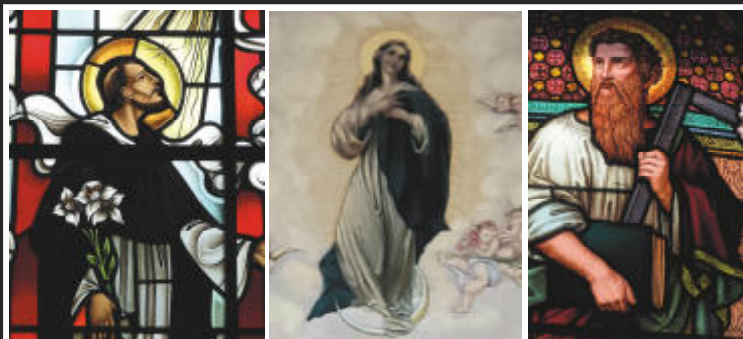


Southington Catholic Parishes

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



September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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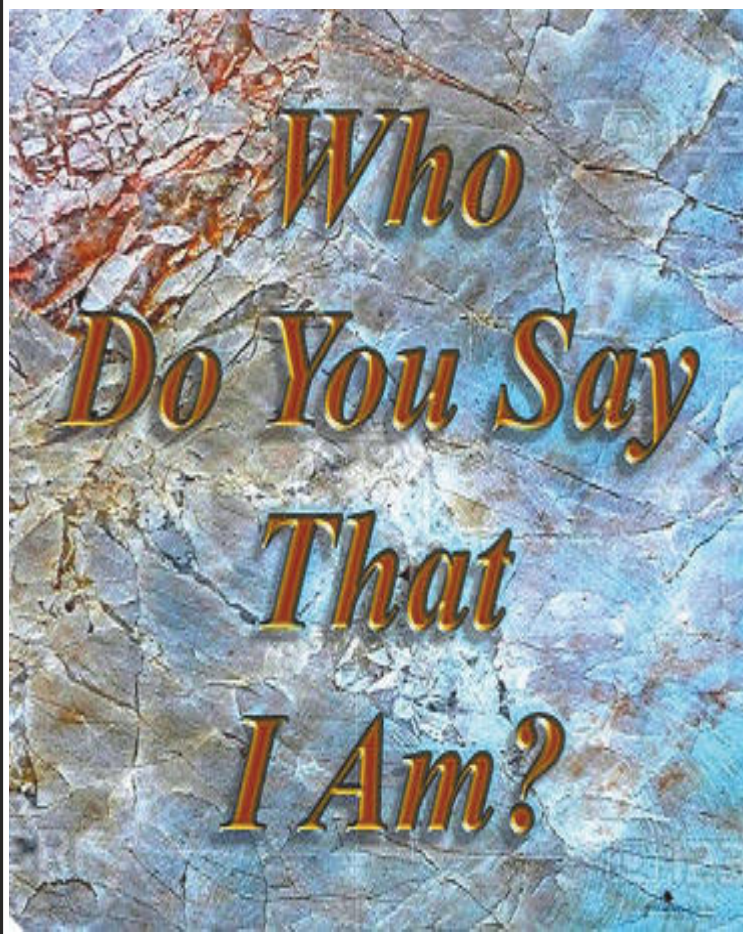
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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
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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*



IC = Immaculate Conception Church
SD = St. Dominic Church

SATURDAY, September 11—Weekday

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) George Orioli, Jr.

Requested by Mom & Dad

✠ 4:00PM (SD) Deceased Members of the Stefano Votino family Requested by daughter, Mary Nigro

✠ 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Virginia Lewandoski

Requested by John & Barbara Szczepanski & family

SUNDAY, September 12— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ 7:30AM (SD) Jadwiga, Martin & Adam Folcik

Requested by Barbara Pozucek

Past & Present Members of St. Thomas Ladies Guild

Requested by Ladies Guild

✠ 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Rev. George Miklaszewski—5th Anniversary

Requested by family

✠ 10:30AM (SD) Gary Ceella, Jr.

