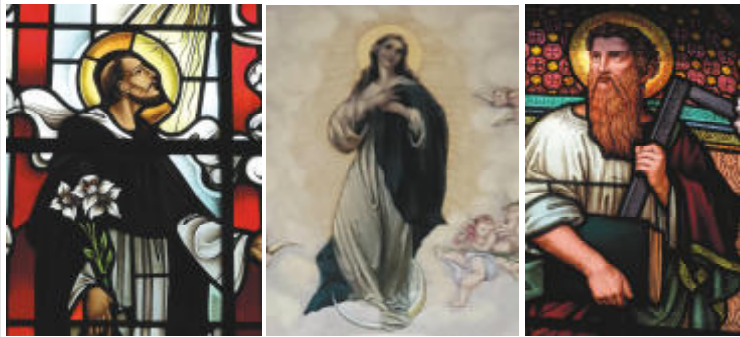


Southington Catholic Parishes

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



September 26, 2021
26th 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 860-628-4713*



IC = Immaculate Conception Church
SD = St. Dominic Church

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 (IC—English) Marc Adams Requested by Southington Catholic School

SUNDAY, September 26— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ 7:30AM (SD) Joseph Costagliola Requested by family

Maria Zak Requested by family

✠ 9:00AM (IC—Polish) Polkswski family Requested by Jurski family

✠ 10:30AM (SD) Gabriel Delchiaro & Adeline Stagni Requested by Elaine Ainsworth

✠ 4:00PM (ST) Farewell Mass

MONDAY, September 27—St. Vincent De Paul, Priest

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

✠ 12:00 PM(IC) A special intention for Beata Chauhan Requested by Mom

TUESDAY, September 28—SS. Wenceslaus, & Lawrence Ruiz, Martyrs

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

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Claire McManus Requested by Pat Adams

WEDNESDAY, September 29—SS. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

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

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Domenico Marigliano Requested by Joe & Angelina DellaPorta

THURSDAY, September 30—St. Jerome, Priest

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Flora Banzon Requested by Art & Shellane Tolentino

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Jean Donnelly Requested by Ken & Kathleen Baldwin

FRIDAY, October 1—Saint Thèrèse of the Child of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Carolyn Impellizzeri Requested by Cheryl & Craig Impellizzeri

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Jennie Marena Requested by husband & family

SATURDAY, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Carmela Carusone Requested by Ragozzino family

✠ 4:00PM (SD) Benedetto & Addolorata Luciano Requested by daughter & family

✠ 5:30PM (IM—English) Rev. Harold Heinrick Requested by the Schultz family

SUNDAY, October 3— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ 7:30AM (SD) James Fasulo & Doreen Fasulo Requested by Mike Fasulo

Benjamin & Joan Fabian Requested by family

✠ 9:00AM (IC—Polish) Josef & Janina Mieczkowski Requested by Mieczkowski family

✠ 10:30AM (SD) Louise Bell Requested by Marge & Chris Banach



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

It seems hard to believe that we are coming to the end of two months in which three parishes in town have been linked: Immaculate Conception, St. Thomas, and St. Dominic. I feel as if we were discussing this happening only a few weeks ago, but talks for planning and preparations have been going on for a few years now. The past year was a time of transition to line things up, and we are still working to get things organized now. The common Faith Formation Program and Youth Ministry programs are now operating. Southington Catholic School and the common daily Mass continue to serve the needs of our community. Now I can pause for a moment and see where we are and where we are going.



All things haven't worked out as we initially thought they would. We didn't imagine we'd have all the issues with the heat and other repairs at St. Thomas that made us ask whether or not to spend the money on repairs. Those led to a choice to close the church building, though the parish still exists in union with Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic's parishes. We had planned for five church buildings to be utilized in the initial phase of merger instead of four. We did not foresee a change of staff at Immaculate Conception that would leave that office vacant this year. That led to having to move operations to the rectory at St. Thomas. We did not plan on office closings quite so soon to merge operations. There has been an ever changing series of plans and events leading to more plans to be developed. We have faced our share of surprises.

As we go throughout this year to the ultimate merger of five parish communities into one, we will be doing our utmost to find our best solutions. I cannot promise

that all things will be easy, simple, or painless. No honest person could ever make such a claim. What I can promise is that we will work to find answers that will meet the needs of our united community. We will work to draw Catholics together into a single family of faith. It won't be easy, but the effort will be worthwhile. I believe we can be a beacon of Christ's light in our unity and ministry to all people. I hope and I trust.

