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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 10

4:00 Maria and Ralph Parlapiano—Birthdays, req. by their family

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 Nicola & Savaria Sabino—Birthdays, req. by their daughter, Teresa and Vincenzo Scirocco

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 Martha Blair, req. by Hugh Collins

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 Parishioners whose funerals were in Febraury: Yvette Palmieri, Frank Suchar, Vito Dalfino, Maria Ascciuto, Ellen Bresnahan, Anthony D'Agostino, Michael Manware and Francis Verderame, Sr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

12:10 Michael Mongillo, req. by June & Floyd Alger

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

12:10 The deceased members of the Froeshl, Liebert and Gaita Families, req. by the family

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

4:00 Stephen & Helen Keltonic 30th & 37th Anniversaries and family, req. by Genevieve Maigarie

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 The deceased members of the DiBenedetto Family, req. by Marie DiBenedetto and family

10:00 Harry White, Sr., req. by his family

6:30 TEACHING MASS WITH FATHER JOE

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 3, on Thurs March 22nd, all are welcome! **(no class on March 15th)**

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



Stations of the Cross

Fridays evenings at 7:00PM in the church.

All are welcome to join us!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2018 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We wish to congratulate the following children in the Religious Education Program who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on March 12th:

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| Zoey DellaVecchia | Jaxon Nardi |
| Emma Dow | Austyn Nelson |
| Ava Interlande | Ariana Quick |
| Anna Janowski | Benjamin Swift |
| Ella Kostuk | Andrew Vecchio |
| Emma McDowell | Ewan Verbeek |
| Riley Myers | Ryan Weston |

WASHING OF THE FEET

12 volunteers are needed for the washing of the feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29th. Please call Jean at the rectory, 860-628-4713 if you would like to participate.

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!

Golf Tournament—Mark your calendar for this popular spring event. On May 11th, Southington Catholic School invites you to enjoy a great day of golf while honoring the memory of a loyal friend of Catholic education, Joe Angelillo. Call SCS at 860-628-2485 to register your four some or to request sponsorship information.

PASTA FAGIOLI SUPPER

On Fridays during Lent—Pasta Fagioli (prepared 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.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY

Removal of Winter Decorations: All winter grave decorations will be removed and disposed of beginning **March 15th**. If you wish to retain any of your grave decorations, please remove them before this date.

When **Easter** occurs prior to April 15th, artificial flowers may be used. They will be removed 10 days after Easter. We urge families to remove them prior to this time, as they can be used for several seasons. Palms have been blessed and therefore, should not be used as cemetery decoration.

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2&4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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 **Josephine Parillo and Antonietta Marra, 10th Anniversary**, requested by Antonietta & Luigi Barbato and family.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL offers its Entrance Exam to 8th & 9th graders on Mar 21st at 8:30 a.m. An completed application will serve as your registration for the exam. If you have any questions please email aselig@nwcath.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women of the parish! Give yourself a weekend! Sign up now for our parish retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington on the weekend of April 13-15. **"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"** is this year's theme. Come away to the quiet. For more info call Barbara Dahlgren 860-276-0758.

BULLETIN—For the next few weeks the bulletin company requires us to submit our bulletin two weeks in advance. Please forward any announcements for events that will take place through the middle of April as soon as possible to stchurchre@gmail.com or fax to 860-628-7341.

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 by March 30th.

Nominee Name: _____ phone _____

Nominator Name: _____ phone _____

TEACHING MASS—Sunday, March 18th at 6:30PM in the church. **NOTE THE CHANGE!** Come to learn about the liturgical objects, parts of the Mass, and why we do what we do when we do it. Please, bring a friend—need not be a parishioner!



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

Good things are happening. After the annual report, we had many families register. Our Family Liturgies are getting bigger, and we're able to help children understand the ways of our faith. The cast and crew of the Passion Play are polishing up the performance to present a moving celebration for you Holy Week. We will begin registering children for Religious Education classes for next year, and Southington Catholic School is taking applications right now. The work of the Lord is being done in many marvelous ways. Let me highlight a few.

Next Sunday at 3PM, Archbishop Blair will present the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation to volunteers from across the diocese. I'm happy to announce that our recipient this year is Katherine Daddona. Kathy volunteers in the office as a money counter. She is an active member of the Ladies Guild. She drives people to Mass who could not get here any other way. She gives her time to help residents at Southington Care. Kathy is one of those people who works behind the scenes to make life better for all of us. I'm very happy and proud to have nominated her for this honor.

Our Business Manager, Jean Moriarty, will be retiring at Easter. While I'm very sorry to see her leave, I'm glad that she will be able to have some time to be with her family. Besides, she's still a parishioner and volunteer, so that's a blessing. After three decades serving the parish and keeping priest organized and in line (no small accomplishment, I assure you!), she deserves all the happiness and peace in the world! To celebrate her wonderful work here, we'll have an open house reception for her at the rectory on Sunday, April 8th from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Stop by to wish her well and thank her for all she has done!

I'm looking to start a Lazarus Committee. This would be volunteers helping plan celebrations of funerals. I need a few people who could meet with the families and assist them plan the liturgy. (We will provide training.) It may sound intimidating, but it's actually a great ministry. Families appreciate the assistance in their time of grief. It would be good also to have some greeters for people as they enter church and find some adults who could help serve at the altar. I also want to get a Liturgical Decorating Committee going. We need people to change the paraments (altar cloths, hangings, banners, and such), as well as decorate the altar for the seasons. If anyone is interested in either, let me know.

I'm happy to see the Holy Spirit moving the minds and hearts of the faithful here in the parish. I pray that that good work continues throughout Lent and well beyond. God bless you all for all the things you are doing here.

Most gratefully 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 Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Town-wide Lenten Penance Service
Thursday, March 22nd—7:00PM at St. Dominic's