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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 17
 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

MONDAY, MARCH 19 **Saint Joseph**
 7:30 Rosa Izzo, Birthday, req. by Frank and Mario Izzo

TUESDAY, MARCH 20
 7:30 Ralph Salerno, req. by his family

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
 12:10 Cynthia Blozie, req. by her sister, Deborah Testa

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**
 12:10 The deceased members of the Campagnano Family, req. by the family

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 **Blessed Oscar Romero**
 8:00 James and Ann Quinn, req. by their family
 4:00 Antonio and Anna DePasquale, req. by Jerry and Vittoria Altieri

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
 7:30 Thomas Tedesco, Jr., req. by his wife, Rose and family
 10:00 Edda Mastroianni, req. by her husband, Raffaele

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.

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.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays evenings at 7:00PM in the church.
 All are welcome to join us!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements in our sanctuary enhance our liturgical setting. The donation for the flowers is \$100. If you would like to be a sponsor or dedicate the flower arrangements in memory of someone, please contact the rectory. The dedication or donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin that week.

PARISH COLLECTIONS JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018

	Actual	Budget
Weekly	\$ 57,028	\$ 63,000
Monthly/Holy Day	\$ 9,083	\$ 7,200
	\$ 66,311	\$ 70,200

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In just a few short weeks, our parish has pledged \$29,570 for the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community and *Our Faith, Our Future*, by sharing your blessings.

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 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 foursome or to request sponsorship information.

PASTA FAGIOLI SUPPER

Last chance! This Friday Pasta Fagioli (prepared by the Manor Inn), salad, bread, beverages & desserts will be 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. Thank you for your support.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving has been updated with improvements for our donors including an easier-to-use interface, and a quicker way to donate to specific funds. Online giving is a great way to support our parish. Signing up is easy-you can use a computer, tablet or smartphone. Go to our website, www.stthomassouthington.org, and click the Online Giving logo. To keep costs down we ask you to make donations on a Saturday or Sunday only. For online support call 1-800-348-2886 x2.

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
 Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

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 **AJ Conaty-4th Anniversary**, requested by his family.



Retrouaille—Marriage help is available. If your marriage has become troubled, unloving or uncaring, the Retrouaille program can help. It provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover why you fell in love. The next weekend is April 20-22. For information, call 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Join women of the parish on the weekend of April 13-15 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. Reflect on the theme "*Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*" Enjoy delicious meals by Chef Bill. 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—THIS SUNDAY 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,

We're coming to the close of Lent. Next weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday with the reading of the Passion of the Lord. That begins Holy Week. We will move into Triduum (the three days), recalling the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the rest in the tomb. On Easter, we will rejoice at the rising of our Lord. I hope that you will enter into that most sacred time with minds and hearts renewed by this Lenten journey.

As you look at Lent, perhaps you feel as if you missed the boat. Maybe you never did those things you promised or forgot to work on your prayer life. Maybe you found yourself distracted and lost throughout the season. Maybe you never took the time to ask what you should do for Lent. You can change. It's not too late! We still have this whole Lenten week before we enter Holy Week. Make the most of the opportunity you have. We have this Monday evening, Thursday penance service, and this coming Saturday afternoon to receive the grace of Reconciliation. Why carry the burden of guilt; find the healing power of Christ in the forgiveness of your sins. You still have a week to work on praying more or being a bit kinder to that one person to whom you need to show compassion. Don't let Lent slip by without making the most of this time.

In these final days, I hope and pray you know the peace, hope, love, and strength of Christ. Take inspiration from our collect this weekend (the opening prayer): "Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death." This is our time to ask how we live in the love of Christ and how we share that with others. There is time for us all, if you wish to take it.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Monday Evenings 6:00-7:00PM

Saturday March 24th 2:30-3:30PM
(NO Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Town-wide Lenten Penance Service
THIS THURSDAY—7:00PM at St. Dominic's

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30PM in church
Reposed of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight in chapel
Night Prayer—10:00PM in chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

Service of the Passion of the Lord—3:00PM in church
Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM in church

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00PM in church

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 & 10:00AM Mass in church