Catholic Parishes of Southington

January 16, 2022



The wedding at Cana





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FRONT COVER IMAGES

Bartolome esteban murillo: Wedding at Cana

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOE

1:30 pm on Thursdays in the Saint Dominic Community Learning Center. Also streamed to the St. Thomas Facebook Group.

Custodial Staff: Jordan Betancourt, Bonnie Guimond, Ron Lemire, Marty Lopatosky, Harry Masterbone, Joseph Alfano, Tom DiPietro, Rick Barrett

FAITH FORMATION Please see our parishes websites: saintdominicchurch.com or stthomassouthington.org southington.dre@gmail.com 860.628.9679

ST. DOMINIC CHILD CARE CENTER

We proudly provide child care fifty-one weeks of the year for infants to age five. 860.628.4678

SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL Located at 133 Bristol Street. 860.628.2485 www.southingtoncatholicschool.org

YOUTH MINISTRY 860.628.5159

MASSES

Immaculate Conception Church: Saturdays at 5:30pm in English and Sundays at 9:00am in Polish Daily Masses: Monday-Friday 7:30am & 12:00pm, Sat. 7:30am Immaculate Conception Church 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: Mondays 7pm. Saint Dominic Chapel

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament: as scheduled Reconciliation: 2:30-3:30pm Saturdays at Saint Dominic Church —Wednesdays at Immaculate Conception 6-7pm **Diabetes Support Group** last Tuesday of each month, 10-11:15am: Immaculate Conception meeting hall

GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Thomas Offices & Immaculate Conception: 860.628.4713, Saint Dominic Rectory: 860.628.0349 All event/meeting scheduling, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Marriages, Anointing of the sick, hospital or home visits, cemetery needs: please call 860.628.4713 for more information or assistance.

Bulletin and bulletin board submission: Monday 8am, prior to the bulletin publication date. *A week with a holiday: 16 days ahead LeeanneF@saintdominicchurch.com

Online Giving: www.saintthomassouthington.org or www.saintdominicchurch.com

COLLECTIONS Anyone contributing a monthly envelope for any of the parishes may place that in the same collection. Please remember to use your parish envelopes so that we may send contributions to the correct Church. Any loose donations will remain in the parish collected in. When there is an Archdiocesan collection we will have the collection baskets pass a second time. Please make checks payable to your parish.

Father Joe's Notes

My dear friends,

"Now that Christmas is over, Father, you will have time to relax!" Yeah, right! It's Sunday afternoon and I'm waiting at my computer for the HVAC repair man to call. He has to come and repair the system at Immaculate Conception. I may as well keep myself busy typing this letter in the lag time. I have TV Mass tomorrow, along with a deanery meeting, calls to return, paperwork to do, notes to type for Bible study, and a school board meeting in the evening. I have no illusions that there will be any quiet time now, or for quite some time to come!

In the next few weeks I need to work with the Human Resources Office of the Archdiocese to find out all the next steps in the creation of a staff for the coming merger. Job descriptions will have to be drafted. I will have to meet with employees from every one of the five parishes to go over options. We will have to find out who plans to apply, retire, or just not seek a position in the new parish. All that needs to be settled before May1st, so everyone has a few months to settle plans. That will be January, and interviews will go through February and March.

January and February are the time that pastors meet with business managers, trustees, and finance councils to review the yearend figures. There is paperwork to be submitted to the Archdiocese each year, and now is the time to compile the reports. Once we submit the forms and pay the cathedraticum, we prepare the annual report for the parishioners. I will be busy with that for the next month.

We have to begin the process

for a new corporation soon. There is paperwork to meet the requirements of the civil codes and the canons of the Church. Trustees of the new corporation will have to be appointed.

We have to cover issues with a merger and a change of names. Finance councils will have to help plan for dealings with banks and the investments. Parish councils will have to develop norms and procedures for a new group.

I will be somewhat busy for the next few months. The great trick will be keeping all the information straight in my head. It is a busy time. (Oh, and I am just back from Immaculate Conception. They have to order a part to repair the heating unit for the church. Hopefully, it will be here by the time you read this!) If you can spare one, please say a prayer for me!

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe



Next Weekend we will hold a second collection for the Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools. Please make checks payable to your parish.

mass intentions

SATURDAY, January 15

7:30am	(IC)	pro-populo
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- 4:00pm (SD) JoAnn Belanger Requested by Morris & Diane Blanchette
- 5:30pm (IC) Henry & Genevieve Daniels Requested by the Family

SUNDAY, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30am (SD) Hannah Weir Requested by her parents, Kevin & Peg, and her Brothers
- 9:00am (IC—Polish) Deceased members of the Polish National Alliance Requested by members
- 10:30am (SD) Alfred Laone Requested by the Family

MONDAY, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

7:30am (IC) pro-populo 12:00pm (IC) pro-populo

TUESDAY, January 18

 7:30am (IC) pro-populo
12:00pm (IC) Anna, Ignatius, William, & Nancy Rurka Requested by Jim & Sophie Rurka

