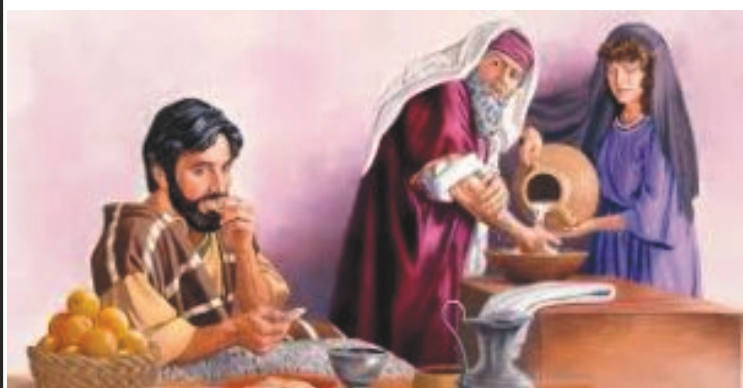
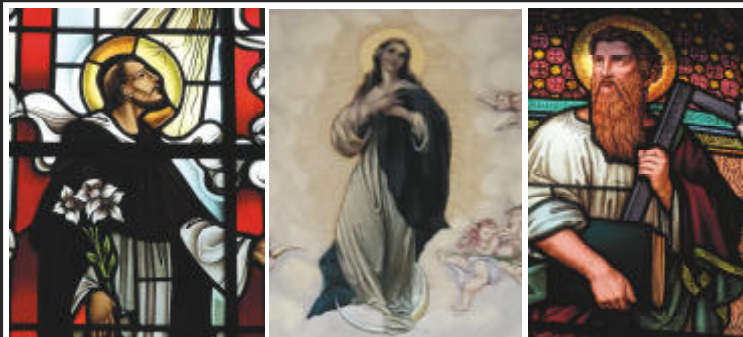


# Southington Catholic Parishes

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



August 29, 2021  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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[www.facebook.com/groups/104009621923](https://www.facebook.com/groups/104009621923)

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## Southington Catholic School

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Web Site: [www.southingtoncatholicsschool.org](http://www.southingtoncatholicsschool.org)

## 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

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*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**

**IC = Immaculate Conception Church  
SD = St. Dominic Church**

**SATURDAY, August 28—St. Augustine,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

- ✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Raymond Tetrault
- ✠ 4:00PM (SD) Anthony Varuolo
- ✠ 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Robert & Loretta Hopko

Requested by wife, Lin  
Requested by Carol & Jim Mathews  
Requested by family

**SUNDAY, August 29— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✠ 7:30AM (SD) Asuncion L. Gomez
- ✠ 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Edward, Czeslawa, & Bozenka Garbowski
- ✠ 10:30AM (SD) In Memory of Saveria & Nicola Sabino

Requested by Terry & Bill Lombardi  
Requested by Steczkowski family

Requested by daughter Josephine & husband

**MONDAY, August 30—Weekday**

- ✠ 7:30 AM(IC) Jadwiga Jurski—1st Anniversary
- ✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Rose Rotella— 1st Anniversary

Requested by husband  
Requested by daughter Lyssa & family

**TUESDAY, August 31—Weekday**

- ✠ 7:30 AM(IC) Raffaele Mastroianni
- ✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Robert & Loretta Hopko

Requested by Pat DeMarco & Ralph Ciaburri families  
Requested by family

**WEDNESDAY, September 1—Weekday**

- ✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Thomas DeAngelo
- ✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Martin Talley, and Catherine & Matthew Gresik

Requested by wife, Pat  
Requested by Pat Talley

**THURSDAY, September 2—Weekday**

- ✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Julia Malone Butkins
- ✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Cheryl Vosney—1st Anniversary

Requested by granddaughter  
Requested by son, Sebastian

**FRIDAY, September 3—St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

- ✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Michael Shanley
- ✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Henry & Genevieve Daniels

Requested by his father & sisters  
Requested by family

**SATURDAY, September 4—Weekday**

- ✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Janet Marciniak
- ✠ 4:00PM (SD) Tobia & Rose Soriero
- ✠ 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Charles & William Jones

Requested by Deborah & Ron Lemire  
Requested by family  
Requested by family

**SUNDAY, September 5— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✠ 7:30AM (SD) Rena Costagliola  
James E. Keating
- ✠ 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) John Steczkowski, Jr.
- ✠ 10:30AM (SD) Fred, Kenny, Patricia Gagliardi

Requested by family  
Requested by the Heath Family  
Requested by Mom, Dad, & Sister  
Requested by family

