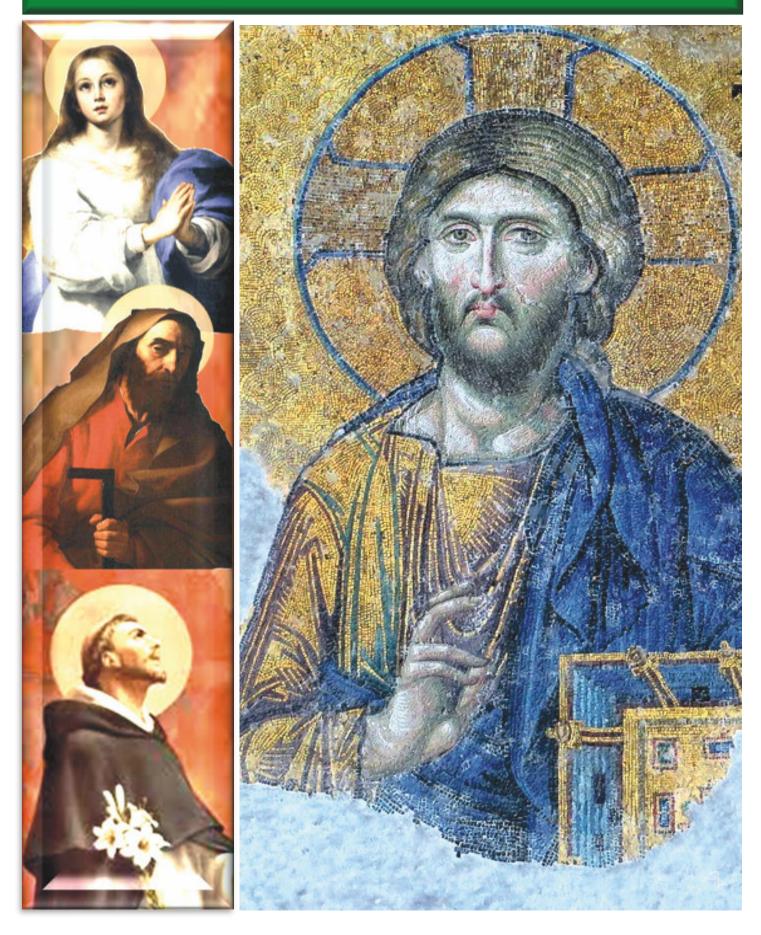
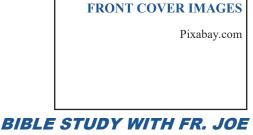
Catholic Parishes of Southington

January 23, 2022



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

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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,

I spent the last week finishing the cleanup from Christmas. Since I have three houses to decorate (St. Dominic rectory, St. Thomas rectory, and my parents' home), it's a big task. I've been plugging along, but things were not all put away. I hadn't even begun to tackle the office at St. Thomas. This past Monday was the day to drag out the boxes and get going there. I hope that everything is boxed and stored by time you read this! Setting a deadline helps. While it may take time, things will get back to normal; I just need to do some work to make that happen.

Southington has a task ahead of linking five parish communities. It may seem like an insurmountable challenge, and one we would rather put off until later, but it needs to be done. We have a shortage of clergy (priests and deacons), and it will only get worse. We've seen a demographic change with many of our

parishioners moving out of state. The Corona Virus hit us hard, and many haven't yet returned to church. With decades of scandals and a general lack in interest in institutional religion among younger people, we've seen decreased attendance. All of these factors mean we no longer can staff, support, or even need five separate parishes with five separate sets of buildings and organizations. The time has come for us to do something. Some things are done. The deadline of July 1st has been set. We have a committee of people who have been helping plan the transition. We are



asking organizations and ministries to begin talking about merging missions and operations. There has been movement and work done, but there is always more to be done. This is where I need your help.

The greatest thing we can do as a community is believe we are one community. We can stop complaining about

how terrible the new Mass schedule is, even before we've tried it. We can look for ways to engage in what's happening. We can stop talking only about the past and look forward to the future. We can quit speaking about us and them; there is only us. When we say things can't be done, they won't be done; it becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy. When we trust that good

things will happen, we begin to believe it, look for it, and work to make it happen. We can't be paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We can't let "it's always been that way" determine what will be. If we motivate ourselves to tackle the challenge ahead, it will be done and done well. My hope and prayer is that we can all unite in single effort to unify all five parish communities into one. We can work to make it happen.