Requested by Christine Gaudette

MONDAY, September 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

✠ 7:30 AM(IC) Deceased Members of Panciera & Bigliere families

Requested by family

✠ 12:00 PM(IC) Vincenzo Ragozzino—Birthday

Requested by wife & family

TUESDAY, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Requested by Wally & Bette Ann Bailey

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Mary Ellen Zobbi

Requested by husband & family

WEDNESDAY, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

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

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

THURSDAY, September 16—St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Rosemarie Wallett

Requested by daughter

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) John Listro

Requested by Sebastian & Marie Listro

FRIDAY, September 17—St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Pro-Populo

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Josephine & William Dalton

Requested by family

SATURDAY, September 18—Weekday

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Pro-Populo

✠ 4:00PM (SD) In Memory of Pelletier family

Requested by Bob & Ceil Raby

✠ 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Robert & Laretta Hopko

Requested by family

SUNDAY, September 19— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ 7:30AM (SD) Frank & Carmella DiBenedetto

Requested by Marie & Michelle

George A. Taylor—15th Anniversary

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Adomowicz

✠ 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Jadwiga Jurski

Requested by Rodzina Karwowsky

✠ 10:30AM (SD) Joann Mongillo

Requested by the family



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

“Why am I doing this?” “What’s the point?” “I should just throw in the towel.” These are the kind of things we tend to say to ourselves when things go badly. When we try something and find nothing but opposition, the first thought is to just quit. Why even try when it only brings grief, hassles, and pain? I have found myself in that boat lately.

The Southington Catholic community is at a moment when certain choices need to be made and actions have to be taken to make sure we have a vibrant future. To ensure that sacraments will be available for the future, we are asked to do things that may be difficult now. Since this involves changes, and changes are tough, we see opposition and complaints. While I keep hearing the line, “It’s nothing against you personally, Father,” it’s tough not to take personally questions to my integrity. I have to be honest; it has made me think more than once about asking for a reassignment or simply walking away from priestly service. I have had all the dialogues running through my head.

I’ve heard people say the diocese just needs to get us a priest. They have; you have me. The archbishop sent Father Madejski to assist here. Yes, we need more, but from where? How many of you have sons or grandsons who have been ordained? Priests aren’t hatched, they come from families – Catholic families who support them. Every time parishioners yell at the priest or complain about the diocese, they set a tone for their children. What child will want to answer a call to a vocation when he sees clergy so badly treated and maligned, especially by his own family? People say they want priests, but they don’t always think about how we get them. For those who say Rome just needs to let priests get married, that’s not an answer. It’s bad enough having to face the stresses and



complaints alone, but knowing this would cause greater pain to a wife and children who see what happens is unthinkable. No – that won’t get us more priests. We have what we have, and we work with what we have, until we have something else.

I face the complaints, the attacks, the whispering, the letters, and the meetings about me with a heavy heart and a troubled mind. I ask “Is it worth it?” “Why bother?” “Just give up!” Then I see children starting school and our preparations for catechism and youth ministry. I know that they will never have the luxury of Masses at whatever time they want in whatever place they want. Priests will be few and far between when they are the adults. It will be a very different Church in a very different world for them. I have the ability to try and share with them how to take what the Church teaches and make it meaningful in their lives. I am striving to build a Church that still is active to minister to them in that future world. I try to point the way to Christ through the chaos and the confusion.

Why am I doing this? What’s the point? I struggle to serve to give something meaningful, beautiful, hopeful, inspiring, profound, practical, and solid to these children and generations to come who won’t have all the benefits we have had. For them, I won’t throw in the towel.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

❖ Ask Father ❖

Question: Father what will happen with all the things at St. Thomas Church when it closes.

Answer: Once the church blessing of the church building has been lifted, we’ll work to remove sacred objects. There are a few things we will keep. We will be saving the stained glass windows from the apse for some future church for the united parish in town. The statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph will go to the rectory to meeting rooms. The church tabernacle will be moved to a new chapel of repose in the rectory so Eucharistic Ministers have a place to come for the Blessed Sacrament to bring to parishioners during the week. Once these items have been secured, we will sell other items. Some parishioners have expressed interest or concern, but we cannot sell them to just anyone. In the past, some churches have sold items that were reused in some sordid ways. There is a company we will contact through the archdiocese that deals in sales of sacred items to churches and other religious institutions to make sure they remain in holy and respected places. Great care will be taken to make sure sacred objects have a proper home.

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-6,8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2,7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Mn 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1b-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10,17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20/Ps 54:3-4,5-8/Jas 3:16-4:3/
Mk 9:30-37



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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

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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 20th. Please continue to check the parishes' websites for the most up to date information and announcements regarding the program.

Family of Faith Event

We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year! Our first Family of Faith event has been scheduled for September 13th, 15th, and 16th from 6:30-8 PM at St. Dominic Church, and we are offering this welcome event to bring families together to focus on the domestic church as a community. If you did not receive an email with the link to sign up for the event, please visit the parish websites (where the sign-up link is posted). Please note that you only need to register for ONE date, and 9th and 10th graders do not need to attend these events. Classes begin on the week of **September 20th, 2021**. May God bless you and your families as we learn more about Him and His Church during religious education this year.



