30 Rena, Joseph, Michael, and Anna Costagliola, req. by family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**St. Anthony Mary Claret**

7:30 Michael Bengston, req. by Rose Tedesco and family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:10 Marcella and Herman Nadeau and Louanne Munroe, req. by family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:10 Tim Mulvey, req. by family

3:30 WEDDING: Anna Whalen and Christopher Cornett

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**SS. Simon and Jude**

8:00 Antonio and Carmelinda DelSanto, req. by their daughter and family

4:00 Frank Levanti-8th Anniversary, req. his wife, Jeanne and family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 Francesca and Giovanni Colaccino and Peter and Immacolata Altieri, req. by Joe and Anna Colaccino

10:00 Mary Kopcha, req. by Emil and Kathy Kopcha

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.

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.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Donations of coats, hats, gloves and mittens will be collected after all Masses next weekend 10/28 and 10/29. 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 this week until 4:00 p.m. daily. 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

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.

LADIES GUILD

The next meeting of the St. Thomas Ladies Guild will be Monday, November 6th at 7pm in the church basement. Join us for a special evening as representatives from the local VFW will be speaking on ways we can support our service men and women. For information call Terry Bouchard at 860-628-2981.

KEEPING OUR YOUTH SAFE ONLINE

WHAT EVERY ADULT SHOULD KNOW! November 7, 2017 from 7 to 9pm at St. Gianna Parish at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 Quaker Lane South, West Hartford, CT. Speaker Scott Driscoll is a law enforcement officer with 21+ years of experience. The presentation is designed for adults to guide youth in making responsible choices in the digital world and will cover social networking, video chats, texting and sexting. To register, please contact Ginamarie at Ginamarie.garabedian@aohct.org or by phone at (860) 242-5573.

2017 ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

To date we have raised **\$23,995** towards the 2017 Annual Fund. Thank you for your continuous generosity and support.

CROP WALK


St. Thomas confirmation candidates will be taking part the Church World Services "CROP WALK" on Sunday, October 29, 2017 here in downtown Southington. Anyone who would like to donate or join our walking team (St. Thomas CCD) may sign up online at www.crophungerwalk.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.

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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Fern Parent**, requested by her family.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Ann Scanlon**, requested by her family.

VOCATIONS

What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift? If you are considering service to God as a priest or religious, 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.

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.

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.


Father Joe's Notes


My dear friends,

I'm back! After 8,162 miles, I have returned from a wonderful trip. I have been in 16 states in two and a half weeks. I enjoyed times in the desert and in forests. I have been to state parks, national monuments, and historic sites. I was impressed by natural wonders and places of great human activity. I have seen beautiful places and met interesting people. It was a fabulous vacation, but now I get back to work. I've returned inspired to continue to serve the Lord here.

One reason I enjoy traveling is to be able to share the wonders I encounter with others. I take photographs to share online so others can see the beauty of the world. I have acquired remarkable stories to tell people to entertain family and friends. I have material for reflection to create homilies and prayers. I have seen other ways of life to help broaden my world view and allow me to understand others. The joy of travel is to come home and share the excitement and the wonder with others.

Now that I'm home, I have the real joy of sharing another journey that profoundly thrills me. This week, we will begin our Bible study. I've spent a lifetime seeking comfort, joy, hope, challenge, and inspiration in Scripture. I delve into the history, literary styles, and interpretations to gain greater understanding. What makes me happy is to be able to share that journey with others. I am so happy to be able to open a new world to you and help you see this ancient book is profoundly relevant and helpful today. There is nothing to fear in Scripture, and there is no need to be intimidated. For anyone who would like to explore the wonders of Biblical world, come along for a great journey. There's always more to learn and understand. For anyone who wants to go on a wonderful journey, I hope you will come with me.

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

**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.

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2017

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40