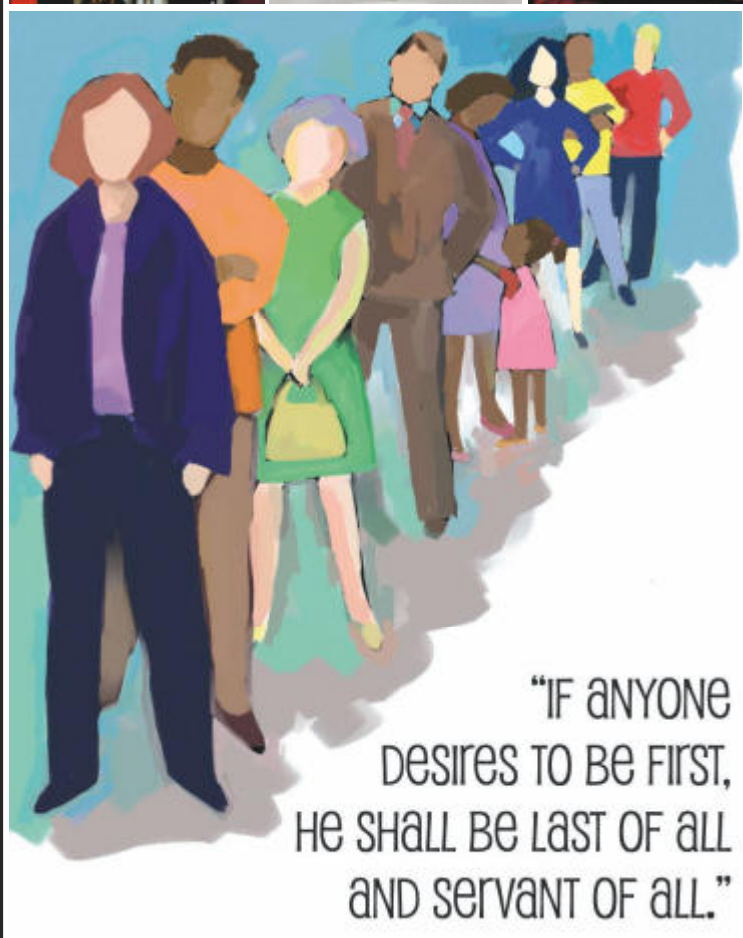
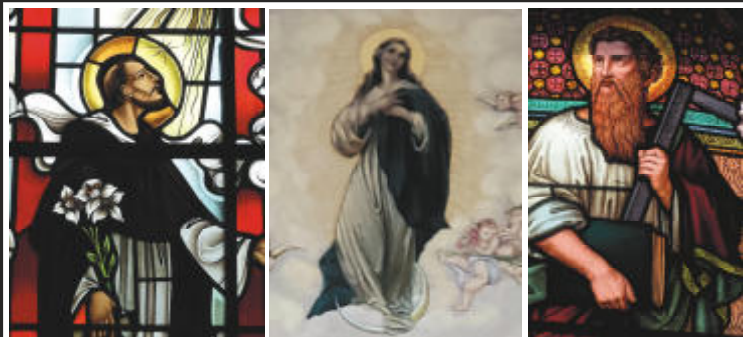


# Southington Catholic Parishes

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



“IF ANYONE  
DESIRES TO BE FIRST,  
HE SHALL BE LAST OF ALL  
AND SERVANT OF ALL.”

September 19, 2021  
25th 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

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*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 860-628-4713*

Mass Intentions  for the Week

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

**SATURDAY, September 18—Weekday**

† 7:30 AM (IC) David Plourde

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

Requested by Bob & Ceil Raby

† 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Robert & Lauretta Hopko

Requested by family

**SUNDAY, September 19— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† 7:30AM (SD) Frank & Carmella DiBenedetto  
George A. Taylor—15th Anniversary

Requested by Marie & Michelle

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Adomowicz

† 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Jadwiga Jurski

Requested by Rodzina Karwowsy

† 10:30AM (SD) Joann Mongillo

Requested by the family

**MONDAY, September 20—SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs**

† 7:30 AM(IC) John Wojcik

Requested by family

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

**TUESDAY, September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

† 7:30 AM(IC) Pasquale Mastoianni

Requested by DeMarco & Ciaburri families

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

**WEDNESDAY, September 22—Weekday**

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

† 12:00 PM (IC) Andy Ouellette

Requested by wife, Ruth

**THURSDAY, September 23—St. Pius of Pietrecina, Priest**

† 7:30 AM (IC) Florence LaRoche

Requested by family

† 12:00 PM (IC) In Honor of St. Padre Pio-Carmel Aitable

Requested by family

**FRIDAY, September 24—Weekday**

† 7:30 AM (IC) Pro-Populo

† 12:00 PM (IC) Carmine, Giovanina, Nicola, Joanne Votino

Requested by Beatrice Votino

**SATURDAY, September 25—Weekday**

† 7:30 AM (IC) Pro-Populo

† 4:00PM (SD) Deceased Members of the Adelaide & Joseph, Sr. Casale family Requested by family

† 5:30PM (IM—*English*) Marc Adams

Requested by Southington Catholic School

**SUNDAY, September 26— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† 7:30AM (SD) Joseph Costagliola  
Maria Zak

Requested by family

Requested by family

† 9:00AM (IC—Polkswski family

Requested by Jurski family

† 10:30AM (SD) Gabriel Delchiaro & Adeline Stagni

Requested by Elaine Ainsworth



# Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

Last weekend, we paused on the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in our nation to honor those who died and comfort those who lost loved ones. Oddly, 20 years ago, September Eleventh was just the birthday of my college roommate and my niece, Evelyn. It went from being a day of joy and celebration to being somber. Despite that, I still always take time that day to call each of them and laugh and celebrate their presence in my life. The pain of the attacks doesn't change a lifetime of laughter and joy. There is still cause to rejoice.