WEDNESDAY, Janaury 19

 7:30am (IC) Mass for Life Requested by the Knights of Columbus
12:00pm (IC) pro-populo

THURSDAY, January 20

- 7:30am (IC) pro-populo
- 12:00pm (IC) pro-populo

FRIDAY, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7:30am (IC) Pro-Populo

12:00pm (IC) Helen Turek, 6th Anniversary Requested by her Family

SATURDAY, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30am (IC)	pro-populo
4:00pm (SD)	In memory of Ann Marie Cocozza Requested by Lucille Cocozza & Family
5:30pm (IC)	Kathleen Jakubowicz Requested by the Family

SUNDAY, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30am (SD) Louis Keefe Requested by John DiSarro, III, & Victoria Kirby
- 9:00am (IC—Polish) Andrew Sadea Requested by the Kusmider Family
- 10:30am (SD) Janina & Jozef Karczewski, and Boguslawa & Henryk Rabiej Requested by the Rabiej Family

tax statements for saint thomas

If you need a copy of your donations for tax purposes, please email saintthomassouthington@gmail.com and one will be emailed or mailed to you. If you need to call for one please leave a message for Heidi and one will be mailed to you. Statements will go out after January 23.

tax statements for saint dominic

If you need a copy of your donations for tax purposes, please email LeeanneF@saintdominicchurch.com and one will be emailed or mailed to you. If you need to call for one please leave a message and one will be mailed to you.. Statements will go out after January 23.

tax statements for Immaculate

If you need a copy of your donations for tax purposes, please email saintthomassouthington@gmail.com and state that you are from Immaculate Conception Parish. If you need to call for one please leave a message for Heidi. Statements will not be ready immediately due to staffing. We apologize for the inconvenience. You can also use your canceled checks as proof of donation.

liturgy corner

Ordinary Time -Paul Turner

Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year, fills the weeks "which do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ." It's the no-particular-reason season. Christmas Time honors the birth of Christ. Easter Time rejoices in the resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

The number of the weeks of Ordinary Time replaces the old counting of weeks "after Epiphany" and "after Pentecost." The old calendar suggested that Pentecost ran for six months. The new calendar gives Pentecost a day. Then we return to Ordinary Time.

At first glance the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after Christmas Time. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting till Advent. Basically, that's how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no "First Sunday in Ordinary Time"; however, there is a first week. Usually Christmas Time ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of Christmas Time. (Some years the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday, but that's another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around we start week two.

On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in the United States. (In countries where this solemnity is a holy day, it falls on a Thursday.) So when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return in summer, we start out a little higher than where we left off.

Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent but counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may disappear, but Ordinary Time still serves the complete mystery of Christ.

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Mass Schedule Changes Effective July 1st

With the merger of parishes, the Pastoral Planning Committee of the parishes in Southington have examined our Mass attendance from October counts and looked at seating capacity of each church building. Following guidelines from the diocese that Masses should be scheduled one and half hours from the start of one Mass to the beginning of the next (allowing time for transportation), we have come up with a schedule for the new merged parish effective the Weekends of July 2nd and 3rd, 2022. This will be the Mass schedule:

 SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES
4:00 PM – Mary Our Queen Church
5:30 PM – Immaculate Conception Church (*in English*)
SUNDAY MORNING MASSES
8:00 AM – St. Aloysius Church
9:30 AM – Immaculate Conception Church (*in Polish*)
11:00 AM – St. Dominic Church
Confession will be Saturdays from 2:30-3:30PM at Mary Our Queen Church
WEEKDAY MASSES – Monday through Saturday

8:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

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Praying with Scripture snacks and activities Open Faith Talk January 23, 2022 Saint Dominic Church 6-8pm all high-school aged teens welcome



sign up today at saintdominicchurch.com

ask father

Question: Father, the bulletin had a question about candidates in the RCIA. What is RCIA?

Answer: RCIA is the "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults". Most of us were raised in Catholic families and baptized as infants. We were instructed in the faith at Catholic school or Catechism. We made our sacraments with classmates. While that's the norm, it isn't the case for everyone. Some people choose to become Catholic later in life. Maybe they were raised Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu or some other religion, or perhaps with no religious faith at all. These people need to be baptized to join us.

As adults, they have to be educated in the ways of the faith before the sacrament is conferred. We help educate them on the teachings and requirements of our religion so that they may make a well informed decision to convert. Some Christians of other denominations might choose to become Catholic. They wouldn't be baptized Catholic, as they already have been in their previous denomination. (We never re-baptize.) But they would need instruction on Catholic faith and practice.

After this, they could be welcomed into the community with an act of reception. Some people may have been baptized as children but were never formed in the Catholic faith. To receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, they would have to be taught the elements of faith required to join us in full communion. RCIA address all these cases and helps people joining us in the Catholic faith or completing the Rites of Initiation. It prepares people to join fully into the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

altar adornment

All donations will be listed in the bulletin for the date of request if received in time, though, depending on the liturgical season/date, flowers may not be present on the altar.

