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“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another (John 13:35).”



June 13, 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM / Sunday: 7:30AM & 10:00AM

Town's Weekday Mass Schedule

*Masses are at Immaculate Conception Church
130 Summer Street*

Monday—Friday: 7:30 AM and Noon
Saturday Morning: 7:30 AM

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic faithful of St. Thomas parish, nourished by God's Word and by the Sacraments, welcome and serve the Family of God. Through evangelization, education, and spiritual development, we demonstrate the true meaning of God's love by living in the image of Christ.

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8AM-4PM

SATURDAY, June 12—The Immaculate Heart of Mary

† 7:30 AM (IC) Reverend Walter F. Geraghty—**Birthday Anniversary**

Requested by The Micalizzi Family

† 4:00PM **Pasqualina Fazzone**

Requested by Vinny & Theresa Scirocco

SUNDAY, June 13—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

† 7:30AM **Luisa Volpe**

Requested by husband Joseph

† 10:00AM **Harry Kyle**

Requested by wife Sara Kyle

MONDAY, June 14—Weekday

† 7:30 AM(IC) **Charles Impellizzeri—2nd Anniversary**

Requested by Cheryl & Craig Impellizzeri

† 12:00 PM (IC) **Charlotte & Frank Haupt**

Requested by daughter

TUESDAY, June 15—Weekday

† 7:30 AM (IC) **Pro-Populo (for the people)**

† 12:00 PM (IC) **Pro-Populo (for the people)**

WEDNESDAY, June 16—Weekday

† 7:30 AM (IC) **Pro-Populo (for the people)**

† 12:00 PM (IC) **Pro-Populo (for the people)**

THURSDAY, June 17—Weekday

† 7:30 AM (IC) **Pro-Populo (for the people)**

† 12:00 PM (IC) **Pro-Populo (for the people)**

FRIDAY, June 18—Weekday

† 7:30 AM (IC) **Bob & Barbara Novak**

Requested by family

† 12:00 PM (IC) **Pro-Populo(for the people)**

SATURDAY, June 19—St. Romuald, Abbott

† 7:30 AM (IC) **Wallace T. Bailey & J. Ward Curtin**

Requested by Wally & Bette Ann Bailey

† 4:00PM **Deceased Members of the Burke & Montano families**

Requested by the families

SUNDAY, June 20—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† 7:30AM **Lorraine Canty—Anniversary**

Requested by Terri, Brendan, & Meagan Clyne

† 10:00AM **Andréa DelSanto**

Requested by wife & children



Sanctuary Candle

Church: Assunta “Sadie” Manware

Requested by: husband James





Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

“Where are you going on vacation this summer, Father?” I have been hearing this quite often. Now that quarantine precautions are being lifted nationwide, most people expect me to be getting away for some rest. That sounds like a lovely plan, but that won't be happening any time soon. I have a great many things to do this summer, so there simply won't be time to travel.

We still need staff to hire. There will be interviews for the office manager and the financial officer of Southington Catholic School. Once the new employees are here, we will have to work with them to catch them up with all they need to know. We also have our new principal, Mr. James Messina, starting in July. We will be working through the summer to prepare for the coming year. I will have to be on hand to answer many questions for the new staff so they are comfortable with their position when school opens in the fall.

We have our new faith formation program for the town to begin. I have been working with our new Faith Formation Director, Mr. Patrick Reid, as he develops a program and chooses materials. We will be recruiting catechists for this massive undertaking (there should be about 1,000 children in the catechism program this coming fall), and we could use help from parishioners. I will be spending the summer, not only helping the director as the program is taking shape, but helping find catechists. It will be a busy summer.

We have a new youth ministry program to begin. The director we hired, Mr. Christopher Kelley, ended up leaving for Ohio. Our plans are off a bit there. The summer will be spent lining up the new director and getting something organized by this coming autumn for our teens.

August will see the initial merging of Immaculate Conception, St. Thomas, and St. Dominic parishes. We need to develop a new Mass schedule for three communities, in two churches, that will meet our needs. We will have to line up the many liturgical ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers & greeters, sacristans, etc.) to make that schedule work. We have to meet with music

directors to determine who is doing what, when, and where. The bulletin will need a redesign, and the website and social media have to be updated. The churches have to be outfitted with ways to stream liturgies online. There is much to do.

Come August, we will have a new parochial vicar, Father David Madejski. I will have to greet him and help him settle into ministry here. We will have to work on a schedule of how we will cover the needs of the parish, along with our deacons. We will have to settle into the rectory at St. Dominic's as a residence, and work to convert the residential section of St. Thomas rectory into offices.

As you can see, there is simply too much to be done this summer for me to take any time on vacation. Once that is all done, everyone is settled, and the parishes are adapting, then I hope to have some time to rest in the fall. God willing, I can have a leaf peeping trip!

Faithfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe



✠ Ask Father ✠

Question: Father, why do we refer to the calling hours before a funeral as a wake? Isn't the deceased going to his or her rest in Christ? Why a wake?

Answer: Thanks for the question. This one led me to research some fascinating facts. The term “wake” comes from the Old English word *wacian*, meaning ‘to be awake’ or ‘to keep watch’. The term does not apply to the deceased person but to the mourners. The family and friends of the deceased would prepare the body for burial and then gather to stay with the body all night until the Funeral Mass the following day. The vigil was a time of prayers, eating and drinking, singing songs, and storytelling. The mourners would watch over the body through the night, usually at home or occasionally in the church. They were called to stay awake and keep watch, thus the term ‘wake’ was applied to the vigil. There was a spiritual connection, coming from the Lord's call to his disciples. “Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” It was a reminder that death comes for us all; we ought to be alert as we pray for those who have died. We show the care for them we hope to receive ourselves. There was also a very practical reason for the vigil, to protect the body. In an era when rats and mice were common and often rampant in homes and churches, the family and friends stayed awake to make sure the vermin were kept away from the body of the deceased. The wake was kept to keep the remains of loved ones safe until the rituals of Christian burial were completed and the body was safely in the grave. While we no longer remain with the body all night, we still use the term ‘wake’ to describe the period of family and friends gathering with the body before the funeral.

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3,13-16/2 Cor 5:6-10/
Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2,5-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4,9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4,7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-26,28--31/
2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



Parish Information



Parish Staff

Priests

Rev. Joseph R. Cronin—Pastor
fr.cronin@aohct.org

Rev. John E. Cockayne—(*Senior Status*)

Deacons

Angelo J. Coppola—(*Senior Status*)
Vincent J. Raby—Pastoral Associate
dcn.raby@aohct.org

Music Ministry

Emil Kopcha—Director
Kathy Kopcha—Assistant

Office Manager

Heidi Malley

Business Manager

Marc Ingriselli

Trustees

Susan Howard & Paul Miano

Plant Manager

Casey Potthoff

Custodial Staff

Bonnie Guimond—*Part Time*
Ron Lemire—*Part Time*
Marty Lopatosky
Harry Masterbone

Director of Faith Formation

Patrick Reid

Director of Youth Ministry

Southington Catholic School

Principal

Eileen Sampiere

Office Manager

Loretta Putala

Advancement Director

Mary Alexander

Custodian

Rick Barrett

Devotions / Groups

Italian Rosary Group

CURRENTLY ON HOLD

Lap Blanket Ministry

Parishioners make blankets for patients in local health care facilities. Anyone who crochets is invited to join us in the church basement. *One Wednesday Evening a month 7:00-8:15PM. Canceled until further notice.*

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild meets the first Monday of each month, and hosts hospitality the first Sunday of each month. **Canceled until further notice.**

Bible Study Group

We have finished our Bible study for this year. We will begin a new study in September. At that time, we will examine the Gospel of Luke. We hope to welcome new friends this fall!

Cemetery

If you or your family are looking to purchase a plot or niche in the columbarium, give us a call in the rectory office. We'll have our Plant Manager, Casey Potthoff, meet with you and explain the options for graves and markers. Please, call the rectory to schedule a meeting.

Sponsor Certificates

They're available in the sacristy and the rectory. You must be an active parishioner, registered with us at least 6 months. The use of the envelopes helps verify your status. You must also have completed your Sacraments of Initiation and be in a valid marriage. If you have questions, call us.

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents, contact the rectory to schedule a baptism. There's a preparation meeting for parents having their first child baptized.

RCIA—Adult Sacraments

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, give us a call!

Reconciliation

Confessions are Saturdays 3:00 PM until 3:30 PM in the reconciliation room in the church (you must wear a mask when coming),

Marriage

We need a minimum of six months for preparation. Couples should contact Father Joe to set up a meeting.

Sacrament of the Sick

Should you, or someone you know, need an anointing, please call Father Joe at the rectory to schedule a visit.

Homebound / Hospital

Please, contact the rectory if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. We can arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring you the Blessed Sacrament at home.

New Parishioners

Welcome! We're delighted to have you join. Introduce yourself to Father or the Deacons after Mass. Parish registration forms are available in the sacristy and the rectory office. Take one for the family, and a separate form for each member. Once completed, mail them to us or drop them in the collection basket.



