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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, MARCH 3**

4:00 Evo J. Mongillo-Birthday, req. by his family

**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

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**

7:30 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6**

7:30 James Pavlick, Sr., req. by Rosemary, James, Jr., Maura and Jordan

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8**

12:10 Danielle Parrain, req. by Cathy and Joe Miceli

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**

12:10 Maria Ascuito, req. by Mr & Mrs Guarino Zacchia

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

8:00 Michael & Gemma Volpe-Birthday, req. by their son, Joe Volpe

4:00 Maria & Ralph Parlapiano-Birthday, req. by their family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

7:30 Nicola & Saveria Sabino-birthday, req. by their daughter, Teresa and Vincenzo Scirocco

10:00 Helene & Vito Pace and Matthew James Carta, req. by The Vellucci and Carta Families

**BULLETIN**

All bulletin announcements must be submitted *in writing* no later than the **Monday** prior to publication but you are encouraged to submit 2 weeks in advance to [stchurchre@gmail.com](mailto:stchurchre@gmail.com).

**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

**ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the parish center on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. We invite anyone who would like to pray the Rosary in Italian to join us. For further information contact Antoinette Barbato, 860-302-0228.

**ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY**

will be hosting a "Festa della Donna" Dinner Dance Sat., March 10th at Testa's at 7:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$65 pp. 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.

**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 2, on Thursday March 8th All are welcome!

**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, participants will meet in the parish center 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, Dorothy Charette [860-628-4010](tel:860-628-4010), or 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.

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays evenings at 7:00PM in the church.

All are welcome to join us!



**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG RESULTS**

Thank you very much to everyone who prayed for or contributed to the recent Baby Bottle Boomerang to benefit Carolyn's Place, in Waterbury. Your support gives more babies a chance for life and more young mothers and families to live better lives. We collected, as a parish family, **\$5,238.52!**

**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!

**PASTA FAGIOLI SUPPER**

On Fridays during Lent-Pasta Fagioli (made by the Manor Inn), salad, bread, beverages & desserts is served 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.

**Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018**

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 o  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14  
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**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      Janet 860-621-6347

**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 **Sandra and Gina Matta**, requested by The Coccozza Family.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. We hope you can help meet our parish goal of \$85,000. If you would like to make a gift, simply mail in your pledge card. You may visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org), or call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow for a monthly payment plan. If you did not receive a packet you may pick one up in the church or at the rectory.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

On the weekend of April 13-15 the women of our parish are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. You will have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme, "*Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*". For more info call Barbara Dahlgren 860-276-0758.

**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,

Before he ascended into heaven, the Risen Lord commissioned his disciples saying: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20)." As a priest of the Church, I recognize that I'm commissioned by Christ to share in the mission through the Sacraments. As the son of a teacher, I know the importance of teaching all nations. I will be doing both in a more obvious way in the days and months ahead.

We will have a teaching Mass Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM in the church. (This counts as your Sunday obligation.) During this liturgy, we will explain all the parts of the Mass and the significance of the objects we use. We're familiar with what we do now, but we may not understand why we do it all. What are the vestments and why wear them? Why is the liturgy divided into different parts? Why do we stand, sit, and kneel when we do? There are many questions, and I hope to address them. To understand the meaning behind what we do makes the Mass a much richer prayer experience. All are welcome. You need not be a parishioner to attend, so feel free to bring friends or family.

During the Easter season, we will have a Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick. Easter is about rising to new life, and the healing power of Christ is a powerful part of the experience. This Mass, on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00PM, is for anyone who needs the healing balm of the Spirit. You need not be dying to seek the grace of this Sacrament. It brings healing to all who have bodily ailments, mental torments, or spiritual darkness. It's my pleasure to explain what's happening and give all people the chance to see that they are not alone in their suffering. The communal celebration of this Sacrament is a powerful moment of grace and a clear sign of our communion with each other. I hope to see you there, and feel free to invite anyone who needs the Sacrament.

It's my great joy to provide you with Sacraments and teach you about our rich Tradition. Through these liturgies and our Scripture study, I am doing my part to continue the work of the Lord here at St. Thomas. If there should be other areas for us to learn and grow, let me know. Stop me after Mass, call me at the rectory, or drop me a note. I am commissioned to help open up access to the path to God for you. Help me serve you as I am called.

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**  
**Thursday, March 22nd—7:00PM at St. Dominic's**  
 (Please, note the change of date!!!)