Please pick up a donation envelope at an usher's position in the back of the church. Fill it out and drop it in the collection basket with your donation of \$50.00 or more, or mail it to the rectory. Candle intentions are a donation of \$20 or more. Two weeks notice please. Make checks payable to your parish. Thank you!



flower intentions

For: Philomenia Markowski

Requested by Rosemary Pavlick



candle intentions

For: Your Loved One

Requested by the Family

calling all men!

We are currently studying PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS using the USCCB

approved New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE) translation. Come to our discussion and explore this book of scripture together! Doors are open (virtually speaking) whenever you can make it.

The study group meets every other Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM using Zoom for virtual meetings. All are welcome. Are you in? Contact Joe Premus at joepremus@gmail.com to automatically receive Zoom meeting invites.



men's club update Immaculate Conception-Saint Thomas-Church Of Saint Dominic

With regrets, it was necessary to cancel our scheduled January 16th Breakfast event and apologize for any inconvenience caused.





It was also decided to make an adjustment to our scheduled February 27th Mardi Gras event due to the current Covid-19 situation. Instead of the scheduled dinner event an exciting complimentary "Mardi Gras Breakfast" buffet will be available to all parishioners at Masses on Sunday, February 27th, at Saint Dominic Church.

A special 7:00 pm. meeting will be held at the Immaculate Conception Religious Education Building on Thursday, February 3rd to finalize plans .

the ABCs of annulment

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at <u>brolarlus300@gmail.com</u>.

bereavement group winter 2022

The Southington Catholic Parishes will be offering an in-person bereavement workshop. The New Day process consists of 10 facilitated meetings, and the winter 2022 group is being formed. The first meeting will begin Thursday, January 6, at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, contact the parish office 860-628-4713 or <u>stthomassouthington@gmail.com</u>.

passion play news 2022

Please consider joining us in spreading God's message of love. All are welcome to sing in the adult and youth choruses without auditioning.

Auditions

Tuesday – Jan. 18th Speaking roles only - 7:30pm in the school cafeteria *DON'T COME EARLY! We cannot enter the building until the CCD classes leave.

Thursday – Jan. 20th Singing and speaking roles – 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Important information

- For more info: <u>www.stthomassouthington.org/cast-info</u>
- First Chorus Rehearsal: Feb 2nd in the school gym. Youth 6pm 7pm and Adults 7pm – 8:30pm
- We are in need of someone to run the sound system.

help wanted! Are you looking for a part time job? Do you have some extra time on your hands? Do you love working with children?

St. Dominic Child Care Center is looking for part-time child care workers starting at \$16/hour *Paid Holidays after 90 days and additional flex days after 1 year. Available positions include mornings and/or afternoons Monday through Friday. Flexible hours available. No experience necessary.

For more information, contact Ashley:

<u>directorcc@saintdominicchurch.com</u> or call the center 860.628.4678 ext. 123.



adult confirmation spring 2022

The Southington Catholic Parishes will be offering a preparation process for Adult Confirmation. The process will include 6 to 10 facilitated meetings, and the spring 2022 group is being formed.

The first meeting should begin Tuesday, February 8 in anticipation of Confirmation being celebrated at the Cathedral in May 2022. For more information and to enroll, please contact the parish office by telephone at

860-628-4713 or by email at sthomassouthington@gmail.com.

rite of christian initiation of adults (rcia)

Is something missing from your life? Are you searching for God? Were you baptized in another Christian faith?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church, but did not complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)?

If so, the Southington Catholic Parishes offer a process through which people can learn what the Catholic Church believes, teaches, and tries to live in the world. The first step in the process is called inquiry. It's a time when inquirers explore the basics and meet people who can help them with the process. If after a time, inquirers feel that membership in the Catholic Church is something desirable, they can continue the process of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information, please contact the parish office by telephone at 860-628-4713 or by email at <u>stthomassouthington@gmail.com</u>.

a progress report . . . to the parishioners of the church of saint dominic

Goal for 2021 Annual Parish Appeal <u>\$100,000</u>

Collected to date: \$82,059

If you did not receive a mailer and would like to contribute, there are letters with donation envelopes available at the greeter stands.

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saint dominic nourishes item of the month: Pasta Sauce

social justice ongoing food drive Canned tomato

Tomato paste Cooking oils Tuna Canned chicken Canned vegetables Canned beans Snack Nuts /Seeds Napkins Crackers/ Popcorn Fiber One Cereal Flour/Sugar Cereal/Breakfast bars Packaged fruit Pancake mix, syrup Taco/fajita kits Oatmeal Ketchup/Mustard/Relish Toilet bowl cleaner Household cleaners Sponges Facial tissue Freezer bags Foil and cling wrap Kitchen garbage bags Chicken broth/stock Beef broth/stock Vegetable broth/stock Peanut butter & jelly Boxed or bagged rice Boxed/bagged potato Coffee/tea Juice Pasta and sauce Soups Pet foods & accessories

are sent to Meriden Humane Society, a non-kill shelter. Canned cat/dog food Dry cat/dog food Pet toys Food donations benefit parishioners in need, & Southington Community Services.





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