

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:00 Cristiano and Clementina Tancredi and Raffaele and Angelina Audi, req. by Mr & Mrs Giovanni Tancredi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 Joseph Avitabile, Sr. and Joseph Avitabile, Jr., req. by Carmel Avitabile

9:30 Mary Miceli, req. by Joe and Cathy Miceli

11:00 Joseph Melo, req. by The Saint Thomas Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 Evo J. Mongillo – Birthday, req. by his family

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 Reginald Paradis and Theresa Currier, req. by Alan and Elaine Paradis

THURSDAY, MARCH 4**St. Casimir**

12:10 Annamae Witkovic, req. by her brother and sisters

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

12:10 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 Rick Rubelmann, req. by his family

4:00 The deceased members of the Angelo and Antonio Valentino Family, req. by Jerry and Victoria Altieri

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 Mary and Bruno Brunalli, req. by their family

9:30 Ludwine Ceuch, req. by Joe and Kathy Miceli

11:00 Michael Casale, req. by Susan Bourret and Brandon Becker

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Nick after Mass. Parish registration forms are available in the sacristy after Mass or at the rectory office during the week.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

St. Thomas Parish offers Ministry to the homebound and shut-ins. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist on a monthly or weekly basis please contact Carmel at 628-6751.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AT AREA CHURCHES

Mary Our Queen:	Mon., Tues, Wed., Fri.	9:00 a.m.
St. Dominic:	Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.	9:00 a.m.
St. Aloysius:	Monday – Friday	7:00 a.m.
Immaculate Conception:	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

New Day Seminar: A 10 week bereavement seminar will be held at Mary Our Queen beginning Friday March 5th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. For registration contact Carmel Avitabile, 860-628-6751 or Eleanor Boruch, 203-578-5292.

LENT**Tuesdays**

Holy Hour for Vocations 11:00 a.m.

Thursdays

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour and Benediction at 11:00 a.m.

Fridays

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. will take place at area churches as follows:

March 5 St. Aloysius

March 12 St. Dominic

March 19 St. Dominic

March 26 St. Thomas (in the Church)

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 – 59 years of age. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

FRIDAY LENTEN SUPPER

Fridays during Lent, the Saint Thomas Home-School Association will be sponsoring a “**Pasta e Fagioli**” special from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$6.00 per person for salad, Italian bread, and all the Pasta e Fagioli you can eat. A beverage will be provided. Orders to go are also available. This is opened to the community and the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas School. Take out orders are also available.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

A Study of the Structural Elements of the Order of the Mass Preparation of Priest and the People – Various prayers are recited by the priest before communion to foster the devotion of the priest and the people. The first is the rite of peace. The priest says, “Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles I leave you peace, my peace I give you, look not on our sins but on the faith of your church and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where we live forever and ever. Amen

“The peace of the Lord be with you always.” “Let us offer each other some sign of peace.”

Then the priest say inaudibly “Lord Jesus Christ with faith in your love and mercy, may I eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.”

Invitation to Communion - The priest invites the people to communion. He shows the people the Eucharist holding it slightly above the paten and says aloud, “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, happy are those who are called to His supper.”

The priest and the people say together, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.”

The priest says inaudibly, “May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.” He reverently consumes the body of Christ.

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Presented by members of the Liturgy Committee

BREAD FOR LIFE

St. Thomas Church has been assigned the week of March 15-19 for the Bread for Life Soup Kitchen at the Masonic Temple, 76 Main Street. We are being asked to help staff the kitchen – three people per day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, **donations of milk and fruit are needed.** If you are able to assist in the kitchen or help with a donation, please call Marie, 621-7615.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Carmel Giammatteo, requested by her husband and daughter.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Annamae Witkovic, requested by her brother and sisters.

PASSION PLAY TICKETS

Listed below are the contact names and phone numbers to obtain tickets for the St. Thomas' Thirty Second Annual Passion Play.

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| Diane 628-4197 | Jean 628-7913 |
| Lois 621-0411 | Ginny 628-4628 |
| Janet 621-6347 | |

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| Saturday | March 27 th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Palm Sunday (limit of 5) | March 28 th | 3:00 p.m. |
| Monday | March 29 th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | March 30 th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | March 31 st | 7:30 p.m. |
| Good Friday (limit of 5) | April 2 nd | 7:30 p.m. |

ITALIAN ROSARY SOCIETY

The Italian Rosary Society will meet in the church basement on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. We invite anyone who would like to pray the Rosary in Italian to join us. For further information, please contact Sue Votino at 628-2993.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

On the weekend of April 30 – May 2, the women of our parish are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat in Farmington. Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. At Our Lady of Calvary, the natural beauty of the grounds and the peaceful atmosphere of the retreat house can provide a much needed break for your daily routine. You will have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme, *Drawn into Mystery*. Call Barbara Dahlgren, 276-0758.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Two trumpets and trombone players are needed for the Easter Sunday 11:00 Mass. Also, a drum set player is needed for one song to accompany the choir on Easter Sunday. Please contact Emil Kopcha, Music Director at 860-621-0637 if you are interested in sharing your talents at Easter.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A meeting of "Solace and Peace", an extended care program for people who have been recently bereaved, will be held on Wednesday, March 3rd in the basement of the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Solace and Peace" meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. For further information contact Carmel at 628-6751.

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Work as begun on an 80+ page full color book that will be available for purchase in 2011 after the 150th Anniversary year concludes. This book will highlight who we are today as a parish community after 150 years of living the Catholic faith in Southington.

More information and photos are needed! Particularly, we need information and photos from the last 25 years, specifically from EACH church group and/or ministry. A current photo of members, and a brief description of their work (1 page max) is essential. Older photos are welcome too! We also need photos and information from current or former Saint Thomas School teachers, staff, or students.

If any parishioner can recommend a reliable professional photographer who would be willing to photograph events and some areas of the church, please contact Laura at 860-621-7053 as soon as possible. Please mail photos or information to Laura Larson at lauralarson1@cox.net or 65 Cowles Avenue, Plantsville 06479 Be a part of our parish history!

HAITIAN RELIEF

Catholic parishioners of the Archdiocese of Hartford have donated more than \$1,000,000 to Haitian earthquake relief. One hundred percent of the funds go to the relief work of Catholic Relief Services. Archbishop Mansell says, "I offer my profound gratitude to all the people who were moved by love and compassion to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The overwhelming sign of support and solidarity shows God's grace among us. Please know that your support, coupled with donations from around the world, will be put to good use as Catholic Relief Services continues to provide relief to Haiti. While the earthquake is no longer making front page headlines, the people of Haiti continue to suffer. They need our help now more than ever, to find solutions in the long term. That is what Catholic Relief Services does."

CELEBRATION OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 21st at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. speaker Dr. Mary C. Boys, SNJM, topic: *The Passion and Death of Jesus*. Free will offering requested at the event. Pre-registration required before March 12th, send name, email, parish, and phone number to: B.J. Daly Horell, Office of Religious Education, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. or www.orehartford.org. 860-243-9465.

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010	
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9