Hopefully yours in Christ, Fr. Joe

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

mass intentions

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

MONDAY, January, 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

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

TUESDAY, January, 25 Conversion of St. Paul

7:30am (IC) Teresa Burak Requested by her Son, and the Steczkowski Family
12:00pm (IC) Edward Wojnarowski Requested by his sister, Helen Barone

WEDNESDAY, January, 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

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

THURSDAY, January, 27

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

FRIDAY, January. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

7:30am (IC) Pro-Populo

12:00pm (IC) Robert & Marie Jones, & Rev. Frank Listro Requested by Sebastian & Marie Listro

SATURDAY, January, 29

7:30am	(IC)	pro-populo
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4:00pm (SD) Michael Mongillo Requested by Tonia, Evo, & Charlene
5:30pm (IC) Deceased members of the Mirando & Derynioski Families Requested by Florence Mirando & Family

SUNDAY, January, 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30am (SD) Robert Tompkins Requested by the Family
- 9:00am (IC—Polish) Zofia Moscicka Requested by Edyta Konopka
- 10:30am (SD) Richard Gallagher, 1st Anniversary Requested by his Wife & Children

tax statements for saint thomas

If you need a copy of your donations for tax purposes, please email stthomassouthington@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 stthomassouthington@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

Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.

In accordance with the words of Pope Francis, the Bible is not meant for a privi-



leged few. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words". The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity".

On this day we invite you to spend some time reading the Bible and join us with the following prayer.

God, you speak to us in this sacred book. Your Word gives life, calls us to discipleship, and feeds us on the journey. May we be formed by this Word and preach it with our lives. We encounter you in your Son, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, who give us ears to hear, lives to respond, and voices to proclaim the Good News of salvation. Let this Good News echo throughout the world, in every tongue and culture, so all people may gladly embrace salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Think about joining a bible study group to learn more about sacred scriptures.

(BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOE- 1:30 pm on Thursdays in the Saint Dominic Community Learning Center.)

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

JANUARY 23, 2022

youth







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, what's a cathedraticum?

Answer: Somehow I knew this would be a question after my letter last weekend! The cathedraticum is payment parishes make to the diocese each year. While each parish has a variety of means to collect revenue for operations, a diocese is rather limited. Yes, there's the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, but that is meant as a supplement to programs.

It doesn't pay all the ordinary expenses. Each parish gives a percentage of their ordinary income collected to the diocese. It's called a cathedraticum since the cathedra is the chair of authority for a local bishop, and we stand united with the bishop who supports us, and we support him. The offices that support us in Catholic education, personnel issues, matters of canon or civil law, and the like are all financed through these funds.

hospice volunteer

Becoming a Franciscan Hospice Volunteer is a rewarding opportunity to journey with someone in the latter portion of his/her life. Franciscan hospice volunteers receive 16 hours of training that enables them to be present to others in a very special way in order to support both the individual and their family through a difficult time. There is continuing education and support through monthly meetings as well as social events for the hospice volunteer throughout the year. Franciscan hospice volunteers provide a variety of services such as visiting patients, reading, sharing stories, praying or being a quiet presence for the patient as well as clerical support. If you are interested in making a difference in someone else's life consider becoming a Franciscan Hospice Volunteer with Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. Contact BJ Raby at braby@franciscanhc.org or 202-238-1441. Visit web site at franciscanhc.org.

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

Donated by George & Nawal Haddad



candle intentions

For: Your Loved One

Requested by the Family

community events

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





The Men's club 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>.

join us!

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. The last date to sign up for adult or youth chorus is February 9th.

You can sign up on any of the following dates or an online sign-up link and downloadable sign-up forms can be found at: www.stthomassouthington.org/cast-info



Important Dates:

January 26, Wed.	7:00pm Cast announcements and script read through. In the school gym.
February 2, Wed.	6:00 - 7pm Youth Chorus – parent/guardian must stay. In the school gym.
February 2, Wed.	7:00 - 8:30pm Adult Chorus in the school gym.
February 6, Sun.	10:30am Commissioning Mass at St Dominic Church
February 6, Sun. February 9, Wed.	10:30am Commissioning Mass at St Dominic Church6:00 - 7pm Youth Chorus – parent/guardian must stay. In the school gym.

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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