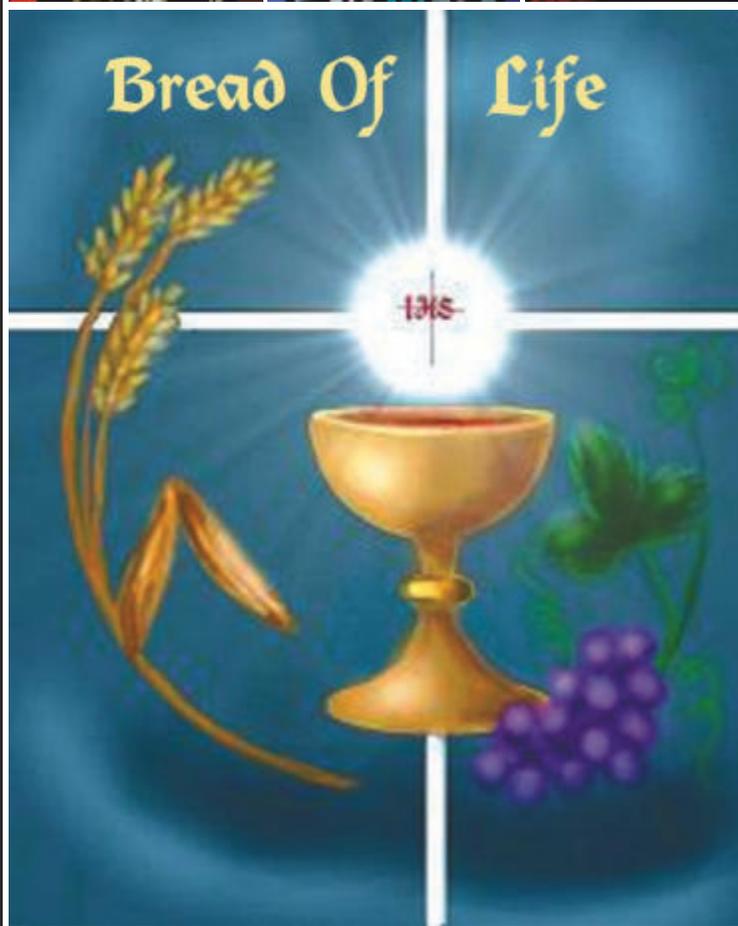


Southington Catholic Parishes

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



August 8, 2021
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils: 4:00PM at St. Dominic Church
5:30PM at Immaculate Conception (*in English*)

Sunday Masses: 7:30AM at St. Dominic Church
9:00AM at Immaculate Conception (*in Polish*)
10:30AM at St. Dominic Church

*St. Dominic Church—1050 Flanders Road
Southington, CT 06489*

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

*Central Office for booking Masses and Sacraments
St. Thomas Rectory
99 Bristol Street Southington CT 06489*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8AM-4PM

SATURDAY, August 7—St. Sixtus II, Pope, & St. Cajetan, Priest

† 7:30 AM (IC) Msgr. Paul Lanopfeld

Requested by Fr. Ron

† 4:00PM (SD) Marco Ingriselli, Sr.—26th Anniversary

Requested by wife & children

† 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Pro-Populo(for the people)

SUNDAY, August 8—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† 7:30AM (SD) Anthony Renzi & Michael Volpe

Requested by Luisa Renzi

Health & God's Blessings for Adelyn Czarnecki

Requested by family

† 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Jozefa Kapala

Requested by family

† 10:30AM (SD) Midge Farina

Requested by the Meriden Ave. neighbors

MONDAY, August 9—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin Martyr

† 7:30 AM(IC) Doreen Fasulo

Requested by Michael Fasulo

† 12:00 PM (IC) Joseph Mirando

Requested by Mary Ann Derynioski

TUESDAY, August 10—St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

† 7:30 AM(IC) Agostino Bertuca

Requested by wife & daughters

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

WEDNESDAY, August 11—St. Clare, Virgin

† 7:30 AM (IC) Stanley Budnik

Requested by family

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

THURSDAY, August 12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

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

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

FRIDAY, August 13—St. Pontian, Pope, & St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

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

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

SATURDAY, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

† 7:30 AM (IC) George Orioli, Jr.

Requested by Mom & Dad

† 4:00PM (SD) Guarino Zacchia—Anniversary

Requested by Maria Gagnon

† 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Pro-Populo(for the people)

SUNDAY, August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

† 7:30AM (SD) George W. Heath, Jr.

