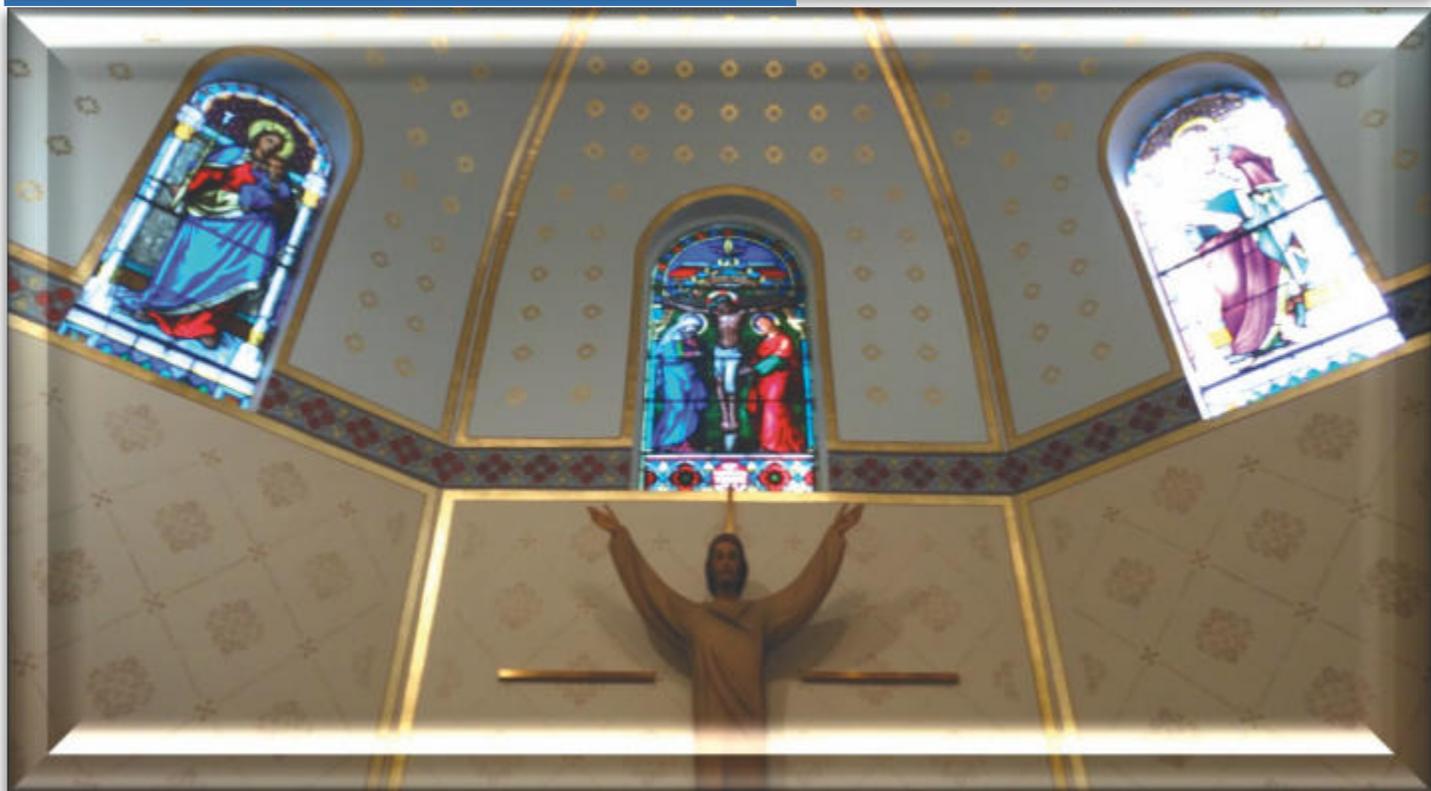


Farewell Mass for
St. Thomas Church

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!



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Mary Our Queen Church: Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00am

St. Dominic Church: Saturdays at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 7:30 & 10:30am followed by Coffee and....

St. Aloysius Church: Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 11:00am

Rosary: as scheduled

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament: as scheduled

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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When there is an Archdiocesan collection we will have the collection baskets pass a second time.

St. Dominic Rectory Hours

M-TH: 8am-3pm

Fridays 8am-12 noon



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**FRONT COVER IMAGES**

St. Thomas Church
Last Mass

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.

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 is 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.

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.

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 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

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: Well, 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 4:00pm or 5:30pm, 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 14th this year, you met the obligation to attend Mass for the Solemnity.

