

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 16**

**St. Stephen of Hungary**

7:30 Sophie Mongillo, req. by her family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17**

7:30 Parishioners whose funerals were celebrated in July: Carol Ramm, Romeo Martin, Joseph Cherniack, Sophie Smolak Aniello Perone, Patrick Drozd and Irene Dichello.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19**

**St. John Eudes**

12:10 Vincenzo and Francesca Napolitano, req. by their daughter

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 20**

**St. Bernard**

12:10 Joseph N. Melo, req. by Larry and Ellie Cote  
4:30 WEDDING - Christopher Kopcha and Christine Thibault

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

**St. Pius, X**

8:00 Parishioners of Saint Thomas  
4:00 Adeline, Michael and John Mongillo and Ann Worhunsky req. by William and Diane Meola

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

7:30 Dolores Biafore, req. by Carmine and Sue Votino  
10:00 Helen and Peter Folcik, req. by their family

**TV MASS**

**On Monday, Fr. Nick will preside at the 10:00 a.m. TV Mass on channel 20. Spirit Joy Music Ministry will assist with the liturgy.**

**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.

**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.

**150<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**NEW DAY SEMINAR**

The Archdiocesan bereavement seminar, "New Day", will be held at Mary Our Queen beginning Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a ten week seminar based on the four tasks of grief, assisting those with the loss of a loved one. This program has been in the Archdiocese for over 25 years, developed by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, OP. It is non-denominational and there is no fee to attend. To register or for further information, please call Carmel at 628-6751 or Esther at 628-0063.

**ELECTIONS**

Catholics are called to see political life through the eyes of faith and to bring their moral convictions to public life. We should approach political questions not as Republicans or Democrats, liberals or conservatives, but as Catholics, because we should never try to separate our public life from our faith life. Christ calls us to be faithful disciples in all the different aspects of our lives. Our moral responsibility does not rest with informing our consciences and taking positions. We must also investigate the positions of candidates and vote on election day. When a clear choice does not exist between candidates on critical issues of faith, a Catholic voter should cast their ballot for the one they feel would best benefit the common good. Does the Candidate Support:

- \*Preserving and promoting programs that help the poor and more vulnerable members of our society?
- \*Ensuring that basic and affordable health care is available to all persons when the need arises?
- \*Programs that help pregnant women choose life for their unborn child? Parental notification when a minor seeks an abortion?
- \*Financial assistance to parents, especially with children in underperforming school districts?
- \*Religious freedom by protecting a right of conscience for providers of health care, education and social services?
- \*Repeal of the death penalty?
- \*Policies that address protecting our environment and preserving our natural resources?



3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 \$40 must accompany the completed registration form. **The registration fee for new students after July 16<sup>th</sup> will be \$50.** For further information call Kathy at 628-4713.

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



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Peter Nemic, requested by his family.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Rose Casale, requested by Carol Frawley and family.

**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.

**BIBLICAL SCHOOL**

Are you ready to explore the Bible! Registrations for Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School are being accepted for classes beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held at locations around the Archdiocese and both in the evening and during the day. Coming to know God's Word in the Bible will have a profound impact on your life and faith. For more information about all that the Biblical School has to offer, contact Barbara Jean (BJ) Daly Horell [cbcs@orehartford.org](mailto:cbcs@orehartford.org) or 860-243-9465, ext 11.

**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.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

A meeting of "Solace and Peace", an extended care program for people who have been recently bereaved, will be held on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Solace and Peace" meets regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. For further information contact Carmel at 628-6751.

**MAGAZINE RENEWAL & SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE**

The Saint Thomas Home & School Association is sponsoring its yearly Magazine Renewal and Subscription Drive. 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. Packets are available at the door. Thank you for your support of Saint Thomas School.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar Servers serve at the altar and assist the priest and the deacon. They may carry the cross, the candles, the thurible, the bread, the wine, and the water. Those currently serving our parish in this ministry are:

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| Christopher Black  | Jane Larson          |
| Zachary Blanchette | Suzanne Marcoux      |
| Tyler Camisa       | Charles Morelli      |
| Brendan Chevrier   | James Morelli        |
| Dante D'Agostino   | Kegan Relihan        |
| Joseph D'Agostino  | Thomas Snow          |
| Mark D'Agostino    | Nicholas Szyszkowski |
| Silvio D'Agostino  | Thomas Swinicki      |
| Matthew Dieckhaus  | Lauren Zazzaro       |

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes for baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion and are over the age of 18 will be held in three locations this fall.

Archdiocesan Center at Saint Thomas Seminary  
 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays: September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20  
 Contact: Mary Marsan, 860-243-9465, ext 14

Our Lady of Loreto  
 12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  
 Mondays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18  
 Contact Mary Marsan 860-243-9465 ext 14

St. Joan of Arc, 450 W. Todd St, Hamden 7:00–9:00 p.m.  
 Thursdays: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Contact: Donna Yatcko, 203-248-6958

Registration forms are available at the rectory office or on [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org). There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the books. All registration forms must be received before the first session. The Confirmation ceremony will be celebrated at the Saint Thomas Seminary Chapel, 467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**VOCATIONS**

*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* As a Church, let us pray to Mary, Mother of Vocations, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St Thomas Seminary, 860-761-7456, email [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org) or visit [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).

**Readings for the Week of August 15, 2010**

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| Sunday:      | Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28<br>Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 |
| Monday:      | Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22   |
| Tuesday:     | Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30  |
| Wednesday:   | Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16   |
| Thursday:    | Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14  |
| Friday:      | Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40  |
| Saturday:    | Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12   |
| Next Sunday: | Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30   |