Requested by the Heath family

Cynthia Blozie & Kevin Legat

Requested by Deborah & Richard Testa

† 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Maria Zak

Requested by family

† 10:30AM (SD) Michael & Immacolata Salvati

Requested by Carmine & Sue



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

The conversation began, "So, how was your day?" I cringed and laughed. He knew it was a silly question as soon as it left his lips. That was last Sunday.

How was my day? Well, I had celebrated the final regular weekend Masses at the church that has been home for four years. I had attended Father May's retirement party. Everywhere I went, I had weepy people expressing how sad they were and how tough change is. I had to run to the rectory at St. Dominic's with Father Madjeski and talked about the move into the residence, all while a group of men were lugging old furniture out to be donated to a charity. I had some questions to answer about some changes at Immaculate Conception as Father Ron Zeppecki said his goodbyes as their administrator. I had to go back to St. Thomas rectory and begin packing my things to move up to St. Dominic's rectory. All this was done on three hours sleep, as I had been called the night before to Hartford Hospital to anoint a parishioner who was in the ICU. The day was busy, sad, confusing, and plain exhausting!

While I was exhausted, I was also satisfied. I was content that I could let parishioners of St. Thomas know I understood the sacrifice they were making, and helped them see the greater good to unite. I was happy to meet some of the parishioners from St. Dominic's to address any fears, questions, or concerns. I tried to ease their minds as best I could. I was happy I could answer some questions Immaculate Conception parishioners had and let them know that services would be continuing in Polish and English. It was a good start to where we are going.

To my old friends, you know the drill; to my new



friends, I will be writing letters for the bulletins each week to let you know what is going on in the parish, the Church, the world, and in my own life. We are speaking to the bulletin company now to get a single bulletin published for the three parishes throughout this year. Beyond the normal announcements, I like to use the bulletin to inform and educate. There will be a section called

"Ask Father" where people can pose questions on anything from liturgies, sacraments, church history, theology, or any other number of subjects. We will share information about Church seasons and saints. This will be a tool to inform and educate, hopefully working to unite us in purpose and mission.

I won't be so silly as to ask how you are all doing, but I will pray we will all work well together in this time of transition and change in our community. Things might be sad, confusing, frustrating, or just plain exhausting for us, but we will make it through. If we unite in our common devotion to Christ, united by the Holy Spirit, we will be just fine. This is a good start, and I pray we keep moving forward in faith, hope, and love.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

✠ Ask Father ✠

Question: Father, when you list the parishes in town, you always do it in the order: Immaculate Conception, Mary Our Queen, St. Thomas, St. Dominic, and St. Aloysius. Why?

Answer: The Catholic Church creates list in what is called the order of precedence. There is a ranking system of how you organize groups of clergy, religious, or lay people in to show proper respect to them all. The same is true of saints. The Blessed Mother always goes first in any list of saints, so we put her first. The Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Church, so that title takes precedence over Mary Our Queen. Next is St. Thomas, as apostles and evangelists would come next. We have no martyrs, so we turn next to St. Dominic. As the founder of a religious community, he ranks for being both a professed religious brother and a founder of an order. St. Aloysius follows him as one who was a novice in the Jesuits, but not professed at the time of his death. That is why I list the patron saints of Southington's parishes in the order I do.

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2,5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/Ps 45:1-12,16/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



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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.

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 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM at St. Dominic's Church (masks must be worn when coming). You may also call for an appointment. To be scheduled for a weekday at Immaculate Conception.

Marriage

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

Sacrament of the Sick

Should you, or someone you know, need an anointing, please call the priests at the rectory to schedule.

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.

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.

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

Weekly—\$6023 /Online—\$1033



† Southington Catholic School †

NOW ENROLLING!



WELCOME! Southington Catholic School (pre-k through grade 8) is currently accepting new registrations for the upcoming school year. Let us introduce you to the opportunities available to your student in an environment

where high academic standards are offered in a safe, nurturing environment. Parents of prospective pre-school children are invited to call and discuss the options for our outstanding full and half day programs for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information or to schedule your visit, please call 860-628-2485.

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. Thank you.



† Southington Faith Formation †

CATECHISM SIGN UP!

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation program is open! The enrollment form, program handbook, and schedule are available on the parishes' websites. To register your child (or children) for classes, please print out and complete the enrollment form. Submit (or mail) the enrollment form, a copy of the child's Baptism certificate, and payment to St. Thomas Church. A late fee of \$10.00 will be applied to all enrollment forms submitted after August 20th. Please continue to check the parishes' websites for the most up to date information and announcements regarding the program.

CALLING CATECHISTS!

