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# Saint Thomas Church

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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 Roccapiore, M.P.F. at the Convent.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*


**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

4:00 Marie Albert and Pierce and Reynold Charette, req. by Don and Dorothy Charette

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

7:30 Anthony and Mary DeSarro, req. by Sr. Gina Piazza  
10:00 Giuseppa Cuccaro, req. by her daughter, Rosa and family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

7:30 Norm, Lucille and Donald Johnson, req. by Tony Longo

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

7:30 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

12:10 The deceased members of the Mennone and DiChello Families, req. by Machello and Rosa Mennone

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

12:10 Antonio, Giuseppina and Pietro LaCioppa, req. by Aurelia Leonetti and family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 Vincenza Pandolfo, req. by Anna and Joe Colaccino  
4:00 Eric Thomas—Anniversary, req. by his family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:30 Ada Valentino, req. by Pasquale and Maria DiChello  
10:00 Roland and Helen Gelinis, req. by their daughter, Barbara

**BULLETIN**

All bulletin announcements must be submitted *in writing* no later than the **Monday** prior to publication but you are encouraged to send your submissions 2 weeks in advance. It is best to send by email to [stchurchre@gmail.com](mailto:stchurchre@gmail.com).

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

2017 contribution statements are available upon request. You may enclose a note in your offertory envelope, call the office or send an email request. Statements will be mailed to you.

**GROCERY AND SCRIP CARDS**

You can order grocery cards, gas cards, movie tickets, department stores cards, etc. Every purchase earns rewards for Southington Catholic School. Gift cards are great for birthdays, thank you gifts and holidays. Please call the school (860-628-2485) for more information and to obtain a complete list of participating retailers. This list is also available at the rectory.

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE**

Southington Catholic School invites you to our Open House on **Sunday, January 28th from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. Our faculty, students and families are anxious to share with you their reasons for investing in Catholic education. Speak to parents of graduates who have gone on to high school honors programs based on their experience at Southington Catholic. Chat with parents of younger children about the advanced early reading program. Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be available.

**2018 PASSION PLAY NEWS**

The first chorus rehearsal is Wednesday, January 31st and this is also the last day you can sign up. Youth chorus meets from 6:00—7:00 p.m. Adult chorus from 7:00—8:30 p.m. For a schedule check our web site [stthomassouthington.org/passionplay](http://stthomassouthington.org/passionplay) or contact Bonnie Peterson at 860-621-7005.



We wish to congratulate the parents of **Rory Alexander Flamand** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and are over the age of 18 will begin soon. Contact Sr. Marie at 860-621-1904 for further information and registration.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Because some asked, we will have Bible study class at two times on Thursdays. We will have an afternoon session in the chapel in the rectory basement at 1:30PM. We will have an evening session in the school cafeteria at 7:00PM. The material will be the same at both. Fr. Joe will cover 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2 during the Scripture class on Thursday, Feb 1st. All are welcome!

**GALA AND AUCTION** Southington Catholic School will be hosting its 3rd Annual Gala and Benefit Auction at the Aqua Turf on **February 9th at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us for our Mardi Gras themed dinner with silent and live auctions, games and dancing. Tickets are \$75 in advance and will be available after all Masses Jan. 27th and 28th. or you may contact the committee at [scsgalacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:scsgalacommittee@gmail.com). Be sure not to miss this fun event and helping Southington Catholic School.



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **Michael Mongillo**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The 2018 Mass Book has weekday Mass intentions and a few Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m. available. The stipend is \$15 for a weekday Mass, \$20 for a Sunday or Holy Day Mass. Also available are the dedication of the Sanctuary Flowers (\$100) and Sanctuary Candles (\$20). Call the rectory with your request.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG EVENT**

Next weekend will be the final collection of the baby bottles that were recently distributed. Your donations support the staff and volunteers at Carolyn's Place, a Catholic pregnancy resource center serving the greater Waterbury area. If donating by check please make it payable to Carolyn's Place.

**LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan 31st at 7pm in the church basement. For more information, contact Rita Gilbert at 860-620-0246 or Sr. Marie at the convent 860-621-1904.

**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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Joseph Labrie** requested by his niece, Diane Albert.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Philomena Giardono**, requested by The Sukatski Family.

**FAMILY LIFE OFFICE**

**11th Annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration** will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 5:00—9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church. The program will begin with Mass and include dinner, prayer and reflection. The theme is “The Lord AND the Rings: Epic Moments in Sacramental Marriage.” Cost \$25 per couple. To register or for more information contact Tom or Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or [tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net). RSVP by Jan. 30th.

**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.

**ACTS CT MEN’S RETREAT**

Save the Date-The ACTS CT Men’s Retreat will be held on Feb. 15-18, 2018. Where are you in your journey to God? Speeding down the open road? Stuck trying to get back in traffic? Want to hear more about it? contact: Ed Baker, 860-919-2030; Steve Reilly, 860-877-4200 or Mike Knopf, 203-241-9515.

**LADIES GUILD**

St. Thomas Ladies Guild will meet on Monday, February 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome to attend a short general meeting followed by Movie and Pizza. For further information contact Terry Bouchard, 860-628-2981. The January meeting was cancelled due to the weather. New members are welcomed to join the Guild.

**Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Father Joe’s Notes**

My dear friends,

I want to thank everyone who came to our potluck dinner last Saturday. It was a great success. We had more than seventy people who brought dishes of: Italian, Lebanese, Irish, Polish, French Canadian, and Spanish cuisine. The diversity was impressive. On one plate, I had kielbasa in sauerkraut, penne with sausage, Irish brown bread, creton, cucumber salad, and pieta. (I had to go back for different foods on a second plate!) It was all delicious. Thanks to all who cooked and baked. Thanks to the Ladies Guild for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. I hope we can do it again soon!

The potluck supper was a helpful thing. It was good for building community and feeding the body, but there was a great lesson there. We had a variety of food representing people from all over the world. While the cultures were many, it showed us the spirit of people all over the world who celebrate with food. You can serve dishes together from different continents and still have a wonderful meal. Despite the diversity, they blended well. I found that illuminating. Things that are very different can go together very well.

We need to see that same thing in the people around us. Our community is made up of many people. We have men and women, young and old all right here. We have many parishioners who are immigrant, others who are first generation Americans, and others whose families have been here for centuries. We have French-Canadians and African-Americans, Irish and Italians, Slovaks and Spaniards, Croats and Koreans, Columbians and Germans, Poles and Scots, and a wide variety besides those. You may have lived here in town all your life or just moved here a few weeks ago. No matter our ethnicity or race, no matter the first language we spoke or the neighborhood where we live, we are one community. We shop in the same stores and drive on the same streets. Our children play and study together. We are united by the common bond of praying together here at St. Thomas Church. Some of us might be spicy, and some of us might be bland, but we all give something to the meal we share in the Eucharistic feast. See the diversity around you as a blessing. We go together quite well.

The Church is one people united across every continent and nation. We are One Body in Christ, joined by the love of our God who calls us all to stand united. When we can see that we all add something to the People of God, we can rejoice in the rich feast that our God provides. Take the opportunity to see the richness of blessings in all the Christian people of the world. It is a cause to rejoice. When we appreciate that, it will feed our souls!

Happily yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

**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.

