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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 Alice and Frank DeRenzis, req. by Pamela DePaolo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30 Anna Lopreiato, req. by Pasquale and Maria DiChello

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:10 Deacon Thomas Lopatosky, req. by his wife and family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Dominic Mongillo, Sr. and Dominic Mongillo, Jr.-15th Anniversary, req. by wife and mother

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver

8:00 Parishioners of St. Thomas Church

4:00 Barbara and Al Westermayer, req. by BJ and Vinny Raby

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 The deceased members of the St. Thomas Ladies Guild, req. by the members

10:00 Eric Thomas, req. by Maria, Alex, Angelina and Isabella

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.

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 860-276-0758 for tickets. Deadline for tickets is **September 15th**.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018

Welcome to all students in this year's Religious Education Ministry. Our parish schedule of classes is as follows:

Grades 1-4 Mondays, 4:15-5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 18

Grades 5-8 Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 19

Grades 9-10 Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 17*

All meet in the school cafeteria for general assembly—followed by class instruction in the designated classrooms.

*Parents of grade 9 and 10 students will also meet on Sept. 17.

For more information, contact Sr. Marie at 860-621-1904

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the parish center on **Tuesday, September 5th** 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 Antoinetta Barbato at 860-628-2241.

BREAD FOR LIFE

St. Thomas Church has been assigned this week, **September 11-15th** for the Bread for Life Soup Kitchen. We need two people per day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, **donations of milk and fruit are needed**. If you are able to assist in the kitchen or help with a donation, please call Marie, 860-621-7615. Please consider giving the gift of your time one day during our assigned week.

COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

The Archdiocese of Hartford has scheduled an emergency collection for hurricane victims in the Houston area devastated by Hurricane Harvey for next weekend, September 9th and 10th. Please make checks out to St. Thomas Church.

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. 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).

ST. THOMAS CHOIR

Looking for something that you can do this fall to give back to your church? Why not share your talent by lending your voice in song with our choir. We are made up of many members of all ages. The St. Thomas Choir will resume weekly rehearsals beginning Thursday, **Sept 14th at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join as we start the season. Music reading is not necessary, only the ability to sing one's part with the group. The choir sings for the 10:00 am Sunday Masses and at all liturgical celebrations throughout the year. If you have any questions, please call Emil Kopcha, Music Director at 860-621-0637 or email: ekopcha@cox.net. Come raise your voice in song!

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.



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

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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in honor of **Jean and Tom Donnelly**, requested by the Cambell, Cassidy and Zbikowski families.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Millie and Frank Longo**, requested by family.

BREAD FOR LIFE VOLUNTEERS

St. Thomas Church has a group of volunteers who participate in the Bread for Life soup kitchen here in Southington, serving and delivering meals to our most needy neighbors. The group is on a rotation with 11 other Church groups for a week at a time preparing sandwiches, setting tables and serving the needy. 4-5 times a year you will see the bulletin announcement when our week is approaching. Please consider joining the group to help "Feed the Hungry", or donating items of fresh fruit of milk. We thank the following parishioners for their service in the past year:

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| Luigi Barbato | Matthew Lopreiato |
| Rita Barbieri | Debbie Montano |
| Claire Bill | Johanna Needham |
| David Bill | Barbara Orsie |
| Linda Camisa | Grace Padone |
| Mary Cassidy | Josephine Palmieri |
| Marilyn Coppola | Donna Pasciutti |
| Bob D'Angelo | Claire Pennington |
| Angelina DellaPorta | Jackie Powers |
| Linda Flute | Theresa Sabino |
| Vinny Fusco | Kathy Sokoloski |
| Kathy Godin | Tom Saccoman |
| Kathy Hjerpe | Marie Thelen |
| Bob Howard | Roberta Vendetti |

Coordinator: **Marie Boutote**

Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017

- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

Here we are at Labor Day Weekend. Summer is coming to an end and school has begun. We've been blessed with spectacularly beautiful weather. We hope to enjoy a continuation of the glorious days as we prepare for those last barbeques and parties. While we've enjoyed fine weather, not all have been so lucky. In Texas, we see the devastating floods plaguing the area after Hurricane Harvey. Beyond the typical damage of high winds and tornadoes, they have suffered a deluge of rain for a week. It will take years to rebuild much of what has been destroyed. This Labor Day, we should do the work to aid our brothers and sisters in need.

Would you like to donate to the relief? Contact Catholic Charities. Go to their website at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org or mail checks to Catholic Charities USA P.O. Box 17066 Baltimore, MD 21297-1066. You may want to go directly to one of the local diocese suffering from the disaster. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has seen the largest destruction. Their office of Catholic Charities can be found at www.catholiccharities.org/helpforharvey. They also will have links in the coming months for volunteer action that can be done. Beyond Catholic Charities, work is being done by Lutheran World Relief, which has a presence in the area. You can read more at www.lwr.org. The Red Cross and Americares are already on the ground providing relief and emergencies services. (Both agencies have excellent ratings for the amount of money donated going directly to services.) Their websites are www.redcross.org and www.americares.org. We will have a collection next weekend here for the Catholic Charities.

Beyond those large scale relief agencies, there are smaller groups working to assist people in need. The Texas Diaper Bank (www.texasdiaperbank.org) provides diapers to infants, toddlers, and seniors. Relief agencies often do not provide diapers in disasters, and stores are closed or cannot get supplies. This organization provides packages to help families and individuals especially when displaced from their homes. Also, there are local food pantries that will be serving larger than normal numbers of people who are displaced. Perhaps you might like to make a donation to the Galveston County Food Bank. Checks can be made out and mailed to Holy Rosary Church 1420 31st Street Galveston, TX 77550. The need will be great for months and years ahead. Any assistance we make will help.

As we rejoice in our fine weather, we pray for those who are facing such destruction. As we recall those facing flooding in Texas, we should not forget those facing the trauma of wild fires in the Pacific Northwest, particularly in Oregon. We count our blessings and ask what we can do to help others in need. We love our God by loving our brothers and sisters. Now is the time to put that into practice!

Gratefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe