

# Saint Thomas Church

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24** **Vigil of Christmas**  
 4:00 Church – Robert and Jeanne Plourd, req. by their daughter  
 4:00 School – Louis Avitabile, Sr. Anniversary, req. by Karen Avitabile  
 10:00 Alice Brunalli, req. by Joseph and Michael Angelillo

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25** **Nativity of the Lord**  
 10:00 Joseph Fallis, req. by his family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26** **St. Stephen**  
 8:00 Robert Nigro, req. by Vicky Nigro

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27** **St. John**  
 7:30 Christopher Hjerpe, req. by his parents

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29** **St. Thomas Becket**  
 12:10 Bill Scanlon and Mike Murphy, req. by the Murphy and Scanlon Families

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30** **Holy Family**  
 12:10 Louis and Kate DiCaprio, req. by their son

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31** **St. Sylvester**  
 8:00 Marie Atwater, req. by Irene Zimmaruk  
 4:00 Mary and Joseph Zacchio, req. by the family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1** **Mary, Mother of God**  
 7:30 Leona Rutkowski, req. by Mr & Mrs William Magri  
 10:00 Antonia T. Coutermash, req. by her family

**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.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**



**In this most blessed season of Christmas, as we give our Lord thanks for the gift of His Son, I extend to each of you and to your loved ones best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year. May the peace of our newborn Savior fill your hearts throughout 2012.**

**Fr. Nick**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**In Memory of:**

Rosaria & Cosimo LaMarra	Joseph Sollack
Blazy Willicka	Maria Willicka
Bridget Kaminsky	Romilda Vincent
Joseph Rigano	Norah Hanson
Flora & Louis Cello	Annette & Frank Mongillo
Mr & Mrs Vito Nuzzolillo	Domenic Nuzzolillo
Fred & Catherine Guerrera	John Kizilski
Isabel Kizilski	Concetta Ciaffaglione
Paul Ciaffaglione	Helen Lutkus
Bartelmo Family	Scce Family
Manchak Family	Carmel Giammatteo
Gemma & Michael Volpe	Anthony Renzi
Maria Renzi	Louisa Volpe
Sophie Mongillo	Evo Mongillo
Elaine Simone	DiBenedetto Family
Louis & Michalina Perillo	V. Jennie Chamberlain
Joe & Mary Anderson	Daniel Charette
Nellie Kaczynski	Veronica Sadowski
John Rich	Gino LaMarra
Francis S. Saucier	Jeanette Bouchard
Camille Bouchard	Jerry Sullivan
Corey Sullivan	Edna Secondo
Marie Fournier	Mr & Mrs Louis Fontana
Theodore T. Buzanoski	Mr & Mrs Nicola Faraone
Mr & Mrs Albert Aldi, Sr.	Vito Potenza
Burke Family	Joseph & Eleanor Aldi
Borelli Family	Nelson Family
Mr & Mrs John Lalla	Kupcho Family
Buczak Family	Rose Casale
Rita Harder	Franca Giannino
John Battista	Nigro Family
Klemovich Family	Joseph Avitabile, Sr.
Louise Avitabile	Gertude Morgillo
Joseph Avitabile, Jr.	Louis Avitabile, Sr.
Dominican Sisters of Peach	Paul Martin
Frances & James Shaughnessy	Julia Martin
Viola and John DiCaprio	Carl & Jennie Verderame
Thomas and Ruth Lessor	Anthony & Sophie Cusano
Andy Annunziata	Paul Brunelli, Jr.
Anna & Arthur D'Agostino	Rose Simone
Matilda Martino	Gladys Moran
Marco Ingriselli	Rae Torello
Albert Torello	Frank & Catherine Ingriselli
Marie Ingriselli	Michael Siemiatkoski
Mr & Mrs Stephen Suchar, Sr.	Josephine Ortale
Mr & Mrs Stanley Siemiatkoski	Pietro Ortale
Mr & Mrs Ralph Ferrucci	Frank J. Lamb
Elio Cinquedita	Donald McBreairty
Joanne McBreairty Beaulieu	Zacchia Family
Mercaldi Family	Richard N. Pelletier
Yvonne & Ray Allaire	Vera & Art Pelletier
Robert Goulet	Robert Pelletier
Dante & Rosalie DiMassa	Antonio & Maria LaPorta
Henry & Amelia Angelillo	Ernest & Amelia Tyrrell
Anthony & Josephine Tacinelli	Mr & Mrs Ernie Wright
Mr & Mrs Robert Gionfriddo	Mr & Mrs William Doyle
Izzo and DiBiaso Families	Robert Wright

