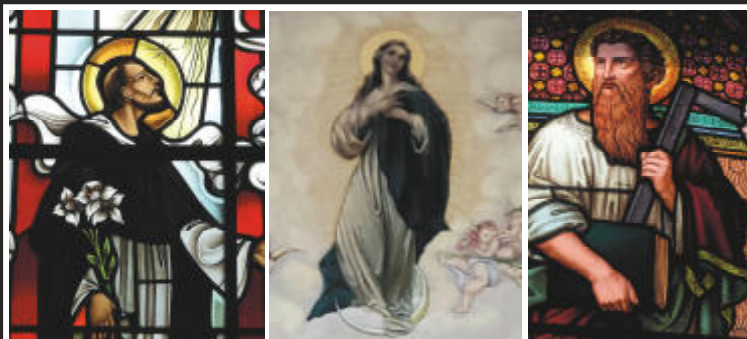


Southington Catholic Parishes

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



October 10, 2021
28th 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
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Mass Intentions for the Week

IC = Immaculate Conception Church
SD = St. Dominic Church

SATURDAY, October 9—St. Denis, Bishop & St. John Leonardi, Priest

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Edward G. Whalen

Requested by Southington Catholic School

✠ 4:00PM (SD) Deceased Members of Votino & Biafore families

Requested by Carmine & Sue

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

Requested by John & Barbara Szczepanski & family

SUNDAY, October 10— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ 7:30AM (SD) Stella & Stanley Puzucek, Sr.

Requested by Barbara

✠ 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Jan & Zofia Palka, & Emil Herdzik

Requested by Anna Wardzala

✠ 10:30AM (SD) Deceased Members of the Bertuca & Altieri family

Requested by Molly & family

MONDAY, October 11—St. John XXIII, Pope

✠ 7:30 AM(IC) Pro-Populo(For the People)

✠ 12:00 PM(IC) Lisa Zubrowski

Requested by Mom

TUESDAY, October 12—Weekday

✠ 7:30 AM(IC) Mary DeCroce

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✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Mary DeCroce

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WEDNESDAY, October 13—Weekday

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Karen Corbin & family

Requested by family

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Jan Urbanski

Requested by Anthony Zanghi

THURSDAY, October 14—Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Louis Boucher—1st Anniversary

Requested by Francine & Gary Donahue & Siblings from Canada

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Agostino Bertuca— Birthday Remembrance

Requested by wife & daughters

FRIDAY, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) Christa Wayland

Requested by Dick & Jeannine Harvey

✠ 12:00 PM (IC) Giovanni Ragozzino

Requested by Ragozzino family

**SATURDAY, October 16—St. Hedwig, Religious & St. Margaret Mary
Alocoque, Virgin**

✠ 7:30 AM (IC) John Listro

Requested by Sebastian & Marie Listro

✠ 4:00PM (SD) Sarah Kolosky Borrelli

Requested by her parents, John & Diane Kolosky

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

Requested by family

SUNDAY, October 17— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ 7:30AM (SD) Freida Pacyna

Requested by family

William & Carrie Murphy

Requested by Bob & Nadine Britton

✠ 9:00AM (IC—*Polish*) Jadwiga Jurski

Requested by Stanislaw Jurski

✠ 10:30AM (SD) Lois & Donald Grimaldi

Requested by their children



Father Joe's Notes



My dear friends,

After walking in the Apple Harvest Festival parade, I'm sitting down at my computer. (My legs are much too tired to stand!) I was marching with the float from Southington Catholic School. We congratulate them on winning first prize for a school float!



Congratulations to you! While I recoup from the walk, let me take a moment to share some other things.

