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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 p.m.
 or by Appointment
 Mondays during Lent 6:00 p.m.-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 at the rectory to arrange for a Baptism.

Marriage

The Archdiocese requires a minimum of 6 months for marriage preparation. Couples should contact Fr. Nick 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.



SATURDAY, APRIL 1

4:00 Louise Avitabile, Louis Avitabile, Sr., and Gertrude Morgillo, req. by Carmel Avitabile

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 Vincent Piazza, req. by family
 10:00 Louis Avitabile, Sr.-Birthday, req. by Karen Avitabile

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be no daily Mass celebrated at Saint Thomas while Fr. Nick is away on Monday and Tuesday.

Daily Masses at the other parishes in town are as follows:

DAILY MASSES AT AREA CHURCHES

Mary Our Queen	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.
St. Dominic	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.
St. Aloysius	Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00 a.m.
Immaculate Conception	Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri	8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

12:10 Antonio and Concetta Leonetti, req. by Mario Leonetti and family

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 (in church) St. John Batist de la Salle

12:10 Josephine and William Dalton, req. by family

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 Michael Andrew Shore-Birthday, req. by family
 4:00 Robert and Eleanor Raby, req. by Vinny and BJ Raby

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 PALM SUNDAY

7:30 Vincenza Esposito, req. by Richard and Deborah Testa
 10:00 Patricia Scricca, req. by her husband and children

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Nick after Mass. Parish registration forms are available in the sacristy after Mass or at the rectory office during the week.

BULLETIN

All bulletin announcements must be submitted *in writing* no later than the **Monday** prior to publication. It is best to send by email to stchurchre@gmail.com. Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To make a request for prayer contact **Barbara Burke: 860-621-3129, Noreen Fragola 860-628-2500, or the Sisters at the Convent: 860-621-1904.**

UGANDA FRIEND-RAISER DONATIONS

Do you own a vacation home or time share? Can you cook and serve a gourmet meal? Do you have connections for cooking classes or wine tasting? Consider donating these or similar items for the Live Auction at the Uganda Friend-Raiser. For more information contact BJ Raby at 860-628-9425 or Bj.raby@cox.net.

****PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSION ON MONDAY APRIL 3RD.**

LADIES GUILD

St. Thomas Ladies Guild invites all who are interested to join us at our next meeting on Monday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Special instructor Audrey Zack will teach us how to make Easter Butter Lambs for our table. Supplies needed 1 lb. (4 sticks) salted butter, sharp knife, dessert dish or saucer, ricer, grater or garlic press. For more information please contact: Terry at 860-628-2981.

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the parish center on **Tuesday, April 4th** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. We invite anyone who would like to pray the Rosary in Italian to join us. For further information, please contact Sue Votino at 860-628-2993.

HONEST CONVERSATIONS WITH MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

Together, in conversation, we can promote a more peaceful world for everyone. All are welcome, Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00pm at the First Congregational Church, 37 Main St., Southington for this important event in interfaith life of Connecticut. Another in a timely, thought-provoking series organized by: CT Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU), the Muslim Coalition of CT, and Hartford Seminary. RSVP or for more information contact: interfaith@ccfiu.org.

PASTA FAGIOLI (LAST WEEK!)

Join us on Friday evenings during Lent for... Pasta Fagioli, salad, bread, beverages & desserts through from 5pm—7pm. In the school cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 per person eat in (children under 7 pay their age), and \$30 max for family. Take out orders will be available for \$8 per container. All proceeds go to support Southington Catholic School so bring your friends and family!

LENT

- Mondays** Confessions..... (Except April 3rd)...6–7:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays** Holy Hour for Vocations 11:00 a.m.
Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary ...7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays** Eucharistic Adoration 8-11:00 a.m.
Holy Hour and Benediction 11:00 a.m.
- Fridays** Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

CHILDCARE


Childcare is available for parents who would like to attend the St. Thomas Passion Play on Saturday, April 8. Space is limited, contact Zachary Janowski at zacharyjanowski@gmail.com to reserve a spot for your child today. A team of volunteers and confirmation students will watch children in the first floor conference room of the Parish Center located in the north side of the school building from 7 p.m. until the end of the play. The play begins at 7:30 in the Southington Catholic gym.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The St. Thomas Women's retreat weekend is April 21-23rd at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. The Theme of this years' Retreat is "*Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love*". For more information or questions contact Barbara Dahlgren at 860-276-0758, or Lori Armstrong at 860-628-6108.

CAR WASH

In support of our brothers and sisters in St. Peter's in Uganda, the 9th and 10th Grade students in the St. Thomas Religious Ed program will be holding a car wash on Sunday, April 23rd from 11AM until 2PM, in front of the Southington Catholic School building. The concept is to raise funds so as to purchase a raffle gift to be auctioned off at the Uganda Friend-Raiser to be held on May 5, 2017 at Testa's. The cost will be \$5/car, \$7/SUV or larger. Please come and help support our students in their efforts to serve the Lord.



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

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Mary Labrie**, requested by her children.

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. If you did not receive the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal mailing or have misplaced the pledge card and envelope mailed to your home, please feel free to pick up one of the extra pledge cards and envelopes located in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PRAYER PARTNER

You are invited to become a Prayer Partner for a student who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at Saint Thomas Church. Please call Sr. Marie, 860-621-1904 if you would be willing to offer prayerful support.

UGANDA FRIEND-RAISER TICKETS

You can now purchase your tickets for the Uganda Friend Raiser! This event will be held on Fri, May 5 at 6:30pm at Testa's Banquet Facility and includes a live/silent auction. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and wine on the table. Tables of 10 may be reserved. Get your tickets early as only 200 tickets are being sold. Tickets will be sold after Masses on April 8/9th. To order tickets today, complete the form below for each ticket request and drop it in the collection basket, mail it in or you can email Jean at stthomassouthington@gmail.com, or call 860-628-4713. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas Church**.

TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

Scholastic Book Fair- is at Southington Catholic School. Stop by after Mass on Sunday at the school cafeteria or Monday-Friday April 3-7. Many Books and gifts will be on display and ready for purchase. Pre-school favorites through popular middle school series will be available. For more information, call 860-628-2485.

Tee Time-Think Spring and Sign up your foursome for a great day of golf at Southington Country Club on May 12, 2017 for the Southington Catholic Golf Tournament. Golf-Food-Fun-Prizes! Call 860-628-2485 for further details.

Register Now- Southington Catholic School welcomes your family to visit and experience the benefits that small class size and a nurturing environment can offer your student. Our curriculum prepares our primary and middle school students well for all area high schools. A personal tour can be arranged by calling 860-628-2485. Applications are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mass of Remembrance will take place on Tues., April 25th at 5:30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Yalesville. The Mass, sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, is an opportunity to remember children who have died as the result of miscarriage, abortion, accident or illness and is an important step in healing, remembering and recognizing the precious gift of life.

ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Dr. Thomas Finn, clinical psychologist on staff at the Franciscan Life Center, will be presenting a six week educational program on anxiety beginning Tues. April 18th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the San Damiano Room of the Chiara Center, 275 Finch Ave, Meriden. For more information call 203-237-8084 or visit www.flcenter.org.

PASSION PLAY TICKETS

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

Diane 860-628-4197	Lois 860-621-0411
Ginny 860-628-4628	Joan 860-426-2371

Performances

Saturday	April 8th	7:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday	April 9th	3:00 p.m.
Monday	April 10th	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 11th	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 12th	7:30 p.m.
Good Friday	April 14th	7:30 p.m.

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1 - 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54