

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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New Parishioners

Welcome to our Parish Community! Please register at the parish office and feel free to contact anyone on our staff regarding the Parish and its activities.

First Friday Masses

7 :00 am
 8:15 am (School Mass)
 12:10 pm

Sanctuary /Blessed Mother Candles

May be memorialized for a sick person, a deceased loved one, or in celebration of a special intention. Please call the parish office to reserve a date.

Family Mass

9:00 am Mass (3rd Sunday of the month) during the school year.

Parish Center Rentals

Contact The Parish Office

**Jubilee
 Year of Mercy**



**December 8, 2015
 till
 November 20, 2016**

Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement with Parish Office.

Pre Baptismal Instruction

Required prior to Baptism.

Pre-Cana

Required prior to Marriage. Arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance.

Communion Visit for the Homebound

Please call the parish office to request a visit

Jacqueline Herbert
Dir. of Religious Ed

Dominique Johnson
Religious Ed. Assistant

David E. Harris
Organist/Music Director

Patricia E. Brady
School Principal

Jessica Nayden
Youth Minister

Patricia Grassi
RCIA Coordinator

Jean Correa
 Parish Accountant
 203-255-1097

Mr. Richard Miller
Parish Advisory Bd. Chair
 203-259-0824

Mr. Edward Dayton
Parish Finance Bd. Chair
 203-255-5141

Rev. Victor T. Martin
Pastor

Rev. Lawrence A. Larson
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello
Parish Deacon

Mary Jane Edwards
Pastoral Associate

Catherine T. Lopata
Secretary/Cemetery Manager

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. and 12:10 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Mission Statement:

For St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, prayer and liturgical worship is the essence of our faith community. The Gospel message is proclaimed by word and deed, nurtured by ongoing opportunities for religious formation, evangelization, social action and worship.

Message from the Pastor

USE OUR TIME WELL !!!

We must respond to God’s invitation appropriately. Unfortunately, we get off the hook for our mistakes and sins so often in this life that we allow ourselves to believe we can get off the hook when it comes to getting in heaven.

Jesus warns us that such a casual response to God and His expectations of us will leave us as strangers to Him. We might occasionally eat in company with the Lord at Mass, but that does not mean we have really come to know Him.

Acquaintances are not friendships!

Friendship with the Lord is the proper response to God’s invitation to join Him in the Kingdom. Friendship requires work. We have to strive to make friends, and we have to strive harder to keep friends.

Yes, there are deathbed confessions, and even the thief hanging with Jesus was saved at the last minute. But we know better than to expect reward without effort. **If our relationship with God is important, we must work at it. We must use our time well!**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

True freedom is impossible without a mind made free by discipline.

Mortimer J. Adler



August 20 to August 28, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Dawn Forrest
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Guilhermina DeJesus
	10:30 am	Thomas Murray
	12:00 Noon	Charles and Bernadette Boyle
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Evelyn Amaral (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Michael Fleming
	12:10 pm	Carl O’Donnell Sr. (4th)
Wed.	7:00 am	Rev. Nicholas J. Calabro (1st)
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard
Thurs.	7:00 am	John Martinsky
	12:10 pm	Joey Kulaga
Fri.	7:00 am	Jean C. Jacobs
	12:10 pm	Kenneth & Hildegard Spigarolo
Sat.	2:00 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Michael and Mae Moran
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Gerard Corbett (5th)
	10:30 am	Amelia DeFeo (24th)
	12 :00 Noon	James Padula



Nancy Gianni	Maria Ines Galindo
Amanda Morguelan	Walter Murphy
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Shirley Mongillo	Annette Ham
Javier Sattler	Susan Hasiuk
Leonor Sattler	Chet Greene
Mary Durkin	Tom Lopez
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Robert Dunne
Susan Ross	Joan McHugh
Betty Freddino	James Rooney
Meghan McHugh	Peggy Krotki
Sally Cohane	Mary Toth
Anthony Mongillo	Michael McGuire
Jack Andrews	Carl Palmieri
Kathleen Andrews	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Craane	Joseph Mitchell
Robert DeVitto	Rene Ercolani Molnar



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Mae Anne Cole
Rowan Davies Kubasek**



MARRIAGE BANS

**I. Thomas Zygmont and Amanda Schultz
III. Christopher Takacs and Catherine O’Connell**

CONFESSIONS DURING JUBILEE YEAR

The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption 545 Stratfield Road in Fairfield will be open for Confessions on Tuesday evening 7 til 8:30 pm until November 15, 2016.

The Church of St. Pius X - 834 Brookside Drive in Fairfield will be open for Confessions every Thursday evening 7 til 8:30 pm until November 17, 2016.



**DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT
BLUE MASS**

**SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 11th
9:00 A.M. MASS**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
1719 POST ROAD FAIRFIELD, CT.**

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH OUR
COMMUNITY HERO'S.**

**THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE
OUR COMMUNITIES IN TIME OF
NEED.**

**THIS YEAR OUR COUNTRY WILL
CELEBRATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001**

**LET US JOIN OUR BISHOP FRANK
CAGGIANO AND FELLOW
AMERICANS IN OUR PRAYERS AND
LOVE FOR THOSE WHO DIED ON
THAT FATEFUL DAY AND THOSE
WHO SERVE US EACH AND EVERY
DAY!**

"LET US NEVER FORGET"

(A reception will follow in the parish hall)

ladies



During the month of August a special envelope is in the packets for all Ladies of the parish to join The Ladies Guild.

This important parish organization embraces a spiritual and social environment in which the women of our parish can come together. The guild meets once monthly during the school year and welcomes all current members back and welcomes new members of all ages to come and see what the guild is all about. Annual dues are \$10.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL
BURN THIS WEEK**

Robert Dunn

**THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE
IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR**



In Loving Memory of Carl O'Donnell Sr.

**OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE
IS LIGHTED FOR**



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

PARISH SUPPORT

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 8557.42
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 10,503.48

Thank You!

DATES TO KNOW

- Tues: Aug. 30th St. Thomas School
First Day back
- Sun: Sept. 4th Canonization of
Mother Teresa in Rome
- Sun: Sept. 11th Diocesan Blue Mass
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
9:00 AM Mass
Bishop Caggiano as Celebrant
- Sun: Sept. 25th Catechetical Sunday
9:00 AM Mass
- Mon: Sept. 26th Religious Education classes begins



Knights of Columbus Council 2616

The Knights of Columbus on Unquowa Road have sold their building and have moved into our chapel in the Church.

The **3rd Degree** meets every First Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **4th Degree** meets every Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **Columbiettes** meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Men and women 18 years of age are invited to join.

See you in the Fall No Meetings in August



Knights of Columbus Hon. W. Patrick Donlin Assembly #2459

Presents the **4th Annual Golf Tournament** to benefit Veteran & Military programs & other charitable causes.

**SUNDAY SEPT. 11, 2016
COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE
50 Woodfield Road Woodbridge, CT.**

Noon Registration & Lunch. 1pm Shotgun Start. Reception dinner following play, **\$150 per golfer. non golfer dinner \$50 donation** Featured prizes include: **\$25,000 Hole-in-one prize, 1 free club per golfer** Plus other gifts & prizes and a fabulous raffle For further information, please contact Ric Raffone (203)-640-6482 or rafone@hartynet.com



DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

CLASSES START IN THE FALL.

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFO AT 255-1097.



TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2016—2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR!

**If interested, please contact the
Religious Education office at
255-1984**

Registration forms for the 2016-2017 School year can be found on the web page:

Stthomasfairfield.com

Forms are now Due

Questions please contact Jackie or Dominique at 203-255-1984 or

stthoaqccd@aol.com



Jr. Lector Program

Jr. Lector program during the 2016-2017 School Year for the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. This program will be open to students in Grades Six through Twelve. We will have a training session for those interested in the fall. If you are interested in participating as a Jr. Lector please contact Mrs. Maria Pierson at maria.pierson@stasonline.net



August Schedule

Wed. August 24: High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com