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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, NOVEMBER 4

4:00 The deceased members of the Italian Rosary Society, req. by the Italian Rosary Society

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:30 The deceased members of the Louis and Michelina Perillo Family, req. by Marie DiBenedetto and family
10:00 Marcella and Herman Nadeau and Louanne Munroe, req. by family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 Giuseppe and Marta Scirocco, req. by their son, Vincenzo and Teresa Scirocco and family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

12:10 The deceased members of the Bonin Family, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Bonin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 St. Leo the Great

12:10 MaryLou Smallwood, req. by Richard M. Collins and family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 St. Martin of Tours

8:00 Barbara and Ryszard Chylinski, req. by their daughter, Bozena David
4:00 Geraldine, Romeo and Norman Martin, req. by family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 Evo J. Mongillo, Sr., req. by family
10:00 Richard Fragola, Sr., req. by Noreen and Richard, Jr.

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Please remember to support the businesses who advertise on the back of the weekly bulletin. We wish to thank our advertising sponsors for making this publication possible.

2017 ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

To date we have raised **\$38,160** towards the 2017 Annual Fund. Thank you for your continuous generosity and support.

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.

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the parish center on **Tuesday, November 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. We invite anyone who would like to pray the Rosary in Italian to join us. For further information, please contact Antoinetta Barbato at 860-628-2241.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study class will meet this **Thursday evening, November 9th** at 7pm in the school cafeteria. We will cover Galatians 2. Please bring your bible.

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. 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on **Monday, Nov. 13th** at 7:30pm in the parish center. Any parishioner with a question or concern about our parish that they would like to see discussed at the meeting is encouraged to call one of the Pastoral Council members. You may also email the members of the Pastoral Council by going to the parish web page. The members of the Council include: BJ Raby 860-628-9425, Dan Vendetti 860-621-7808, Diane Snow 860-628-4197, Ed Baker 860-620-0622, Mike Casey 860-628-8473, Kathleen Baldwin 860-628-8465, Joe DellaPorta 860-628-8703, Larry Ryan 860-621-2443, Walter Kustra 860-302-1936. The ex-officio members include Fr. Joe, Sr. Marie, Eileen Sampiere, Deacon Angelo Coppola, Stan Maigaire and Susan Howard.

FROZEN TURKEYS NEEDED


St. Thomas Parish will once again be involved with the preparation and delivery of Christmas food baskets to local residents in need. Although it may seem early, the Thanksgiving season is the best time to take advantage of the lowest prices on turkeys. Anyone wishing to donate a turkey may do so by delivering it to the rectory between 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday. The collection of other food basket items will begin with the Thanksgiving day Mass and continue through mid December. Any questions may be directed to Mark Drechsler at 860-621-4980 or Nancy Quimette at 860-621-8098.

SAINT THOMAS CEMETERY

As of January 1, 2018 the price per grave at St. Thomas Cemetery will increase by \$200. Pre-need graves are available for purchase, by appointment. Please call the rectory office, 860-628-4713, to schedule an appointment with the cemetery manager. The current price per grave is \$1,000 or \$1,300 depending on location.

ST. THOMAS PARISH MISSION

As the Advent and Christmas seasons approach, give yourself a spiritual gift and mark your calendars for the St. Thomas Parish Mission on **December 4th, 5th & 6th**, at 7:30 pm in the church. Deacon Arthur Miller will lead the mission entitled: "Retreat into Advent: *Be Still and Know That I am God*" Psalm 46:10.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Frank and Louise Dembiziak**, requested by a friend.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Southington community's annual tradition of an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Southington Interfaith Clergy Association, (SICA), will take place on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00pm**. The service will be hosted this year by First Lutheran Church, 232 Bristol Street. Clergy and members of our community's diverse faith congregations will be represented. Refreshments to follow. You are welcome to bring a dessert to share. All are genuinely welcome.

VOCATIONS

In You, Lord, I have found my peace. Is the Lord calling me to be a peacemaker? If He is calling you to a vocation 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.

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS!

Catholic School Graduates-We are reaching out to all families that have benefited from Catholic elementary/middle school education in Southington. Please call Southington Catholic at 860-628-2485 to help all our Catholic School alumni reconnect.

SCRIP- Holiday Shopping is quickly approaching! Now you can order gift cards for everyone on your list from our SCRIP program at Southington Catholic. Choose from gift cards to major department stores, gas cards, grocery store cards or movie tickets and I-tunes cards. Every purchase earns rewards for SCS. Stop by the rectory for a complete listing of participating retailers or call SCS (860-628-2485) for more information.

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

- Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
- Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

This weekend is one of my favorites of the entire year. It has nothing to do with a holiday, birthday, or any other event. There's no major feast of the Church. This is the end of day light savings time. This weekend, we turn back the clocks one hour. That gives us one hour more of glorious sleep or catching up on something we love. Anytime I get extra sleep, I rejoice! It's simple things like this that bring me joy. We all need to celebrate the good things of life.

We rejoice that we commissioned five new Eucharistic Ministers for our parish community. We thank them for their coming forward to serve. We pray for them as they now share the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and as they care for our homebound brothers and sisters. With these new members, we are still short of the numbers we need to more fully serve the community. I would love to see us have enough ministers to offer Communion under both species (cup and host) regularly. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please call us at the rectory. It is always a cause to be happy when new ministers continue to answer the call to serve the community.

We rejoice that so many came forward to learn about Sacred Scripture. We had 72 people at our first Bible Study a week and a half ago! That far exceeded my estimation. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gathered in the cafeteria of the school to begin a journey through some of St. Paul's letters. If you would like to join us, please do. If you missed the first class, no worries; we have notes. If you can't make every week, that's fine. Just come when you can. It made my heart glad to see such a hunger of the Word of God and gave me great pleasure to share it. It's a cause of celebration.

There are many good things happening in our parish community, and we thank God for all of them. When we all do our part to grow in the faith and to serve our brother and sisters, we continue the good works of God. When we find joy in Christ, we're able to share our excitement with others in the community. When our community becomes a place of joyful celebration and service, others will want to be part of that. When others come forward to join our Church and our parish, it makes us excited to part of the community. When the community is excited about our faith, it's vibrant and alive. It all starts with a little happiness over the simple things. So rejoice; it makes this a better place to live in the Lord. That is the greatest cause to celebrate.

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

As we close out Respect for Life Month.....

'Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.'