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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 ..... 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
 or by Appointment  
 Mondays during Lent ..... 6:00 -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, FEBRUARY 24**

4:00 Helen & William Spring, Carol & Jack Potter and Florence & Edward Podhajski, req. by Bill & Irene Spring

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

7:30 Michael Mongillo, req. by Joanne Salerno  
10:00 Larry Scaringe, req. by his wife, Betty

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

7:30 Maria and Gaetano Sabino, req. by their daughter, Teresa Vecchio and family

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

7:30 Francis Winger, req. by the Sisters

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1**

12:10 Robert Binkowski, req. by Josephine and Felix Albrycht

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2 Mass in Church**

12:10 Clementina Marcuccio, req. by Joe & Angelina DellaPorta

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

8:00 Parishioners of Saint Thomas Parish  
4:00 Evo J. Mongillo—Birthday, req. by Barbara Falco

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

7:30 Anthony D'Agostino and David D'Agostino, req. by Rose Tedesco and family  
10:00 Ronald Gaita—30th Anniversary, req. by his wife and children

**NEW DAY PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED**

St Thomas Church will conduct a bereavement seminar beginning March 7, 2018. Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is encouraged to enroll and participate at no cost. The New Day process will be used and participants will meet each Wed. evening from 7 – 9 pm for 10 consecutive weeks. This process has been very successful in helping the bereaved transition to life without their loved one. During each meeting, participants work through one element of the grieving process using prayer, reflection, sharing and journaling. Everything that is shared during the meetings is held confidential. For information or to enroll call Vinny Raby 860-628-9425 or Dorothy Charette 860-628-4010. You may also call the parish office.

**LADIES GUILD**

The St. Thomas Ladies Guild will be meeting Monday, March 5th at 7:00PM in the church basement. Members are asked to bring an Easter item that they've collected for Southington Community Services. Bring a favorite tablecloth which has a story connected to it to share. New ladies (and men) are welcome to join! We will serve refreshments. For more information, call Terry Bouchard 860-628-2981

**LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Lap coverings are shared with the sick and elderly at home, in nursing homes and in hospitals. Anyone who can sew, crochet or knit is invited to participate in this charitable outreach. **Donations of yarn are always appreciated.** For further info call Rita Gilbert, 860-620-0246.

**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays evenings at 7:00PM in the church**

**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).

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study class is offered two times on Thursdays. At 1:30 p.m. in the chapel in the rectory basement and at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fr. Joe will cover 2 Thessalonians, chapter 1, on Thursday March 1st. All are welcome!

**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 M-F

**PASTA FAGIOLI**

On Friday during Lent-Pasta Fagioli, salad, bread, beverages & desserts from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost:\$7.00 per person eat in (children under 7 pay their age), \$30 max for family. Take out orders \$8 per container. All proceeds support Southington Catholic School .

**ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY**

will be hosting a "Festa della Donna" Dinner Dance Saturday, March 10th at Testa's at 7:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$65 pp. For more information, contact Antoinetta Barbato, 860-302-0228, Sue Votino, 860-919-6083, or Sue Rossetti, 860-919-7493. Proceeds support local charitable organizations and families in need.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Isabella Council #15 and Isabella Assembly #122 offer scholarships those seeking to further their education at a recognized institute of higher learning during the upcoming academic year. Applicant, Parent or Legal Guardian must be a registered member of the parish. Applications are available at the parish office and must be returned by March 4th.

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Register Now!** Southington Catholic School is accepting registrations for pre-k through grade 8 for the Fall of 2018. Avoid the waiting list by enrolling for our academic pre-k program now. Screening for kindergarten students will be scheduled in the next few weeks. Call 860-628-2485 for further details. We look forward to welcoming your family as part of our family!

**Readings for the Week of February 25, 2018**

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

**PASSION PLAY TICKETS**

Listed below are the contact names and phone numbers to obtain tickets for the 40th Annual Saint Thomas Passion Play.

Diane 860-628-4197      Lois 860-621-0411  
Joan 860-426-3841

**Performances**

**Saturday**      March 24th 7:30 p.m.  
**Palm Sunday**      March 25th 3:00 p.m.  
**Monday**      March 26th 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday**      March 27th 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday**      March 28th 7:30 p.m.  
**Good Friday**      March 30th 7:30 p.m.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Evo J. Mongillo—Birthday**, requested by his family.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

All are cordially invited to attend World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2nd at Grace Methodist Church, 121 Pleasant St. Lunch at noon with a prayer service to follow. This year's theme is *All God's Creation is Very Good!* Cost \$5 payable at the door.

