

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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 Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

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
Retired-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

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?

Tuesday of this week (August 30th) the school bells at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Elementary School rings to begin a new school year.

Up-coming events at St. Thomas

Sunday: September 11, 2016 marks the 15th Anniversary of the terrorists attack on American soil. We know it as 9/11. Bishop Caggiano will celebrate Mass on Sunday: September 11 at 9:00 am at St. Thomas for the annual **BLUE MASS** honoring all first responders in our communities (police, fire, rescue, etc...)

Sunday: September 25, 2016 is **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** in our Diocese of Bridgeport. Religion teachers in any program of our parish life will celebrate the new beginning of our school year by their support and dedication to the new school year. This will be celebrated at our 9:00 am Sunday Mass with a reception following.

Monday: September 26th begins the New Religious Education Classes for the school year. CCD classes will begin on Monday Evening; Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Time never takes time off.”

St. Augustine of Hippo

ladies

guild

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.



August 27 to September 4, 2016

Sat.	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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Sue Brunetti (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	John Lambert
	12:10 pm	June C. Petite (2nd)
Wed.	7:00 am	Cynthia McCallie (1st)
	12:10 pm	Elsie Conboy (11th)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Mary Margaret Curran
	12:10 pm	Frank Meisner
Fri.	7:00 am	Veronica Martini
	8:15 am	Rebecca Draper Townsend
	12:10 pm	Anne P. Richard
Sat.	5:00 pm	Jean Simoneau
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	James Maisano
	10:30 am	Lee and Quinn Families
	12 :00 Noon	Special Intention



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	Susan Ross
Joan McHugh	Betty Freddino
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
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	Veronica Hughes



MARRIAGE BANNS

- I. Richard Burt and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick**
- II. Thomas Zygmant and Amanda Schultz**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This past week our parish deacon (Deacon Dan Ianniello) reached the required age of retirement (75) for his ministry as a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. Deacon Dan has sent in his retirement letter to Bishop Caggiano. However, Dan would like to stay at St. Thomas and continue his ministry. I am sure we are all happy to hear this. We thank you Deacon Dan for your service to our parish family.

Parish Support

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016 \$ 10,207.00
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015 \$ 8,884.25
 Feast of The Assumption 2016: \$ 1,207.00
 Feast of The Assumption 2015: \$ 820.00

Thank You!

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK



Rebecca Draper Townsend

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Elsie Conboy



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



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)

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our parish of St. Thomas Aquinas raised 440 gifts worth \$223,000 from 385 donors bringing the parish to 111.51% of its \$200,000 goal. Many thanks to all our parishioners who supported this year's appeal.





**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.

ON LINE GIVING

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your GIFTS to your parish without writing checks.

Through ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER your offertory contribution will be sent DIRECTLY from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website www.stthomasfairfield.com and click the On Line Giving link



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

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