As we move forward, I promise to do all I am able to guide the community to seeking greater unity and peace. I know I will make mistakes, and not everyone will agree with things that will need to be done, but I promise to offer my best to love and serve the people of our new parish. I ask for your prayers and I assure you of mine for you.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

✠ Ask Father ✠

Question: Father, someone was telling me that Father Madejski is the pastor of Immaculate Conception, since he is Polish. Is that true?

Answer: No. I am the pastor of Immaculate Conception, St. Thomas, and St. Dominic Parishes. As I prepared to become the pastor of the three parishes, I knew we had a need for Polish language ministry with Masses and Confessions. I approached the Archdiocese of Hartford, and Monsignor Shanley found us Father David Madejski to come here to help serve the parishioners. Since he does speak Polish, I have assigned him to preside at the Sunday Morning Mass in Polish. That doesn't mean he is pastor there any more than he would be pastor of the 7:30AM people, if I assigned him regularly to that Mass. The pastor is the priest who is ultimately responsible for all aspects of ministry in a parish. Pastors are the head of the parish corporation, signing checks and contracts. The pastor ensures all things are done according to Canon Law, legal laws, and meet the policies and procedures of the diocese. The pastor is one responsible for all elements of the operation of a parish. Those are my duties for all the parishes, even if you don't see me presiding at every Mass. That does not mean the pastor works alone in this. Various people are delegated to handle certain aspects, like business managers who pay the bills, balance the books, and make the financial reports; nevertheless, the pastor needs to review these regularly. Father Madejski is the Parochial Vicar. That is his assignment. I am the pastor.

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5,



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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.



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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.

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, or by phone at (860) 628-9679.

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

Sanctuary Candle

Joseph Mirando

Requested by Florence Mirando & family



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

THIS 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!

Meet and Greet *Informational Meeting*

Attention: All **active** members of The Ladies Guild/
Ladies Club of the Immaculate Conception, St.
Thomas and St. Dominic Churches

When: October 18, 2021

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: St. Dominic Parish Center (use church
entrance)

Purpose: As we start the process with blending into
one Southington Catholic church, the officers of these
3 ministries have agreed to present an informational
meeting to help each other learn who we are and how
we have served our individual parish communities.
If all active members attend this meeting we can have
approximately 65 attendees. Please **RSVP** to your
individual ministry leaders to reserve a seat for this
meeting. We will be practicing safe distancing and
ask all participants to wear a mask while indoors. If
anyone feels uncomfortable meeting in a large group,
please let your ministry leaders know if you are
interested in being kept on a Ladies Guild/Club
membership list. **RSVP deadline: 10/11/21**

Contact Ministry Leaders:

Immaculata Ladies Club: Felicia Michanczyk: 860-
628-4322, Barbara Pozucek: 860-620-1925 or
email: pozuc8@aol.com

St. Thomas Ladies Guild: Terri Bouchard: 860-628-
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St. Dominic Ladies Club: Rita Fitzgerald: 860-276-
8850(h) or 860384-0287(c) or email:
ritafitzgerald@cox.net , Maria Ierardi: 860-426-0259
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Notation: Although this meeting is being geared to active
members at this time, we would like to encourage any non-
active member who may be interested in joining the ladies
ministry to contact the officers listed above. We need to
limit the size of the group for safety precautions. If there is
availability of seats you will be invited to attend as well.

We may have different names for our ministries and
different functions, however, we all share the
common goal to serve our parish community. Thank
you to all who are working toward this goal of being
more united than divided.

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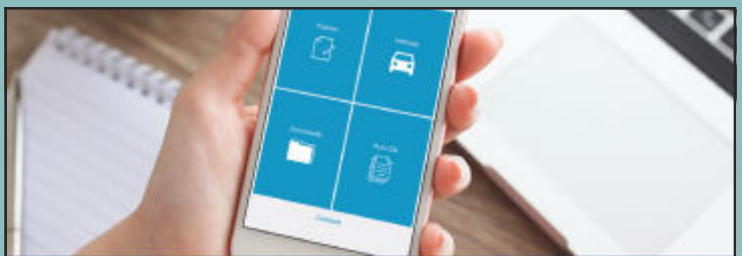


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