SATURDAY, August 28—St. Augustine

7:30am (IC) Raymond Tetrault
Requested by his wife, Lin

4:00pm (SD) Anthony Varuolo
Requested by Carol & Jim Mathews

5:30pm (IC—English) Robert & Laretta Hopko
Requested by Family

SUNDAY, August 29—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am (SD) Asuncion L. Gomez
Requested by Terry & Bill Lombardi

9:00am (IC—Polish) Edward, Czeslawa, & Bozenka Garbowski
Requested by Steczkowski Family

10:30am (SD) In Memory of Saveria & Nicola Sabino
Requested by daughter Josephine & husband

MONDAY, August 30

7:30am (IC) Jadwiga Jurski, 1st Anniversary
Requested by her Husband

12:00pm (IC) Rose Rotella, 1st Anniversary
Requested by daughter Lyssa & Family

TUESDAY, August 31--

7:30am (IC) Raffaele Mastroianni
Requested by Pat DeMarco & Ralph Ciaburri Families

12:00pm (IC) Robert & Loretta Hopko
Requested by Family

WEDNESDAY, September 1

7:30am (IC) Thomas DeAngelo
Requested by his wife, Pat

12:00pm (IC) Martin Talley, Catherine & Matthew Gresiuk
Requested by Pat Talley

THURSDAY, September 2

7:30am (IC) Julia Malone Butkins
Requested by the Granddaughter

12:00pm (IC) Cheryl Vosney, 1st anniversary
Requested by her son, Sebastian

FRIDAY, September 3—St. Gregory the Great

7:30am (IC) Michael Shanley
Requested by his Father & Sisters

12:00pm (IC) Henry & Genevieve Daniels
Requested by Family

SATURDAY, September 4

7:30am (IC) Janet Marciniak
Requested by Deborah & Ron Lemire

4:00pm (SD) Tobia & Rose Soriero
Requested by Family

5:30pm (IC—English) Charles & William Jones
Requested by Family

SUNDAY, September 5—23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am (SD) Rena Costagliolo
Requested by Family
James E. Keating
Requested by the Heath Family

9:00am (IC—Polish) John Steczkowski, Jr.
Requested by Mom, Dad and Sister

10:30am (SD) Fred, Kenny, Patricia Gagliardi
Requested by Family

liturgy corner**SAINT OF THE DAY - MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life? This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John’s life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God’s grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Reflection Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ’s saving grace.

faith formation

Director of Faith Formation: Patrick Reid 860.628.9679 southington.dre@gmail.com

Enrollment for the 2021-2022

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.

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, Call Patrick Reid at 860.628.9679

the catholic youth ministry of southington



The Catholic Youth Ministry of Southington is an initiative that seeks to reach out to our young Catholic 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 and periodic fellowship nights, service projects, and special prayer experiences of traditional Catholic prayer. We will be hosting our official Launch on September 26th from 5-8 at Saint Dominic Church. Further details and upcoming announcements will be posted in the bulletin and on our parishes' websites.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at major events, please contact Michael Pavano 860-628-5159 or southingtonyouthministry@gmail.com.

We are also planning to host a parent forum that will give parents of high-school students the opportunity to meet with 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.

save the date!



The Education Committee invites all to attend an inspiring presentation Saturday, September 18, 2021, 10am to noon. Deacon Arthur Miller, who leads the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford, will speak to us on "Forming a Beloved Community". Originally from Chicago, where he experienced the unjust murder of his classmate Emmett Till, Deacon Art remains a champion of those who suffer social injustice, and encourages all to be the same. He has preached throughout the United States, issuing a call to conversion of spirit through "Radical Love". His "A Catholic Response to Racism" was featured as the cover story for the February 2021 issue of St. Anthony Messenger. While Connecticut must share him with the world, Deacon Art still serves the community of the Saint Mary Church in Simsbury. A quote from Deacon Art: "If God were to give us an 11th commandment, I believe it would read: Thou shall not be a bystander."

seeking media team volunteers



The media team is responsible for running the computers and camera equipment at Masses and other events in the Church. We currently stream the 4:00pm Mass to streaming platform and prepare for overflow into the Geraghty Parish Center if needed. The team also displays visuals on the screens of music lyrics for parishioner participation. There is no experience required, just a desire to serve your community, and we will teach you the rest! If you are interested in joining this exciting ministry, please contact Leanne at LeanneF@saintdominicchurch.com today!

St. Dominic Parish is now accepting bids for snow plowing for the 2021-2022 season.

Please contact Sharon Ayotte at 860-628-0349 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until noon for more information.

bereavement group Autumn 2021

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.

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This year our 75th Gold Medal Award recipient is Michael Soltys. Our very own parishioner is being honored! Unico is hoping his many friends and contacts from St Dominic/St Thomas parishes would like to attend the dinner and help Michael celebrate receiving this prestigious award.

The Gold Medal Dinner is on September 22, 2021. It will be held at the Aqua Turf from 6:15 until 10 pm. The cost is \$65.00 per person. You can get your tickets at St Dominic Church Rectory, Fasulo & Albin, CPA's in Plantsville at 16 Cornerstone Court or at Southington Insurance Center at 85 Liberty St.



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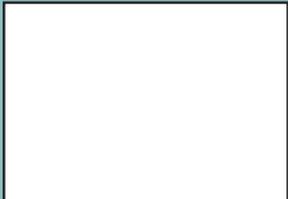

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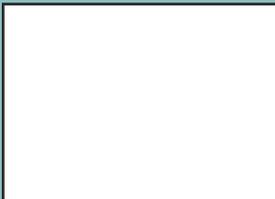
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