(additional names will be listed next week)



We wish to congratulate the parents of **ELLA JOELLE MACKENZIE** who was baptized last Sunday.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

There are still Mass intentions available for 2012. If you wish to schedule a Mass intention please call or come by the rectory. Those who have already scheduled two Masses for 2012 may request one additional Mass. The stipend is \$15 for a weekday Mass, \$20 for a Sunday or Holy Day Mass.

The 2012 dedications for the Sanctuary Flowers (\$100) and Sanctuary Candles (\$20) are also available.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Louis Avitabile, Sr., requested by Carmel Avitabile.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of the DeGeorgia and Greco Families,, requested by the Sukatski Family.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Don't forget to sign up for Online Giving! We are now offering an online option for giving to the church. You can set up your Online Giving account by going to the Saint Thomas Website, click on the Online Giving Icon and links are available to assist you in getting started. It is easy, secure, and takes very little time to set up your account. There is no cost to you! Online Giving is not intended to replace the traditional act of Sunday offertory, rather it is meant to enhance it. Please consider Online Giving.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING?**

1. Visit our parish website at [www.stthomassouthington.org](http://www.stthomassouthington.org)
2. Click on the Online Giving link
3. Click on the Create New Account link

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Once you create your account, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the parish's bank account. Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify.

**BABY SHOWER**

The CT Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a pro-life Mass and Baby Shower on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven. Archbishop Mansell and the CT Catholic Bishops will be the celebrants of the Mass. All are welcome to attend! Following Mass, a baby shower with refreshments will be held in the church basement. Baby items collected will be distributed to crisis pregnancy center throughout CT to help mothers and babies in need.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the Pro-Life and Social Justice Ministries of Saint Thomas will team up with the K of C. Collection boxes will be at the entrances of the church the weekends of Dec 31/Jan 1 and Jan 7/8. Any donations of new unwrapped baby items will be accepted. For further information contact Nancy Valente, 860-628-4845 or Mary Goggin, 860-276-0652.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mary Mother of God, December 31/January 1**

- 4:00 p.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m.

**Epiphany of the Lord, January 7/8**

- 4:00 p.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m.

**Baptism of the Lord, January 9**

- 7:30 a.m. (chapel)

**IN GRATITUDE**

We wish to thank everyone who donated gifts and/or their time to the Parish Giving Tree Project. Your generous spirit brought the joy of Christmas to many in need.

**PASSION PLAY NEWS**

The Saint Thomas Passion Play gets underway in January and we would like to invite you to join us in our Lenten Prayer. Auditions start at 7:00 p.m. at the school, please note the different location for the women. **Women:** Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. **Men:** Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. A commissioning Mass will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with chorus sign ups immediately following in the church basement. Cast announcements, chorus sign ups and a play read through will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> in the gym at 7:00 p.m. A complete schedule can be found at [www.st-thomas-play.org](http://www.st-thomas-play.org).

**LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in **convent**. Lap coverings are shared with the sick and elderly at home, in nursing homes and in hospitals. All are invited to participate in this charitable outreach. For further information contact Rita Gilbert, 860-620-0246.

**CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER**

Current tax legislation permits people over 70 ½ to donate from their IRA or Roth IRA to non-profit institutions such as Saint Thomas Parish or the Archbishop's Annual Appeal without paying the deferred income tax. Instead of taking the required minimum distribution for your IRA, you can donate it to your parish or AAA. . Please contact Bob McTiernan in the Archdiocesan Office of Development for further information, 860-547-0513.

<b>Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011</b>	
Sunday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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