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**13 February 2022** 

# SUNDAY MASS IS OFFERED AT MARY OUR QUEEN

# 9:00am and 11:00am

The 9:00am Sunday Mass is Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page.

The official time for the opening of the church doors on Sunday is 8:15 in the morning. Please keep this in mind for those who might show up extra early; especially during the winter months

# DAILY MASS IS OFFERED AT

Immaculate Conception Church № 130 Summer Street

7:30am & Noon Monday ~ Friday & Saturday 7:30am

# **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Please call the Rectory to make arrangements and receive information concerning eligibility of godparents.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made by calling the Rectory at least six months in advance.

**Reconciliation/Confession:** after daily Mass, Sundays between each scheduled Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick, Hospital or Home Visitation:** Please call the Rectory.

## **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am ~ 4:00pm

Thursdays the office is closed

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

(860) 628-9679

Email: Southington.dre@gmail.com.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Mary Our Queen Parish is a Roman Catholic community, founded under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Queen. We strive to celebrate the liturgy with full conscious and active participation. We are especially devoted to handing the faith to our youth and to strengthening the faith-lives of our families.

We strive to offer a warm welcome to all and to reach out to the spiritual and material needs of the people of our community, our nation and the entire world.



#### REMINDER:

Bookings for Daily Mass Intentions are booked through St. Thomas Rectory office. please call (860) 628-4713

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @ MOQ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**11:00 AM ₽ JOHN LORENZO** *Requested by wife and children* 

# Daily Mass is offered at the Immaculate Conception Church

130 Summer Street ~ Southington, 06489

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

7:30 AM and 12:00 PM PRO-POPULO

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, Weekday

7:30 AM and 12:00 PM PRO-POPULO

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, Weekday

7:30 AM ♣ NIKODEMUS REDLER Requested by family

12:00 PM PRO-POPULO

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30 AM PRO-POPULO

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, Weekday

7:30 AM PRO-POPULO

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, Weekday

7:30 AM PRO-POPULO



# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 @ MOQ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM ⊕ LEWIS & LORETTA PALMIERI Requested by Pat & Al DePaolo 11:00 AM ⊕ JOSEPH TIMKO SR. Requested by daughters

# 4:00 PM OPEN FORUM regarding the Future/Merger of

**MOQ** ~ This is your time to ask questions that you may have regarding the Pastoral Planning Process effective July 1.

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# from the Pastor's Desk....

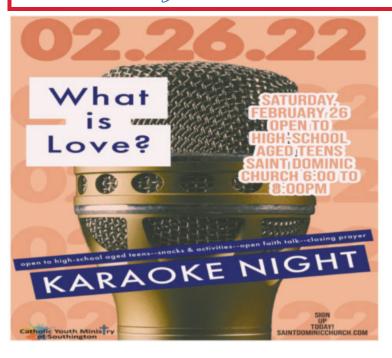
What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening

"because they do." They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

Father Kargul





Please pray for the repose of the Soul of † *Theresa Dolores Silas*Who received Christian Burial in our Parish

Eternal rest, grant unto Her O Lord.

# Beware of email scammers .....

Please note that scammers may create email accounts, pretending to be from the Parish or the Priests, asking for money or gift cards. You will never receive a legitimate email from the Parish asking for gift cards. When we do fund drives it will be via mail or in person.



#### Confessions are offered at:

MOQ by appointment or in-between the 9 & 11am Sunday Masses.

Saint Dominic Church Saturdays 2:30~3:30pm

**Immaculate Conception** Wednesdays 6:00~7:00pm



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Complimentary "Mardi Gras Breakfast" buffet will be available to all parishioners at Masses on Sunday, February 27th, at Saint Dominic Church. Sponsored by the

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#### Church **Rosary** Warriors A Prayerful Powerful Devotion of the Rosary.

Let our Blessed Mother open the eyes of your heart to the mysteries of Jesus's life seeing and loving him with Our Lady. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ with your intentions and prayers after 7:30am Saturday morning Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Southington praying for our Nation and spiritual revival.

# Mass Intentions for 2022

Intentions may be booked either in person, by phone, or email at Saint Thomas Parish office. 99 Bristol Street, from 11:00 am ~ 7:00 pm.

# At Mary Our Queen

for Sundays 9 & 11am

Intentions may be booked either in person or by phone at the Parish office

> **BETWEEN 11 am ~ 3:00 pm** Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri

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To learn more, join us at the informational session on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12:00 at the SoCCA Building, 93 Main Street, Southington.

To ensure we have enough hand-outs at this meeting or to ask additional questions call Debby Leonard at 860-628-8387 or

Cheryl Lounsbury at 860-919-4237

Please RSVP by February 21st

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# scholarships available

The Knights of Columbus Isabella Council #15 and Isabella Assembly #122 Scholarship Applications are now available for those seeking to further their education at a recognized institute of higher learning during the upcoming academic year. Applicant, Parent, or Legal Guardian must be a registered member of the Southington/Plantsville Parishes. Applications are available on the St. Dominic parish center bulletin board or saintdominicchurch.com, and must be returned by March 31st, 2022 in accordance with the application instructions.

# **Hospice Volunteer Needed.....**

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# Southington Catholic Community News









# Mass Schedule Changes Effective July 1, 2022

### **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 9:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception (in Polish) 11:00 AM @ St. Dominic

**CONFESSIONS**: Saturdays from 2:30-3:30PM at Mary Our Queen Church

### **WEEKDAY MASSES** ~ Monday through Saturday

8:00 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church

Mass Intentions can now be booked for July through December between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM through the rectory office at St. Thomas – 99 Bristol Street - (860) 628-4713. To begin, we will book one weekend Mass and one weekday Mass (Saturday morning included) per family until we see how quickly the calendar fills.

# **Update on Pastoral Planning......**

In the next few weeks Fr. Cronin will work with the Human Resources Office of the Archdiocese to find out the next steps in the creation of a staff for the coming merger.

Job descriptions will have to be drafted. He 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.

February is 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

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.





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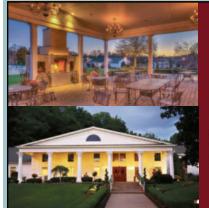
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