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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 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 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. 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, MAY 13**

4:00 Yolanda Scricca, req. by her son and grandchildren

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

7:30 Josephine & Peter Ortale, req. by Erminia Cusano and family

10:00 Deceased members of the Casale Family, req. by the Casale Family

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

**St. Isidore the Farmer**

7:30 Gemma Volpe and Maria Renzi, req. by Louisa Renzi

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

7:30 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

**St. John 1**

12:10 Vincenzo and Maria Zacchia, Mr. and Mrs. Guarino Zacchia

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

12:10 Carmella, Philip and John Sposi, req. by Ann Maria Capo

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

**St. Bernadine of Siena**

8:00 Rachel Saucier, req. by Terry and Lester Bouchard  
4:00 Marcella & Herman Nadeau and Louanne Munroe, req. by family

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

7:30 Anne Miller, req. by her daughter, Nancy Ouimette and family

10:00 Deceased members of the Cotugno and Secondo Families, req. by Bonnie, Susan and Lina

**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](mailto:stchurchre@gmail.com). Submitting well in advance is greatly appreciated.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE MINISTRY**

To make a request for prayer contact the rectory at 860-628-4713 or, the Sisters at the Convent: 860-621-1904.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WANTED**

Eucharistic ministers are parishioners who have been commissioned to serve Christ in the gathered assembly on Sundays and Holy Days. They also serve the unity of the worshipping community by taking Holy Communion to those members who are prevented by sickness, old age, or other cause from taking part in the congregation. The extraordinary ministers of Saint Thomas parish bring Communion to Southington Care Center, The Orchards, the hospital, and to the homebound. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, please call Deb Montano at 860-621-3528.



**MOTHER'S DAY**

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET—MASS REMEMBRANCE**

**Deceased:**

Jeanne Plourd	Theresa Cyr	Anna Petrucci
Katherine Chmura	Juanine DePaolo	Edna Zbikowski
Jean Martino	Maria L. Angelillo	Carmel Vecchio
Katerin Hanecak	Sophie Tutino	Elena Vecchio
Maria Faraone	Jennie Aldi	Lois E. Collyer
Pauline Burns	Bridget Maloney	Marion Barbieri
Rose Palumbo	Elaine Simone	Barbara Nevelos
Sophie Mongillo	Julia Manware	Anna Kane
Ann Kupcho	Wanda Buczak	Anna Dlugos
Mary Zacchio	Theresa Zacchia	Marie Atwater
Michelena Perillo	Mary Bunalli	Vincenza Giano
Lucy Zumbolo	Marie Mongillo	Nincenza Simone
Julia Casale	All Mothers	Maria Sabino
Carmel Giammatteo	Pauline M. Fichte	Teresa Scirocco
Marie Albert	Nellie Kaczynski	Angela Ragozzino
Cecile Lavallee	Mary Levanti	Constantina Tranquillo
Josephine Maiorano	Rae Torello	Pasqualina Tranquillo
Patricia Yorski	Yvonne Allaire	Viola DiCaprio
Vera Pelletier	Alice DeVeau	Ruth Lessor
Sally Smole	Carmela Casale	Maria Fragola
Florence Lalla	Antonia Barbato	Mary Zacchio
Rita Barnes	Elizabeth Carbone	Teresa Zacchio
Michelina Perillo	Florence Pomposi	Nellie Albrycht
Lillian Cassella	Helda Lemire	Ruth Elliott
Elsie Marks	Saveria Sabino	Bridget Kaminsky
Romild Vincent	Lena Plourde	Anna Dudac
Florence Salzillo	Erminia Salzillo	Mary Dupuis
Minnie Hayes	Gemma Volpe	Maria Renzi
Rose Longo	Josephine Dalton	Mary Gasecki
Amelia Gioia	Rose Latino	Phyllis Vendetti
Philomena Giardano	Mildred Furia	Claire Furia
Elaine Furia		

**Living:**

MaryAnn Derynioski	Ninetta Rich	Maryann F. Lamb
Bridget Ryan	Fiona Fine	All Mothers

**FRANCISCAN LAND-BASED SUMMER EXPERIENCES AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

Are you looking for summer experiences for your children? The staff of the Franciscan Life Center is offering Franciscan Land-based Summer Experiences for children ages 6-12, and Youth Leadership Training for Youth ages 13 and 14. June and July dates to take place at the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Ave, Meriden, CT. For more information call 203-237-8084 or visit [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org).

**COME AND PRAY**

A Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT. This Holy Hour is sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford and will be followed by a light "coffee-and" reception. **We remind all parishioners that each Tuesday here at St. Thomas Chapel, we have a Holy Hour for Vocations at 11:00am. Come and pray!**



**Baptism**

We wish to congratulate the parents of **Kennedy Ann Hinckley** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Annual Catholic Citizenship Awards of the Southington Knights of Columbus, Assembly 122 will be held from 12 noon to 3pm on Sunday, June 4th at Hawks Landing CC, Southington. Honorees this year are Donna Ayer, Mary Our Queen; Leeann Frisina, St. Dominic; Susan Zajac, Immaculate Conception Church; Dr. Andrew Guest, St. Aloysius and **Dorothy Charette, St. Thomas**. All are invited to celebrate these community heroes. Cost of reception, luncheon and awards presentations is \$32.00 pp. Advance payment please. **RSVP by May 26th**. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus may be mailed to Phil Mazzatti: 59 Marcy Drive, Southington. For more info call 860-276-8228.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Art and Judy Allaire-50th Wedding Anniversary**, requested by family.

**COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUPS**

Courage is a Catholic support group for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and are seeking to live chaste lives in Christ. Courage plans to meet Thursday, May 25th 7pm. Encourage helps the loved-ones of those who experience same-sex attraction to grow in understanding and love, while honoring the virtue of chastity. Encourage will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 7pm. For meeting locations and additional information you can contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-265-0961 x2, or [aohctcourage@gmail.com](mailto:aohctcourage@gmail.com). The website for Courage International is [couragec.org](http://couragec.org).

**VOCATIONS**

*Don't let your hearts be troubled.* The Lord shows us the way, just ask Him. If you have asked and are discerning a vocation, contact **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE**

The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 8th Annual **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference**, on **Saturday, June 10th** from 9am to 3pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. (Check-in begins at 8am) "Rooted in Faith: One Family Under God" is the theme and will feature two keynote addresses. Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, Ph.D., Founder and Executive Director, CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action will open the program with her keynote address. Participants will then have the opportunity to choose from a selection of 12 workshops. The day concludes with a closing keynote by Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Southbury. The conference is an opportunity to meet and learn from others across the archdiocese and beyond. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For information call 860-242-5573 Ext. 2688.

**PASTOR'S CORNER...**

Remembering that the empty tomb was not initially a cause for hope, optimism, and joy on that 1st Easter morning, I shared the letter with you from Archbishop Blair last weekend with mixed emotions. This has been a wonderful assignment for me the past eleven years. Together we have accomplished many of the things we set out to do when we met for that Open Parish Meeting upon my arrival. You have been a blessing for me – your spirit of openness, cooperation, and collaboration. We have grown in so many ways. I give Almighty God thanks and praise for them all. As we have been praying in the Pastoral Planning Prayer, it is the good of the whole church that we must have in the forefront of our minds. Trusting that the Holy Spirit will never abandon the church Jesus established more than 2,000 years ago, we look forward to the future. I am certain that you will welcome Fr. Joe Cronin in the same way you welcomed me, and that you will continue to be the Body of Christ to all those in the Southington community and beyond – especially to our dear brothers in sisters in Kisoro Uganda.

As I look to begin my work in establishing the new parish of Christ the King for the people of Wethersfield – in the churches of Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, and St. Luke in Hartford, I ask for your prayers, and assure you of mine. You shall always have a special place in my heart, as together we journey ever closer to the Father's Kingdom of true and lasting peace.

**Fr. Nick**



**Holy Communion**

We wish to congratulate the following students from St. Thomas Religious Education who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend;

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| Rocco Calabrese   | Mason Nardi   |
| Tayden Descoteaux | Nathan Owen   |
| Angelina Egidio   | Luke Parker   |
| Angelina Fazio    | Gavin Verbeek |
| Ava Flanigan      | Molly Votino  |
| Owen Graven       |               |

**"COME AND FOLLOW ME"**

Are you following Archbishop Blair and the Archdiocese on social media?

- Twitter: @ArchbishopBlair
- Snapchat: @ArchdioceseofHartford
- Facebook.com/ArchdioceseOfHartford

**Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017**

- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12