Collections for June 6th

Weekly—\$6855/Diocesan—\$1380/Online—\$2270



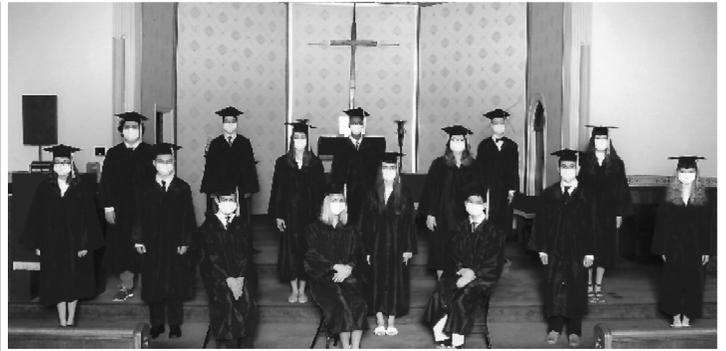
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Congratulations to the newly installed members of the National Junior Honor Society at Southington Catholic School.



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Based on the pillars of Leadership; Scholarship; Service; Character and Citizenship, three new members were recently induced: Samuel Gonzalez, Keaton Kroll and Tyler Benoit. They join current members: Dominick Gionfriddo; Savannah Haggerty; Leah Petruzzi; Nicole Raymond; Nicholas Rieger; Emily Tornberg and Riley Wichman.



Congratulations to the Southington Catholic School CLASS OF 2021

Nicholas Biancardi; Madison Fifield; Dominick Gionfriddo; Samuel Gonzalez; Savannah Haggerty; Ethan Laderoute; Nora Murdzek; Connor Nettleton; Leah Petruzzi; Nicole Raymond; Nicholas Rieger; Jaden Savulis; Emily Tornberg; Matthew Uryga and Riley Wichman all graduated on Friday, June 4th. We pray for them and wish them well as they head to high school next year. God bless you all!

† Southington



Is God Calling You to Be a Catechist?

The word *catechist* derives from a Greek word meaning "to echo." Catechists, in the Parishes of Southington, echo the **Word of God** to the children and youth. Catechists are faithful believers that comprise various ages, skills, and talents. They are not expected to be seasoned teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people, *just like you*, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our youngest generation. Catechists are positive role models who help children grow in faith, spirituality, and their relationship with God. Their gift of time and talents has tremendous value... because through their words, actions, and expression of faith given towards their students, the message of Jesus Christ continues to spread throughout the world.

Do you:

- Love God and want to know Him better?
- Love children and enjoy working with them?
- Want to share God's love with others?
- Want to be good role model for children?
- Want to share your faith more and help others grow in their own faith?
- Want to help children develop a relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

Feel Jesus' call to serve and carry out the mission he gave all of us?

The parishes of Southington are offering the first unified faith formation program this fall. We need Catechists, who are interested in offering an hour and half a week, to help instruct the younger generations in the faith. Training, resources, and materials are provided! Anyone who is interested in serving, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Patrick Reid, via email at Southington.dre@gmail.com, by June 20th.

Magnificat Virtual Prayer Visitation – “Forgiveness”

ZOOM EVENT

Saturday, June 19, 2021
10:00 a.m. EST

EMAIL REGISTRATION: Please register by 6/18/2021 by emailing us at Motherofdivinemercyct@yahoo.com

Speaker: Alexandra Andrews



Alexandra is a wife and mother of two young boys, and a Pro-Life speaker who shares her testimony as an Abortion Survivor. Alexandra reveals the ways in which God carried out His plan for her life, to bring her out of an orphanage in Russia so she could spread the message of the Gospel.

Please provide your full name, email address for yourself and any guests who are attending with you as well. After you are registered, you will be sent the login and password 1 week prior to the event. For more information, please contact Kathy at 860-621-7814.

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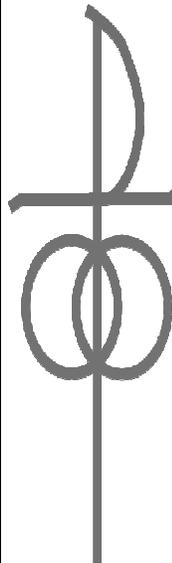
Stewardship Thought

Like the sower in today’s Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God’s grace and in God’s time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.



Our Sunday Visitor, Stewardship by the Book: Bulletin Bits Based on the Sunday Readings, by Sharon Hueckel, 2004 edition pg 20

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families
Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

Department of Social Services
for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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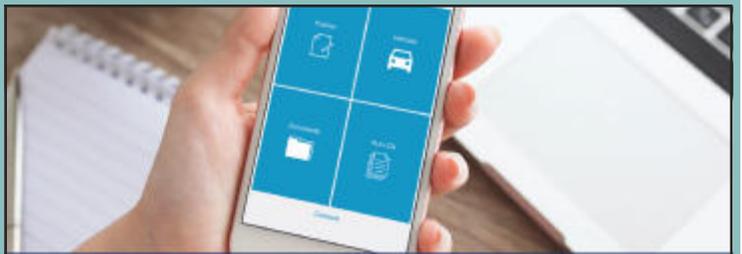


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