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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 9

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 Jennie Jordan, req. by Rob and Robin Bores

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 The deceased members of the Sukatski and Zeglan Families, req. by the Sukatski Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:10 Parishioners whose Funeral Mass was in August: Ersilia Castaldo and Anna Lopreiato

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

12:10 Giuseppe Mazzulla, req. by his wife and grandson

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 SS. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 Giuseppe Izzo-Anniversary, req. by Frank and Mario Izzo and family
4:00 Audrey Lubrico, req. by her husband and daughters

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 Concetta Cusano, req. by her daughter and family
10:00 The deceased members of the John Longo and John Keating Families, req. by Tony, Nancy and Bill

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

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.

LADIES GUILD

St. Thomas Ladies Guild invites all women of the parish to the first meeting of our new calendar year, Monday, September 11th at 7pm in the Church Basement. Join us for a special evening as we share ideas for the coming months. For information call Terry Bouchard at 860-628-2981. (See our Membership Drive form on the next page.)

NEW DAY PROGRAM FOR BEREAVED

St Thomas Church will conduct a bereavement seminar beginning this Wednesday, 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!

TOUCHED BY MERCY

Sponsored by the Franciscan Life Center, *Touched by Mercy* is a day of reflection for persons affected by the suicide of a loved one. Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE will be the presenter and it will be held at Chiara Center, 275 Finch Ave, Meriden, CT on September 30th from 9:30am to 3:00pm. The day will include lunch and Mass. RSVP to 203-237-8084 or go to flcenter.org for more information.



The sanctuary flowers are donated this week in memory of **Michael Salvati**, requested by Sue Votino and family.

ST. THOMAS ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

Come one, come all on 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 memory of **Edward Sieruta-Anniversary**, requested by LouAnn Sieruta.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in honor of **Jean and Tom Donnelly**, requested by The Cambell, Cassidy and Zbikowki Families.

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,
It was wonderful visiting all of you while I was home on a short vacation. Thank you to Fr. Joe and the entire parish for your continued prayers, your extraordinary love and generosity supporting my seminary studies. Summer seemed to fly by! Some of the highlights for me were teaching English to a group of Vietnamese religious sisters at Holy Apostles, going on a Mission Trip to Norristown, PA with a high school youth group, and visiting our M.S.A. community in Washington, D.C. Now it's back to the books for the fall semester. God willing, I will be back to visit around Christmas after our community's Provincial Retreat and Assembly wraps up in mid December. Peace and prayers united in the Lord Jesus, Daniel Valente, Postulant, M.S.A.

VOCATIONS

If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Readings for the Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

I know he'll be very upset with me, but I need to acknowledge our deacon. Angelo Coppola had his 75th birthday last week. (Happy birthday to him!) I'm not sure if that age means much to you, but to the clergy it's a very important one. At 75, we can retire and become "senior status". Deacon Angelo wrote to Archbishop Blair and officially became senior status last weekend. Having said that, he also was given permission to stay on and serve the parish at will. While his official status has changed, his duties will not. He will still be active in our parish community as long as he is healthy and chooses to minister. I am happy to have him remain with us to help me in my time of transition.

While he isn't going anywhere, you may want to thank Deacon Angelo for all he has done here. He has baptized your children and trained your altar servers. He has been on for countless Masses and buried many of our family and friends. He has ministered well to this community for decades. He has helped plan liturgies and attended numerous meetings. He has dedicated a lifetime of ministry to this parish that is his home. I know I am most grateful to have the opportunity to minister beside him. Thank you, Angelo, and I hope and pray the Lord gives you many more happy years serving the people of this parish.

The focus of so many Catholics is upon the priests of the Church, but we cannot do it all alone. We need deacons to help minister to the congregation. We also depend upon a dedicated staff who keep everything running day to day. We are grateful for the altar servers, lectors, and music ministry who enhance the liturgies. The Eucharistic Ministers not only help at Mass but bring Communion to our homebound brothers and sisters. The school and religious education programs teach our children in the ways of the faith. There are so many people who love the Lord and serve him well, and they all deserve recognition. Thank you all! I know we are blessed to have you serve. Take a moment this week to rejoice in the good works being done here every day and thank those who do them. It's always good to thank those who help us all.

Gratefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

2017 - 2018 LADIES GUILD REGISTRATION

The Saint Thomas Ladies' Guild is conducting its annual membership drive. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. **Please complete the form below, include the \$5 membership fee and drop in the collection basket.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____