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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 20

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

MONDAY, MAY 22

St. Rita of Cascia

7:30 Nellie Yankaska, req. by Rob and Robin Bores

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:30 Eugene Manware, req. by family

THURSDAY, MAY 25 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12:10 Roseanne Davis, req. by Sister Marie, Sister Gina and Sister Mary

7:30 Giuseppe and Rosa Izzo, req. by Mario and Frank Izzo and family

FRIDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri

12:10 Floyd, Hilda and Ronnie Berube, req. by Carl and Vina Nadeau

SATURDAY, MAY 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Antonio and Teresa Zacchia, req. by Theresa, Mickey and Frank

SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:30 Joseph DePaolo, req. by his wife, Patricia

10:00 Immacolata and Peter Altieri and Giovanni and

Francesca Colaccino, req. by Joe and Anna Colaccino

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 the rectory at 860-628-4713 or, the Sisters at the Convent: 860-621-1904.



MOTHER'S DAY

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET—MASS REMEMBRANCE

Deceased:

Mary Oshia

Living:

Marian Gannon

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 25th is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in the church at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MAY CROWNING

Southington Catholic School students will participate in the crowning of the outside statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, May 25th immediately following the 12:10 Mass which will be celebrated in the church. If it rains the crowning will take place in the church. All are welcome to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A Mass for the deceased members of St. Thomas Parish will be celebrated at the cemetery on Memorial Day, Mon. May 29th at 9:00 a.m. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in the church.

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; Leeanne 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.



Most Reverend Christie A. Macaluso conferred the sacrament of Confirmation upon the following parishioners on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. 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.

Anthony Buonocore
Dennis Cawley, Jr.
Caitlin Cochran
Silvio D'Agostino
Avery Delong
Hailey Dow
Emily Fifield

Megan Graff
Matthew Morelli
Michael Morelli
James Rusiecki
Michayla Turner
Julia Uba

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **June 2-4, 2017** in Litchfield, Ct. Participation is total confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Baptism

We wish to congratulate the parents of **Colin Gary Bauer** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE LADIES! June 8-11th, 2017. St. Dominic Church will sponsor the ACTS Women's Retreat at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, CT. WOMAN meets JESUS...how Jesus Encourages, Empowers, and Equips Woman on their Personal Journey of Faith. The cost of the retreat is \$240. Individual rooms, private baths, all meals are included in price. Please contact: Linda Riera, Retreat Director: lrvigro@cox.net 860.747.9800, or Marci Puckowski, co-director: mpsmama@yahoo.com 860.621.7559.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **the Deceased Members of the Cotugno and Secondo Families**, requested by Bonnie, Susan and Lina.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in honor of **Mary Keegan on her 100th Birthday**, requested by Beatrice and Connie.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS
JANUARY—APRIL 2017**

	Actual	Budget
Weekly	\$124,982	\$126,000
Monthly/Holy Day	\$20,699	\$14,000
	\$145,681	\$140,000

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends—and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Please remember to support the businesses who advertise on the back of the weekly bulletin. We wish to thank our advertising sponsors for making this publication possible.

Readings for the Week of May 21, 2017

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26--16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



The sanctuary flowers are generously donated this week by **George and Nawal Haddad**.

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.

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.

VOCATIONS

In today's First Reading, Philip proclaims Christ to the city of Samaria and "there was great joy in that city." How can you proclaim Christ and bring the Joy of the Gospel to the world today? If you think that you are being called to a vocation to priesthood or religious life, contact **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at

SAFETY AT ST THOMAS

The safety of all is a priority here at St. Thomas. Anyone who notices a safety concern is asked to submit a Safety Observation Form. These forms are available in the church sacristy and at the rectory.

RECEPTION FOR FATHER NICK MELO

The Parish is in the planning stages for a reception luncheon for Fr. Nick on June 25, 2017, following the 10:00 Mass at the Southington Catholic cafeteria. Please indicate below your name and # of people who plan to attend in your family/group so we can estimate on how much food, etc... to order. Please respond by phone to the rectory at 860-628-4713, by email to stthomassouthington@gmail.com or by dropping this form into the collection basket at any Mass.

Name _____

Number attending _____