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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

**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, APRIL 7**

4:00 Louis Avitabile, Sr., Birthday, req. by his daughter, Karen

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

7:30 Patricia Scricca, req. by her husband and children  
10:00 Robert J. Burke, req. by his family

**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

7:30 Peter Pasquale, Jr., req. by Cathy and Joe Miceli

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10**

7:30 Nicola Parillo, req. by Vincenzo and Teresa Scirocco

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

12:10 Kathy Russo, req. by the Sisters

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13**

12:10 Bill Scanlon, req. by his wife, Joan

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

8:00 Roseann Davis, req. by Sr. Gina Piazza  
1:30 WEDDING—John Stiefel and Kyleigh Makowski  
4:00 Francis Casale, req. by his family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

7:30 Violet Coppola, req. by her family  
10:00 Robert and Jeanne Plourd, req. by their daughter

**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

**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.

**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).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Southington Knights of Columbus Council #15 will hold a Pancake Breakfast at Southington Catholic School cafeteria on Sunday, April 15th from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. \$7/person, \$6/seniors, under 6 years of age free.

The next K of C council meeting will be held at Mary Our Queen church hall on April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

**VOCATIONS**

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to you to serve as a priest or religious? Contact Fr. Michael Casey, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-761-7457, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**CONFIRMATION**

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair conferred the sacrament of confirmation upon the following parishioners on Friday, April 6th. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them as they take this important step in their faith journey. We congratulate them, their families, and all who worked with them in their preparation.

Faith Auletta	William Matos
Jacob Barry	Raymond McCool
Nicole Bruneau	Erika Miller
Katherine Brush	Andrew Preston
Matthew Cahill	Douglas Preston, Jr.
Andrew Cawley	Sara Roccapriore
Jonathan Cocchiola	Nicholas Sabino
Kaitlyn DeLorenzo	Bridget Scricca
Madison Derynioski	Evan Sheen
Evan DeSandre	Olivia Stich
Tristine DiBenedetto	Erik Swanson
Michael Gurzenda, Jr.	Nathan Tufts
Deborah Lemire	Jacob Vecchio
Michael Martin	Shawn Weed

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study class with Father Joe continues! The same session is offered twice 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 present the Letter of James, chapter 1 on April 12th. Invite your friends. All are welcome.

**RETRouvaille**

Marriage help is available. If your marriage has become troubled, unloving or uncaring, the Retrouvaille 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. Call 1-800-470-2230, or email [cherylandsteve@cox.net](mailto:cherylandsteve@cox.net).

**Healing Mass**

We will have a Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick on **Sunday, April 22nd at 4PM in the church**. We will offer the Sacrament to anyone who needs healing in body, mind, or spirit. All are welcome to attend—you need not be a parishioner.

**Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018**

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday—Friday 8AM-4PM**



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Louis Avitable, Sr.**, requested by his daughter, Karen.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered in memory of **Ann DeSorbo Young**, 8th Anniversary.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The women's retreat for our parish begins Friday, April 13th, at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. Give yourself the gift of quiet time to "hear God's voice." This year's theme is "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace." For more info call Barbara Dahlgren 860-276-0758.

**CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE**

Cemeteries, like homes and neighborhoods, can be beautiful and attractive, or cluttered and untidy. This appearance depends in part on the cemetery regulations. **Only by your cooperation and adherence to these rules and by our strict enforcement can we attain our common goal.**

Knowing of our mutual desire to have a well kept cemetery, listed are some of the applicable regulations.

**1. Upright Monument Lots:** When burials are in front of the upright monument, **the planting of annual flowers is permitted only in the 10 inch area directly in front of the monument**, not to exceed the length of the monument base. When burials are both in the front and rear of the monument, the planting of annual flowers is permitted in the front and rear of the monument within the 10 inch area, not to exceed the length of the monument.

**2. Flush Marker Lots:** Planting of flowers is prohibited.

**3. Artificial Decorations** of any kind are not permitted between April 15 and November 20.

**4. Potted Plants** and flower boxes on both monument and non-monument lots are allowed only during the ten day period following Palm and Easter Sunday, Mothers and Fathers Day and Memorial Day. Potted plants dug into the soil will be immediately removed.

**5. New Shrubbery** is not permitted on individual lots. Existing shrubs will be removed by the cemetery at such time as they become overgrown.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL ALLOWABLE GRAVE DECORATIONS ARE STATED ABOVE. NO OTHER ITEMS ARE TO BE PLACED ON GRAVES.**



**Father Joe's Notes**



My dear friends,

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Easter so beautiful. From the music and decorations, to the lectors and ministers, it was all great. The altar servers managed to get through the most confusing liturgies, and the ushers were there right on cue. The staff was terrific about preparing everything. I also want to thank all of you for doing well at preserving the silence of Triduum and letting the church be a place of quiet prayer. There was great reverence for the services, and I am most grateful for your full participation. Thank you!

There are many moments that were good for me. It was great to begin the week at the opening of the passion play. Having seen various points of rehearsals, I was happy to see it come together! I loved the solemn entrance on Palm Sunday, which lets everyone know things will be different throughout the week. I was very impressed by how many parishioners processed with the Blessed Sacrament from the church to the chapel for the altar of repose. I found the simple instrumental piece of the cello and violin as we revered the cross on Good Friday touching. I was amazed at the crowd for the 10AM Mass on Easter. It was good to see so many people come to rejoice in the Resurrection. All in all, it was a wonderful week.

So many moments were wonderful, but I always find the Easter Vigil to be the most powerful for me. I really love when the church is dark and silent as we wait for the beginning. I love when the fire is lit and blessed, how dramatic it is. I also find the sharing of the Easter fire in the congregation a most powerful event. Little by little, people share the fire with those around them. The light of Christ fills the space and dispels the darkness of doubt and sin. It reminds me that we all have to do our part to bring the light of Christ to overcome the darkness of the world. We bear his light, and we share it as a source of hope and a beacon of love with all people around us each day. The Vigil reaffirms my belief and my commitment to my faith.

As we journey through these fifty days of Easter, I hope and pray that you find that something speaks to you. Take time to reflect on the powerful mysteries of Holy Week we celebrated, and look forward to the joys of the season. Happy Easter to you all!

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

**You are cordially invited...**

**We are having a reception for our Business Manager, Jean Moriarty, this Sunday afternoon. Jean is retiring after more than three decades of faithful service to St. Thomas Parish. The party will be an open house in the rectory between 1:30 and 4:30PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. We hope to see you there. Come, thank her for all she has done and wish her well!**