**CELEBRATION OF SACRED SCRIPTURE**

The Catholic Biblical School presents the Celebration of Sacred Scripture: *Ruth and the Mothers of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew*, on Saturday, March 3rd from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center at Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Presented by Dr Mahri Leonard-Gleckman of Providence College. All are welcome free of charge. Register online by Feb. 23rd at [bit.ly/CBSCSS18](http://bit.ly/CBSCSS18).

**BREAD FOR LIFE SOUP KITCHEN**

Saint Thomas Church has been assigned February 26—March 2 at the Bread for Life Soup Kitchen. Two volunteers are needed per day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations of milk and fruit are also needed. If you are able to assist or to make a donation, please call Marie, 860-621-7615. Thank you.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Ed Baker and BJ Raby for serving 6 years on the Pastoral Council and to Mike Casey for having filled a vacancy on the Council. We must now fill those positions for 3 year terms. Mike Casey may run again, since he was filling an unexpired term. According to the By-Laws, candidates must be nominated by a parishioner of St. Thomas Church. Each member must be at least 18 years of age, a registered member of St. Thomas Church, and a practicing Catholic. All members must have received the Sacraments of Initiation. If married, the member must be living in a valid, sacramental marriage as outline in Canon Law. If you know of someone who may be interested in serving on the Council to advise and assist the Pastor in the administration and development of the spiritual and material matters of the parish you may submit their name and return it to the collection basket or by email, [stthomassouthington@gmail.com](mailto:stthomassouthington@gmail.com) by March 30th.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_



**Father Joe's Notes**



My dear friends,

This Sunday, we read the story of the Transfiguration of Christ. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain. The Lord is transfigured and appears speaking with Moses and Elijah. A voice comes from heaven saying: "This is my beloved Son, Listen to him." They are given this vision, a glimpse of what is come in the glory of the Resurrection, to empower them with strength. They need courage to face the coming trial and hope that the death of Jesus is not the end. This moment foreshadows what will come. It reminds the disciples of the true glory of God in Christ. It tells them to listen to what Jesus has to teach them. It is needed before they head to Jerusalem to face the Passion.

In life, God gives little glimpses of what's to come. There are moments that tell us there are greater things at work than we generally acknowledge. Certain events happen that let us see there is hope for a better future. Perhaps you made it through a horrible storm and then see a rainbow, a promise that the tempest is ending and a glorious day is coming. Maybe you see your young child console someone who is upset, letting you see what a kind and loving adult may be coming in years ahead. You see those moments of Transfiguration in small ways in life if you just look for them. They give us hope to endure the struggles we face now knowing there is something far greater in our life.

If you look to the tabernacle in the church, you will see bare branches and pussy willows. (Flowers are not allowed in church during Lent, as it is a solemn time.) The branches and pussy willows remind us that what looks dead and hopeless now will soon change. Trees and shrubs will blossom and put out leaves. Come Spring, the landscape will be alive with new, lush life. The buds will burst forth into beauty. What looks lifeless now will change. The buds on the pussy willows are something pointing to that transformation. They let us see something greater is at hand. Lent will end and Easter will come. Look to the pussy willows and trust they point the way to something great God will give.

This Lent, ask God to open your eyes to see the little Transfiguration moments in your life. Be attentive to Christ and listen to him as he calls in the season. We can present ourselves to be transformed as well. Seek reconciliation and let the light of the Lord's mercy and joy shine through you. When this happens, we become his beacons of light shining for others to see. How good it is to be with the Lord this Lent. See the signs pointing to something far greater coming this Easter, in life, and in the promise of heaven to come.

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

**Monday Evenings 6:00-7:00PM**  
**(We have Fr. Pilon helping the last two weeks)**

**Saturday Afternoons 2:30-3:30PM**  
**(Please note, NO Confessionals on Holy Saturday)**

**Town-wide Lenten Penance Service**  
**Tuesday, March 20th—7:00PM at St. Dominic's**