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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
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. 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.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00 Patti Yorski-Birthday, req. by her husband and daughter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 Frances and James Shaughnessy, req. by family

10:00 Arnold Furia, Jr., req. by Eleanor Furia

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

St. Augustine

7:30 Patricia Ann Nichols, req. by Richard M. Collins and family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30 Nicola and Saveria Sabino, req. by daughters, Teresa, Josephine and family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

12:10 Albert and Veronica Sadowski, req. by Don and Dorothy Charette

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Mass in Church

12:10 Barbara Bolduc, req. by Kathleen Baldwin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Louis & Michelina Perillo, req. by Theresa, Mickey and Frank

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 Anthony and Veronica Lorenzo, req. by Richard and Beth

10:00 Anna and Antonio DePascale, req. by Jerry and Vittoria Altieri

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 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.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

St. Thomas Parish offers Ministry to the homebound and shut-ins. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist on a monthly or weekly basis please call the rectory at 860-628-4713.

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.



We wish to congratulate the parents of **Kylie Anne Galvin** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church last weekend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Reminder: Completed **re-registration forms** for enrolled students with the \$50 fee should be returned at this time. Registration forms were sent to parents via email. Registration forms for **NEW** students, or those entering 1st grade, may be obtained at the entrances of the church or weekdays at the rectory. **A copy of the child's full birth certificate, baptismal certificate and the non-refundable fee of \$50** must accompany the completed registration form for new students.

ARCHDIOCESAN BLUE MASS

Join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair to Honor First Responders at the 2017 Blue Mass on Sunday, September 10th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 11am. Police, Fire, Emergency Responders, the Dept. of Corrections and other organizations who are in the service of protecting the public's well-being, will participate in an opening procession on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. The procession will lead into the Cathedral where Archbishop Blair will celebrate the Sunday Liturgy. While this annual event will once again honor the courage, generosity, personal sacrifice and life-saving competencies of first-responders, it will also be an occasion to reflect prayerfully on our unity as *"one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

A special Mass will take place at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00pm. All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th and any other special wedding anniversaries this year are invited! Archbishop Leonard Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the Rectory/parish office **by September 8th** at 860-628-4713 to respond to this invitation.

NEW DAY PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED

St Thomas Church will conduct a bereavement seminar beginning September 13, 2017. Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is encouraged to enroll and participate at no cost. The New Day process, developed by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, OP, will be used and participants will meet each Wednesday evening from 7 – 9 pm for 10 consecutive weeks. This process has been very successful in helping the bereaved transition to life without their loved one. During each meeting, participants work through one element of the grieving process using prayer, reflection, sharing and journaling. Everything that is shared during the meetings is held confidential. For more information or to enroll please call Vinny Raby [860-628-9425](tel:860-628-9425) or Dorothy Charette [860-628-4010](tel:860-628-4010). You may also call the Parish office [860-628-4713](tel:860-628-4713).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INFO SESSION

NFP is an umbrella term for modern, healthy, scientifically accurate, natural, and reliable methods of family planning. An introductory NFP session will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 10:00am to 12:00pm at St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St., Bristol, CT 06010. Open to anyone interested in understanding more about NFP. Free. Registration required by Sept. 9th. Call Office of Family Life at 860-242-5573, Ext. 2683 or email Martha.Pezo-Marin@AOHCT.org.



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **Patti Yorski**, requested by her husband and daughter.

ST. THOMAS PARISH ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER

Join us for a night of fun and good food. This year the Ladies Guild sponsored Italian Night dinner will be held at the Manor Inn Restaurant on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 6:30pm. A five course, sit-down dinner will be served along with musical entertainment by Enzo. Wine and music is included. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds will go towards the annual scholarship fund. Call Shandra at 860-628-9966 or Barbara at 860-2760758 for tickets. Deadline for tickets is September 15th.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Jean Kirychuk**, requested by family.

ST. THOMAS ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

Sunday, September 24th from 11:00am to 2:00pm on the grounds adjacent to the Church. There will be music, games and activities for children of all ages, as well as raffle prizes. Burger, hot dogs, rolls and fixings will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish to share, beverages for yourself and lawn chairs, blankets, etc. The Parish Picnic Committee is looking for helpers, please call BJ Raby at 860-628-9425 to volunteer.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS

Throughout the year there are a number of volunteers who assist in processing weekly collections and special mailings for the parish. We thank the following parishioners for their time and commitment to this ministry of service to our parish:

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| Kathy Daddona | Joan Murphy |
| Kathy Hjerpe | Mary Robarge |
| Ralph Hjerpe | Patricia Rossi |

In addition, thank you **Barbara Camp** for all the work you do in keeping our website updated.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

Now that I've been here at St. Thomas Church for two months, I'm getting use to the rhythm of life. Every parish has its own personality and style, and it takes some time to adapt. I have found my niche. Now that I'm in place, I am working to get myself more comfortable and settled. Now is the time to make this home.

One project I have begun is working on the rectory courtyard. Father Nick had a garden here, but it wasn't exactly my style. It wasn't bad; it just wasn't what I like. He has a more naturalist esthetic with wildflowers. (I like wild shoes more than wildflowers!) I prefer more structure in a garden. I like to establish foregrounds and backgrounds; I want some depth and diversity. I have been cutting back some overgrown shrubs and vines. I will be transplanting a few perennials to the front of the building. I will be planting a few new shrubs and plants to get a variety of textures and colors of leaves. There will be some evergreens to carry interest in the garden through the winter. I also need to get a few peonies out there. (It just isn't home for me without peonies!) It will take me a few months to get things ordered and a few years before it matches my vision, but it's underway.

That got me thinking about Church. We all belong to the same Body of Christ, but we don't all have to experience it the same way. We each find our way to adapt and find our place. Someone else may have different tastes and preference, but they aren't all bad. Maybe your mother is devoted to the Rosary but you prefer to meditate on Scripture. Is one the right way? No! Maybe your brother is actively involved in social justice ministry but your sister teaches catechism. Is one a better Catholic than the other? No! We tend the same garden of the Lord, but we all will respond to different ministries and vocations. That's fine. We don't all have to focus upon the same things. As long as we hold the Sacraments and Teachings, the Scripture and Tradition of the Church, we can find the place that brings us the joy and inspiration to be the best Christians we can be. We can plant different seeds, but all serve the same harvest master!

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWS!

Sharing your Gifts and Talents- Skilled carpenters, painters, electricians and computer techs are needed to help maintain the physical plant at Southington Catholic School. By donating your time you are helping to maintain the tuition rate at an affordable level for all our families. **Volunteers** are urged to call Mrs. Sampiere at 860-628-2485.

Readings for the Week of August 27, 2017

- Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27