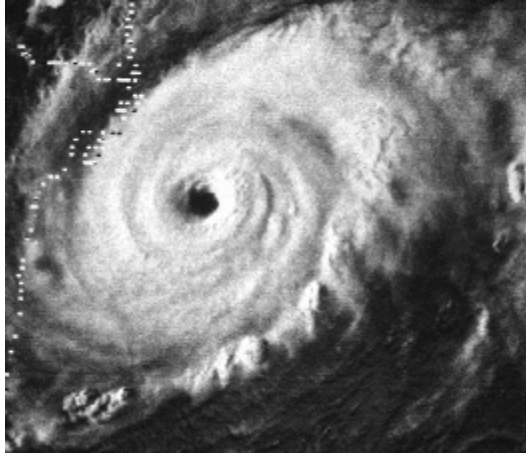


# Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

It's a Friday night, and I'm sitting at my desk. I stare at a blank page on the screen as I listen to weather reports. Hurricane Henri is on the way. As you read this, it has already happened. Maybe it was a fierce storm; maybe it was a dud. All I know now is that I need to do what I can to prepare. Grills and furniture have been brought into garages. I have stocked up on certain items. I sit here finishing up a bulletin to transmit early for publishing, just in case we lose power. I'm living in uncertainty, but I am doing my best to prepare for anything. I know that preparing for the worst is the best option. I cannot stop a hurricane, but I can at least minimize the impact by preparing what I can.



Things happen in this world we cannot completely control. The weather is mutable. Pandemics rage. Jobs come and go. People may love us or hate us. We cannot control the environment, the economy, or human nature ourselves, but can make sure we are in the best place possible. We take steps to adjust to fickle weather. We take precautions to try to keep ourselves healthy, along with the people around

us. We work with all our skills. We treat people as we would like to be treated. We work to find the peace of mind and heart we need to keep our lives grounded. By doing our best to adapt and set a positive tone, we are doing something to at least control how we live in an uncontrollable world.

I can't help but reflect upon how this is a metaphor for my life these days. The looming future of a massive parish merger hangs over my head. It's something that will come; it isn't blowing out to sea. I could do nothing and wait to see what befalls me, or I could do what I can to prepare for it now. That's why I sit through meetings and investigate options. I'm working to consolidate resources and get groups to unite their efforts in ministry. Every move I make to brace myself, the parishes, and all the parishioners for what may come, the better prepared we are. The better we will be to face the changes with grace, hope, and strength. We cannot change the future, but we can prepare how we engage with it.

My hope and prayer is that you all make it through the coming storm safely. I pray for minimal damage and the health and protection of our citizens. I pray that we, as a community of faith, meet the coming changes in our parishes with grace, patience, and compassion. Above all, my greatest hope is that we all know our dignity and worth, our values and our strengths, and share them. When we offer each other our best, we minimize the painful impact of coming changes and provide stability for each other to move forward in hope and joy. We can't change the whole world, but we can change how we respond. If we help each other, we will make it through the storms just fine.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

## PLEASE NOTE, THE RECTORY OFFICE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HAS CLOSED.

While it was not planned as part of the merger, Jennifer left us for a new job at St. Aloysius Church. We wish her well. With the unforeseen change, we'll be moving all office operations from Immaculate Conception Rectory to St. Thomas Rectory. You can call 860-628-4713 or stop by at 99 Bristol Street to book Masses, ask for records, or leave a message. With expanded office hours when we hire an evening receptionist, we hope to be able to better serve your needs. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

## ✠ Ask Father ✠

**Question:** A neighbor told me that going to Mass on Saturday didn't cover the obligation for the Solemnity of the Assumption. Is that true?

**Answer:** Most likely not. If you attended the 7:30 Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception, that would only count for Saturday, not Sunday. If you attended the vigil Masses at either 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM, then you did fulfill your obligation. This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary fell on a Sunday. Solemnities trump the celebration of Sundays in Ordinary Time, so the weekend Mass was not for the twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, but the Assumption. One can celebrate Solemnities with a vigil Mass, like Christmas Eve counting for Christmas Day. If you attend Saturday evening, you meet the obligation for Sunday. So by going to Mass the afternoon or evening of August 14<sup>th</sup> this year, you met the obligation to attend Mass for the Solemnity.

## Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Ps 15:2-5/Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27/  
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

**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:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 53:3-4,6,8/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



# Parish Information



## Parish Staff

St. Thomas Rectory 860-628-4713

### **Priests**

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fr.cronin@aohct.org

Rev. David M. Madejski—Assistant  
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Vincent J. Raby—Pastoral Associate  
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### **Business Manager**

Marc Ingriselli

### **Plant Manager**

Casey Potthoff

### **Custodial Staff**

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Bonnie Guimond—*Part Time*

Ron Lemire—*Part Time*

Marty Lopatosky

Harry Masterbone

### **Director of Faith Formation**

Patrick Reid

### **Director of Youth Ministry**

Michael Pavano

## Southington Catholic School

Office: 133 Bristol Street Southington  
860-628-2485

### **Principal**

James Messina

### **Office Manager**

Carolyn Napierski

### **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.

## 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

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# † 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 Jesus, and our Catholic Faith.