Bible Study—Luke

Beginning Thursday, September 9th, we will begin a Bible study of the Gospel of Luke. We will meet at 1:30 PM on Thursdays in the Learning Center at St. Dominic's Church. (It is in the back left hand corner of the property attached to the day care, to the left front of the daycare building.) The class will be live streamed on the St. Thomas Facebook page where it can also be watched afterwards. Please, join us!

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE
Study



The Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington

We welcome all high-school students! Please join us for Faith, fellowship, & fun at our launch event on September 26th, 5:30—8:00pm at St. Dominic Church. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm!

The Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington seeks to reach out to our young brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome them, and offer them opportunities to build deep, meaningful relationships with Our Lord Jesus, one another, and the larger Catholic community of Southington. In our Youth Ministry, all high school teens will be able to participate in fun and engaging events centered on our Catholic Faith and our God. Our events will include powerful encounters with traditional Catholic Prayer, regular youth group meetings, fellowship nights, and service projects.

We will also host parent forums to give parents of high-school students the opportunity to meet with our Director of Youth Ministry and Core Team, learn about upcoming programs, and share insights on our young people. The forum will be held on September 14th at the St. Aloysius Church Religious Education Center from 7-8pm.

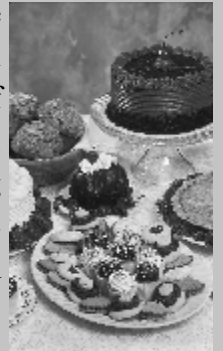
Updates will be posted in our parish bulletins, on our parish websites, and on social media.

Facebook: Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington
Instagram: youth_ministry_of_southington

To volunteer at major events, please contact Michael Pavano at 860-628-5159 or southingtonyouthministry@gmail.com

Desserts Needed

We are looking for desserts for the gathering after the St Thomas Farewell Mass on Sunday September 26th. If you are able to donate cookies, cupcakes, brownies etc. please bring them to the Southington Catholic School Cafeteria between 1-3:30 pm on Sunday September 26th. Thank you.



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 led 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!

Sanctuary Candles

Edward Sieruta—
Anniversary Remembrance



Requested by daughter LouAnn

Job Openings

Saint Dominic Child Care, Southington, is looking for nurturing and dedicated individuals. All classrooms staff 4 teachers (2 AM and 2 PM). Candidates must be able to provide a loving, supportive, safe, and educational learning environment to young children. *SDCC* strives to offer a program that meets the needs of each child.

Teacher Responsibilities: Supervise and provide an effective learning environment. Communicate daily with the families (in person and through our center app). Manage the center's app throughout the day on classroom iPads. Work as a team to create and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Maintain a clean and organized classroom.

Teacher Qualifications: Experience is preferred, yet not required. Education in Early Childhood and CPR/First Aid/Med/Epi Pen Certification is a plus.

The following positions are looking to be filled immediately:

- Infants: 11:30-5 (Mon & Wed) and 12:30-6 (Mon - Fri)
- Toddlers: 11:30-5 (Mon-Fri), 12-5:30 (Mon-Fri), 12:30-6 (Mon-Fri)
- Threes: 11:30-5 (Mon & Wed) and 12:30-6 (Monday-Friday)
- Fours: 11:30-5 (Mon-Fri)
- Center Support: 3-6 (Mon-Fri)

Send your resume to Ashley at: directorcc@saintdominicchurch.com or call (860)628-4678

Southington Catholic Community Family Picnic

Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021
At St. Aloysius Church Grounds, 12-4pm

Hot dogs & Hamburgers Polish Food
Fried Dough Beverages Ice Cream



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

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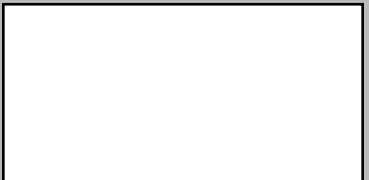
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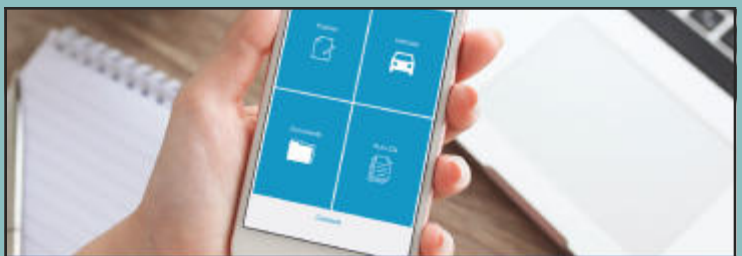


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