I want to congratulate our parishioners who will be awarded the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation for 2021. For Immaculate Conception, the award will go to Paula Pacyna. She is one of those people behind the scenes keeping everything running, by locking and unlocking the church, caring for the altar and supplies, and countless tasks to keep us in operation. For St. Thomas, the award this year goes to Daniel and Roberta Vendetti. Dan is president of the pastoral council and Roberta heads up our Right to Life ministry. They are both involved in RCIA and have done many other things throughout the years. The recipient for St. Dominic Parish this year is Carolyn Beaudin. Most people will know her as one of our lectors at Mass, but she also helps behind the scenes. During the time of Covid19 shutdown and restrictions, she was most helpful to Father May with funerals. On behalf of all the parishioners, I thank them all for their tireless dedication and service over the years. God bless you all for your dedication and service to your sisters and brothers.

A reminder to all, we will begin booking Mass intentions for services at Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic Churches this Wednesday in the rectory office at St. Thomas. You can come in person, call, or email between 11 AM and 7 PM. That calls to mind another announcement, our new office hours at the St. Thomas rectory office are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1bcde,2-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6b/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2,5,11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13,16-18/Ps 105:6-9,42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45

through 7:30 PM. This will help us manage spaces and keys as groups begin to meet again after the shutdown from Covid19 restrictions.

A final note, I will be heading out this week for a two week vacation. Now that the new staff are in place and getting use to their schedules, and as the school, catechism, and youth ministry are all up and running, I am happy to say I can step aside for a bit. After linking parishes, moving, and all the stresses of the past year, it is time for a break. I will be hopping in my car and driving up through Vermont to Canada and back through the Adirondacks. I look forward to some time of rest and relaxation. You will see me back in time for Halloween. I may dress like a priest this year!

Happily yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

✠ Ask Father ✠

Question: Father, Last weekend we heard a Gospel passage condemning divorce. Why?

Answer: Well, we don't control what passages are read. The readings for Sunday Liturgies are all found in the Lectionary, and they are organized in the cycles covering three years in which we hear most all of the Bible read at Mass. That is why we read that passage. Why does Jesus condemn divorce? Well, because God is love. We see love on earth most fully realized in the love of a married couple. Husband and wife are called to live in a union of affection, respect, and trust. They share in Creation, bringing children to birth and building up home and community. When they live the promises of their vows, we see something of God's love. We do not want to see that relationship break down any more than we want our relationship with God to be ruptured. Since God is merciful and patient, we hope and pray spouses will be too. If couples live like this, there should be no need for divorce. Having said this, we know there are times relationships become toxic and irrevocably damaged. In such cases, it is better for the couple to separate. Does this mean they are condemned and God doesn't love them? No! Jesus came to people where they were, most often when their lives were broken and painful. Christ encounters us where we are: single, married, or divorced. We uphold Christ's call for marriage to be sacred and preserved, but we do not condemn or excommunicate the divorced.



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Devotions / Groups

Rosary Group

We need you! Please join us every Monday evening in St. Dominic's Chapel at 7pm to pray the rosary together. God brings change through prayer.

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 †

The Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington

We welcome all high-school students! Please join us for **Faith, Fellowship, and Fun** at our next Youth Night event on **October 10th from 6:00 to 8:00PM** at **St. Dominic Church**.

Mission Statement

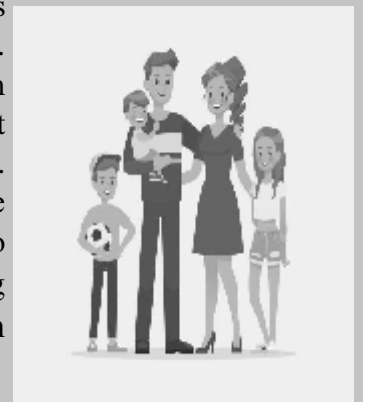
Pray, Love, Serve Like Jesus; Live Catholic Daily

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, with one another, and with the larger Catholic community of Southington. In our Youth Ministry, all high school-aged teens will be able to participate and lead others in fun and engaging events centered on our Catholic Faith and our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our events will include powerful encounters with traditional Catholic Prayer, regular youth group meetings, fellowship nights, and service projects.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help out at major events, please contact Michael Pavano by phone at (860)-628-5159 or by email at Southingtonyouthministry@gmail.com

Family of Faith

The October “Family of Faith” event registration is currently open and the sign up link is available on the Parishes’ websites. The dates for this event will be October 14, 21, and 29. Two session times, 5-6 pm and 7-8 pm, will be held on each date to accommodate schedules, since this event is part of the program year. The event will be held at St. Dominic’s Church, and each Faith Formation family only needs to attend one session. Masks are required for everyone that attends, regardless of vaccination status. The event will contain lessons and activities about our Blessed Mother. **Reminder:** No Faith Formation Classes will meet the week of October 11th. Please continue to check the website for the most up to date information regarding the 2021-2022 Faith Formation program.



