

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

4:00 Charles, Antoinette and son, Michael and Marie Altieri,
req. by the family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 The deceased members of the SanSisto and Maria Della
Neve Societies, req. by Life Members

10:00 Marco Ingriselli – 15th Anniversary, req. by his wife and
children

MONDAY, AUGUST 9**St. Teresa Benedicta**

7:30 Doreen Fasulo, req. by Michael Fasulo

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10**St. Lawrence**

7:30 Anthony Renzi – 1st Anniversary, req. by Luigi Renzi and
Maria LaPorta

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

12:10 Francisca Zacchia – Birthday, req. by Vincenzo and
Virginia Zacchia and family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus**

12:10 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe**

8:00 Andrea DelSanto – Anniversary, req. by his wife and
children

4:00 Barbara Westermeyer, req. by BJ and Vinnie Raby

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 The deceased members of the Perillo and Audi Families,
req. by Carmella DiBenedetto and family

10:00 Reginald and Albert Martin, req. by Eva Martin and
family

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.

BULLETIN

All bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by
Tuesday for publication in the next weekend's bulletin.

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.

SAINT THOMAS CEMETERY

Pre-need graves are now available for purchase, by appointment, at
Saint Thomas Cemetery. Columbarium niches for cremains are
also available. To schedule an appointment, please call 860-628-
4713, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SAINT THOMAS PARISH**

*On the nineteenth of September, two thousand and ten
at eleven o'clock in the morning,
Archbishop Henry Mansell will preside
at a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the
One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Saint Thomas Parish.*

All parishioners are invited to join in this celebration.

A reception will follow in Saint Thomas School Cafeteria.

Please save the date! An Anniversary Gala will be held at the Aqua Turf
Club on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Details to follow.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

I become a child of God merely by being born – all people are
God's children.

I become a Catholic by receiving the sacraments of initiation:
Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

I become a member of St. Thomas Parish by completing a
parish census form. These forms are available in the sacristy of the
church or at the rectory.

I become a participating member of St. Thomas Parish by
participating in parish worship (weekly Mass, the public prayer of
the church), life (parish ministries and activities) and financial
support (using parish envelopes) and personal presence.

If you are unsure if you are currently registered at St. Thomas you
may call the parish office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. any weekday
to find out. If you have received parish or Archdiocesan mailings
you are on our census as a registered parishioner. Please note: the
last formal parish census was taken over 15 years ago and your
family makeup or status may have changed. It would be helpful if
you would complete a new census form so we can update our
records. If you are moving out of the parish we would appreciate
notification so we can keep our records up to date.

This official registration is important for several reasons. For
example:

We only have jurisdiction to baptize children of registered
parishioners.

We only have jurisdiction to marry a couple when at least
one of them is a registered parishioner. (if an adult child moves out
of the family home, he/she should fill out a separate parish census
form.)

People often request a sponsorship certificate when they
are asked to be a sponsor at a baptism or confirmation in another
parish. We can only issue these for practicing parishioners who
have been registered for six months or more. Using the parish
envelopes helps to determine your weekly participation at Mass.



2nd – Christine Thibault and Christopher Kopcha

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011**

Registration forms for **NEW** students, those entering grade 1 and those who were not registered in the program last year, may be obtained at the entrances of the church. Registration forms are also be available at the rectory. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and the non-refundable fee of \$50 must accompany the completed registration form. For further information call Kathy at 628-4713.

Reminder to those who were in the program last year – please return completed re-registration from with the \$50 fee.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Michael, Adeline and John Mongillo and Anna Worhunsky, requested by William and Diane Meola.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Ann Michaud, requested by Joseph Angelillo.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Saint Thomas Pastoral Council will take place on Monday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please contact one of the members of the Pastoral Council if you have any questions or input: Daniel Valente, 860-384-3987, Larry O'Neal, 860-426-0431, Janice Lautier, 860-621-7644, Marie Forgione, 860-628-6823, Terry Bouchard, 860-628-2981, Carl Nadeau, 860-621-4606, Carmel Avitabile, 860-628-6751, Bill Welch, 860-276-0231, Steve Whalen 860-628-9195, or Kevin Dieckhaus, 860-628-0272.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The St. Thomas Circle of Prayer will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Come join our parish community as we take one hour out of the month to pray, sing and refocus our lives in the Lord. For more information call Marc at 628-7429.

FILE CABINET

Saint Thomas School is in need of a fire proof filing cabinet. If you or someone you know has one they would like to donate to the school, please contact the principal, Mary Pat Wirkus at 860-628-2485.

SPIRIT JOY

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated, baked or made purchases at the recent Bake Sale for *Spirit Joy Children's Music Ministry*. We are grateful to Maria Ricciardone for coordinating this project. Your contributions will greatly help to defray some of our expenses and will allow us to further our ministry endeavors to reach out to shut-ins nationwide. May God bless you for your generosity.
Sr. Marie and Members of Spirit Joy

EXPERIENCED PAINTERS

We are looking for experienced painters willing to donate their time and talent on weekends/evenings to paint the sacristy, reconciliation rooms, and bathrooms of the church. If you are interested, call Campbell Peterson, 860-778-9029.

MOTHER TERESA

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered:
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives:
Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Inscribed on the wall of a Children's Home in Calcutta
Mother Teresa, Sisters of Charity

MAGAZINE RENEWAL & SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

The Saint Thomas Home & School Association will be sponsoring its yearly Magazine Renewal and Subscription Drive in September. Please save any renewal notices you may receive from the publishers and renew your subscriptions through Saint Thomas School. It costs you the same amount of money but the school gets 40%! We accept the publisher's coupons so you are guaranteed the lowest price. Thank you for your support of Saint Thomas School.

**SAINT THOMAS SCHOOL
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DONATIONS**

Financial donations are needed for tuition assistance for students with financial need. The tuition for the 2010-2011 school year is \$3850. Anyone interested in making a donation to the school is asked to please contact Father Nick or Jean at the rectory office.

The Lord will come when we least expect him. Is he knocking now, asking you to serve as priests or religious? Call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, at St. Thomas Seminary, 860-761-7456, email, vocations@stseminary.org or visit www.vocationshartford.org.

| Readings for the Week of August 8, 2010 | |
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| Sunday: | Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 |
| Monday: | Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 |
| Wednesday: | Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20 |
| Thursday: | Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21---19:1 |
| Friday: | Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12 |
| Saturday: | Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15 |
| Next Sunday: | Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 |
| | Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56 |