Our events will include regular youth group meetings occurring every other week, fellowship nights, service projects, and special prayer experiences of traditional Catholic prayer. We will be hosting our official Launch on September 26th from 5-8pm at St. Dominic church. Further details and announcements will be posted in the bulletins and on our parishes' websites.

**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 Religious Education Center from 7-8PM.**

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help out at major events, please contact Michael Pavano at (860)-628-5159 or [southingtonyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:southingtonyouthministry@gmail.com).

## Southington Catholic Community Family Picnic

**Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021**

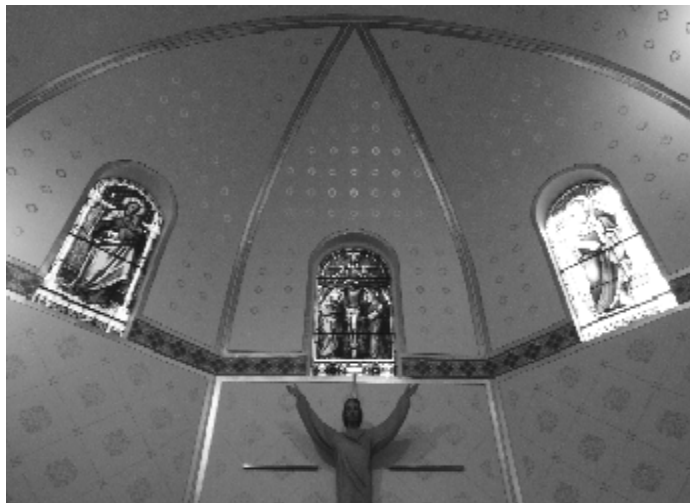
**At St. Aloysius Church Grounds, 12-4pm**

Food, Fun, and Entertainment! Children 12 & under are free. Please contact St. Aloysius Church with any questions, (203)631-2539 or [staloyisius@aohct.org](mailto:staloyisius@aohct.org)

**\*Signup sheets are at the entrance of each church, both for attending the picnic and volunteer opportunities.**

## Farewell Mass for St. Thomas Church

**Sunday, September 26th at 4 PM**



Join us for a celebration at St. Thomas Church as we close the building. For 161 years, it has housed a community of faith in Southington. While we move ahead with the linkage and merger of parishes to meet the needs of our future, we pay homage and respect to all that has been that has lead us to this point in our history as the Catholic Community of Southington. Following Mass, there will be a light reception in the school cafeteria. We will also be processing the Blessed Sacrament after Mass from St. Thomas Church to Immaculate Conception Church. We hope to see you there to celebrate the good work of the parish, and pray for guidance and strength in all that awaits us in our future. Please, join us!

# Haiti Devastation Relief



There will be a collection next weekend to help the people of Haiti with their needs, caused by the devastation of the earthquake that struck their country. Please consider contributing to help our brothers and sisters. Thank you!

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Southington Catholic Parishes will be offering an in-person bereavement workshop. The New Day process consists of 10 facilitated meetings, and the autumn 2021 group is being formed. The first meeting will begin Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, contact the parish office by telephone 860-628-4713 or email [stthomassouthington@gmail.com](mailto:stthomassouthington@gmail.com).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The floral arrangements in our sanctuary enhance our liturgical setting. The donation for flowers is \$100.00. If you would like to sponsor or dedicate the floral arrangements in memory of someone, please contact the rectory. The dedication and donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin.

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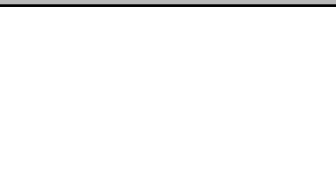
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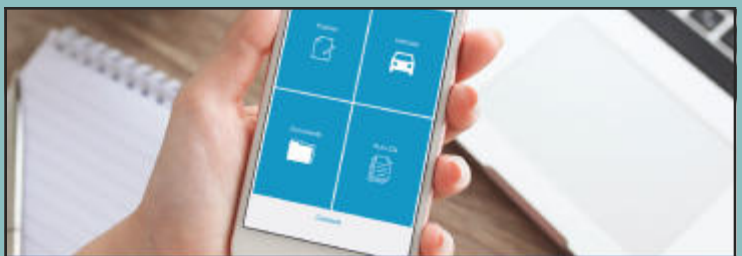


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