

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 23**St. Rose of Lima**

7:30 Deceased members of the Cusano and Simone Families,
req. by Lena D'Agostino and family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**St. Bartholomew**

7:30 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

12:10 Tom and Mary Donnelly, req. by their family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**St. Monica**

12:10 Teresa and Luca Leonetti, req. by Mario and Aurelia
Leonetti

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**St. Augustine**

8:00 Deacon Wesley Baxter
4:00 Frances and James Shaughnessy, req. by Joan and Paul
Martin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30 Vincenzo, Catherine and James Meola and Loretta
Palmieri, req. by William and Diane Meola
10:00 Francesca Zacchia, req. by Vincenzo and Virginia
Zacchia and family
12:30 Sons of Italy

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 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

After a lengthy and thorough process, we are about to undertake the 2nd of five facilities improvement projects – the reconstruction of our parking lot. An updated site map was done, proposed layouts were developed and considered to most effectively utilize our property for all buildings and activities, plans were approved by the Town, the project was put out to bid, and this past week the Archbishop granted us permission to hire Simscroft-Echo Farms of Simsbury for \$702,397. Dan Quinlan was awarded the contract for the trees and shrubs required by the Town.

The project will take approximately 90 days, and work will commence very soon. During that time, you will undoubtedly encounter different parking configurations when you attend Mass and other functions. We ask your patience and understanding, and most of all your cooperation so that the work can proceed on schedule and the safety of all parties can remain priority number one.

I thank Mark Mongillo and the Building Committee for their hard work that has brought us to this day. I thank all who have generously contributed to our Capital Campaign so that these projects can go forward. As promised at the onset, half of the funds for this project will come from savings, the other half from the Campaign.

We have begun looking toward the 3rd project – handicap accessibility to our church hall. We will need to raise more money to accomplish this and ensuing projects, so we ask those who have yet to contribute to our Campaign to consider making a sacrificial gift today. Again, thanks to all who have made the renovations to the interior of our church and our parking facilities possible.

Fr. Nick

NEW DAY SEMINAR

The Archdiocesan bereavement seminar, "New Day", will be held at Mary Our Queen beginning Friday, August 27th 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.

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.

MINISTRY OF READER

The word of God, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love. The ministry of reader, then, is important to the life of the Church, for the reader proclaims God's living word. If you are interested in being a reader, please call Marc, 628-7429.



We wish to congratulate the parents of **AIDEN JAMES SIDERIS** who was baptized on August 8th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Michael and Lucy DiLorenzo, requested by The DiLorenzo and Salce Families. The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Frank and Rose Falco Family and Angelo and Florence Fusco Family, requested by Josephine Fusco.

SMART START

Thank you very much for all of your generous donations for the Southington Social Services Smart Start program. Smart Start is a back to school program providing necessary school supplies to Southington children in need.

SAINT THOMAS LADIES GUILD

The Saint Thomas Ladies’ Guild is conducting its annual membership drive for 2010-2011. Our goal is to enroll all women of the parish in the Guild. Won’t you consider helping us attain this goal? Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month in the basement of the church at 7:00 p.m. Dues are only \$5 per year. There are many ways in which we can perform charitable works on our parish level. The Guild tries to create a religious and social atmosphere among its members who are dedicated to work together in true Catholic harmony under the guidance of Saint Thomas the Apostle, our patron saint. We would enjoy meeting you. It is a great way for you to get acquainted with other members of our parish. Members of the Guild will be available after all Masses next weekend with membership applications and to answer any questions.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at St. Joseph’s Cathedral. Family, friends, and all married couples are welcome to attend the Mass. A brief reception immediately follows. Registration for anniversary couples is requested by calling the rectory office to respond to this invitation.

PARISH SEMINARIAN

Archbishop Mansell has accepted Matthew Gworek of our parish as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Matt, a 2010 graduate of UConn, will attend Catholic University in Washington, D.C. beginning August 24th. Please remember him in your daily prayers as he undertakes this process of discernment and study, and continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE

Revival and Healing Evenings with Rev. Tom DiLorenzo: Tuesday August 31st and Wednesday, September 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. For registration call the Charismatic Renewal Office, 860-243-8234.

RETRouvaille

The word “Retrouvaille” simply means *rediscovery*. This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. If your marriage has become unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if there is little or no communication, or if you feel disappointment, even despair, then Retrouvaille is for you. Even if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated, but you want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program can help you. The next weekend will be Sept. 24-26. There are no group discussions or coerced sharing times. Although Retrouvaille is a Catholic program, we welcome couples of other faiths. For information please call the toll free and confidential Retrouvaille number at 1-800-470-2230. or e-mail us at 3001@retrouvaille.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Southington K of C will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at Mary Our Queen church hall. This is a joint meeting of both the 3rd and 4th Degrees. All members are invited to attend. A light meal will be offered at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. For questions about membership contact Dan Valente, 860-384-5097.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE RETREAT

For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated – there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. This weekend is designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The Beginning Experience weekend will be held Sept 18-20 at Montfort Spiritual Retreat Center in Litchfield. The fee is \$225. For more information call Yvonne at 860-693-1913.

Readings for the Week of August 22, 2010

Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday:	2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14