This Sunday, I think of my sister and brother-in-law. They were married 34 years ago this day down in Baltimore. I remember having to head back home from college just a few weeks into my sophomore year. We formed a caravan of cars in the family to go down and celebrate that marriage. Despite some horrible issues with hotels that we laugh about today, it was great. This weekend should be a joyous occasion, but it's melancholy at best. My brother in law died a few months ago. It's the first anniversary without him. It causes us to stop and reflect. While there is sadness, there is still joy. We loved Fish and the sadness comes from the loss of one who loved us too. The pain is a result of the joy, but it is the good memories I will cherish. Sadness does not negate the memories or the great times.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the farewell Mass for St. Thomas Church. It seems odd to celebrate a goodbye. There is sadness that a beloved church building of 161 years will be closing the doors forever.

## Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12,17-20/Ps 54:3-4,5-8/Jas 3:16-4:3/  
Mk 9:30-37

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Ps 78:1b-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4,7-8/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a,9b/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Jer 31:10-12b,13/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8,10,12-14/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

***grief***  
is just an  
interval  
between two  
moments of  
*joy*

That's a tough thing to face. Despite the grief, we rejoice at all the memories, the prayers, the sacraments, and the people who have graced that history. The peace, comfort, challenge, solace, and joy we have known does not vanish by saying goodbye. Those things cannot be taken away from any one. We take what has shaped us from our past as we move forward into our future. We can be sad and still be happy too. We rejoice in what has been and the promise of where that leads us tomorrow. Grieve over the

closing, but don't let that overwhelm all the other emotions we have. There is cause to still rejoice and look forward to great things still to come. We can feel both at the same time, and it is OK.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

## ✠ Ask Father ✠

**Question:** Were Adam and Eve real people?

**Answer:** That's complicated. If we were asking whether real historical people lived in specific location on a set date that can be verified by archeological data, the answer would be no. If we were asking whether the story is true, the answer would be yes. Let me try to explain. The Bible is not written as a historical text book trying to impart a timeline of human events. It's a work of faith. Human beings have been inspired by God to use their language and skill to convey the truth of God's love and activity. That story they impart is told from the period of time in which they lived with the knowledge of the day. The truth of God is spoken in this fashion. Did God make the world from nothing? Yes. Did that process of Creation take the time equivalence of 7 solar days? No. But God did create the world and all that forms it over time. That brought about the right environment for humans to live in which we respond to God's loving action. Did a real couple actual live as the only people in a garden in the Middle East? We aren't sure. What we do know is that the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden tells us how human being sinned in our early history and disrupted the relationship we had with God. That broken relationship led humans to act in sinful, disordered ways that impact the world in which we live. That is Original Sin. There may have been ancient people named Adam and Eve whose memory inspired the tale in Genesis. Is that historically verifiable? No, it isn't. Is the message of their sin and the impact it has on the world true. Absolutely!



# Parish Information



## Parish Staff

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Vincent J. Raby—Pastoral Associate  
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### **Plant Manager**

Casey Potthoff

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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**

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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.

## 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**

**Unavailable at time of printing**



# † 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.



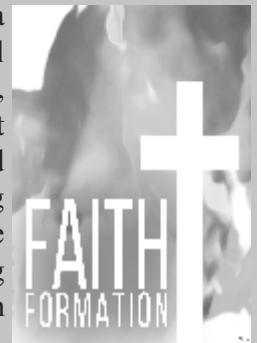
# † Southington Faith Formation †

## 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.

## The Faith Formation 2021-2022 program officially starts the week of September 20th!

**Note:** All children must wear a mask while attending. Additional information regarding the schedule, October's Family of Faith event registration, and more can be found on the website. Please keep checking the website and your emails for the most current information regarding the program. We look forward to an exciting year!



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.

## Thank You!

At this time, we would like to thank everyone from the Southington parishes for attending the picnic on St. Aloysius Church grounds last Sunday. Thank you to all those from each parish who helped with set up/break down and cooking. God's blessings be yours.



## Bereavement Support Group

**Solace & Peace** is a bereavement support group that is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning in September '2021 through June '2022. If interested, or for more information, please contact Sandy Sequenzia at 860-877-2290 or Julia Kane at 860-736-5462.



## 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.

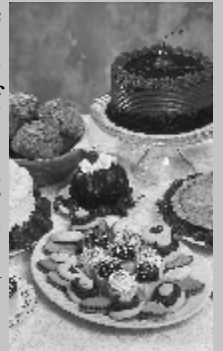
Updates will be posted in our parish bulletins, on our parish websites, and on social media.

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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.



## Farewell Mass for St. Thomas Church

**NEXT SUNDAY 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

Robert & Laretta Hopko



## 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.

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

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- 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](mailto:directorcc@saintdominicchurch.com) or call (860)628-4678 extension 123 to set up an interview.

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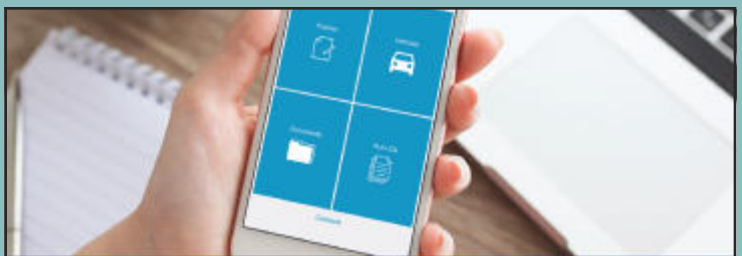


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