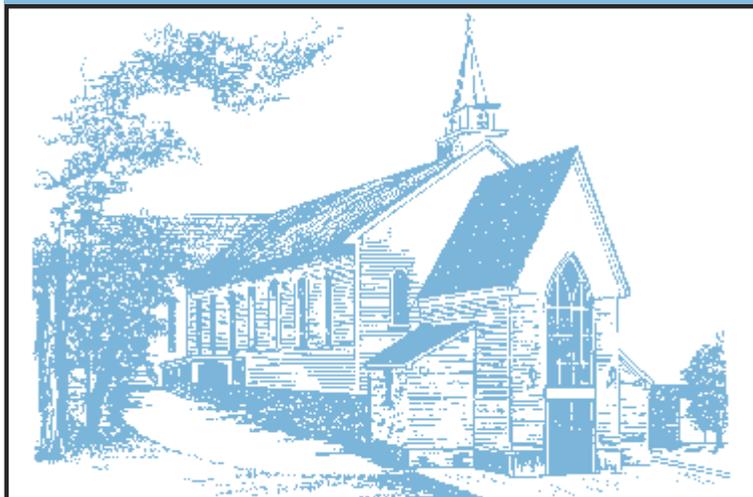


# Saint Thomas Church

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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 20, 2021

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Fathers' Day

## Rectory Office

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Web Sites: [www.stthomassouthington.org](http://www.stthomassouthington.org)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/104009621923](https://www.facebook.com/groups/104009621923)

## St. Thomas Convent

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## Office of Faith Formation

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## Southington Catholic School

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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 Intentions for the Week*

**Rectory Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday 8AM-4PM**

**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

**MONDAY, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

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

† 12:00 PM (IC) Henry & Genevieve Daniels Requested by family

**TUESDAY, June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St. John Fisher, Bishop & Martyr & St. Thomas More, Martyr**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, June 23—Weekday**

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

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

**THURSDAY, June 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

† 7:30 AM (IC) Souls in Purgatory Requested by parishioner

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

**FRIDAY, June 25—Weekday**

† 7:30 AM (IC) Souls in Purgatory Requested by parishioner

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

**SATURDAY, June 26—Weekday**

† 7:30 AM (IC) Stanislaw Zak Requested by family

† 4:00PM Deceased Members of Alfonso Fragola & family Requested by Mickey & Frank

**SUNDAY, June 27—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† 7:30AM Michael Volpe & Anthony Renzi Requested by Maria LaPorta

† 10:00AM Francis & Jennie Papallo Requested by their daughters



*Sanctuary Candle*

**Church: All Graduates**





# Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

Happy Father's Day to all the dads! This is a glorious day where we, your sons and daughters, thank you for the love and devotion you offer us. We thank you for all the effort you made to build up a home and family filled with dignity and respect. We thank you for all the times you shuttled us around in cars. We thank you for all the hours you spent teaching us to play ball. We thank you for the barbeques and family vacations. We thank you for the times you sat with us when we were sick, scolded us when we were bad, and laughed with us when we needed some joy. Most of all, we thank you for the gift of love you gave us in so many ways. All that we are, we owe to you. So to all of our fathers, thank you and God bless you! Happy Fathers' Day!



as we would hope. This has been a challenging time, and we honor the fathers for their sacrifices and the labors they bore to make it all better.

As we come out of the limitations of quarantine and severe contact precautions, it will be a very different celebration. We will be able to gather together. Families will be able to be in one space to honor their fathers and rejoice with each other. As we do, don't take any of it for granted. Cherish each moment with your family and friends. Instead of seeing all that might be wrong, see the good that is here. Remember how difficult the last year has been and thank those who worked to make it more bearable. This Fathers' Day, we rejoice with renewed vigor and awareness of God's blessings that flow, even when things are tough.