Pilgrimage October 30, 2021



On The Road with Fr. Ron Zepecki. We will be visiting some of the most historic churches (of beauty) in the Archdiocese of Hartford. We will leave St. Aloysius parking lot at 7am, continue on to New Haven, Waterbury, Thomaston and Terryville. Partially, in the footsteps of Blessed Michael McGivney. Mass will be

celebrated at 4:30 pm, followed by dinner at the Manor Inn. The cost is \$75.00, which includes lunch & dinner. For registration, please call 860-276-9208 or 860-426-0064. For more information, visit the website - staloyusplantsville.org

The relegation to profane but not sordid use of Saint Thomas Church in Southington

On October 20, 2021, the parish church of Saint Thomas, located at 143 Bristol Street, Southington, Connecticut, will be relegated to profane but not sordid use in accordance with canon 1222 §2 of the Code of Canon Law. On September 28, 2021, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair issued a decree effecting the relegation that St. Thomas Church is no longer a sacred place of worship.

During the weekend of October 2/3, 2021, the decree was read at all Masses, and its substance was communicated to all parishioners by means of display on the doors of the church and rectory. It is also available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under News/Public Notices Section, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notice/>. Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) business days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norms of law (c. 1734 §2).

40 Days for Life '2021

This year's fall campaign is from September 22nd to October 31st 2021. Vigil hours are 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.



Planned Parenthood
1030 New Britain Ave.
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Hours are still available to sign up to pray!
Please contact Teresa Wells, via text at 203-314-9816 or twells@prolifeministry.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for Breakfast at the Calendar House on Sunday Morning, October 24 th. This fundraiser allows us to contribute to our scholarships, Southington Catholic School, Southington Food Pantry, and many other charities we support. The breakfast is from 7AM to 11:30 AM. Adults \$7.00, Seniors, \$6.00, and Children under 6 free. Please help us to fulfill our goal of charity.



Thank You, Knights of Columbus Isabella Council #15 Southington.

Mass Intentions for '2022

The mass book for next year will open on Wednesday October 13th. Intentions may be booked either in person, by phone, or email at the Parish office, 99 Bristol Street, from 11:00 am—7:00 pm. At this time, intentions will only be booked through June 30, 2022.



Winter Clothing Drive



Donations of new or gently used and laundered coats, hats, gloves, mittens and boots will be collected after masses on October 16/17 & October 23/24, at Immaculate Conception & Saint Dominic churches. All items will go to Southington Social Services as part of our ongoing outreach to those in need in our community.

Ladies Guilds 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 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: 860-628-2981 or email: tmbouch58@aol.com

St. Dominic Ladies Club: Rita Fitzgerald: 860-276-8850(h) or 860384-0287(c) or email: ritafitzgerald@cox.net, Maria Ierardi: 860-426-0259 or email: jmierardi@cox.net

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 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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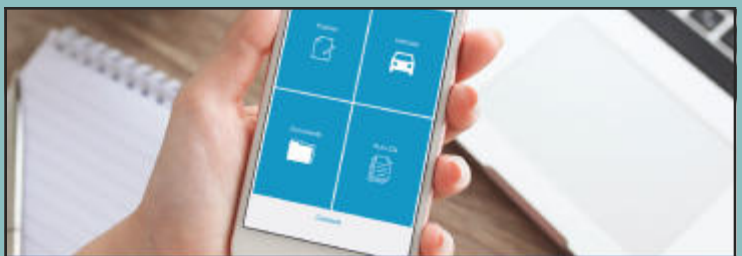


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