We are still in need of catechists for the Faith Formation program year. Catechists are ordinary people, *just like you*, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our youngest generation. Training, resources, and materials are provided! If you are interested in helping with the town wide program or have any questions about the 2021-2022 Faith Formation program, please contact Patrick Reid via email at Southington.dre@gmail.com, or by phone at (860) 628-9679.



Mass Intentions

Beginning August 2nd, all mass intentions for Immaculate Conception Church, St. Dominic Church, and St. Thomas Church will be booked through the St. Thomas Rectory office. Please call during the business hours of 8:00—4:00 Monday through Friday to book your intention.

Mass Intentions that have already been booked for the original mass times, will be moved to the closest mass time of the new schedule.

Please note that when linking the three Mass books, there may be double intentions for any one Mass that were already booked. If you have questions or would like more information, please call the office. Thank you.



The Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington

The Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington is an initiative that seeks to reach out to our young brothers and sisters in Christ, to welcome them and to offer them opportunities to build deep, meaningful relationships with Our Lord Jesus, with one another, and with the larger Catholic community of Southington. In our Youth Ministry, high-school aged teens will be able to participate in fun and engaging events centered on our Lord, our Catholic Faith, fellowship, prayer, and service. We are planning to host our launch event in the last week of September. Further details and upcoming announcements will be posted in the bulletin and on our parishes' websites.

Volunteers are vital to the growth and development of our Youth Ministry. Young people need trusted adults to accompany them on their journey of life. They need guides to lead them, not just to a place of fulfillment, meaning and purpose, but to an encounter with the One who gives their lives that very meaning and purpose—Jesus Christ. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Pavano at 860-628-5159 or email Southingtonyouthministry@gmail.com

We're also planning to host a parent forum that will give parents of high-school students the opportunity to meet our Director of Youth Ministry, learn more about our upcoming programs, and share insights on the lives of our young people. The forum will be held on September 1st at the St. Aloysius Church hall from 7-8PM.

Stewardship Thought

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah — food, water, rest, and encouragement — were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?



Our Sunday Visitor, Stewardship by the Book: Bulletin Bits Based on the Sunday Readings, by Sharon Hueckel, 2004 edition, page 21

JOB POSTING: EVENING RECEPTIONIST

St. Thomas Church, for the operation of the united parishes of Southington and Plantsville, is seeking a part-time Evening Receptionist. This position will help run the office smoothly as the five unite operations into one new parish by July of 2022.

The Evening Receptionist will work in St. Thomas rectory Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM until 7:30 PM. This position will report to the Office Manager of St. Thomas Parish for assignment of tasks. The receptionist will: answer phones; coordinate distribution and return of keys to spaces for parish groups and organizations; book Mass intentions, funerals, and baptisms; will type, email, file, and copy; perform basic data entry work; and help organize parish records, especially as the five parishes merge and records are centralized.

Qualified candidates must have excellent organizational and personal skills, willingness to work collaboratively, and possess good computer skills in Microsoft office; have the ability to update the parish websites; understand and be committed to the social, moral and ethical teachings of the Church; have basic knowledge of sacramental preparation; and be able to keep confidences of those who seek assistance at the office.

A high school degree is required.

To request a copy of the full job description or to submit a letter of interest and resume, please email Reverend Joseph Cronin at: Fr.Cronin@aohct.org. All applications should be submitted by Monday, August 9, 2021.

MASS SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church: Saturdays at 5:30 PM in English and Sundays at 9:00 AM in Polish

St. Dominic Church: Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sundays at 7:30 & 10:30 AM

Mary Our Queen Church: Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

St. Aloysius Church: Saturdays at 4:30 PM and Sundays at 11:00 AM

For the next year, any envelopes from parishioners will go to the registered parish no matter where they are dropped in a collection basket. All online donations will stay in the parish they are made. Any cash dropped in collection baskets will stay in the church where it was collected. There will be no need for anyone to change registrations of parish over the next year before the merger in 2022.

Do You Knit, Sew, or Crochet?



Volunteers are needed to craft Baptism bibs and blankets for the Southington Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. Dominic, and St. Thomas.

Parents are gifted a bib & baby blanket to remind them of their child's Baptism. Volunteers will be provided support and guidance. To volunteer, or for more information, leave a message for Diana Ferraiuolo, 860-751-2069.

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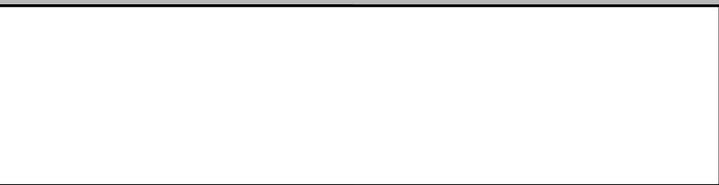

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