Joyfully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

We have seen in the quarantine how difficult being a father can be. How many of you were unable to be in the presence of your children? You couldn't hug your children or grandchildren. You had to learn how to have family time on Zoom or facetime on a smart phone. How many fathers of young children had to keep things together at home, trying to make the unusual seem normal for small children? With changes with how we work, kids going to school, and the rhythms of life upended, it added stress and fear to our lives. Calming the nerves of young children was a challenge beyond any we thought it might be. How many of us had fathers in nursing homes or hospitals who had to be there alone? We couldn't go to hold their hands and offer comfort

## Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

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

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-5/Mt 7:6,12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12,17-18/Ps 105:1-4,6-9/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** *Vig:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6,15,17/1 Pt 1:8-12/  
Lk 1:5-17 *Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3,13-15/  
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10,15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50,53-55/Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/  
2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15/Mk 5:21-43

## ✠ Ask Father ✠

**Question:** Father, if both priests and deacons are ordained, why are they different?

**Answer:** Actually, deacons, priests and bishops are all ordained – they are the three orders of the clergy. Ordination is the conferral of the office of ministry to an individual trained in the practice of the faith and dedicated to the service of God within the Church. All three ordinations are performed by the same action, a laying on of hands. This physical connection goes back through the Church to the earliest Apostles who were given the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They laid hands upon those chosen to lead after them, and those men did the same for further generations. This creates an unbroken, apostolic line working to unite the Church spread throughout the world. A bishop lays hands on the head of a candidate to ordain him a deacon. At a later date, the bishop would lay hands on the head of a transitional deacon to ordain him a priest. For a bishop, several bishops must be present to lay hands on his head. What makes each ordination different is the ceremony. When presented for orders, the candidate is asked questions in which he has to make promises to fulfill duties and obligations unique to the order he is entering. Permanent deacons would be commissioned to preach, baptize and perform marriages. A priest would be commissioned to consecrate the Eucharist, forgive sins and anoint the sick, plus he promises celibacy. Bishops are commissioned to confirm and ordain. Each order has a function unique to its own. While the physical gesture is always the same, the intention is different. The bishop and the candidate intend for this ordination to be for a specific order in union with the whole Church. The Church, through years of education, formation, and investigation, agrees that the candidate is worthy or objects if not. All clergy must be ordained to each order in sequence. All clergy have been ordained deacons. Many deacons then are ordained priests. Some priests will be ordained bishops. They share all in the line of apostolic succession, but each is chosen and ordained for a special task for the service of the Church. So all are ordained the same way; the difference comes through the intention of the unique orders.



# 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**

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### **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 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekly—\$6285/Monthly—\$1250/Online—\$1740**



# † Southington Catholic School †

## Breakfast Cupboard:

The summer months will bring an even greater need for supporting the Southington Food Pantry. Without school meals, many children rely on the donations that the Food Pantry makes available to families in need. Southington Catholic School will continue to collect boxes of breakfast cereal throughout the summer months. Please consider adding an extra box of cereal to your weekly shopping trip and dropping it off at school. Your effort makes a difference to a family in need. Please call the school at 860-628-2485 for summer hours. Thank you.



# † Southington Faith Formation †

## 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](mailto:Southington.dre@gmail.com), by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Birthright of Connecticut

**Birthright Needs Volunteers!** Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

**Birthright Needs** gently worn **Maternity and Baby Clothing.** Please call the number above for information on where to drop off your donations. **Thank you in advance!**



## Stewardship Thought

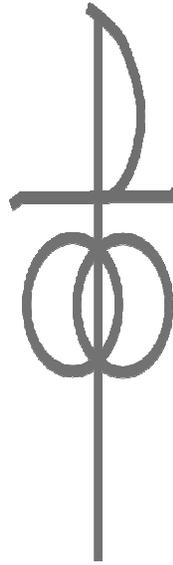


St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died “so that those who live might live no longer for themselves.” What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

Our *Sunday Visitor*,  
*Stewardship by the Book:*  
*Bulletin Bits Based on the*  
*Sunday Readings, by Sharon*  
*Hueckel, 2004 edition, PG*  
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## 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/>. Happy

Father’s Day! Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29.

## **A Prayer for Fathers’ Day**

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of St. Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give



them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. AMEN

**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

**Kathleen D. Nowosadko**  
**Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
**860-541-6475**  
**[kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org](mailto: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](http://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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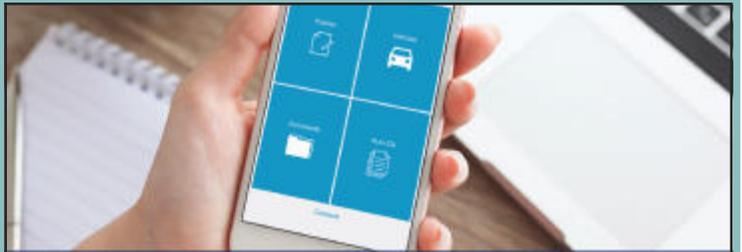


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